



Carriage Hills Telegraph

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A Message From The Directors

❖ The next **Property Owner's Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, November 17th 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 at: www.carriagehillscia.com often for information regarding important information and events and that are happening in the neighborhood.

The Carriage Hills Board of Directors wishes everyone a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving Holiday

Architectural Control Committee 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 only. Please contact one of the following ACC committee members: Jeff Schrick (Chairman) 271-0313, Pete Kaptain 273-3249 or John Paxton.

Dog and Cat Vaccinations & Health Clinic

Rabies vaccination \$9.95

All other vaccinations and medicine at reduced rates.

www.themobilevetclinic.com

936-447-5033

Date: November 14th (Saturday)

Time: 10:00 until 3:00

Location:

Tennis Court Area

Breakfast With Santa



All Residents Invited!

**Saturday
December 12th
8:30 am to 10:30 am**

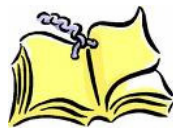
**Needham Fire Dept.
(Behind Amatos)**

**Bring Your Cameras
&
Holiday Spirit!!**

**Volunteers Needed to:
Decorate, Set-Up,
Cook, & Clean-Up**

*Set-Up, Decorating & Cooking
begins at 7:00 am*

**For information
please contact:
Jeannette Lemieux
at: 936-321-5725**



2010-2012 Carriage Hills Phone Directory

The new 2010 – 2012 Carriage Hills directory is the works. Residents, Maureen and Brian Arceneaux are donating their time to put it together at no cost to the subdivision. A form is attached to the end of this newsletter for your completion so that your individual listings will be shown as you want them to be. Please print and complete the form and return it via email or snail mail to the addresses shown on the form. Any questions should be referred to Maureen at the contact information shown. Also if you want to support the printing of this directory, ads will be sold at a modest cost and preference is given first to Carriage Hills' property owners. Only enough ads to cover the cost of the printing are sold. The goal is to distribute the directories by the February, 2010 CH property owners meeting.

Dates to Remember

**November 11
Veteran's Day**

**November 11
Mobile Vet Clinic**

**November 17
Property Owner's Meeting**

**November 26
Thanksgiving**



Halloween Carnival

This years Halloween Carnival was held on Saturday, October 31st. There was food, games, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. The turn out was great and everyone had a great time.

Thank you to the following volunteers for making this event possible:

- Ray & Marianne Furchak
- Cathy Phillips
- The LeBlanc Family
- The Dumas Family
- Annette & Katie Lira
- Jackie Lira
- Paula Kinney
- Robert & Sarah Corzine
- Cathy Neill
- Rhonda & Kasey Paxton
- Chris & Robert Tagliaferro
- Delaney Gusler
- Dan & Dianne Kaldor
- Maria, Selina & Kayla Jaskoloka
- Hunter Reynolds
- The Counter Family
- Joe & Paula Eberhardt
- Lance Stephens
- Daniel Lemieux
- Trish Grant

Thank you to the following for their generous donations to the silent auction:

- Dianne Kaldor – Handmade Quilt
- The LeBlanc Family
- Jackie Lira

Thank you to John Paxton who repaired some of the large games to get them ready for the carnival.

Thank you to all the residents who generously donated candy and money to the volunteers collecting on the boulevard . . . And thank you to all the residents who attended the Carnival.





Friendly Reminders

- Please remember to remove garage sale, party, etc. signs as soon as the event is over.
- Lost/Found Pets signs should not be attached to the information sign, traffic signs, trees, etc. Signs should be free standing. There is a bulletin board located at the pavilion at the Tennis Courts as well as **Free** Carriage Hills' website ads are available for locating lost or found pets. Please contact cathy@carriagehillscia.com with your submissions.
- **Deed Restriction Reminder:** Garbage cans should not be stored where they are visible from the street. They need to be stored out of view. Please do not keep your garbage cans out near the street after garbage day.
- **Deed Restriction Reminder:** 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 obey the County leash law. Please secure your pets for their safety as well as for the safety of the residents.

Newsletter Ideas Submissions or Suggestions?

If you have an idea, comment, suggestion or submission for the Carriage Hills newsletter, please email the information to: lisal@carriagehillscia.com

Missed A Newsletter?

Did you know that if you missed a past newsletter, they are archived and may be viewed on the Carriage Hills website?

Alarm Systems



If you have an alarm system in your home, it must be registered with the county in order for them to be able to respond to your alarm in the event of an emergency. Please contact Montgomery County Alarm Detail Department at 936-538-8197. There is no charge for registration, but there is a \$5.00 per year renewal fee.

Please be aware of the speed limit through out Carriage Hills.



Fire Department



Volunteers are always needed! If you are interested or to obtain more information on joining, please contact John Bilides at 936-273-2770 or call the fire station at 936-321-0999.

Share a Favorite Recipe with your neighbors.



If you are interested in participating in a recipe exchange and sharing a favorite recipe, please send it into www.carriagehillscia.com and it will be put in an upcoming newsletter (as space allows). Bon Appétit!

Out! Out! Darn Spot!-Remove Oil Spots



Where did that darn oil spot on the driveway come from? The car? The truck? Suzie's boyfriend's hotrod? Wherever it came from, it still has to be cleaned up. Bad oil stains, whether on the driveway or the street, are a health and safety concern.

Motor and hydraulic oils can really cause a mess on concrete, brick, and blacktop but the good news is that you can achieve excellent clean up results if you act quickly. Concrete is a dense surface but water and many other liquids can and do soak into the surface. Fresh oil stains will be a breeze to remove. The older oil stains, however, may be a far greater challenge.

Removing the fresh stain from the driveway will require a regular scrub brush, some liquid dish soap, and water. All you need to do is squirt some liquid dish soap onto the stain and add some water. Be sure to wet down the surrounding concrete as well. This will prevent oil released during the cleaning process from causing a secondary stain. Scrub the stain vigorously and add enough water to make a rich lather of soap.

The soap will emulsify the oil and lift it out of the concrete. If you simply rinse the driveway, the oil will pollute your yard or street. You may decide it is more environmentally responsible to blot up a majority of the dirty soap mixture with paper towels or a dry compound like cat litter and dispose of this in a certified landfill. There is a good chance your local waste collection service can accomplish this task for you.

DO NOT use a wire brush to scrub the concrete. It can erode and scratch the concrete finish resulting in a permanent scar. Try using a standard nylon bristle scrub brush that can be purchased at a local grocery store. Some stains require several scrubbing attempts to completely remove all of the oil.

You can use the same method to attack older stains. If the concrete finish is quite smooth, you may have a great chance of success. Smooth steel troweled concrete, often used in garages, is highly resistant to oil stains. This type of finish, though, is unsuitable for exterior concrete. It

simply is too slippery when it gets wet. Rough concrete finishes absorb oil rapidly.

If the old stains do not respond to the soap and water method, you can consider using a solvent like kerosene to help lift the stain. Solvents, however, are very dangerous to work with. The fumes from these products can ignite and cause serious harm to you and your home. If you decide to work with solvents, only do so after consulting with your local fire department's fire prevention officer.

Some people have had success lifting oil stains using muriatic acid. But keep in mind that this chemical, even when mixed one part acid to ten parts water, can and will dissolve some of the cement paste at the surface. Couple this with scrubbing, and you very well may alter the appearance of the concrete once it dries.

Clean concrete can be treated to help minimize the penetration of oil and water that contains dirt and pigments. Some of the best products are clear water and oil repellents that contain silane and siloxane ingredients. These chemical solids help block the tiny pores in concrete to stop water from entering and soaking into the concrete. The silane and siloxane products allow the concrete to breathe. This is very important for concrete that is subjected to freezing temperatures. The clear repellents are easy to apply and dry clear.

There are several other cleaning products on the market, although some can be expensive. V-Seal V-Scrub Concrete Cleaner is a general purpose blended powder cleaner designed to cut through stubborn grease, grime, oil, and most other dirt that accumulates in and on concrete surfaces and is EPA compliant. Look for this product on the Web at www.vseal.com or call 877-738-7325.

EOS (Endur-O-Seal) Oil X-Out is another product that is a biodegradable, severe duty concrete cleaner for oil-saturated slabs. Recommended for auto dealerships, truck shops, diesel engine maintenance facilities, fab and machine shops, bank drive through area's, parking lots, driveways, patio's and many more.

The polluted areas of the slab are saturated with EOS Oil-X-out and if the build up of oil and grease are considered heavy then apply an extra heavy application of [EOS G-A Granule Accelerator](http://www.concretesealants.com/oilxout-cleaner.htm) and scrub it into the heavy build up. This may have to be repeated until grease build up can be pressure washed

away. (Pre-scraping the floor prior to using EOS Oil-X-Out is highly recommended to remove heavy build-up.) With no standing water, apply a saturating application to slab, hand cast a liberal application of [EOS G-A Granule Accelerator](http://www.concretesealants.com/oilxout-cleaner.htm) over saturated surface, allow products to penetrate concrete and emulsify the internal oil, and to react with contaminants for up to 4 hours allowing it to purge concrete clean. Pressure wash the surface until clean. Use an all Poly hand pump sprayer to apply. EOS products can be located at www.concretesealants.com/oilxout-cleaner.htm.

Revive-a-Drive is another cleaning agent that can be purchased at Wal-Mart. This is a water-based, non-hazardous cleaner that penetrates the concrete surface to pull up tough grease and oil. Revive-a-Drive will not harm painted surfaces, shrubs, or vegetation. Some people have had some luck with CLR, the cleaner for calcium, lime, and rust, and a little elbow grease. If you're up to a little work, CLR may be purchased at Walgreen's, Home Depot, or Lowe's.

Once you've gotten the concrete clean, be sure to seal it as an added protection against stains. Concrete sealers penetrate up to an inch into the porous surface, forming an impervious barrier. Sealing not only helps prevent water damage, but it also helps keep stains from soaking into the concrete. Before sealing, the surface must be completely clean and totally dry.

Sealers come in a variety of sheens and looks. Test a small, inconspicuous area before sealing the whole slab. Apply the sealer following the manufacturer's instructions with a paint roller or a garden sprayer. The concrete will need to be resealed every few years if it's exposed to weather. Different sealers have different application methods and precautions. Be sure to read the label carefully.

VSeal and EOS carry concrete sealants as do Interstate Products, Inc. (online at www.interstateproducts.com/concrete-sealer.htm) and Moxie International (www.moxie-intl.com/1600-BENEFITS-AND-ADVANTAGES.htm). You may have to do a little more research if your oil and grease stains are really stubborn and the above-referenced products don't work well enough for you. That said, there is an abundance of information and possible solutions to be found on the internet.

Source: Association Times

Business Ads Now Available

Due to a considerate amount of interest, we have decided to allow the sale of ad space. This will be a trial service depending upon many factors. If you are interested in advertising, please contact Lisa LeBlanc at 936-321-6690 or email at lisal@carriagehillscia.com

All ads must be complete and submitted by the 15th of each month for the following publication.

Business Card Size
2 in. x 3 ½ in.
Vertical or Horizontal
\$35.00

Double Business Card Size
4 in. x 3 ½ in.
\$45.00

A Carriage Hills Resident Has New Neighbors



Board of Directors

Cathy Phillips
(936) 321-4059
cathy@carriagehillscia.com

Lisa LeBlanc
(936) 321-6690
lisal@carriagehillscia.com

Marv Bradshaw
(936) 273-3268
marvbradshaw@carriagehillscia.com

Bill Royster
(936) 321-9129
billr@carriagehillscia.com

Jennifer Dumas
(936) 273-3268
jenniferd@carriagehillscia.com



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.

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart."

--Anonymous

Carriage Hills Community Improvement Association

c/o Investment Management Co.
3500 West Davis, Suite 190
Conroe, TX 77304
Attn: Susan

936-756-0032
936-756-0023 Fax

LISTING FOR 2010/2012 CARRIAGE HILLS PHONE DIRECTORY

A new 2010/2012 Carriage Hills directory is in the works! Please read below and act accordingly. Our plan is to have the directory in the resident's hands by February, 2010.

Complete the section below EXACTLY as you want it shown. Show "n/a" or leave the line blank if you do not want something on a particular line published, i.e. leaving the email address line blank means you do not want us to input an email address for you.

****If you wish to OPT OUT of the directory, please complete your name and address AND check the OPT OUT line at the bottom of this form. If you do not advise us that you want to OPT OUT of the directory, we will publish information as gathered from public records, i.e. tax records, phone book.****

For questions and to return the form: Email: mail4maureen@pdq.net or maureen@garygreene.com
(the BEST way to reach me is email...ask for a REPLY if you want to be assured I got it)

**PLEASE RETURN
THIS FORM BY
November 15, 2009**

Mail: Maureen Arceneaux
2413 Canter Court Conroe, TX 77384
Phone: 936-271-4005 Home
713-249-0168 Cell

Last name: _____

First names: _____ & _____

Street address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

2nd Home Phone #: _____

His Work Phone #: _____

His Cell Phone #: _____

Her Work Phone #: _____

Her Cell Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Kids names: You may include their last name if they have a DIFFERENT last name than yours. If you **do not** want to list their names, just leave this area blank. Also, if you want them listed in the BABYSITTER or YARD WORK areas, please indicate this next to their name.

_____ **I want to OPT OUT of the 2010/2012 Carriage Hills Directory.

_____ **Contact me. I'm interested in placing an Ad in the Directory.**

_____ Signature