

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC  
Form 8-K  
September 08, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 1, 2011  
Carriage Services, Inc.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**1-11961**

*(Commission File Number)*

**76-0423828**

*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)*

**3040 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 300  
Houston, Texas 77056**

*(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)*

**(713) 332-8400**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(c) Appointment of New Principal Executive Officer

On September 1, 2011, the Board of Directors of Carriage Services, Inc. (the Company ) appointed L. William Bill Heiligbrodt to serve as a full-time Executive Officer as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. Mr. Heiligbrodt will continue to serve as an inside member of the Board of Directors. From February 2009 until this appointment, Mr. Heiligbrodt was an independent director of the Company who served on the Audit Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee, and was the Chairman of the Compensation Committee and the Executive Committee. Mr. Heiligbrodt also served as the Company s Lead Director.

Prior to his recent appointment, Mr. Heiligbrodt was a private investor and managing partner in a family business. From 1990 to 2003, he served in various capacities, including President and Chief Operating Officer, at Service Corporation International, a funeral services corporation.

Mr. Heiligbrodt will be entering into an employment agreement though terms have not been finalized at this time. The terms of any such agreement will be provided when terms are reached.

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Heiligbrodt as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this Current Report ) as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Title of Document</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated September 7, 2011

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CARRIAGE SERVICES, INC.**

September 8, 2011

By: /s/ Terry E. Sanford  
Terry E. Sanford  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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