

# Carriage Oaks HOA

Spring Newsletter

June 2014

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## Best Yard Award

**Proud of your yard?**

**Think it is the best?**

Are your flower beds the best around?  
Does your yard really fit the style of  
your house? Do you have some cool  
plantings?

COHOA is currently considering a best  
yard contest.

If there is enough interest we will try it.  
If you are interested contact us on  
Facebook or let a board member know.

## Homeowner's Dues

Homeowner's dues were mailed out the  
first week of April. Statements with  
open balances were sent out on May 1,  
2014.

Homeowners that have not paid their  
dues by July 1, 2014 will be charged a  
\$15 late fee and 1% a month interest.

If unpaid after 90 days a lien will be  
placed on the home. If a lien is filed  
against the property, there will be a  
\$100 fee assessed. An additional \$24  
filing fee will also be assessed to release  
the lien after full payment is made.

## Birds and Butterflies

More than 50 species of birds have been  
seen in Carriage Oaks.

Feeders, water and birdhouses are ways to  
draw birds to your yard. Small fruits from  
flowering crabs, golden privet, etc. will  
attract birds in late winter when food is  
hard to come by and cold weather has  
made these fruits more palatable to some  
birds.

Butterfly bushes are great butterfly  
attractors and a relatively attractive bush.

The caterpillar stage of the blue butterfly  
eats parsley leaves.

## Please & Thank You

- ✓ Please keep your mailbox in good repair. Many of our mailboxes are sagging, leaning, rusting or peeling. We all thank you for keeping up the appearance of our neighborhood.
- ✓ Please comply with the neighborhood streets speed limit of 25 mph. The children playing in the neighborhood thank you.
- ✓ Please do not park boats, trailers, campers, etc. on your driveway, yard, or on the street for longer than 48 hours. Your neighbors thank you.
- ✓ Please do not park vehicles across the sidewalk. The pedestrians, who have to walk into the street or on the lawn to get by, thank you.
- ✓ Please pick up after your dog. We are starting to see some droppings left behind again. Those that have stepped in it, thank you.
- ✓ Please keep your yard lights in good working condition. This is a safety concern and the whole neighborhood thanks you.
- ✓ Please prune trees to provide eight feet of clearance over the sidewalk and fourteen feet of clearance over the street. This is a city ordinance. The pedestrians ducking under the trees thank you.

## Join COHOA on facebook

[www.facebook.com/carriageoaks.hoa](http://www.facebook.com/carriageoaks.hoa)

### EXTERIOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS

- ❖ Any exterior additions or modifications to your structure or property such as fences, pools, retaining walls, water projects, changing of paint color, etc., ***requires prior approval of the HOA Board.***
- ❖ For your convenience, you may drop off plans to Bob Linebarger at 3304 W. Devonshire, or e-mail [carriageoaksdrc@yahoo.com](mailto:carriageoaksdrc@yahoo.com)

## Questions & Answers

## Miscellaneous Notes

My sidewalk is sinking who do I call?

- The owner is responsible for keeping sidewalks in good repair and clear for pedestrian use.

My curb is deteriorating. Whose responsibility is that?

- This too is considered the property owner's responsibility.

What do I do about barking dogs, crowing roosters and yowling cats?

- Start by talking to your neighbor about it. If that doesn't work call St Joseph Animal Control. See box below. (Sorry, you have to live with the 5:00 A.M Robin.)

My street is in terrible shape. What can I do about it?

- See box below. This is an ongoing issue for our neighborhood and concerns should be sent to 4<sup>th</sup> district representative Gary Roach at (816) 341-4506 or e-mail [groach@ci.st-joseph.mo.us](mailto:groach@ci.st-joseph.mo.us)

### Carriage Oaks Garage Sale

Some of you may have noticed COHOA sponsored a neighborhood garage sale in May. Several families participated and advertising costs were divided between participants. This may become an annual or semiannual event if interest continues.

### COHOA Website

The COHOA website in need of an update. We are currently working with our web site developer to update our information. Look for those improvements in the coming months.

**The city web site may be used for reporting and tracking various types of common problems for animal control, streets, etc. Contact them at [www.stjoemo.info/requesttracker.aspx](http://www.stjoemo.info/requesttracker.aspx)**

The Carriage Oaks Board of Directors holds meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at Meierhoffer Community room, located 5005 Frederick Boulevard.

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

No HOA Board meetings will be held during the months of July and August.

## 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 ([www.carriageoaksHOA.net](http://www.carriageoaksHOA.net)) or posts from the group COHOA on Facebook for upcoming information about future events at

[www.facebook.com/carriageoaks.hoa](http://www.facebook.com/carriageoaks.hoa)

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