



Carriage Hill 7-9 Homes Association, Inc.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m.** We will meet in the backyard of the Fisher residence. The home is in the south cul-de-sac of 63rd Terrace, the backyard faces Jackson. Bring a basket for Easter Eggs, and a camera for a photo with the Easter Bunny. There will also be a craft for children to make, face painting, and a snack.

We do not have a rain date, but we do have a rain/snow backup location. In case of inclement weather, the activities will be moved to Meadowbrook United Methodist Church, on NE 64th Street across the parking lot from PriceChopper.



## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE



The Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, **May 16th** and **17th**. The Neighborhood will advertise and will place signs at the entry corners. You are responsible for obtaining your own garage sale permit from the City of Gladstone. The permit is free and is available at:

<http://www.gladstone.mo.us/e-Services/GarageSaleApplication.php>

After the Garage Sale weekend, **Synergy Services** will pick up any leftover items that you would like to donate. Just leave donated items at the curb on **Monday morning, May 19th**. Please have your items clearly marked "Synergy", placed on the curbside by 8:00 a.m. Synergy cannot pick up T.V's, waterbeds, gas appliances, large exercise equipment, or anything that is not in good working condition. In case of inclement weather please do not leave items outside, Synergy will not be able to take water damaged items. If inclement weather does happen, Synergy will pick up donations that are on the curbside the following day.

Your donation will help abused women and children. Synergy Services provides counseling, shelter, violence prevention education and services to families dealing with the impact of abuse. Please contact Synergy Services if you have any questions or if you want to deliver your items at a later date. Contact Synergy In Style at **816-468-0404**. Synergy thanks you for your support!

## Google fiber IS HERE!!

There's more than one bunny in the neighborhood this spring!

Google Fiber's High Speed Internet and Television expansion into the Northland has arrived and it is time for Gladstone residents to sign up. Carriage Hills 7-9 joins Carriage Hills 1-6, Carriage Crossing and Brooktree Homes in making up an area called a "Fiberhood". In order to bring the service to our Fiberhood we need to have enough people sign up. Our Fiberhood is called Brook Tree

Sign up at: [www.fiber.google.com](http://www.fiber.google.com)

What exactly is Google Fiber?

Google Fiber brings a 1 Gigabit internet connection to your home. How fast is that? Right now the fastest speed Time Warner offers in our area is 50 megabits and AT&T U-Verse's top speed is 18 megabits. Google Fiber is 1000 megabits! That's 20 times faster than Time Warner and more than 50 times faster than AT&T.

Google Fiber also has a TV plan that includes a selection of channels comparable to other cable or satellite providers. Check out their channel lineup here:

<https://fiber.google.com/cities/kansascity/channels/index.html>

Google Fiber has 3 plans available:

1. Gigabit Internet: \$70 month
2. Gigabit Internet + TV: \$120/month (includes a free Google Nexus 7 tablet)
3. Basic internet (5 Megabits): Free for 7 years with a \$300 install fee

There is a Facebook page set up for residents from all the parts of our Fiberhood to share info and ask questions. The page is maintained by our local Fiber-Nut, Pete Stedman. Along with other info there are regular updates as to how many sign-ups we have left for our Fiberhood to qualify. Check it out. If you have friends or family in another subdivision of our Fiberhood please invite them to join.

[www.facebook.com/brooktree.fiberhood](http://www.facebook.com/brooktree.fiberhood) It's called "Brook Tree Google Fiberhood"

This is a fantastic service that will add value to our neighborhood.

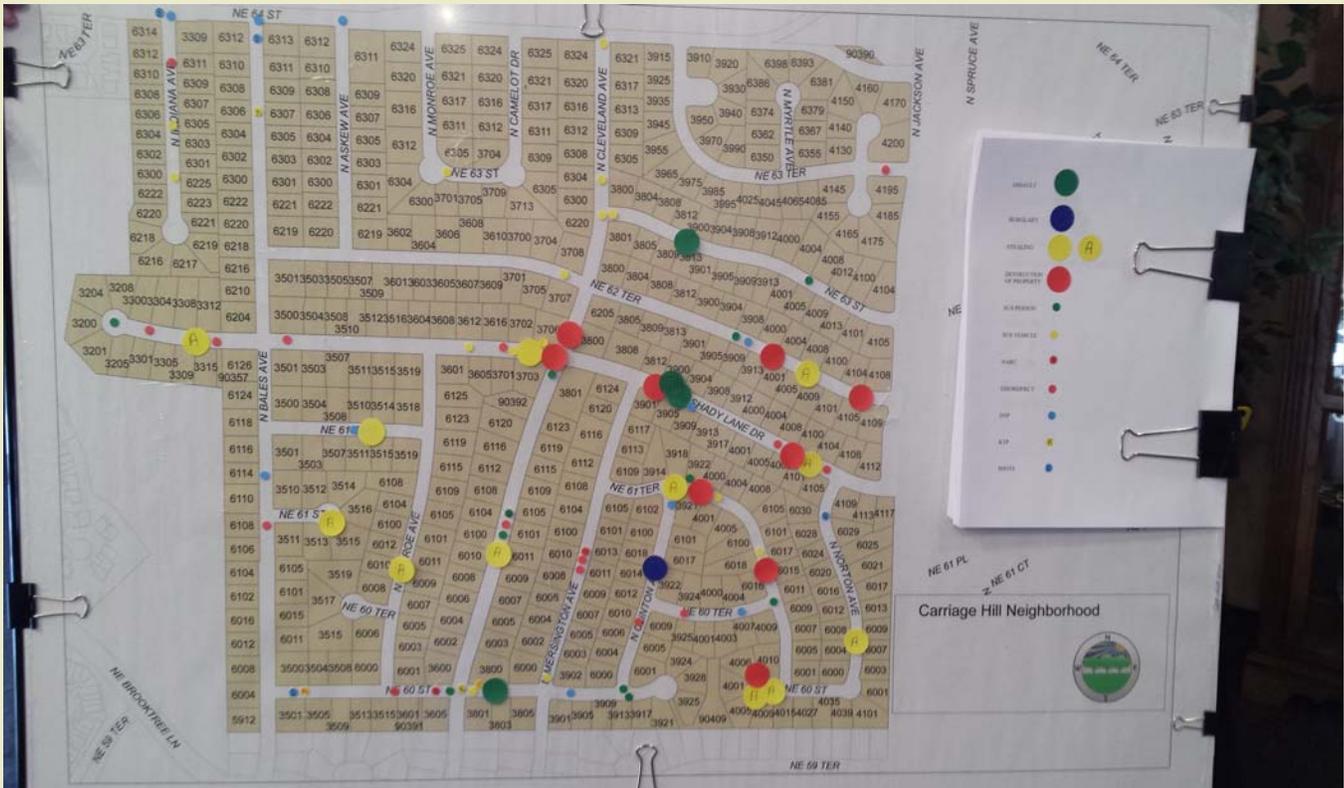
If you would like a copy of the Google booklet that was distributed at the Annual Meeting, please contact JoAnn Fisher at 816-830-2002 or email [joannfis@kc.rr.com](mailto:joannfis@kc.rr.com).

Still have questions? Feel free to contact Fiber-Nut Pete Stedman at [pstedman@thestedmans.net](mailto:pstedman@thestedmans.net). If he doesn't know the answer he will find out for you.



### ANNUAL DUES

Our annual neighborhood dues are due before April 30. Once again this year, there has been no increase. These funds are used for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Bike Ride and Ice Cream Social, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the catered dinner. The money is also used to maintain the plantings and signage at the entrances to the neighborhood.



## ANNUAL CRIME REPORT FROM GLADSTONE PUBLIC SAFETY

Gladstone Public Safety Crime Analyst Dick Cunneen and Officer Kelly Kirk gave an overview of the past 14-15 months of crime in our neighborhood. Overall, we live in a very safe area with a low crime rate. Almost all reported thefts in the area were from vehicles, and nearly all of those were from unlocked vehicles with valuables left in plain sight. All of the assaults in our area were domestic violence cases. There were a few cases of destruction of property, caused by BB guns and pellet guns. There were also some violations of door-to-door sales ordinances.

Residents were reminded to lock their vehicles and not leave valuable items in plain view. We were reminded that door-to-door sales requires a license in Gladstone (except for school and Scout fundraisers). We were encouraged to call in any suspicious behavior, any time we were in doubt. Officer Cunneen stated that all calls received about suspicious persons or vehicles have been reasonable calls. We are doing a good job of calling things in and are encouraged to continue.

Officer Cunneen also reminded us that, when something happens, it only counts in the analysis if we make a report. "Just letting them know" does not count. He said that if we meet any resistance from any officer when we ask to make a report, we should let him know at (816) 423-4034.

Reports can also be made online at <http://www.gladstone.mo.us/PublicSafety/>

The non-emergency number for Gladstone Public Safety is (816) 436-3550.

## ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

At the Annual Meeting, twenty-one homes were represented in person and four were represented via proxy. A quorum was met and elections were held. The results of the election follow:

- The two by law changes were passed unanimously. (1) remove verbiage regarding interim board of directors; 2) require two signatures for checks over \$2,000.
- Two current board members were re-elected: Torance Fisher and JoAnn Fisher
- Two new board members were elected to join the board: Don Ward and Melanie Scott.

## NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

Several issues mentioned at the Annual Meeting are affecting the esthetics of the neighborhood and making it look not-so-nice. The specific examples brought up at the meeting include:

- 1) Leaving newspapers on the driveways, yards, or streets. It was suggested that if you do not want the papers, you might be able to unsubscribe to some of them. For example, the Gladstone Dispatch can be stopped by calling (816) 454-9660. To stop the Kansas City Star publications, call (877) 962-7827. In any case, please pick up any papers that are on your property and dispose of in the trash if you do not want them.
- 2) Trash Bins are unsightly when setting in front of homes or garages. In fact, Gladstone has an ordinance against leaving trash bins and trash bags in front of homes and garages. Please find an appropriate place to store your trash bin. The ordinance is Title IX – Building and Construction Ordinance, Chapter 1000 Property Maintenance Regulations, Section 308.5 Storage and screening of trash containers. The ordinance states: All containers and bags used for the purpose of disposing *rubbish* and *garbage* shall be stored no closer to the public streets than the front building line; for corner lots all containers shall be stored no closer to the public streets than the front building line and side building line adjacent to the street of any premises. In either case, no container or bag shall be stored in front of the main building and/or attached garage; in addition corner lots shall not have containers stored on the side of the main building and/or attached garage adjacent to the street. **Exception:** On the day of scheduled pickup, during which contained *rubbish* and *garbage* may be temporarily placed near the public street for the purpose of pickup. The Home Association Board was asked to send letters to home owners who are in violation of this ordinance and request that they move their trash bin to an appropriate place on their property to comply with the ordinance.

In addition, we had other issues mentioned. These include:

- 1) Concern for joggers running in the streets which presents a safety hazard to the joggers.
- 2) We also had people concerned about the snow on sidewalks.

We learned from Gladstone Public Safety that there are no ordinances against either of these activities and they are not addressed in our covenants. Gladstone Public Safety recommended that joggers use the trails that have been created for runners and bikers for their own safety. Joggers explained that the reason they do not run on the sidewalks is because the hard surface of sidewalks creates shin splints and other health issues for runners. It was recommended that if joggers do run on the streets, they wear reflective clothing and also run on the side of the street toward traffic so they can see cars coming. As far as shoveling snow from sidewalks, this is a dilemma because shoveling could cause health issues to the people doing the shoveling especially in extremely cold weather and not shoveling causes safety issues for children walking to bus stops. This year is hopefully an exception as far as the number of snow storms. Hopefully, in future years, this will not be as much of an issue. As a reminder, we do have several young people listed in the directory that are available to shovel snow. Their names and phone numbers are:

<b>Snow Removal</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Preston Oakes	816-455-0427 or 816-726-4613
Maitland Mehlhaff	816-454-3596
Andrew Ringel	816-453-8788