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Carroler

March 2020

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association

A bald eagle perches over Lake Carroll. See Page 11 for more.



Keeping watch Over OC



Community leaders meet with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. See Page 10 for more information.

Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, March 9, 2020

CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m. • CCA: 7 p.m.

Carrollwood Rec Center - 3515 McFarland Road

Residents welcome to attend.



Conner Leach works with LAKEWATCH. See Back Cover.

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Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

by Jim Powell, CCA President

We had a very engaging meeting in February. It began with a presentation by the Boy Scouts of Troop 217 that handled the Luminaria effort for us at the end of 2019. They delivered kits to 145 homes and folded 6,500 bags (imagine that number!), which illuminated both homes and the common areas. They contributed 450 volunteer hours to our community. This is such a wonderful partnership we have between Original Carrollwood and the Scouts of Troop 217, and we thank you! We presented them with a nice check, which they told us they will use toward their summer camp. We then heard reports from our various committees, all very positive. We were sad to accept the resignation of our Board member Mark Georgiades, who will be

going to the CRD board. Thank you, Mark, for all your work with the social and Crime Watch committees, Much appreciated! We will have an open spot on the Board; if you're interested, please contact a CCA Board member. And we have a change in committee chair, Jerrod Mills will be taking over the Social Committee chair from Neil Norden, who will remain on the Board. Neil, we appreciate all your hard work, and thank you in advance for the work you'll do with Jerrod. Jerrod will begin immediately planning for our next event, the Easter Egg Hunt. Have a great March! 🍀

Help Maintain Lake Carroll Make a Donation

Residents! Help keep Lake Carroll clean and safe. Financial contributions are needed from everyone. Funds are used to offset expenses for vigorous water sampling and testing, and other lake maintenance and monitoring needs. Contributors are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in *The Caroler*.

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**Anna Brugge, on behalf of the
OC residents that donated at
the Halloween Parade \$217!**



by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

I am pleased to announce that Mark Georgiades has joined the CRD Board. He and his wife, Stephanie, and son, Jack, are six-year residents of our Community. Mark G. had served on the CCA Board, but now will apply his expertise and help manage the tax dollars.

As I had indicated in the February *Caroler* article, there were two open Board positions that needed to be filled through the appointment process. There is still one

open position remaining. If you are interested, feel free to contact Mark Snellgrove regarding statutory qualifications and requirements, and attend the March CRD Meeting.

Also in the February *Caroler*, you might have read my article that five residents attended the January CRD Meeting to ask the Board to secure Scotty Cooper Park (SCP) with key access, just as we do with the tennis courts, entrance to the dog park, entrance to Original Carrollwood Park, and the boat ramp. This would require a new gate that would lock each time it is opened and closed (just like the dog park entrance gate,

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Hi There!

The *Caroler* mail list is an independent list from the official Original Carrollwood resident directory. When you move in to the neighborhood, or change homes in the neighborhood, *The Caroler* mail list does not automatically get updated. I need your help!

Is your name printed in the mailing area on the front cover of this newsletter? If not, and this newsletter arrived in your mailbox, please email Caroler@roxc.graphics to have the *Caroler* mail list updated!

Thanks!



Help keep our Resident Directory UP-TO-DATE

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by Jimmy Wood

We are honored to be nominated for “Yard of the Month.” Elaine and I are both Tampa natives and we moved into Original Carrollwood in 1998. We love this location because of the neighborhood, the sidewalks, tree-lined streets, and the proximity to our family. We live within about five miles of our children’s homes, so family dinner nights are a tradition we look forward to

each week. We have entertained family and friends in our backyard getaway that features an artificial turf putting green with café lights.



Our family has enjoyed the convenience of walking and biking to Scotty Cooper Park, birthday parties at White Sands Beach, and celebrations at the Carrollwood Recreation Center. And now we have the pleasure to enjoy our grandchild as she participates in all the great events provided by this Community. This award is very special to us as we have put a lot of thought and care into the design and upkeep of our yard. Green Solutions handles the lawn treatment.

Jimmy and Elaine Wood
3605 Floyd Road

Thank you so much for choosing our lawn. We are thrilled for the opportunity to carry on the prestigious tradition of “Yard of the Month.”



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Send:

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- **Reason for nomination**
- **Your name, phone number, & email address**

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Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office - Non Emergency

Master Deputy Melvin Jones, Community Resource Deputy 247.0330



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AND UPDATE! ... The Rec Center hours have changed. The Rec Center is now open 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (M-F)

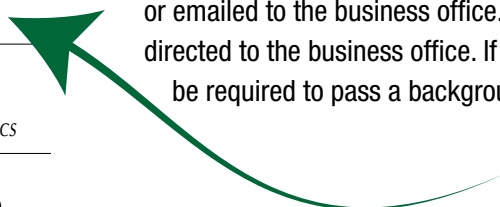
The CRD Board is currently accepting applications for a part-time office manager at the business office inside the Recreation Center.

The position will be 15-20 hours per week (depending on the individual) at a rate of \$14 per hour.

The minimum required skills are: Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Adobe Acrobat, and be able to combine and merge documents and files.

This position interfaces with residents in processing park reservations, Recreation Center room rentals, issues keys to the various parks, along with preparing bank deposits, processing accounts payable items, and possess a skill for organization in government records retention.

A minimum of two years of experience in bookkeeping, in addition to the skills outlined above, is preferred. A resume with work experience can be submitted in person, faxed, or emailed to the business office. Inquires can be also be directed to the business office. If selected, the applicant will be required to pass a background check. 🇺🇸



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Original Carrollwood Park entrance gate, and tennis entrance gate). It would also likely require a different style fence. I had asked for Community input in the February *Caroler* issue and will continue with this edition. Please let the Board know your OPINION!

The Board has not made a decision and is not advocating one way or another at this point, but simply seeking Community input. So please email Office@OriginalCarrollwoodCRD.com with your thoughts. 🙏



Soli Deo Gloria: **To God Alone Be the Glory**

Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 PM

The Chancel Choir at Grace Lutheran Church presents a program of organ and choral music by J.S. Bach that reflects the season of Lent; a time of self-examination and calling on God for guidance, mercy and redemption.

There is no admission fee; the cost of the program is underwritten by our Betty Burton Endowment Fund. A free-will offering will be received on behalf of the ongoing Music Ministry at Grace.

A reception will be held in Connections following the program.

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by Danielle Eichmann

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Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Keeping OC Safe

by Jim Powell, CCA President

Mark Snellgrove and I met with Major Craig Timko, Lt. Jimmy Giovenco, and Captain David Arthur of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office on Friday, January 24, to discuss the Original Carrollwood Community and our relationship with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's office. One of the things I learned is we are in the most populated district within their County jurisdiction. I asked them how we could help. They mentioned communication is most important. We discussed our Crimewatch email list and they recommended we continue to ask all residents to participate in that. It is our best way to get information out to our OC residents. The other area they mentioned is doorbell cams, like Ring. With our permission, they can use the video to help apprehend criminals, very cool. The other recommendation they had was to make sure all cars parked in front of our homes are locked with no items of value being visible, and garage doors are down and interior garage doors are locked. These were the most important takeaways from our meeting. When you see our Community Resource Officer - Master Deputy Melvin Jones in the neighborhood, please thank him for the job he's doing for OC. 👁

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Meeting with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

From left: Major Craig Timko, Jim Powell, Lt. Jimmy Giovenco, Captain David Arthur, Mark Snellgrove

Watching Over Us

at
Lake
Carroll

by David Williams

It has been rumored that we have a bald eagle living on the lake. Here are some pictures taken January 19, 2020.

This magnificent bird was perched on an old tree. He was poised overlooking the water, just watching, for over an hour.

Yet another reminder of what a great place we reside in. 🇺🇸



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by Wayne Wilson, Realtor and former OC Resident of 38 Years



Getting a new roof? Having a kitchen remodeled? Closing in a carport? Adding on to the current house? No matter what, if you are having work done on your house and it's being permitted, you need to pay attention carefully to the following message!

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as of *The Caroler* deadline:

A=Active; P=Pending; S=Sold in the last 30 days

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|--------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|
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| A | 3424 Lacewood Rd | 3,040 | \$445,000 |
| A | 3305 Nakora Dr | 1,995 | \$369,000 |
| A | 3601 Prunus Pl | 2,043 | \$369,900 |
| A | 10413 Reclinata Ln | 2,861 | \$519,000 |
| A | 11715 Phoenix Cir | 3,072 | \$669,900 |
| A | 3019 Samara Dr | 2,946 | \$1,069,900 |
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When the contractor is finished on the job, he just wants his money and then moves on to the next job. You need to hold final payment until they furnish you this SIGNED OFF copy by the Hillsborough County Permit Department. It's always wise to advise them that you will be doing this before you finalize the contract for work to be done.

You don't want to walk into the closing with an open permit. Chances are your buyer would not close. To get a general contractor to close out the permit will cost between \$400 and \$1,000 minimum plus 3 or 4 weeks. Remember, the government doesn't care when your house gets closed. You get in line, and when it's your turn, they'll respond. 🙄

REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS TO VIEW YOUR HOME AS AN INVESTMENT

By KT Tershowski/REALTOR®

When buying a home, it's important to keep in mind that houses are bought as wealth-building tools to avoid throwing your money away on rent. Although there will be booms and busts, your home's value most likely will not outpace inflation. However, in the long-term it's a money savings as opposed to foregoing monthly rental payments. There are expenses attached with owning a home too, including annual insurance, taxes, and maintenance. After calculating this, factor in your estimated costs you would be paying in rent and deduct your annual expenses. This will give you a more accurate figure for your return on your annual investment. Owning a home, builds equity. Similarly, margin trading boosts stock market returns. Utilizing a mortgage for leverage can boost the cash-on-cash return of a real estate investment. With this leverage, there are risks, but it's important to compare and consider a real estate return as if you are paying cash. 🙄



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What's Your Idea of a Neighborhood Social Event?

The CCA Board is currently planning several new social events for our neighborhood. As we plan for our upcoming calendar of community events, we would like to hear from you on the events we offer.

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Mah Jongg

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Join us! The OC Bridge Club

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List your free-to-the-public local event in *The Caroler!*

The first eight entries received each month get published! Send your event info to Caroler@rox.com



Broccoli Cauliflower Salad w/ Blue Cheese

shared by Dianne Roberts

Fresh, crisp, nutritious and TASTY!

Ingredients:

- 1 large head each of cauliflower and broccoli.
- 8 oz bag (1 cup) pine nuts or to taste (pecans and pistachios work too)
- 1 large red onion (diced)
- 2 large zucchini (peeled & diced)
- 1 large red pepper (diced)
- 24 oz Crumbled blue cheese
- Lighthouse Blue cheese dressing (20 oz bottle)

Directions:

- Clean, chop/cut/dice veggies
- Stir in nuts, blue cheese crumbles and dressing.
- Eat

Note:

Recipe makes a ton of salad — good for groups — consider half the recipe for smaller gatherings!

Enjoy!



Please share your favorite recipe! Send it to Caroler@rox.com and it may be featured in an upcoming issue of *The Caroler!*

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The Crossandra

The versatile Crossandra has become one of my favorites in

my garden. It has lived through drought, an aphid attack, and pure neglect, and it just keeps blooming! The orangey peachy color of the Crossandra is a colossal butterfly and hummingbird attractant outdoors, and an instant pick-me-up indoors.

This beauty can be grown as an annual or perennial, indoors or outdoors, in our area. It is very heat tolerant and pairs nicely with purple sweet potato vine, pictured above, as well as many other garden favorites.

My neglect of this plant taught me that it does best in well-drained soil with lots of sunlight. In my experience, the butterflies just love it! So, if you can, plant it OUTSIDE of your screened lanai, so they can get to it and not bang their delicate little wings on your screen trying to get to the flowers!

Do you have a favorite care-free bloom to share? Please email me! I wanna know about it :)
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 Do read on to save your time, son.
 Uncovering 120 trees, though, takes forever and a day, so is it worth it?
 No, so read on as you please & will.
 Do not hire a professional detective.
 Earn your right to the sybaritic gold.
 Right side of arbor field it is.
 Plot five plus six plus root of 7 or:
 Instead take the 9th tree from left.
 At noon, the shadow will show you the difficult, unlikely solution.
 Never forget the proverb: the pot will not boil by itself.
 Outstanding you are, only by finding the gold do you, my son, have the right to claim it.

Email your answer to Caroler@roxc.graphics before March 10. All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the next issue of *The Caroler*!

How many hearts did you find in last month's puzzle?

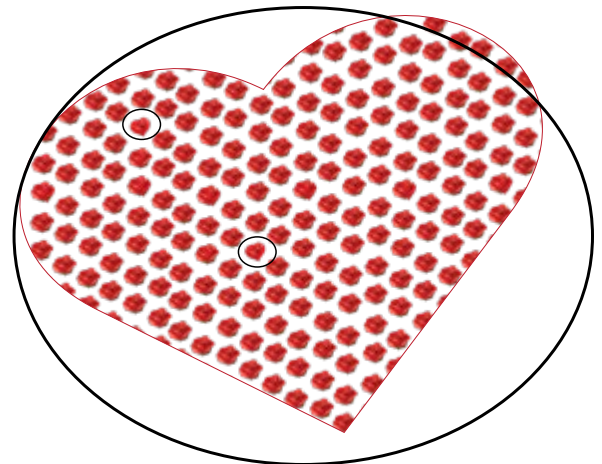
Answer: There were 3 hearts!

Two small, and the one big one!

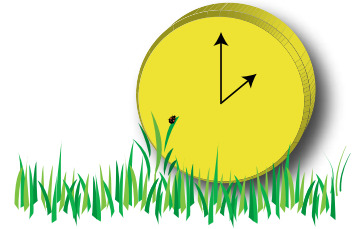
Thank you for submitting answers to last month's puzzle!

Gary and Janet Pailthorp
 Tom Shea
 Charlie & Kent Ross

Luis Garcia
 Jared & Becca Jones
 Anna Brugge



Spring Forward



**March 8th:
 Change Your Clocks and
 Replace Your Smoke
 Alarm Batteries**

Your neighbors,
 Daniel & Alice Francis,
 would like to offer a free
 service to change your clocks
 and replace your smoke alarm
 batteries.

This offer is for any Original
 Carrollwood resident, but
 especially for those who are less
 capable or need some extra help.

Both Daniel and Alice will be
 present throughout this short
 assistance and will provide fresh
 batteries (if you don't have any),
 as well as a step ladder.

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Connor Leach – Keeping an Eye on Lake Carroll’s Water Quality

by Nancy Leach

While our CRD keeps a monthly check on the water quality for swimming at White Sands Beach, there is a more extensive water testing that takes place monthly through LAKEWATCH.

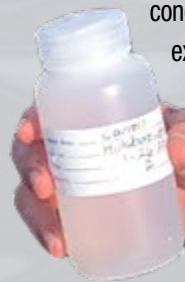
LAKEWATCH is coordinated through the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences/SFRC Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. The Florida LAKEWATCH program has been in existence since 1986. In 1991, the Florida Legislature recognized the importance of the program and established Florida LAKEWATCH in the state statutes (Florida Statute 1004.49). LAKEWATCH is now one of the largest lake monitoring programs in the nation with over 1,000 trained citizens.

Our local trained resident is Connor Leach, 18, of Carrollwood Drive. While staying busy as a varsity baseball and basketball player, this class president at Berkeley Preparatory School enjoys his time on the lake tubing and boating with friends.

“I drive a boat out to specific coordinates on the water and collect data on algae growth, water clarity, and boat pollution. After gathering the samples, I perform various tests on the water collected. For example, I filter the water through specific paper bacteria netting and record bacteria levels. I then freeze the water samples and deliver them to a collection center. From there, they are taken to Gainesville for further testing.” says Leach.

“I was eager to jump on this opportunity, admittedly, at first, for the community service hours. The ecologist from UF drove down, gave me the equipment and taught me how to collect and test the samples, and explained why this monthly testing was necessary to track water conditions ecologically. After his visit, my perspective changed! This has been a great experience, as I learn about how both natural and unnatural occurrences affect our environment, and how to collect and record data effectively as I help to protect our environment. I enjoy being a part of a much bigger picture and understand that my actions are my way of ensuring that my habitat remains healthy both now and for generations to come. My mom grew up in this neighborhood when this was the outskirts of town. I want to make sure this area stays as pure as it can be in the coming years.”

So, how is our water? Lake Carroll is 221 acres and very healthy! All nutrient levels fall safely within the ranges for oligotrophic lakes and have been since Lake Carroll records began in 1992. How to keep our lake clean? Dispose of trash properly – especially cigarette butts! Grass clippings can clog storm drains and deliver hazardous fertilizer and pesticides to the lake. Dispose of them properly. Pet waste spreads bacteria and diseases – so keep that out of the lake and storm drains too! Boaters should remove all plant parts from the motor, trailer, anchors, and fishing gear to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.



Are you interested in LAKEWATCH and doing monthly testing? Connor is a senior and will go off to college this fall and will need to pass this torch on to another willing resident in the near future. Connor took over the job from Cotton Yarborough when he headed off to college in 2017. If you are interested, contact the Leach Family! nyleach@gmail.com 