



# Carlyon Beach Community News April 2022

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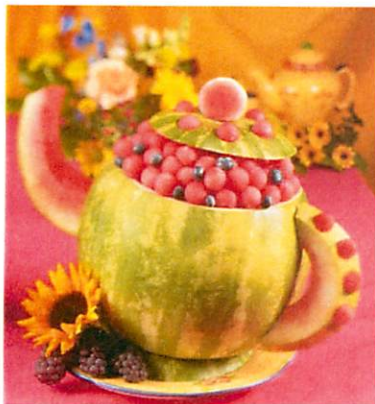
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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm – The office will be closed from Noon to 12:30 pm for Lunch

## 2022 COMMUNITY EVENTS

<b>Board Workshop - Tuesday, April 19 6:00 pm</b>	
<b>Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 26 6:00 pm</b>	
<b>Compliance Meeting Tuesday, April 12 6 – 8 pm</b>	
<b>Exercise Classes Tuesday's &amp; Thursday's 10 – 11 am</b>	
<b>Beginner Belly Dance Classes Wednesday's 7 – 8 pm</b>	
April 5, Tuesday	Events Group Meeting 12:30 pm @ the Clubhouse Everyone is Welcome
April 12, Tuesday	Koffee Klatch 12:30 pm @ the Clubhouse
April 15, Friday	Stuffing of the Eggs for the Kids Easter Egg Hunt 5 pm @ the Clubhouse
April 16, Saturday	Easter Bonnet Parade 12:30 pm - Easter Egg Hunt 1:30 pm
May 7, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast 9 – 11 am @ the Clubhouse
May 10, Tuesday	Koffee Klatch 12:30 pm @ the Clubhouse
June 1, Wednesday	Events Group Meeting 12:30 pm @ the Clubhouse
June 7, Tuesday	Koffee Klatch 12:30 pm @ the Clubhouse
June 11, Saturday	Annual Meeting 10 am @ GFD
June 25, Saturday	Kids Day in the Park
June 25, Saturday	Dumpster Day 8:00 am – noon or when full @ Maintenance Shop
July 4, Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Celebration
July 12, Tuesday	Koffee Klatch 12:30 pm @ the Clubhouse



### KOFFEE KLATCH

**TUESDAY, April 12 @ 12:30 at the CLUBHOUSE** will be our spring coffee klatch– We have been having a good turn out with nice enjoyable conversations and try to keep it political free. There will be nice eats and treats with coffee, and teas of your choice. Hope to see you there Everyone is welcome!!! Sharon Harris & The Events Group



## **It's Time for the Carlyon Beach Easter Egg Hunt!**

**Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm**

**Easter Bonnet Parade at 12:30 pm**

**Egg filling will be at the Clubhouse on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**

**Wrapped candy donations for eggs would really be appreciated**

**This is a community event lets have some fun. The Easter bunny will be here for pictures.**

**Call Dianne Bradford 360-751-4160 or Megan Ready 360-515-8444 to help with Easter Egg Festivities or to donate to the event!**



### **COLORING CONTEST!!!!!!**

**COLOR CONTEST FOR KIDS 3 – 12. Coloring pages may be picked up at the office.**

**Must be turned in by Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Pages will be put on display and prizes will be awarded. Ages 3 – 5, 6 - 8, & 9 – 12 Good Luck!!!**

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST – FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME**

A pancake breakfast will be held on **Saturday, May 7 from 9 – 11 am**. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds go back into our community in some way. Come enjoy a nice breakfast of pancakes (gluten free pancakes will be available), sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice. Start your day with a nice breakfast, pleasant folks to share with and an incredible view. Mark your calendar and we will see you there. If you have any questions call Sharon Harris at 360-866-1594.







## 8 Natural Home Remedies to Keep Cats Away

**Citrus:** Citrus smells, whether it's lemon, orange, or grapefruit, are sure to turn away any cat—even the most curious feline. It's a good thing, too, seeing as these fruits contain ingredients that are toxic to them. Besides the acidity being irritating to them, the essential oils and the psoralen are toxic compounds that can cause vomiting, diarrhea, depression, and, potentially dermatitis, as the psoralen is phototoxic. Use with caution.

**Apple Cider Vinegar:** Apple cider vinegar is also acidic and can cause skin irritation if an inquisitive cat gets too close. The odor will deter the animal, but like citrus, it can cause more harm than good. It can cause damage to their digestive system if large amounts of undiluted apple cider vinegar are ingested. Hopefully, the strong smell is enough to send a nuisance feline out of the area. Be careful when using it since it can also hurt plants.

**Gravel:** If you know where the rogue cat is entering your yard, it'll give you the ammunition for another effective deterrent. Cats are sensitive to the surfaces on which they walk. Try putting pea gravel at the spot. It'll feel just like it would for you to tread on it with bare feet. It'll hurt! The advantage of this method is that it is non-toxic. You can even use it to spruce up your landscaping.

**String:** If you have a fenced-in yard, you know that it isn't a barrier to a cat. However, you can make it harder for them to get inside by running string along the top. It will surprise them, first of all. That might be all that it takes. It'll also put them off balance, which will make your backyard even more uninviting to a curious feline.

**Secured Garbage Cans:** If feral cats are raiding your garbage, you have two options. One, you can keep the cans inside of your garage if you have them. The other thing you can do is to secure them with clips or bungee cords. Without the opposable thumb that raccoons have, this trick will put up a formidable barrier that will make your yard less welcoming to hungry felines. In a pinch, use bricks or cement blocks.

**Flowers:** Cats vary in their sensitivity to different smells. You may have luck planting flowers with a pungent scent, such as geraniums or marigolds. Try putting them in areas where the intruders are entering your backyard. You can combine this tip with our previous one about gravel to make it even more unappealing for your feline visitors. However, you should keep in mind that geraniums are classified as toxic to dogs and cats, as the essential oils can cause gastrointestinal upset, ataxia, muscle weakness, and in larger exposures, depression or hypothermia.

**Squirrel Baffles:** Cats are just as attracted to the birdfeeder as squirrels. Luckily, the baffle you install to keep these seed-loving pests away can also deter cats. Likewise, put the feeder away from trees or other access points to make it more difficult for them to harass the birds that you're trying to attract. You can also use an upside-down foil pan.

**Water:** It doesn't get much simpler than this home remedy. You don't have to be around a cat long to learn that they don't like getting wet. Therefore, one of the easiest and safest ways to keep them away is with a spray bottle or squirt gun. Just a little spritz is all it takes. If it's your pet you're trying to keep off the countertop, try to hit her when she's not facing you.

**How to Keep Cats Away from Your Garden:** Even though cats are carnivores, they may also visit your garden to munch on some plants or squash them down by laying on them. The essential thing is to make sure you're not setting out the welcome mat for them. Animals, like people, need three things to survive: food, water, and shelter. If you follow our advice above, you'll have eliminated at least one source.

We also suggest keeping the vegetation around your gardens trim. The same thing applies to plants growing around other outbuildings or wood piles in your yard. They provide shelter for rodents, a favorite prey of cats. It also gives them fewer places to hide. Cats are often secretive by nature. Eliminating hiding places can provide an effective deterrent for making your yard their stomping ground. Sometimes, you need the big guns to get rid of a curious feline. That's where a motion-activated sprinkler can come to your rescue. Many come with timers or automated mechanisms that turn on at dusk. You'll likely find that one good dousing is probably all it will take to fix the problem. You'll also have an excellent way to get rid of other pests like raccoons. We understand if you just want to discourage them instead of scaring the cats away. Another option you use is to lure them to pet-friendly areas where you don't mind them hanging out in your yard. That's the place for you to put a sandbox or plant catnip—and add those cat-friendly elements to attract them to that spot, instead. **Final Thoughts About Cat Repellents:** We love cats. Unfortunately, they can make themselves unwelcome sometimes if they harass our pets or kill songbirds. Luckily, many home remedies are also more humane. They make a point that your yard isn't the best place for them. That's the real value of these methods. However, don't feel guilty for taking your yard off their map. Often, it is the wisest and eco-friendliest choice.

## PARKS & RECREATION

Park volunteers are needed for holiday weekends during the summer. If you are interested in helping out please contact the office at 360-866-0717 or [memberservices@carlyonbeachhoa.com](mailto:memberservices@carlyonbeachhoa.com) and your contact information will be forwarded on to Barbara Quick the Parks & Recreation Trustee.

### BEGINNER BELLY DANCE CLASSES

**Wednesday nights from 7 - 8 pm**



Belly dance is a great low impact way to have fun while getting some exercise. Comfortable work out type clothes are best. (It is possible to dance in jeans, but not very comfortable and they don't move well.) Bring a water bottle and a get ready to learn something new and feel great.

This class is open to anyone who wants to try something new – No age limits. If you have any questions call Rogue Angel, instructor, at 619-995-5970.

