CARRIAGE SERVICES INC Form 8-K June 18, 2008

# 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): June 18, 2008 Carriage Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in is charter)

Delaware 1-11961 76-0423828 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3040 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77056

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

(713) 332-8400

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:

- o Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 18, 2008, Carriage Services, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has approved a share repurchase program authorizing the Company to purchase up to an aggregate of \$5 million of the Company s common stock. Subject to applicable rules and regulations, the shares may be purchased from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. Such purchases will be at times and in amounts as the Company deems appropriate, based on factors such as market conditions, legal requirements and other business considerations. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by this reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Press release issued by Carriage Services, Inc. dated June 18, 2008

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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

CARRIAGE SERVICES, INC.

Dated: June 18, 2008 By: /s/ Terry E. Sanford

Terry E. Sanford

Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting

Officer and Treasurer

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