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A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association

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New Boat Decals & Keys Now Available Lock scheduled to be changed Feb 1

See Page 5 for more information.



Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, February 12, 2024

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By John Schinka, CCA President

Happy New Year to all our Original Carrollwood neighbors! Your CCA Board kicked off the year with a productive meeting. The Board confirmed its officer positions and heard from several residents during our meeting. Vice President Josh Shaffer discussed our long-term planning which includes our efforts to replenish the canopy of trees in our neighborhood through a county grant. Bryan Huls confirmed that we have sourced a vendor to provide carp for Lake Carroll – a huge part of our lake maintenance. Jerrod Mills updated the Board on our spring social calendar, including our upcoming Easter event at Original Carrollwood Park. See our list of upcoming events further on in *The Caroler*!

As we close the chapter on another great holiday season, we send our thanks to the Boy Scouts and volunteers who helped us deliver on a timeless OC tradition – our Christmas luminarias. It was wonderful to see so many neighbors come together in fellowship over the holiday season.

If you're looking for more information, be sure to check out our website at www.originalcarrollwood.com and send us an email to get added to our mailing list. 



Stay Connected!

MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

If you have been receiving the Crime Watch/Events and Neighborhood emails this year, then you do not need to do anything further. If you are a new resident or have not been receiving the emails, please contact: crimewatch@originalcarrollwood.com to get signed up. The emails will contain Crime Watch notifications, *The Caroler* Newsletter social event information and other neighborhood news.

If you use Facebook, please join our page for updates on neighborhood news and social events. This page is the same as the emails so you will not miss anything if you are not on Facebook.

You can search for Original Carrollwood Civic Association on Facebook or visit this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic>

If you are a new resident, please contact Kristin Nail: kristinnail@originalcarrollwood.com

Email: cca@originalcarrollwood.com

Stay up-to-date with the Crime Watch/Events Email and our Facebook group.

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CRD News

By Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

I would like to recognize and thank longtime Board member Joe Costa, his last meeting was in December. Joe has served our community on both the CCA and CRD Boards, the last twelve as the CRD Board Secretary. In addition, Joe was a Scout dad during those years.

I am happy to welcome Kristy Taylor as our newest Board member, Kristy joined at the January meeting and will assume the Secretary's position that Joe occupied. Kristy is no stranger to board meetings, she has been attending consistently for the past two years.

This seems like a natural fit because she is already up to speed on Board initiatives.

Just a reminder that new boat decals and keys are now available, as the lock is scheduled to be changed on February 1st. Please download the "boat decal contract" from the website, and fill it out prior to visiting the office. Janet can also email it to you. Also, bring a copy of your current boat registration and trailer registration (all addresses must match the resident's driver's license that is a C.R.D. address). The cost is \$45.00, cash, check, or debit/credit card.



"I moved to Tampa in 1995 when I attended the University of South Florida. My professional background included many years with several advertising agencies in the Tampa area.

My husband Bobby & I moved to Original Carrollwood a little over 11 years ago. We have a 3rd grader at Carrollwood K-8, our amazing neighborhood school. I volunteer with Carrollwood K-8 serving as a PTA Vice President, overseeing Teacher Appreciation Week and the yearbook.

One of our favorite neighborhood events is the Halloween parade. I have fun planning and creating our family themed costumes – it's such an amazing night with family and friends.

We love this neighborhood and I like to be involved. I've been attending the monthly meetings for a long time and when the position of secretary became available, I thought it was a good time to join the Board and continue to stay involved in the neighborhood."

~ Kristy Taylor

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Q | What do you love most about your home and yard and why?

A | "We fell in love with our home because of the great potential we had with outdoor living. We are a very social family and entertain quite a lot. We utilize our outdoor area for many family

gatherings and just completed our backyard renovation."

Q | When thinking of all the time you have spent in your yard, do you have a favorite memory?

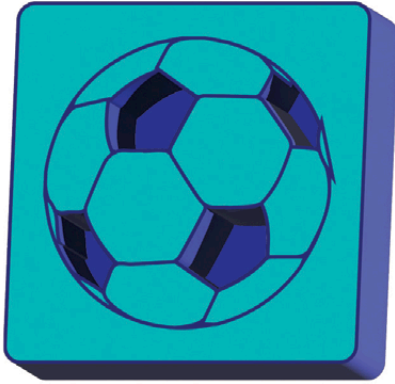
A | "One of our fondest memories of spending time in our yard was during Thanksgiving. It warmed our hearts to look out and see all of our family conversing, laughing, and enjoying the beautiful outdoors."

Q | Any fun facts, hobbies or words of wisdom you would like to share with your neighbors?

A | "We absolutely adore our neighbors and have made lifelong friendships here in the Original Carrollwood."

Email your nomination to: YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com

Include: Address of nominated yard • Reason for nomination • Your name, phone number, & email address • If possible, please include a photo of the yard with your nomination. Thank you! Nominations can also be made at the Community Center, at Board Meetings or by visiting our Community website: www.OriginalCarrollwood.com



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OC Resident Kelly Snellgrove Named Mort Elementary School Principal

by Mark Snellgrove



OC residents from left: Melinda Sheer, Kelly Snellgrove, Meg Shidler, and Meg Jaap attended the Hillsborough County School Board meeting on October 17 to support their good friend Kelly Snellgrove to her appointment as Principal of Mort Elementary School.



Hillsborough County Clerk of the Court & Comptroller and good friend Cindy Stuart congratulates Kelly Snellgrove with Superintendent Van Ayres at the School Board meeting on October 17.

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One of the first comments a newcomer to Original Carrollwood makes is that the mature, tree-lined streets are beautiful. We do have a marvelous tree canopy in our neighborhood, and many of our streets are provided with shade from the trees. Unfortunately time stops for no tree, and we are losing canopy by the day. Without some effort to restore now, our future generations will not experience the same shaded paradise.

What can you do?

The Carrollwood Civic Association (CCA) is looking for 16 resident volunteers who would like a tree planted in front of their house in the right-of-way between the sidewalk and street. These are called 'street trees.' The CCA, in partnership with the county, will be providing the trees at no cost to the resident. The volunteer resident will be required to feed and water the tree for two years as needed to ensure it gets a good start at life.

What kind of tree?

The CCA and county Forester concluded that the Winged Elm is the best tree species for this project. The Winged Elm is an adaptable, strong, fast growing tree that is well suited to suburban environments. It will help maintain our shade canopy and avoid damage to underground utilities.

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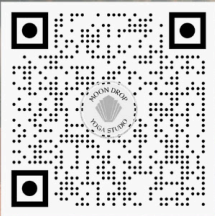
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REAL ESTATE 101: TRENDS THAT ARE SEEING CHANGE



By M. Wayne Wilson, Realtor, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group, Previous OC Resident 47 years

Many of the comments below have been contributed through Realtor.com by Clare Trapasso. We all know the pandemic changed many things in our society, and perhaps one of the greatest changes came in the real estate area and their effects continue.

During the pandemic many people's jobs moved into their homes. As a result, home expansions became very popular, especially home square footage. Unfortunately, that came with increases in taxes on the property, additional electricity and gas cost and wasted space after many had to return to their places of employment.

Having that extra office space has not been ignored by builders and home designers. The only difference is that the general public has grown to realize that they don't really need all of this empty space. Ironically, the building trends are making homes smaller. The average new home today is about 10% smaller than the pre-pandemic. People realize that with all of that open space comes a lot of work in maintaining it.

Home gyms became popular during the pandemic, but now they have increasingly become dust collectors as people are beginning to return to gyms. This appears to be one of the main areas of square foot deductions in new homes.

New and remodeled homes are also using more and larger glass windows and doors not only in Florida but also in Michigan and northern cold climates. Needless to say, large sliding glass doors and larger windows make the whole house appear more spacious, less cramped, and generally larger.

With all of this openness, there is a bigger trend toward making the outside space more appealing. Because houses are becoming smaller, the outside space becomes a retreat and entertainment area.

Spacious bathrooms had become spa-

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P	10503 Orange Grove Dr	1,454	\$495,000
S	10323 Orange Grove Dr	2,188	\$695,000
S	3006 Sabal Rd	2,048	\$615,000

like places. Now, the trend seems to be designing them to have a more universal appeal by adding grab bars, and non-slip flooring, as well as other tweaks that help people stay in their homes longer.

Houzz contributed much of the trend remarks in this column as they deal specifically with the with home remodeling ideas. It's a great site to go to for home remodel. I have used it in the past and it has been very helpful.

Just as an aside, you will notice that the active homes for sale in Carrollwood have begun to grow and the amount of time on the market is growing. We are far from being in a serious slide, but the pricing seems to becoming real as opposed to crazy. Enjoy 2024, you Original Carrollwoodians..

OC Neighborhood Yard Sale Saturday, April 6th 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Need to do a little spring cleaning? We invite you to participate in our neighborhood yard sale. This is your chance to purge those old clothes, toys, games, furniture, etc! Set up your items in your driveway/yard by 9:00am. Each household will be in charge of setting up/breaking down and running their own sale.

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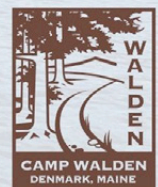


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Boating Safety, Driving Tips and Etiquette

by Bryan Huls, CCA Lake Carroll Committee

Let's renew our focus on boating safety and etiquette on Lake Carroll. Please follow these basic safety tips and enjoy Lake Carroll with family and friends.

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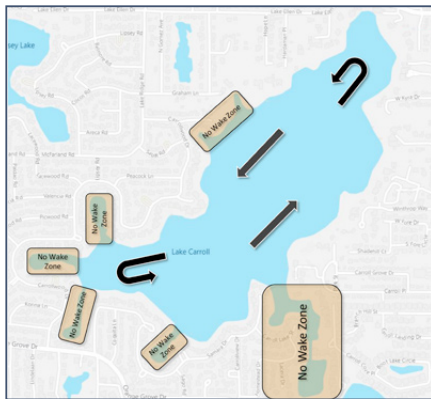
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- White Sand Beach area and the canals are considered a "NO WAKE ZONE." For safety of other boats and swimmers, enter and exit at a slow, safe speed.
- Life jackets must be worn by all personal watercraft riders and skiers.
- Always boat on Lake Carroll in a counterclockwise direction.
- Check the boat traffic on the lake. If there are too many boats pulling skiers/tubes, then wait until a few skiers are done with their runs. The fewer boats operating with skiers on the lake, the safer it will be. Mornings and evenings are typically times with fewer boats on the water.



- Never allow passengers to ride on the bow area of a boat, gunwales or outside of protective railings/seats, including the front of a pontoon boat. A sudden turn, stop or start could cause a fall overboard.
- The main rule we see broken is boaters & PWCs (jet skis) following other boats pulling skiers/tubes entirely too close. Never follow directly behind

another watercraft. PLEASE GIVE SKIERS and TUBES SPACE.

PULLING SKIERS (SKIING, WAKEBOARDING, SURFING, TUBING)

- All skiers/wakeboarders/surfers should wear a coast guard approved life jacket.
- Use a spotter and/or a large mirror and be aware of other boats in your area.
- Keep your skier a safe distance from all docks, boats, structures, paddleboarders, kayakers, etc.
- Avoid power turns: When a skier falls, make sure to come off the throttle and slowly turn/approach your skier. This is unsafe and throws wakes throughout the lake. The only time a power turn is recommended is if you are in a busy area with approaching boats or a skier could be injured.

BOATING ETIQUETTE TIPS

When wakesurfing or driving a larger boat that can create a large wake:

- Stay at least 200 feet away from structures or shore; this allows your wake to dissipate before impacting the shore & docks.
- Avoid close passes to other boats, paddleboards, kayaks and docks.
- Keep music at a responsible level; sound travels much farther than you think on the water, and loud music can ruin other boaters' and homeowners' peace and quiet.
- Finally, be aware of how your wake is affecting others. In addition to other boaters, docks and shoreside properties, this applies to other watersports enthusiasts too. When you pick up a downed rider, do not remain at surfing speed and make a big looping turn back toward the person in the water.
- Please share these safety and driving tips with others on Lake Carroll, including boaters that are not in Original Carrollwood.

Follow these basic tips and everyone will enjoy their time on the water we share.

Share the water responsibly & watch your wake.

Feel free to contact us to review any boating safety tips in more detail.

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Ohhhh, It's gonna be a long month!

It's Leap Year!



February 29, 2024



Valentine's Logic Puzzle

Because love is so logical.

Aren't they sweet!?

Jorge, Karl and Eric have purchased a Valentine's gift wrapped in a different colored paper, for his girlfriend, fiancée, or wife. From this information and the clues provided below, determine the name of his girlfriend, fiancée, or wife, the gift he bought her and the color of the wrapping paper.

1. No man has the same first initial as his girlfriend, fiancée, or wife
2. A delighted wife received a gift wrapped in purple.
3. Neither Ellen nor Joanne received perfume.
4. The roses were wrapped in green.
5. Ellen's gift was wrapped in the same color she chose for her bridesmaid's dresses.
6. Eric's girlfriend adored the perfume he bought for her.
7. Tina did not receive roses.
8. The pink wrapping paper had white hearts on it.
9. There was chocolate. ❤️



Congratulations and thank you to last month's players!

Dave Davies
Marilyn Bozak
Tom Shea
Paula Wagoner
Katherine Clapp

Find the hidden peacock!

It may be bigger or smaller, or
a different shape or color.



Email your answers to
Caroler@roxc.graphics before
February 10. All who reply
will have their name posted in
the next issue of *The Caroler*!

Last Month's Answers

Location of the hidden peacock in
the previous issue: Page 14

Answer to Last Month's New Year
word scramble:

Sparkles
Confetti
Champagne
Fireworks
Resolutions
Fitness
Sequins
Top hats
Glitter
Midnight
NYC Times Square
Clock
Ball Drop

Welcome Newcomer



Renting a Park Pavilion

The answer is YES! This is a perk that you have as an OC resident. This is what you need to do:

Welcome to all the new neighbors! We are so happy to have you in Original Carrollwood. If you are new to the neighborhood and you have not received a welcome packet, please reach out to Kristin Nail at kristinnail@originalcarrollwood.com. The welcome packet will answer many of the FAQ that neighbors typically have when they first move in. One question many neighbors ask is "Can I reserve a pavilion at one of the parks for my party or event? If so, how do I do that?"



1. Pick the date for your event.
2. Contact or visit Janet in the Rec Center office* (between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. M-F) to check availability and get a reservation agreement.
3. Read, fill out and the sign reservation agreement.
4. Enjoy your event by abiding by all park guidelines.
5. Take out the trash and clean the space for the next neighbor!

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Luminaria 2023

Photos by OC Resident Lawrence Davis



The Boat Parade scheduled for December 16 was cancelled due to inclement weather, but that didn't keep the residents of OC from enjoying the lighted boats! An impromptu parade was held on December 23rd and it did not disappoint, as this photo from OC Resident Nancy Leach shows.





Social events

2023 Year in Review

By the time this Caroler comes out, we will have just finished up a very busy 2023 with our New Year's Eve event bringing in the New Year with a bang. We continue to add to our lineup of social events for the upcoming year. The current social calendar is listed below. We will be adding in event information for live music and food trucks.

Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2024!

~CCA Social Committee

Grab your best Hawaiian shirt and join us at White Sands Beach!



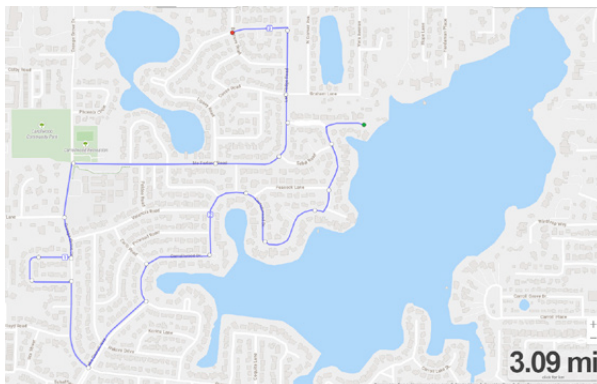
March 2
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
(Adult Only Event)

David Nowak will be starting his flag carry at 9 a.m. from Belmore & Lipsey Rd. Please see the map for his route.

We encourage anyone to join the walk or come out and see them along the route.

Route ends at White Sands for flag raising by the Boy Scouts. After the service to have Flag Retirement done by the scouts. Residents can bring flags that need retirement.

MAY 27
Memorial Day
Flag Walk &
Flag Raising



Current Social Calendar

(to be updated with additional information/events)

MARCH 2: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Hawaiian Luau (Adult Event)
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
White Sands Beach

MARCH 30
Easter Egg Hunt
Original Carrollwood Park

MAY 4
Bike Event: Kids Bike Rodeo
Original Carrollwood Park

MAY 27
Memorial Day Flag Walk
and Flag Raising
ends at White Sands Beach
includes flag retirements by the
Boy Scouts.

MAY – OCTOBER:
Friday Nights at the Lake
(Music & Food Trucks)
White Sands Beach

JULY 4
4th of July Parade, BBQ and
Water Ski Show
White Sands Beach

OCTOBER 31
Halloween Parade

EARLY DECEMBER
Movie on the Lawn
Original Carrollwood Park

DECEMBER 21
Holiday Lights Boat Parade
Lake Carroll/White Sands Beach

DECEMBER 31
New Year's Eve Fireworks
White Sands Beach

Email us at events@originalcarrollwood.com with any questions.
Check our Facebook group and neighborhood emails for more information.
(www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic)