

November 2024

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association



# the Caroler



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Monday, November 11, 2024

CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

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# CCA News



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By John Schinka, CCA President

The CCA Board had a productive meeting in October and we are looking forward to a fall season filled with neighborhood events. In addition to our regular updates, we welcomed Ethan Pliskow to the Board. Ethan will be responsible for our community standards and has already added to the great energy of our Board. Board member Corey McKeown will take over as our Secretary and we extend another big thank you to outgoing Board member Ashley Gray for her many years of service.




Ashley Gray

Dig into *The Caroler* to check out our upcoming social calendar. We look forward to a great NovemberFest on November 8th, our Christmas boat parade, and New Year's Eve fireworks! As the holiday season approaches, be on the lookout for information about our Christmas Eve luminarias – a longstanding tradition that really lights up the neighborhood.

If you're looking for more information, be sure to check out our website at [www.originalcarrollwood.com](http://www.originalcarrollwood.com) and send us an email to get added to our mailing list at [cca@originalcarrollwood.com](mailto:cca@originalcarrollwood.com). 

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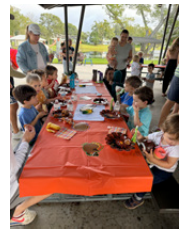
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## Toddler Turkey Trot Saturday, November 23rd, 9 a.m. @ Scotty Cooper Park!



The annual Toddler Turkey Trot event will take place on Saturday November 23rd at Scotty Cooper Park, beginning at 9 a.m.! All the little turkeys are welcome to come join us for a morning at the park. We will do a "fun run" around the park, followed by time to play and socialize.



- Ages 1 - 4 can participate in the "run." (Older siblings welcome to come watch or play!)

- All toddlers will receive a runners bib, medal and post-race snacks.



- Coffee will be available for the grown ups.

\*Check-in starts at 9a.m.  
Run begins at 9:15!  
Parking is limited at the park, please consider walking if you're close.







Mark Snellgrove



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Matt Lavisky



Dr. Anna Brown



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Kevin Shidler

# CRD News

By Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

The October Board meeting mainly focused on damage assessment from Hurricane Milton. White Sands Beach had to remain closed for a few days due to sewage backup in both restrooms that overflowed under the pavilion. This happens when we lose electricity and the Community's lift stations cannot process the sewage. The Recreation Center & Tennis courts had two large fallen trees and a lot of tree branches. One tree fell over & damaged the tennis fence in the very back. We were able to clear the courts for use the Sunday after the storm. Scotty Cooper Park mainly had a lot of fallen tree branches which were quickly cleared by Community volunteers. At Original Carrollwood Park, three light poles were blown down and several fallen trees. The best cost estimate for damage at the time this article was written is \$20,000, which is manageable.

Also, a big thanks to Hillsborough County Commission Chairman for getting the massive trees that had fallen on Orange Grove Drive and Lake Ridge Roads removed so quickly. He stopped by for a site meeting a couple of times.

Happy Halloween  and Happy Thanksgiving. 




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Go to Login and register your account. Our court facility is: Carrollwood Recreation District.

Once your account is added, you can see the upcoming court schedule, see courts that are currently available and book a court/time. 

The schedule will be printed and posted on the bulletin board on the side of the Rec Center as well.

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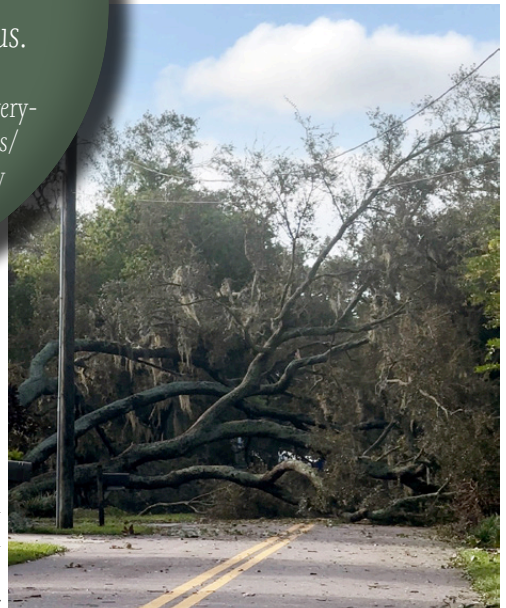


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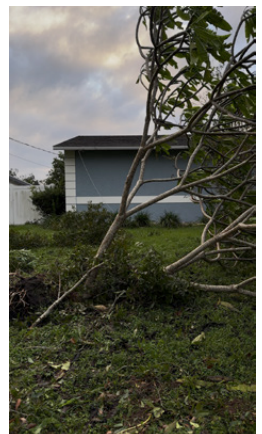
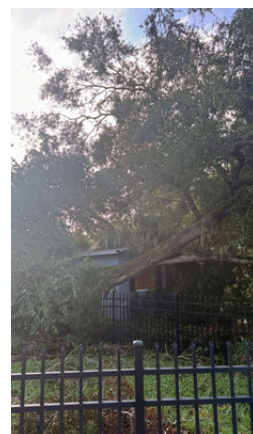
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Tree, home, and utility line damage in OC from Hurricane Milton as seen October 10, 2024.  
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Tree and utility line damage from Hurricane Milton at Phoenix Circle and Orange Grove. October 10, 2024. Photo by Daniel Francis







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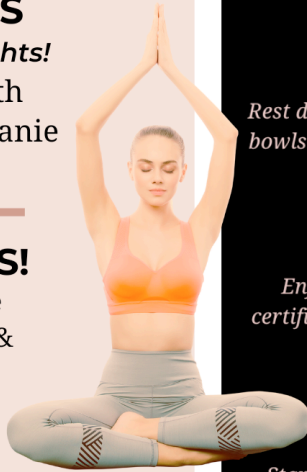
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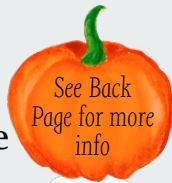
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**NOVEMBER 8**  
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Rec Center



**NOVEMBER 23**  
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Scotty Cooper Park • 9 a.m.

**DECEMBER 7**  
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Original Carrollwood Park

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

**DECEMBER 24**  
Luminaria

**DECEMBER 31**  
New Year's Eve Fireworks  
White Sands Beach

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

~ CCA Social Committee

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](mailto:events@originalcarrollwood.com)

Thank you,  
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## OC REAL ESTATE

By Clay Brown  
 Managing Broker/Market President  
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Greetings Carrollwoodians!

As I write this on the morning of October 9, 2024, the winds are still calm, but Hurricane Milton looms off the coast, and like many of you, I'm bracing for impact. My windows are boarded, the generator's filled with gas, and the flashlights are stocked with fresh batteries. The last two weeks have been a brutal reminder of the unpredictability and power of these storms. The devastation across the west coast of Florida is unimaginable, and the suffering of our neighbors—our friends and family—leaves me at a loss for words.

But even as I write this in a moment of uncertainty, I know that when you read it, we will have shifted into the season of thankfulness. Ironically, it's often after the storms that we see the clearest examples of what it means to be part of a community. Through all the destruction and loss, I've witnessed a beautiful spirit of resilience—neighbors stepping up to help neighbors, even in the darkest of times.

This is what I love most about Original Carrollwood. It's more than a neighborhood; it's a community that stands together, no matter what. And this sense of unity, this deep connection we share, adds something truly special to our lives here. In fact, I believe it even influences property values—not just in the traditional sense, but through an intangible quality that makes Original Carrollwood so desirable.

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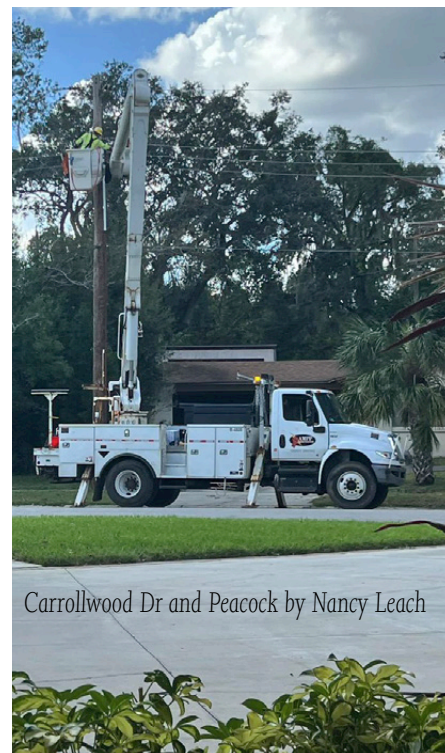
As we move forward into this season of gratitude, I want to express how thankful I am to be part of this incredible community. Original Carrollwood is a place where we not only live, but where we thrive—together. 

## This Season of Gratitude

Hurricane landfalls and gratitude may not sound like they belong together, but times like these remind us how great it is to live Original Carrollwood.

The hurricane left many trees down, snapped utility poles, leaf debris everywhere and some families had damage to their homes and boats. Milton was a powerful storm, but OC neighbors were out helping each other in classic Original Carrollwood fashion.

Neighbors helped clear trees, pick up branches, rake leaves, share ice, make coffee on generator power, grill and feed neighbors from now dethawing freezers. The OC Facebook page was full of information and advice, like where to where to find gas and reports of displaced wildlife. (continued on page 16)



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## *This Season*

Lake Carroll reached a record level of 37.86", October 10 at 12a.m. This tops the chart dating back to 1997.\*



OC Park underwater during Hurricane Milton. Photo by Julia Serynek



Flooding from Lake Lipsey Photo by Tammie Kim

This was the first time Lake Lipsey rose high enough to flood the streets. McFarland Road, Lacewood Road, and Lipsey Road were flooded closest to the culverts that drain into the lake. The water was pushed from the lake through the culverts into the streets.

Seawalls were breached and OC Park was underwater.

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\*source: <https://tampabay.wateratlas.usf.edu>



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# PRE-HURRICANE HALLOWEEN PHOTOS by Lawrence Davis



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## *This Season*

Milton made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane in Sarasota County Wednesday night, October 9, 2024.

# Thankful for

# GREAT NEIGHBORS

# LIFE

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When morning broke, the power was out and neighbors began checking on and helping each other. In the following days, utility workers from across the nation arrived to clear downed trees from utility lines and restore power. Some of the lineworkers spotted in OC came from as far away as Connecticut, Missouri, Georgia, and Ohio.

OC's resilient residents are thankful to all who helped with physical and emotional support.

# YOU



# History of Phoenix Circle

by Lorraine (Rainy) Kushner, OC Original Resident



In 1973 my husband, Gilbert, a professor of Anthropology, and I moved with our three young sons from Brockport, NY, to Tampa. He was starting his position as Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida. We purchased a home in Town and Country and in 1972 looked for a home in Carrollwood. Our oldest son was attending Independent Day School. When driving around Carrollwood, we noticed a plowed road which was the location of a plant nursery next to IDS. We were told Sunstate Builders were going to build homes on that property. We contacted the builder, chose a lot in what was then to be Phoenix Circle, and moved into 11727 in February, 1972.

At that time, there was one other occupied home. We met our neighbors, at 11725 Phoenix Circle, the first residents, Sunny and Jerry Brandmeyer, also a Professor at USF, and their 2 young children. I am known as Rainy, and when we met she said, "Hi, I'm Sunny." I replied, "Hi, I'm Rainy," a great beginning. Jerry was an albino and kept all of the giant podocarpus trees for shade in his yard except for a pool area. My lot was covered with the same trees which I wanted to keep until a later date. Jerry called me when a bulldozer was about to cut down the trees, stopped them until I arrived and told them to stop. Some of these trees remain in my yard.

For many years, Phoenix Circle had an abundance of peacocks. At two separate times, a peahen nested near our fireplace. Sometime later I found hatched and broken shells. Once I saw a beautiful albino peacock in front of our house. We became known as the turtle family because we had a small fenced area in our backyard where we enjoyed a variety of turtles. People would frequently bring us their found turtles.

New families moved in, many were professors at USF, some were physicians and attorneys. Most of the new owners had young children. Phoenix Circle was a beautiful last development of Sunstate Builders. It also had a Design Center where I was able to choose details including, cabinets, hardware, wallpaper, carpeting, etc. Our home, except for the building specifications, was our personal design. Independent Day School is directly behind my house and I continue to enjoy hearing the sounds of the children.

Many new families have moved in and out of the various homes. I love seeing all the young families on our street that continues to be a beautiful and desirable place to live. I'm so happy that Andy Fonda returned the Phoenix Circle tradition and gave us a chance to be together for a Fall Harvest Block Party. It was so sweet. Lots of young families and children. Wonderful!

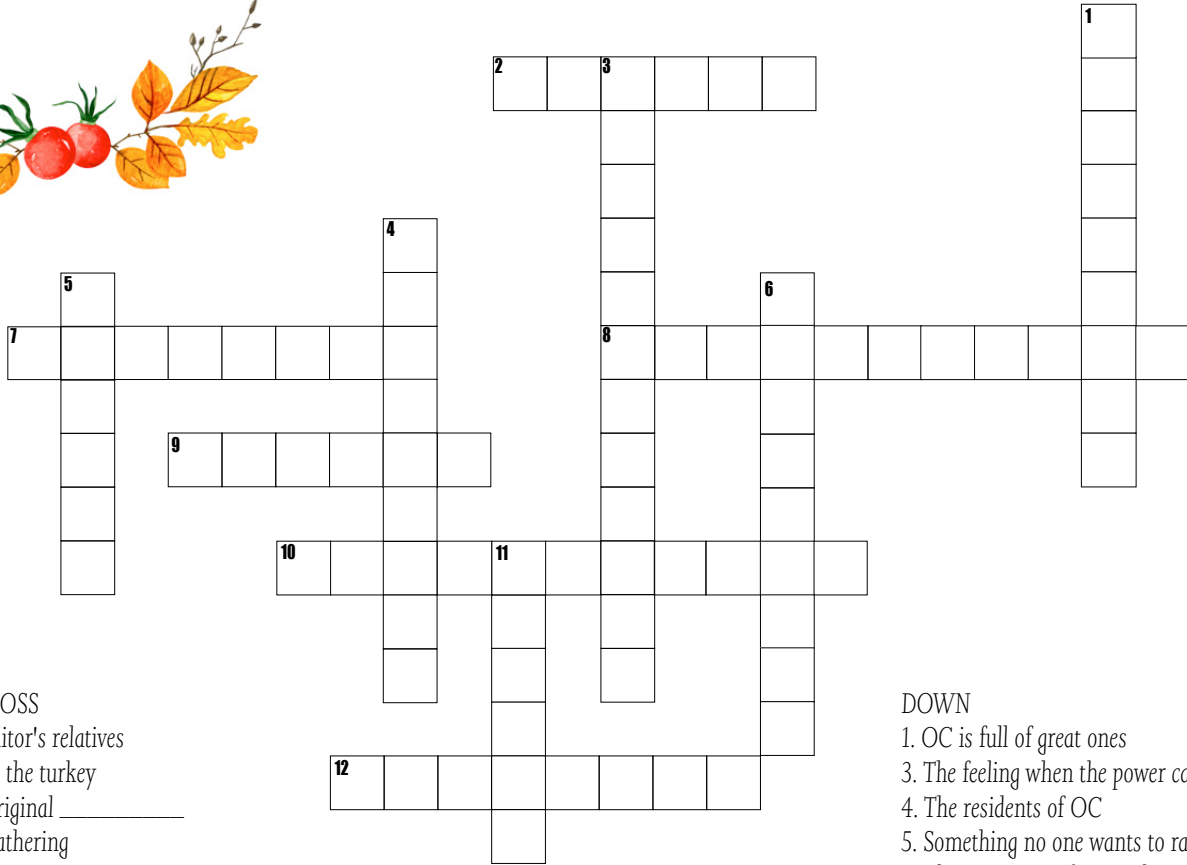


Andy Fonda hosts the Phoenix Circle fall block party, Friday, Oct. 18, 2024.

Photo by Andy Fonda



# Thankful Thoughts



**ACROSS**

- 2. Editor's relatives
- 7. on the turkey
- 8. Original \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Gathering
- 10. Happy it is on
- 12. What some possess to move trees

**DOWN**

- 1. OC is full of great ones
- 3. The feeling when the power came back on
- 4. The residents of OC
- 5. Something no one wants to rake any more of
- 6. The sentiment of November
- 11. Many will eat this in November



## Find the hidden peacock!

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

Email your answers to [Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics) before November 10. All who reply will have their name posted in the next issue of *The Caroler*!

## Congratulations to last month's players!

Tom Shea  
Jared and Becca Jones

## Last Month's Answers

Location of the hidden peacock in the previous issue: Page 5 on the pumpkin the ghost is holding.

### Halloween Candy Scramble

- 1. Sweet Tarts
- 2. Candy Corn
- 3. Nerds
- 4. Reese's peanut butter cups
- 5. Starburst
- 6. Kit Kat
- 7. Skittles
- 8. M&Ms
- 9. Snickers
- 10. Tootsie pops



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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.**

Costume judging will be on Lipsey closest to the Carrollwood Drive side. There will be a judging table and a sign.

### CATEGORIES FOR COSTUME JUDGING:

- 👪 Best Family
- 👦 6 & under boy and girl
- 👦 7 & up boy and girl
- 👶 Infant/Baby

Parade Update: With emerging new motorized devices and powered vehicles, we ask that residents **do not use any electronic or gas-powered devices/scooters/carts/vehicles in the actual parade.**

And always remember –  
watch out for our trick-or-treaters  
later that evening!

