

Carriage House Cooperative

November 2021 Newsletter



Holiday Event: The cooperative will be hosting a Christmas party and a gift exchange for the adults in the complex. The gift should cost no more than \$5.00 or a "white elephant" gift. This event is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7 pm in the cooperative clubhouse. Coffee and cookies will be provided. Come for some holiday fun with your neighbors! Please RSVP to the office so we can plan accordingly. **If you would like to help out with the Christmas decorations in the clubhouse next week, volunteers would be very much appreciated.

Christmas Lights: Let your Christmas spirit shine! When hanging your holiday decorations, please do not put nails into the siding. They make hooks, clamps, etc. to hang items without damaging the siding. We can't wait to see which area of the complex has the most holiday spirit!

Holiday Hours: The office will be closed on November 25th & 26th and December 24th & 31st. Should members need emergency service on these days, please call the after-hours service.

Trash Removal Reminders: All bulk items should be taken to the dumpsters located on Messmore. Please break down all boxes prior to throwing in the dumpster. If they are not broken down this could cause the dumpster to be overloaded and Waste Management will charge an overage fee of \$120 per dumpster. Also, please do not leave trash bags on their front porch.

Deepest Sympathy: Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of two wonderful Carriage House members; Joe Soncrant and Mark Stepowski. Mark served on the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors and we appreciate his time and service to Carriage House Cooperative.

Cigarette Butts: We always remind residents to make sure that your exterior cigarette butt containers are emptied on a regular basis. It should never be overflowing with butts. Containers should NEVER be emptied out into the garbage dumpsters. Also, please make sure the butts are fully extinguished, bagged up and placed in the dumpster.

Complaints: As it states in your member handbook, "The Board of Directors will make every effort to help you with any problems that you might be having with a neighbor that involves the violation of the Cooperative Policies. However, keep in mind that the Board cannot become involved in personal matters between residents." A written complaint must be submitted to the office. The entire board will review the complaint. The full procedure is outlined in the Members Handbook.

Snow Removal Policy: When we have 3 or more inches of snow, the maintenance staff will clear the sidewalks and streets that day. The immediate work day after the snowfall they will clear all parking and court areas according to the time schedule that is listed in the member handbook. All vehicles should be operable and moved when the areas are being cleaned. Please note that the staff does not clear the court and parking areas on the weekend. We are sure to have some icy days ahead. There is a bin with ice melt located near the maintenance garages on Messmore and Kensington. You can fill a small container so you have ice melt available to salt your porch and walkway to the sidewalk.

Comcast: Surveys were sent to all residents to get their input regarding the cable service. The survey results proved that the members at Carriage House would like for the cooperative to continue to provide basic service with the carrying charges. Members should always contact the Comcast/Xfinity Bulk Cable Department to obtain information and the best pricing available to our residents. The bulk department number is 1-800-934-6489.

Thankful: Day to day stress can get us down but always remember all of the blessings that we have in our lives. We all have so much to be thankful for! We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.