



Carriage Hills Telegraph

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A Message From The Directors

❖ The next **Property Owner's Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm** at the Fire Station (located behind Amatos). Attending these meetings is a great way to meet your neighbors, learn about your community and offer your ideas and suggestions. Please be sure check the Carriage Hills website www.carriagehillscia.com often for information regarding important information and events and that are happening in the neighborhood.

❖ Just a reminder that the Carriage Hills Annual Board Member Elections will take place at this meeting.

❖ To be eligible to vote a property owner must be current on all maintenance fees.



ACC Meeting Nights

The AC committee meets the **first and third TUESDAYS of the month**. Applications must be submitted by the Sunday night prior to the meeting. All improvements (fence, deck, pool, home, or garage, etc) need to be submitted for approval to the ACC. There are applications and regulation agreements to be filled out and signed on all items submitted for construction. These forms are available on the website. Deposits are required on new home construction. Please contact one of the following ACC committee members: Jeff Schrick (Chairman) 271-0313, Ray Furchak 321-1871 or Pete Kaptain 273-3249.



Welcome New Residents

We would like to welcome all of the new residents to Carriage Hills. We hope that you enjoy living in the Carriage Hills community. If you have not received your residential vehicle stickers, deed restrictions, directory or community information, please contact Susan at Investment Management at 936-756-0032.

Dog and Cat Vaccinations & Health Clinic

Rabies vaccination \$9.95

All other vaccinations and medicine at reduced rates.

www.mobilevetclinic.com

936-447-5033

**Date: May 30, 2009
(Saturday)**

Time: 10:00 until 3:00

Location:

Tennis Court Area



May Annual Board of Directors Elections

At the Property Owners Meeting on May 19th, there will be two (2) Board of Directors positions available to be voted upon. Two terms are ending.

In addition, the Board of Directors would like to expand the board to 7 members so as to allow a better representation of the over 600 homes that are now in Carriage Hills. In order for this to possible, there must be enough interest and/or candidates.

❖ If you are interested in joining the nominating committee to help with the election, we would appreciate your service to the community.

❖ If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Cathy Phillips by May 9, 2008 so your name may be added to the ballot.

Newsletters via the Internet

You may receive your **MONTHLY** Carriage Hills newsletter via the internet, one of two ways. You may go to our website at www.carriagehillscia.com monthly and view the newsletter by selecting the month or you may sign up on the website and the newsletter and any alerts or supplements will be automatically sent to your email address the moment it comes out. Due to the cost of printing and postage, this is the most cost effective way to share important information with residents. It's a great way to keep in touch with your community.

Dates to Remember

May 19

Property Owners Meeting
& Elections

May 30

Mobile Vet Clinic



Burning in Carriage Hills

There have been several requests from residents to please address the subject of burning. While burning is allowed, (unless there is a county burn ban in effect) we just want to remind you that there are residents with health problems such as asthma, allergies etc. So please be a good neighbor and use common sense when burning. Requests:

- ❖ Please try to limit your burning to once a month.
- ❖ Please do not burn when material is wet, it smolders and produces more smoke.
- ❖ Please do not burn on holidays.
- ❖ County law prohibits the burning of household trash.
- ❖ County law prohibits commercial burning in a residential subdivision. (That means bringing debris (of any kind into and onto your property to burn.)

Aerobic Septic Systems

Montgomery County Environmental Health wants homeowners to be aware of the following: Please be sure that your aerobic septic system is under contract to be inspected 3 times a year. This annual contract is a TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) requirement and must be updated with the County Health Department. If you do not have a contract with someone that is certified for your system, you could receive a fine from the Montgomery County Environmental Health Department for up to \$500.00 per day. Please be advised that the department reviews annual contracts; performs inspections on those that are not in compliance; and imposes daily fines to those not in compliance. If you are under contract, please be sure to review your contract, you as a homeowner may be required to make sure that the chlorine tablets are put into your system.

*Note: Septic spray heads/lines cannot be moved or removed without having your septic system redesigned and

submitted to the county for approval.

Important: Please Read

2009 Maintenance Fee Information

As of February 1, 2009 any Maintenance fees not paid in full will be charged an initial late fee of \$50.00 and then a \$25.00 late fee on the 1st of each month of non-payment.

Deed Restriction Violation Notices

The notification of a Deed Restriction Violation is a several step process. Starting January 1, 2009 any homeowner that does not respond to the Certified letter within the time allotted will then be charged a flat fee of \$30.00 for the second notice before then being sent for legal processing.



Vehicle ID Stickers

Due to vandalism, theft, underage drinking, evidence of drug use and trespassing in our community, Vehicle ID stickers are being issued to all residents. These Vehicle ID stickers are going to be used to easily identify resident's vehicles in our common areas, i.e.: park, tennis courts, etc. These stickers will allow law enforcement to easily identify residents. **All** resident vehicles need to be registered. Registration forms are available online. Once registered, you will receive an ID sticker for each vehicle you own. The ID sticker needs to be placed on your windshield in the bottom right corner (passenger side). If you do not want the sticker affixed to your vehicle, please place it somewhere visible from the front windshield.

Please note: The most important area in which to have your Vehicle ID Sticker is in the Pool/Park areas. Please make sure to have your sticker to avoid having your car mistaken for a trespasser and towed.



Friendly Reminders

- Please remember to remove Garage Sale signs as soon as the event is over.
- Lost/Found Pets signs should not be attached to traffic signs, trees, etc. Signs should be free standing. Free website ads are available for locating pets.
- Garbage cans should **NOT** be stored where visible from the road. Please do not keep your garbage cans out near the street all week.
- No boats or trailers shall be permitted to be placed in front of any residence.
- ATV's and Golf Carts are not permitted on county maintained roads. This is a ticketable offense.
- Please remember to keep your homes, garages and vehicles locked. Please report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement.
- Please obey the County leash law. Please secure your pets for their safety as well as for the safety of the residents. To report dangerous or loose animals please call Animal Control at 936-442-7738.



The Carriage Hills Website

Have you ever visited the Carriage Hills Website? The website is full of useful information, downloadable forms, events, alerts and much, much more. Here are some of the items that can be found:

- Alerts
- Monthly Newsletter
- Community Events
- Important phone numbers
- ACC Forms
- Rental Forms
- Pool Rules
- Lost/Found Pets
- Classifieds
- Business Advertisements

Please take a few moments to visit the website and have a look around. Please visit: www.carriagehillscia.com



Carriage Hills CIA, Inc.

2009 Swimming Pool Rules

- A CHCIA pool information card for each family/swimmer is required for entry into the pool area. Each family will be allowed up to 5 guests at a time (space permitting). A guest fee of \$2.00 per guest must be paid in cash to the lifeguard upon entering the pool area. Correct change is required. Based on pool size, only 50 people may be in the pool at a time. If capacity is reached, other members and their guests will be allowed to enter as people exit the pool area. A CHCIA property owner **MUST** accompany all guests. Residents who are not current on maintenance fees may **NOT** use the pool either as a resident, as a guest of a financially current resident, or for private pool parties.
- **EVERY PERSON THAT ENTERS THE POOL COMPLEX MUST SIGN IN** (residents and guests) **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Children 10-11 years old may swim unaccompanied by an adult if they have 1) successfully passed an approved swim test given by the lifeguards, 2) have demonstrated maturity, and 3) have a signed consent form from their parents. The swim test can be taken any time the pool is open.
- The lifeguards will clear the pool for a 10 minute break every hour. During this break, adults will be allowed to swim. Supervised young children can swim in the baby pool during this period. The lifeguards will clear the pool in the event of storm conditions or any event deemed dangerous. They may, at their discretion, close the deep end of the pool to swimming, diving or sliding for purposes of maintaining safety of all swimmers.
- All hair longer than shoulder length must be secured in a ponytail holder/clip.
- All children who are not potty trained must wear a swim diaper. Such children will not be admitted to the pool until they are properly attired. Disposable diapers are not allowed. A small supply of swim diapers is available for purchase for \$2 each from the lifeguard. This rule is for the health benefit of all swimmers. Please help prevent toileting accidents.
- Only one person is allowed on the diving board or slide at a time. Diving is allowed only in the 6 ft. or deeper area.
- The baby pool is available for infants and small children who are adult supervised. The tiled wall is a divider between the baby pool and the regular pool. **PLEASE** do not allow children to stand, climb over, or jump off of this wall.
- The telephone is for **EMERGENCY USE**, not personal calls. Please limit calls.
- **NO** running or horseplay. **NO** swimming unless a lifeguard is on duty. **NO** glass containers or alcoholic beverages. **NO** skates, skateboards, roller blades, or bikes in the pool area. **NO** cutoffs, proper swim wear required. **NO** pets in the pool area. **NO** private parties during regular pool hours. **NO** littering. **NO** cursing, loud arguments, rudeness or offensive comments to or about other swimmers or the lifeguards will be tolerated.
- To report problems, call the Committee Chairman, (Cathy Phillips 936-321-4059) or a committee member.
- Failure to follow rules will result in immediate removal of the person(s) from the pool area. The lifeguards are empowered to enforce all of these rules and will remove the offending party from the pool for 1-2 days on the 1st offense, 3-7 days on the 2nd offense and 1 week up to the remainder of the season on the 3rd offense. The penalties will be based on the swimmers age and attitude. Committee members are also empowered to enforce these rules and will back the lifeguards on their decisions. These rules apply to residents **AND** their guests.
- Reservations are required for private parties and can be reserved prior to or after general pool hours. The cost is \$50 for usage, plus lifeguard fees. A refundable \$200 is also required. For complete guidelines, contact Cathy Phillips. All general safety and usage rules apply to private pool parties as well.
- Anyone wanting to use the pool for a private party **MUST** be current on their maintenance fees.
- Rinaldi Recreation Services can be reached at 936-447-3118.
- The pool telephone number is 936-273-3424.

Swimming Pool Hours

Memorial Day Weekend

July 4th Weekend

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

Noon – 8:00 pm

June, July and August

Mondays – **CLOSED** for Maintenance

Tuesday – Sunday

Noon – 8:00pm

August (After school begins – August 24th)

Saturday & Sunday

Noon – 8:00 pm



Inclement weather and unexpected emergencies could cause the adjustment of this schedule.

Have a Safe & Happy Summer!!!



Watch for the June Newsletter

Due to space, postage and printing costs, The Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ Cook-Off information and pictures will be in the online June newsletter.

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can.

--John Wesley

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congratulations
2009
Graduates

