# Carriage Oaks HOA

Spring Newsletter

www.carriageoaksHOA.net

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# **HOA Board of Directors**

# **Annual Meeting Notice**

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# **Fence Covenants Input**

We need input from our membership regarding our fence covenants. This has proven to be a significant issue over the last year. We will be asking for input regarding fence materials as well as height restrictions. Currently, wood, pvc and wrought iron fences are allowed with a 4 foot height limitation. Privacy fences are not allowed.

Please plan to attend the annual meeting to provide your input.

The Annual Meeting will be held on March 21st at Meierhoffer Funeral Home on Frederick Ave. at 7:00 p.m. A new Board of Directors will be elected. Mat & Dawn Fleishans are stepping down after three years and additional board members are needed.

Don't forget to check out our website, <u>www.carriageoakshoa.net.</u> Here you will find our covenants, contact information, design and review request form, etc. This is a very useful tool, especially our covenants, if you ever have a question please refer to the covenants.

Please watch our Facebook page for HOA updates.

Thank you.

# What our Dues Do

Things the HOA takes care of:

- Lawn Maintenance of all common areas (this is our largest expense)
- Snow Removal (Triple T is contracted to remove snow once it reaches 3 inches)
- Treatment of the Pond
- Neighborhood dumpster twice a year
- Organize neighborhood garage sale twice a year as well as pay to run the ad
- Block Party (HOA provides the meat)
- Various other operating expenses, postage, office supplies (paper, envelopes ext..), HOA insurance

# St. Joseph 2017 Clean-up Programs

The Clean Sweep Program is sponsored by the city and always falls on the same dates, in spring and fall. April 1-7 and **October 1-7.** Hazardous Waste Day always occurs on the Saturday following conclusion of Clean Sweep.

#### Clean Sweep Program

Residents are allowed to bring yard waste, trash, appliances and up to 6 passenger tires (off the rims) free of charge two days per year during Clean Sweep. Hours are weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Homeowners must present property tax receipts to prove eligibility for the Clean Sweep program.

Additional information may be obtained at the City of St. Joseph Landfill website <u>http://www.stjoemo.info</u>

St. Joseph Landfill 9431 50<sup>th</sup> Rd SE St. Joseph, MO 64507 816-253-1120

#### Hazardous Waste Days

April 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the parking lot of the Remington Nature Center.

# Our Neighborhood

<u>Signs</u> –Signs are not allowed. The only exception is one "For Sale" sign. This applies to community event signs, school signs, church signs, political signs, etc.

<u>Trailers</u> – Trailers, boats, etc. should be stored in the garage except for a short term use.

<u>Trash Cans</u> – Should be stored out of street sight and away from the front of the home.

# Join <u>The Official Carriage</u> <u>Oaks HOA</u> on Facebook

www.faceboook.com/carriageoaks.hoa

Our facebook page is a great tool for sharing information about what is happening and posting helpful hints. Please add us to your favorites!!

# Exterior Additions/Modifications

When making plans for home improvements, please remember that any exterios additions or modifications to your structure or property such as fences, pools, retaining walls, water projects, changing of paint color, etc. <u>requires prior</u> <u>approval of the HOA Design & Review</u> <u>Committee.</u>

Please contact Jan Minter by sending an e-mail to phoebe0717m@aol.com

We work hard to provide a prompt response to these requests.

# From the President

Neighbors,

Well after a great few years Dawn and I have decided to "pass the torch" on in 2017. We have really enjoyed our time serving on the board and serving our neighbors. Our hope when joining 3 years ago was to do our part to serve our community and to do what we could to bring our neighborhood closer. I would like to thank everyone for their support. I would also like to encourage more members of our community to join the board. If you have ideas, would like to see changes, or just enjoy service please come spend a year or two with the board. From Dawn and I, again, thank you for the opportunity!

Thank you, Mat Fleishans

# Winter

Winter is here and we have been lucky so far with snow amounts.

Please remember that it is important for our school children and walkers to have cleared sidewalks after snowfalls occur. Actually, our covenants require walks to be shoveled within a reasonable time period after a snow or ice event.

Placing snow poles along the curb edge gives the snowplows a visual reference and avoids or minimizes lawn damage.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account balance \$1,860.05 Savings Account balance - \$10,279.47

Invoices will be mailed out in March. Please mail to: COHA P.O. Box 8882 St. Joseph, MO 64508

Dues must be received by April 1<sup>st</sup> in order to avoid a late fee of \$15.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer the past three years. Thank you!

Dawn M. Fleishans

#### Trees

As our trees are maturing, we enjoy the shade and beauty they provide for our neighborhood. However, many are not trimmed to meet city code requirements and the view of our stop signs is being impacted.

Walkers do not have clearance and bicyclists often can't be seen or have to ride in the middle of the street to avoid tree limbs.

Please take steps to have your boulevard trees trimmed to 8 feet above the sidewalk and 12 feet above the street. We all want the beauty but don't need the hazards!!

# Good News

It's Nice to see that homes in our neighborhood are moving when for sale. One of the goals of the HOA is helping to maintain the desirability of our neighborhood.

Please consider joining our board or coming to our meetings so your voices can be heard.

#### Working Together

Neighbors on London Ct. have banded together to hire one trash service for their court.

They hope to minimize the number of large trucks traveling on their court to reduce damage to their street. Perhaps this strategy will catch on with others. We'll keep you posted if it does!

# **HOA Board Meetings**

The Carriage Oaks Board of Directors holds meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm on a quarterly basis.

Please contact any board member if you have something to bring to the board or wish to attend.

#### Numbers to keep handy

Illegal fireworks, loud music, abandoned car, underage drinking, and **suspicious solicitor**: 271-4777

Barking dog, dead animal, and loose animal: 271-4876

Check out our website (<u>www.carriageoakshoa.net</u>) or posts from the group The Official CarriageOaks HOA on Facebook for upcoming information.



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