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Summer Time!

August 2018

Captain Davis Maas Catch'in Those Bass

A happy dad looks on during catch and release on Lake Carroll June 10, 2018.

Photo submitted
by Mark Snellgrove

Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, August 13, 2018

CRD Executive Meeting: 6 p.m. • CRD Regular Meeting: 6:30 p.m. • CCA: 7 p.m.

Carrollwood Rec Center - 3515 McFarland Road

Residents welcome to attend.

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Have a Great Summer!

by Jim Powell, CCA President

Well, we had a very successful July 4th celebration this year!

Special thanks go out to Neil Norden, Mark Georgiades and John Perez for coordinating and managing the event for our community. If you see them in the Community, please reach out and say thanks as they put in many hours getting such a great event together. We'd also



John Perez



Mark Georgiades



Neil Norden

like to give a special thanks to the Tampa Bay Water Ski Show Team, Whaleys and Burger Monger for being such a significant part of our celebration!

We did not have a Board meeting in July, so our next meeting will be in August. Have a great summer! 🇧🇷



From the Editor

Roxanne Clapp

Sorry for the scavenger hunt on the page number references last month. Hope you found something interesting to read along the way.

Thanks to those of you who straightened me out! ~Roxanne



Swim platform moved by Board member Mike Carelli



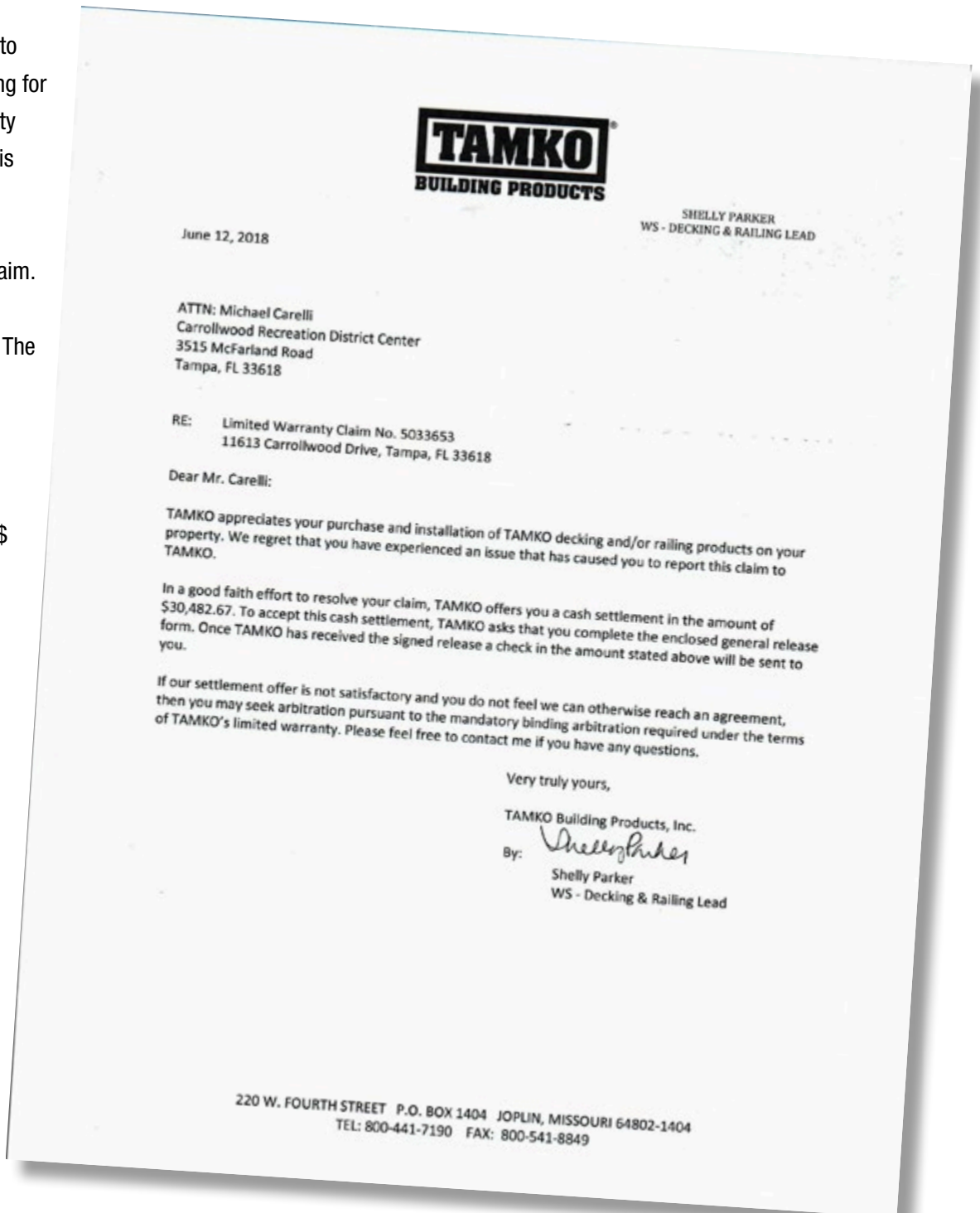
by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

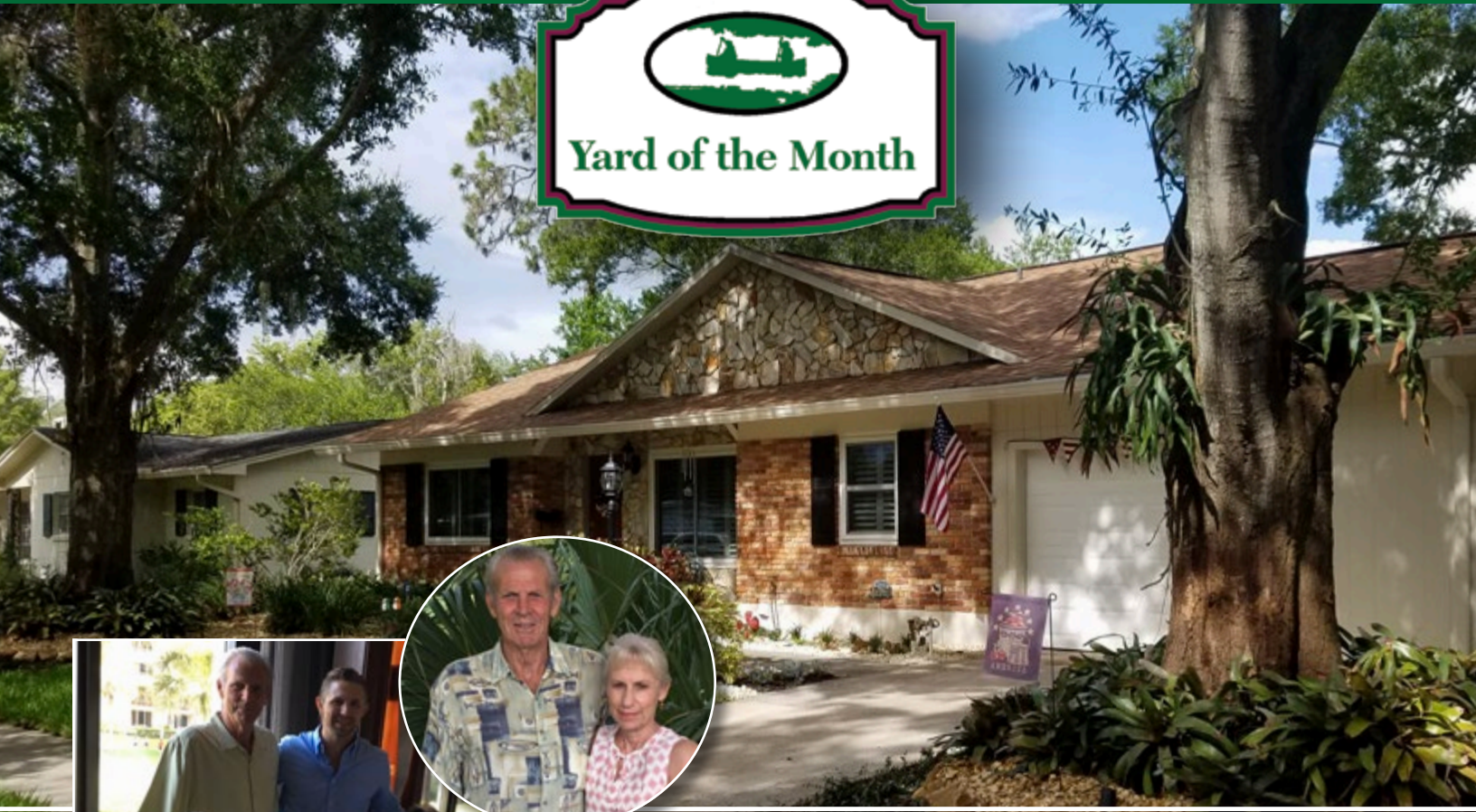
The CRD Board is pleased to announce that all new decking for White Sands Beach and Scotty Cooper Park is on the way this fall. Thanks to the efforts of Board member, Mike Carelli, who submitted a warranty claim. The manufacturer offered a settlement (see letter inset). The total cost is estimated to be around \$65,000, but this settlement puts a big dent in it :-). The \$30,482.67 check has been received and the \$\$ is in the bank.



Trustee Mike Carelli

If you see Mike around the neighborhood, be sure and say - GREAT JOB !





The Schmidt family

My husband and I retired in April, 2016, from Hockessin,

Delaware, and moved to Carrollwood. We wanted to be closer to my older son and his wife who live in Tampa and were expecting a baby. We became first-time grandparents.

We worked hard on the yard and are pleased at how it turned out. As you can see from the picture, we added a lot of plants and love our trees. In the back, there is an inground pool enclosed in a lanai. A stone pathway surrounds the lanai and back walkway with azaleas, hibiscus, a small palm tree, cactus and red bougainvillea.

In the family picture (above) is my eldest son, James Schmidt, his wife Belem DelCastillo Schmidt, and their daughter, Agustina Schmidt. My grandson is due in September. My younger son, Stephen Schmidt, lives in Delaware.

My husband had a brief battle with cancer and passed away in January 2018. ~Patsy Schmidt 🙏

10608 Coquita Lane Tom & Patsy Schmidt

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- Address of nominated yard
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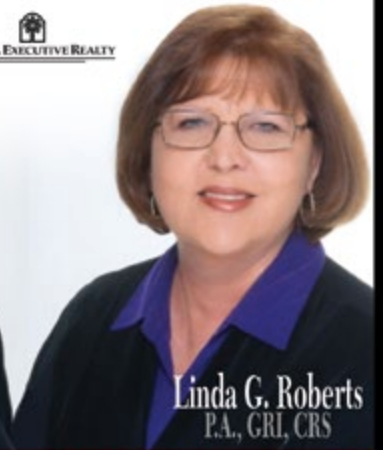
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STOP BEING SO MODEST!

by Roxanne Clapp, Editor

You know you really want to share that story about the day when you did that thing. Well, spill it! Share with the neighborhood! Neighbors are a curious bunch and everyone likes knowing what's happening around them. Give them something to talk about! Send your story for the next newsletter to Caroler@roxc.graphics

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It takes a Neighborhood to pull off an event as good as this year's July 4th Parade, Food, and Waterski Show. The CCA would like to recognize the following Neighbors that helped pull this year off this event.

- **BURGER MONGER** – 7th Year Supporting our July 4th Event. Jake and his team donate all the food and time at no charge to the communities. We Say Thank you Team Burger Monger!
- **CHANNEL SIDE PLUMBING** – 1st Year Sponsor. David



Williams (Our Neighbor) sponsored our Hydration and ICEE Pop's! Thank you David Williams.

- **SPARKLING ICE** – Multi Year Sponsor. Thank you Neil Norden. Hope everyone made a guess to our Mystery Flavor...
- **HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERRIFF AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS!** We are honored to have the best departments looking over our Neighborhood. Sherriff Chad Chronister special thanks for the Star Spangle fly over!
- **TAMPA BAY WATER SKI SHOW TEAM** – Your professionalism and energy is loved by all! Thank you. If you missed their show, they have a regular show at 6 p.m. on Saturday on their home ski lake in Oldsmar. 130 Burbank Rd. Oldsmar FL. Website: tampawaterski.com
- Whaley's Blazing BBQ – Thanks Todd...the ribs and pork were out of this world!

We estimated 675 neighbors attended this year's event. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves...See you next year!

Your CCA Social Committee-

John Perez • Mark Georgiades • Neil Norden



*Thanks for
Joining Us!*

Back to School Guide for Teachers and Parents

Back to school time can be both exciting and stressful for parents and teachers alike. Getting ready for the first day of classes is an arduous effort. Check out these tips from USA.gov to help make this year's back to school time easier:

- Schedule time with teachers. Keep an open dialog with school staff to help your children thrive.
- Get those shots. Some schools require immunization records for entry. Find out if your child needs any vaccines before school starts.
- Ease into the school routine. A good night's sleep is key to a successful school day. Preschoolers need 11-12 hours of sleep a night, school-age children need at least 10 hours, while teens need 9-10 hours.
- Pack a healthy and safe lunch. Choose a balanced meal for your children's lunchbox and make sure you keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Low-income families may qualify for free or reduced price school meals.
- Shop smart. Some states have sales tax holidays in August. Make a list, know what you need, and shop the sales. Knowing where the bargains are will help you save.
- Talk to your kids about online safety. Identity theft, cyberbullying, or inappropriate behavior can happen online. Teach your children about online safety as they use social media to connect with old and new friends at school.
- Plan and practice how to get to school. If your kids' school or school system provides bus transportation, find the nearest stop to your home and the pickup and drop-off times. Teach your kids to be safe whether by car, bus, bicycle, or walking.
- Teach time management. Leisure time, sports, and "screen time" can interfere with homework. Keep your family's schedule on time with these tips.
 - Make sure kids are insured. Your child could qualify for free or low-cost insurance through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Listen to your kids. Anxiety and nerves can take over, so provide a safe environment at home and in the classroom. Talk to kids about bullying and what to do if they encounter it.
- Get tax credits on tuition. Check out these IRS tips to see what kind of tax credits you can get based on the price of education.
- Browse lesson plans for teachers. See all the free lesson plans that USA.gov has to offer.
- Watch career spotlight videos. Have students who are curious about future career paths? Show them these Career Spotlight videos featuring many different jobs in government.
- Learn money management. No student wants to interrupt his or her education because of financial troubles. Get age-appropriate checklists to help students manage finances while in elementary school, high school, or college.

Source: USA.gov



The Dog Days of August

by Lula Dovi, OC Resident



Weariness is slouching on the bench
until the bus comes
to end the workday of two workmen—
floppy hats fend off some sun
but not the sweat on face and arms.
I also feel the 90 degrees of August
and would like to towel away
our searing season
when eight p.m.
still has the
overheated breath of a panting dog.

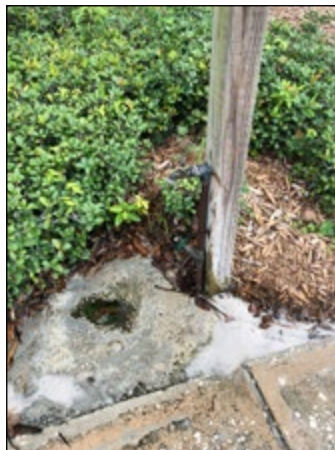
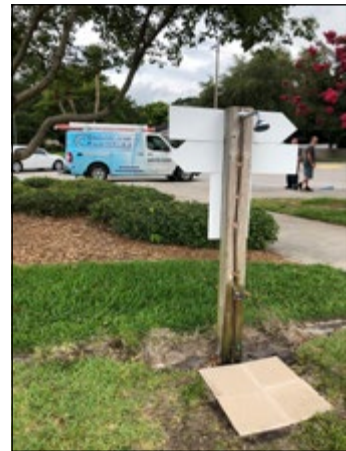


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Back to School Playlist

by Roxanne Clapp, Editor

- School Days - Chuck Berry
- ABC - The Jackson 5
- Rock N Roll High School - Ramones
- Fight Song - Rachel Platten
- Invincible - Kelly Clarkson
- Be True to Your School - Beach Boys
- Back to School Again - Grease 2 Soundtrack
- Anything from the Grease Soundtrack!
Seriously.

I'm probably showing my
age here. A bit.

Let's build an OC
Labor Day playlist,
send your
recommendation by August 10 for publishing in the
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OC REAL ESTATE REAL ESTATE – 101

Mortgage Rate Changes

by Wayne Wilson, Realtor and
OC Resident
43 Years



Within the past six months, mortgage rates have climbed from a previous low of about 3.5% to 5.5%. Needless to say, that can impact everyone and affect the housing market dramatically.

For example, a home selling for \$350,000 for a 30-year mortgage and an 80% loan with excellent credit at 3.5% will cost about \$1,260 a month. At the current 5.5% and under the same perimeters, it now costs \$1590 a month. That's a whopping \$330 per month increase. For those of you who have been in the workplace for 15 or 20 years, that doesn't seem like a deal breaker. But for the young couple looking for their first home who saved up the \$70,000 to put down on a house to get an 80% loan, that's a big deal.

If they were qualified to only make payments not to exceed \$1260, it drops their mortgage maximum to about \$220,000, and if they choose to put that \$70,000 that they saved down, they can now buy a \$290,000 home.

Now, what does that mean to you if you happen to be the seller? Well, there are going to be a lot fewer prospects for your home. And for the seller who may have a job change and has to move, it could mean lowering the price. That's ugly! The effect of that is a downward spiral like 2008. Hopefully, the FED and those people in a position to affect the interest rates will use great caution with a slow movement in financial decisions.

OC Listings

as of *The Caroler* deadline:

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

Status	Address	Htd Sq Ft	Price
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ACTIVE

A	10420 Butia Pl	2,355	\$354,900
A	11731 Lipsey Rd	2,409	\$450,000
A	10901 Orange Grove Dr	1,913	\$345,000
A	10405 Reclinata Ln	3,534	\$650,000
A	3014 Sabal Rd	2,778	\$449,978

PENDING

P	11523 Areca Rd	1,782	\$299,500
P	11315 Carrollwood Dr	2,754	\$795,000
P	11808 Lipsey Rd	1,914	\$389,900
P	10317 Orange Grove Dr	1,905	\$350,000
P	3402 Picwood Rd	1,418	\$290,000
P	3603 Prunus Pl	1,960	\$390,000
P	2826 Samara Dr	2,839	\$489,900
P	3614 Schefflera Rd	1,818	\$205,000

SOLD

S	10601 Carrollwood Dr	1,630	\$448,500
S	3318 Lacewood Rd	1,955	\$389,000
S	11743 Lipsey Rd	2,376	\$435,000
S	3320 Lacewood	1,772	\$321,000
S	3111 McFarland Rd	2,028	\$315,000
S	10507 Orange Grove Dr	1,672	\$275,000
S	10603 Orange Grove Dr	2,138	\$310,000
S	3413 Picwood Rd	1,322	\$280,000



Our homes in Original Carrollwood have had very steady but significant improvement since 2008. We will need to watch carefully into the future for our stability.

By the way, as a side note, if you didn't go to the 4th of July parade, BBQ, and ski show, you missed a great one. What an awesome crowd! Once again, your CRD and CCA outperformed themselves, and you showed up. WOW, it seemed like there were 1,000 people there. That's why your home values are so much better than our neighboring communities.

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