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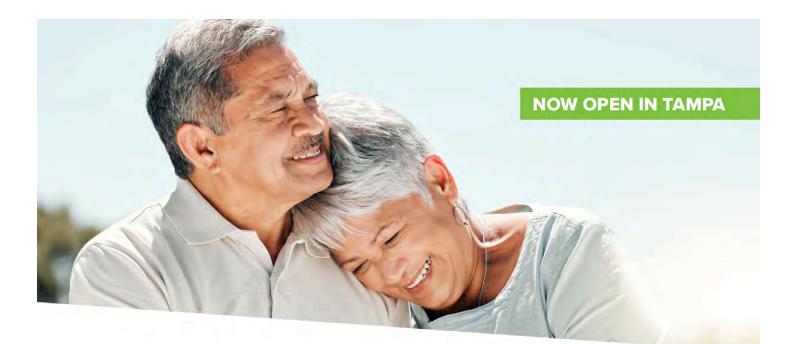


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If you have been receiving the Crime Watch/ Events and Neighborhood emails this year, then you do not need to do anything further. If you are a new resident or have not been receiving the emails, please contact: crimewatch@originalcarrollwood.com to 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

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Stay up-to-date with the Crime Watch/Events Email and our Facebook group. f Original Carrollwood Civic Association www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic

s we enter the dog days of summer and the kids head back to school, your CCA Board remains hard at work in support of this great neighborhood. Our August meeting was well attended with many significant updates. VP Josh Shaffer shared the results from our tree-grant program where we have installed over a dozen new trees in partnership with Hillsborough County to maintain our natural canopy. Lake Management chair Bryan Huls highlighted our much-needed water level increase in Lake Carroll. And social chair Jerrod Mills highlighted our upcoming events, including our Halloween parade and NovemberFest.

We also extend a heartfelt "thank you" to outgoing Board member Ashley Gray, who most recently served as our Secretary and has contributed to our Board and Community in so many ways. If you see Ashley at our upcoming events, be sure to thank her for her service to our Community!

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. We recently added a text feature, and you can now sign up to get CCA event details and news via text. See Page 16 for more information.

Lastly, as we enter the peak of storm season, please get yourself prepared and don't hesitate to help your neighbors. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please reach out so that we can help one another. Stay safe Original Carrollwood! 🛈





By Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

Some major capital improvements will be happening at White Sands Beach this fall. We are moving forward with access control (electronic gates), as well as making some much needed sidewalk repairs. We will also be looking at more modern access control for all the parks, maybe with a keyfob or card, or some combination.

Recently we have experienced an increase in nonresidents using the tennis courts. The fence has been damaged while individuals attempt to gain access to the courts. Residents with court reservations have had difficulty due to courts being taken by non-residents. By the time you are reading this article, a security guard will have already started in the evening to monitor access to the courts. Residents and their guests will be able to access the courts after showing ID and checking in with the guard. Please remember that guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times. We hope that all residents continue to enjoy using the courts and understand the need for one additional step, checking in with the guard. Please bring ID with you and let all guests know to meet you at the entry for access. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Happy Labor Day!

New Community Resource Deputy

Master Deputy David Bender has been assigned to another area and going forward Deputy B. Fitzgerald will be the new community resource deputy for our area. Dep. Fitzgerald is topnotch and you will be very satisfied with his service. As always please feel free to reach out to bfitzger@hcso.tampa.fl.us for any questions or concerns. Master Deputy David Bender says, "Thank you for your dedication to the Community and I am sure I will see you around at some of the parades. I will still be a community resource deputy, just for another area of District 3."

Chamberlain High School News



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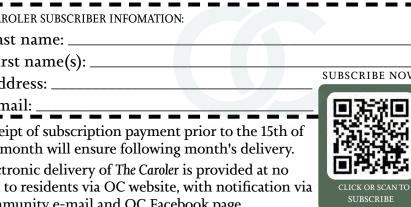
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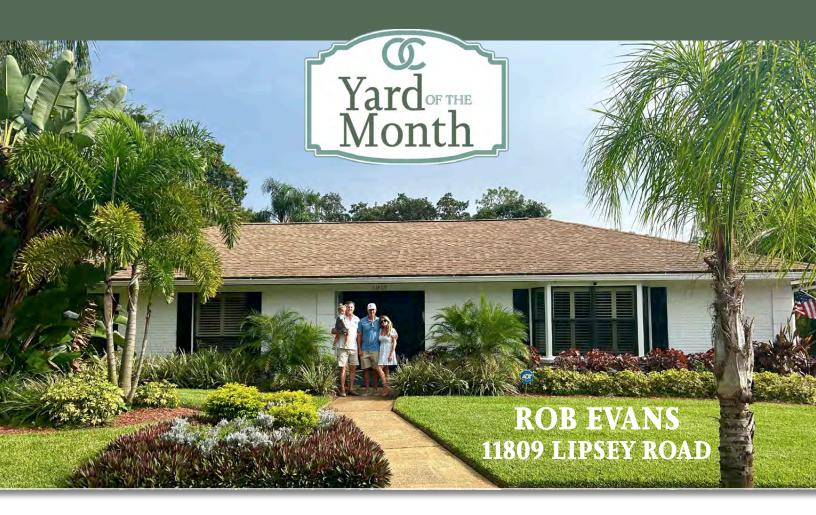
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\mathbb{Q} | What do you love most about your home and yard?

A | "I was a builder and general contractor for thirty-five years here in the Bay area. I always enjoyed helping in the landscape design of the communities and homes. This home has a great open floor plan with many architectural features and also a big yard that allowed us to redesign."

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

A | "My favorite memory was when I threw the last bag of mulch in the beds. Although that continues through the years"

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

A | "This Community is very special with all the amenities and the lake access. All of our neighbors are close-knit and outstanding. I'm proud and thankful!"

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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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THE OAK TREE IN THE MEDIAN ON LAKE CARROLL WAY

by Dan Fucarino, OC resident and retired owner of Carrollwood Pharmacy

In early 1989, one of my original employees, Cynthia Seman, advised me that she was leaving my employment to pursue college. I asked her if she knew anyone who might be interested in her position. Initially, she didn't have any suggestions. However, a few days later she advised me that her grandfather was looking for a part-time job to pass the time. At first, I thought this might be a bad idea. I had very little experience hiring people and I wasn't sure a 71-year-old man would be able to do the job. I told Cynthia to have him come by and I would talk to him. I had come up with several reasons why he shouldn't do this job and had thought through how I would tell him how this job paid poorly and was below his qualifications. When Osmon "Deacon" Jones came for the interview, he looked exactly as I might expect. He was a elderly looking man, short in stature, wore glasses, had a coat and tie on and wore a fedora. He looked "grandfatherly." I asked him if he had any experience working in a pharmacy. He replied with a chuckle, "Why yes, I was working in a drug store when I met my wife Erma." I asked how long he had been married and he said, "fifty years." I thought to myself, how much had changed in pharmacy in 50 years. While we were speaking, I began to see the charm and wit that only an elderly southern gentleman can exhibit. After a long conversation, I was sold. Deacon was my man. He would charm all my customers while I filled their prescriptions. He began working just a few hours each week and became a fixture in our pharmacy. Just as I had imagined, he would charm the people with his great stories and wit. I would hear him quoting from Mark Twain one minute and the Bible the next. I was very fortunate to work many of the hours he worked. I say that because he imparted some wisdom to me that I hope I can pass on to many others. At that time my children were very young (eight and five years old) and I was struggling to get away from work enough to spend time with them. He would calm my fears and lecture me in the same sentence. He would say something like: "Son, you gotta make a living first but keep your boys your top priority". Then he went on to tell the story about his wife complaining to him about his son tearing up the grass when his son and his friend's played basketball in their yard. He told her "Erma, we are lucky to have them boys at

our house! Do you want your boy playing in the streets with people you don't even know?"

Deacon talked about being drafted during World War II. Deacon was from a small Southeast Georgia town. His wife's father was an optometrist and had very high expectations of the man who married his daughter. Deacon had learned watch making and started a small jewelry and watch repair business in this small town. His wife Irma was pregnant with their first child (Cherrie) when he was drafted into the Marines. Deacon was about 5 foot 4 inches tall and thin, hence he served our Country on the stateside. Since he couldn't afford to hire someone to run his business and his wife was a new mother, he had to close his business and declare bankruptcy. We are very familiar these days with people declaring bankruptcy (total debt \$150), but in a small town in southeastern Georgia, you may as well have committed bank robbery. He told me that he literally could not get credit or respect from anyone in that town from that point forward. He eventually moved to another small town about 30 miles away. Imagine a man serving his country and being ostracized for something unavoidable.

He also told many stories about selling farming equipment to cotton and peanut farmers. He mentioned a myriad of characters that he served through all of southeast Georgia. Some of the stories about those farmers he sold to were priceless. He had to work hard to earn their confidence and sell them equipment. He traveled a lot during those times. I imagine that those were tough times for his wife and family while he was traveling to make these relationships. He was successful because you could trust him in every word he said. Some of the farmers nicknamed him "Deacon" because of his "preacher-like" demeanor. He later sold tools out of a truck for Snap On Tools.

In the pharmacy, I could see him strike up a conversation with a patient. In a minute or two, you hear him chuckle his distinctive "he-he-he" and the patient would be laughing.

You knew you were in for the long story if you saw him taking off his glasses to wipe them off.

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DEACON'S STORY

I can see him in my imagination now, with that "wise old man" presence, standing in the aisles giving more wisdom than most of us will ever know. I never saw him angry and when I would get some negative vibes from a patient, he would say "remember Dan, they are sick." Deacon was a gentleman and a hard worker. Sometimes when we were slow, he would ask if there was something that needed to be done. He never hesitated to do anything I asked of him.

I regret telling this part of our relationship, but his actions define Deacon's character. On the Thursday before I left for a long Labor Day weekend with my family, there was news in the newspaper about a series of pharmacy robberies in Tampa. The police suspected it to be the same guy who

"Every mans work is a portrait of himself"

Osmon "Deacon" Jones 1918-1989

brandished a gun and demanded narcotics and money. I felt I should advise the employees about this news and let them know how to act. A gun-wielding robber had held me up in my previous job; something that you never forget. I asked them to look around the store and see if there was anything in the pharmacy worth dying for. Of course, they all replied "nothing." "Exactly," I said, "Please give the guy what he wants and get him out of here." On Friday, another pharmacy robbery took place. The story in the morning paper stated that the gunman had shot at the pharmacist even though he was unprovoked. Deacon read that to Erma and said he was told about this guy already. The Saturday before Labor Day (September 2nd , 1989), Deacon worked with a lady pharmacist who had worked for us a couple of times before. It was her first time working with Deacon. She had a three-month-old child and showed Deacon a picture of her. I called the Pharmacy at 11:45 a.m. to check on things. The Pharmacist (Paula) told me that it had been busy earlier, but it was raining pretty hard now. I gave her my phone number and told her to call if she had any questions. A few minutes later, a tall man (6' 5" tall) entered the store while Deacon was counting the register in the back office. The man told Paula to give him narcotics and pointed a gun at her. She walked past Deacon and told him that they were being robbed and please just stay right here. She entered the back room where the narcotics were kept. To get to the narcotics she had to close the door to open the narcotics door. No one knows exactly what happened after that, but I've got a really good idea. He likely approached the guy and attempted to disarm him. In the ensuing struggle he was shot and killed instantly. The robber fled with no drugs and no money.

The police and FBI arrived immediately. Cherrie's husband (Cynthia's father) worked for the FBI. By the time I arrived from Palm Island (two hours away), there were three television stations with cameras ready to roll for the evening news. The police had the picture of a suspect that Paula (Continued on Page 22)



(to be updated with additional information/events)

SEPTEMBER 13

Friday Night at the Lake (Music & Food Trucks) White Sands Beach

OCTOBER 11

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OCTOBER 31 Halloween Parade

NOVEMBER 8 Novemberfest Fall Party (adults only) Rec Center

DECEMBER 7

Holiday 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

More information will be sent out for each event. Have questions or need information about any of the social events, email us at events@originalcarrollwood.com

> Thank you, CCA Social Committee

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OC REAL ESTATE

By Clay Brown Managing Broker/Market President Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group



Greetings Carrollwoodians! As we enter the peak of summer, many of us find ourselves relying heavily on our air conditioning units to keep our homes comfortable. It's a familiar scene: The sun beats down, the humidity rises, and our air conditioning works overtime to accommodate our individual standards of comfort. While having a well-maintained A/C system is essential for surviving the sweltering heat, it's equally important to consider your home's insulation. Oh, to live in a house with the double insulated walls of a YETI cooler!

In OC, homeowners are increasingly facing the high costs associated with upgrading their

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home energy efficiency. Many OC homes are over 50 years old, and while they may have charm, they often come with outdated systems and materials that can drive up energy bills. For many homeowners, the idea of investing in upgrades can feel overwhelming and, at times, not worth the expense...and you may be right!

One major area of concern is the cost of energy-efficient windows. These upgrades can be incredibly expensive, with prices often running into the tens of thousands of dollars. Although financing options are available, many people find themselves questioning whether the investment will pay off in the long run. Unfortunately, the return on investment (ROI) for new windows and sliders is typically disappointing. This is one reason why you often see window upgrades at the bottom of the priority list in homes that have been "flipped." The financial return simply doesn't justify the upfront costs. Homeowners who spend \$25,000 or more on window replacements often see a return of less than 50%—sometimes even less than that.

If you plan to move within the next 0-7 years, it may be wise to reconsider the investment in energy-efficient windows and sliders. Instead, focus more on the insulation in your attic and sealing any cracks where that cool air might escape. With better insulation and sealing, your home will retain cool air for longer, meaning your air conditioning unit won't have to work as hard. This reduction in workload can Energy-efficient windows can significantly reduce your energy consumption in ways that your attic insulation simply can't do. Moreover, energy-efficient windows will also extend the life of your HVAC system

lead to lower electricity bills at the end of the month, allowing you to allocate those savings toward other expenses. When your air conditioning doesn't have to run constantly to compensate for poor insulation, it is less likely to experience wear and tear, ultimately prolonging its lifespan and reducing the need for costly repairs.

Now, if you've decided to plant your roots for the next decade or longer, investing in energyefficient upgrades can be a sound decision. Energy-efficient windows can significantly reduce your energy consumption in ways that your attic insulation simply can't do. Moreover, energyefficient windows will also extend the life of your HVAC system, as mentioned above.

While maintaining your home is crucial, your peace of mind is just as important. The summer heat can be relentless, but with the right upgrades, you can create a comfortable and energy-efficient living environment. In the end, whether you choose to invest in energy-efficient windows or focus on other home improvements, the goal is to enhance your comfort and well-being. So, enjoy the heat, but make sure to stay cool! ①





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*Please stage on Lipsey Road between Carrollwood Drive and McFarland.

COSTUME JUDGING WILL BE AT THE START OF THE PARADE FROM 4:30 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.

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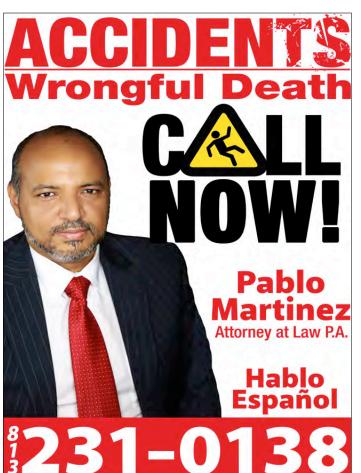
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With our social events, we ask that you do not share the information publicly or post on other social media sites. We offer these events for our residents and close family/friends.

DRINK - FOOD - MUSIC - DANCE Live Music by O.C. Residents and Octoberfest Experts -DeLeon Entertainment: Friday, Nov 8, 6-10 p.m. - Rec Center Adults Only - 21 and up

1st Annual Bike Rodeo & Safety Training at Original Carrollwood Park

Our 1st Annual Bike Rodeo & Safety Training was so much fun! Full of excitement (and sugar from the donuts), over 60 young riders took to the course, eager to sharpen their cycling skills and learn the important parts of bike safety! A few members of the Hillsborough Country Sheriffs Office paid a visit, and did not disappoint – they went above and beyond the call of duty to provide a memorable experience for all our young bike riders in the neighborhood. Baycare team members were available, fitting kids with new bike helmets before they took their skills to the course! Emily Hinsdale, of Sidewalk Stompers, was there too, promoting ways towards a healthier and safer community by walking, biking, or scooter-ing to school – the games and fun activities she brought sure were a big hit. The

kids (and adults) were all smiles as they rode their way through an unforgettable day of fun and learning. Thanks to our wonderful neighbors and support from the community for making this a day to remember!

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DEACON'S STORY

and two other robbery victims (pharmacist friends of mine) identified. His picture was on the 6 o'clock news along with the tragic story about Deacon being killed. A karate instructor for the police department immediately recognized him and led the police to his apartment. He was arrested and confessed to the crime. Because he was wanted in Illinois on another charge, he was extradited and faced charges there. He died while in prison approximately 14 years later.

The Jones family could not have been more consoling to me. I felt very responsible for his death, but they assured me that they felt no ill will toward me. They told me that the gunman deserves all the blame. The funeral was held in Tampa and all of Deacon's family came in town to mourn his untimely death. Our neighborhood, Original Carrollwood, planted a tree in the median on Lake Carroll Way in his honor. A stone pedestal with a bronze plaque is placed in front of the tree. The tree is now over 30 feet tall and is a beautiful reminder to us all about the great man who it honors. Irma Jones, Deacon's wife, chose the best words to inscribe on the plaque.

The plaque reads:

"Every mans work is a portrait of himself" Osmon "Deacon" Jones 1918-1989.

This is a paraphrase of a work by Samuel Butler- "Every man's work, whether it be literature or music or pictures or anything else, is always a portrait of himself, and the more he tries to conceal himself, the more clearly will his character appear in spite of him." My interpretation is that no matter the type of work you do, your work is a reflection of your character and the more you think you can conceal this, the more evident is your character.

Hundreds of thousands of cars have passed by this monument since it was placed there over 35 years ago. I'll bet that for many, this is the first time they've heard this story. I hope that the tree, the plaque and the memories we all have of Deacon live on. I know he has inspired at least one man profoundly.



Brain Teaser

What number can you square, cube, and quad and always get a palindrome?



Find the hidden peacock! It may be bigger or smaller, or a different shape or color.

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

Congratulations to last month's players!

Tom Shea - very creative answers! Marilynn Bozak Katherine Clapp

Last Month's Answers

Location of the hidden peacock in the previous issue: Page 10 on the bike

Hope you enjoyed last month's summer scavenger hunt!

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