

Carleton Clarion

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



CARLETON OAKS TO ASSEMBLE TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE PALM BEACH GARDENS ANNEXATION

The Carleton Oaks Board of Directors decided to assemble a task force to research and investigate the pros and cons of having Carleton Oaks annexed into the city of Palm Beach Gardens.

During October's Board of Directors meeting, Steve Mayor, the Senior Planner for the City of Palm Beach Gardens, gave a presentation about the benefits of Carleton Oaks being annexed into the city. If residents

show an interest in annexation, this will come to a Carleton Oaks vote next November (2008). Questions residents have can be answered at any of the upcoming Board meetings.

Residents interested in learning more about the annexation plan

are encouraged to attend any of the upcoming Board of Directors meetings -- the next one will be held December 13 at 7 p.m. in the Carleton Oaks clubhouse



ARE YOU RECYCLING?



By Marshall Harris

There appears to be overwhelming consensus of a majority of renown scientists (and not those with political or financial agendas) that global warming definitely exists.

Assuming that this possibility is only 1% accurate, do you feel comfortable passing along this burden to the next generation or your grand children? Many Carleton Oaks homeowners, for various reasons, do not use the recycle services.

Please reconsider the minor

inconvenience against the potential for greater harm. If you don't already have two recycling bins - the blue one for plastics and glass and the yellow one for newspapers and paper products - you can request your bins from the Solid Waste Authority.

The Solid Waste Authority can be reached at (866) 792-4636 or you can visit their offices right around the corner at 7501 North Jog Road. In addition to their offices, there is an interesting mini museum with many publications for various governmental services besides

their own. The Solid Waste Authority will even deliver free plastic bins if you contact them at (866) NEW BINS.

In addition, they also provide (free) cloth bags to use when shopping to eliminate plastic going into landfill. Why not give it a try? You'll probably feel better that you're contributing in a positive way.



SECURITY ISSUES

Once again we want to make sure all residents are locking their cars that are parked in their driveways. Remember not to leave any valuables inside, because we have had a rash of items missing from residents' cars.

HOW MANY FILTERS ARE NEEDED IN OUR AIR CONDITIONERS

By Hank Rosely

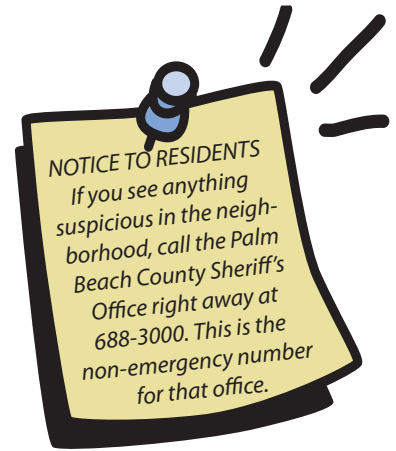
Residents in the Oakmont model homes have been discussing and debating the air conditioning filter system. It seems we have two places for a filter to be installed: (1) a 20 x 20 filter in the Air Handler, and (2) a 20 x 30 filter in the ceiling register. Some residents are placing a filter in both places, and others are using only one filter. Which is the correct way?

I phoned our manufacturer: Lenox, and spoke to Customer Affairs (972) 497-5799 [I first tried Customer Service: (800) 953-6669, but they referred me to Customer Affairs.] A Service Representative, "Sam" advised that in some jurisdictions, it is a building code to install a "ceiling register return" as DiVosta did for Carleton Oaks, and in others the Air Handler can be installed without an independent return and therefore the Air Handler has a specific "door" to remove and install a filter. For example, some Air Handlers are installed vertically in a closet, and have no independent air return intake register -- these systems would have only one location for a filter: in the Air Handler.

In our systems -- and in all systems, only one filter is required and recommended. The addition of two filters reduces the air flow through the system and places extra load on the blower motor, not to mention the reduced efficiency to the home, when two filters are installed. Either filter location can be used for our houses in Carleton Oaks. Lenox simply recommends each homeowner follow the instructions on whichever filter they install.

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Remember most information and forms (i.e. Architectural Change Form, Application for Purchase, etc.) can be found online at the Carleton Oaks' Web site at www.carletonoaks.org.



ODDS AND ENDS

The 2008 Carleton Oaks budget was approved with no increase from this year's budget meaning no increase in quarterly fees for next year!

Toro has completed the installation of the new irrigation system.

Palm Beach County officially took over the preserve.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)
Dec. 6 - 6 p.m.
Carleton Oaks Clubhouse

Board of Directors Meeting
Dec. 13 - 7 p.m.
Carleton Oaks Clubhouse

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)
Jan. 3 - 6 p.m.
Carleton Oaks Clubhouse

Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 10 - 7 p.m.
Carleton Oaks Clubhouse

Please contact Rebecca Seelig at 630-7016 or email her at rebecca.seelig@gmail.com if you would like to add a story or tid-bit to the next newsletter. Also contact Rebecca if you would like to list any items you might have for sale i.e. furniture, jewelry, collectables, etc., in the next issue of the Carleton Clarion.