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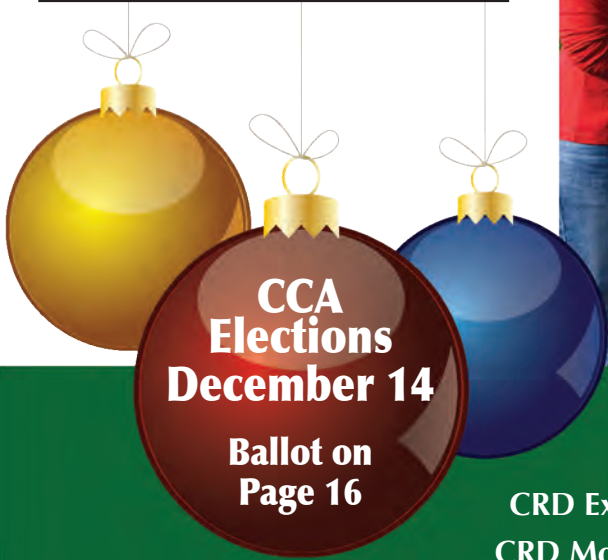
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Julie Brantley
 Brian Brantley
 Robert Potter
 Dan Good,
 Chip Johannes,
 Shari Johannes.

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**CCA
Elections
December 14**

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Notice of Board Meetings

CCA: Monday, December 14, 2015, at 7 p.m.

CRD Executive Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2015, at 6 p.m.

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by Jim Powell, CCA President



What a great Halloween parade we had this year! We estimate 400 were in attendance, and we saw some amazing costumes. Please check out Kendra York's article on Page 10 for more details and to see the costume contest winners. Special thanks go out to Jackie Lais, Kendra York and Neil Norden for making this the best Halloween parade event ever! Also, we wish to thank Thornton's for their great donation of Halloween bags filled with candy!

Our next event will be on Saturday, December 19, where we will kick off our annual lighted boat parade from White Sands Beach. We will provide pizzas and water at 5:30

p.m., then start the parade at 6 p.m. Bring your lighted boats out to White Sands Beach and join us. Then, we have the luminarias on December 24, Christmas Eve. Please see the announcement on the cover for the times to get your luminarias from the Boy Scouts. They will be managing that process for us again this year thanks to Neil Norden! Our last event of the year will be the annual fireworks display at White Sands Beach on New Year's eve at 9 p.m. Please see Jackie Lais' article on Page 16 for more details on this amazing show. We hope you enjoy a wonderful Holiday Season with your family and come out to join the Community at these outstanding events! 




Help Make The Caroler Colorful!

by Roxanne Clapp, Editor

Don't you just love the color cover! I would like to do this every month, and have been wanting to for a long time. I would also like to keep the advertising costs down so OC residents have an affordable place to market their wears to their neighbors. These two things are mutually exclusive! Unfortunately, the cost is substantially more to print in color rather than black and white. We haven't raised the advertising rates since I began as editor. That was over

three years ago. I know, I can't believe it has been that long either. I still feel new.

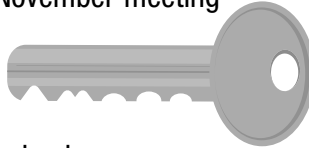
Maybe some of you reading this would like to help bring this newsletter in to its colorful maturity? Currently, I am seeking color sponsors each month to help with the cost of printing this newsletter in color. Sponsorships include front cover mention, inside mention, and a color full page ad; cost is \$500/month. See other color advertising options on Page 8. 



by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President



The CRD Board decided at the November meeting to re-key the lock on the tennis court gate. So, if you are a tennis player, please stop by the Rec Center to purchase your new key. We re-key the boat ramp lock at White Sands Beach every two years, so the tennis courts are long overdue. Our records indicate it has been 15 years since the tennis court gate has been re-keyed, so it's time. All of the neighborhood keys are high security to prevent duplication.



The Board discussed how to best utilize the \$20,254.54 left over from last years budget. The consensus was to

focus on some needed repairs at White Sands Beach. The wall next to the volleyball court is falling down and a support beam under the water pavilion appears to need repair.

The CRD will work with the CCA to extend office hours for luminaria sales, so be sure and get your candles and bags sooner rather than later. If you plan to be out of town, ask a neighbor to set yours out and light them. This is a great security measure.

Warmest wishes from the CRD Board for a Happy Holiday Season. 



Wishing you all the merriest of times this holiday season!

Roxanne Clapp, Editor

Merry Christmas

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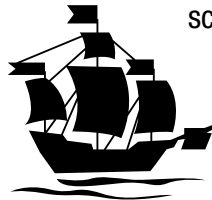
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by Kendra York

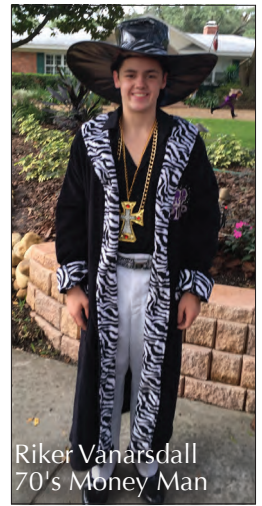


Taylor Family
Hot Air Balloon Rides

The weather was mild and the fact that it was on a Saturday night let the goblins stay up late. The judges really had some to tough decisions this year.



Webster Family
Caveman family



Riker Vanarsdall
70's Money Man

Everyone this year was so creative and brought their "A" game for their costumes. We had some of the hardest decisions we've ever had to make in our costume contest. We wish we could've given everyone a prize. They certainly all deserved them! Next year, we will set up a judges station and have everyone show up that wishes to participate in our contest 30 minutes early so everyone has the opportunity to show off their hard work.



Dagget Family
Under the Sea



Dylan Vargo
#JimmyFallon

Once again, Thorton's made a strong appearance with handing out candy bags to all our children. They are on the corner of Gunn Highway and Linebaugh Avenue. Thorton's always gives Carrollwood generous donations. Thank you to our local police officers for coming out to support us and making sure we were all safe. Thanks to my partners in crime Jackie Lais and Neil Norton, and to our judges Amy Cariello, Laurie Woodroffe and Jackie Lais.

Stay Spooky!
Kendra York



Pasley Family
Earth Vadar and Yoda



Miles Kirby
Superman

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- Dylan Vargo-#JimmyFallon

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- Elizabeth & Cecilia Wyland-Ducks in the Pond

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YOU CAN BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

by Wayne Wilson, Realtor & Original Carrollwood Resident



It's common knowledge that most people are advised to get their home on the real estate market in late spring or early summer as that is 'real estate season.' While the majority of homes do sell in the spring and summer, listing your home or looking for a home during the holidays or in the winter is not as taboo as some would lead you to believe. There are actual benefits to listing or looking for a home during the holidays, and if you've missed out on the real estate scramble of the spring and summer, starting a home search or listing your home now might just be in your best interest. Here are some of the top reasons why you shouldn't avoid listing your home, or looking for a home, during the holidays.

Many would lead you to believe that the real estate market comes to a complete stand still during the holidays or in the winter, but that's not the case. Every State's real estate market is thriving year-round, and that even includes during the holiday season. Serious buyers never stop looking; they need something and they're not willing to wait for the spring or summer.

Many people with school-age children want to wait to buy a new home when their kids are not in school, but the reality is that a family or anyone looking for a new home can move at any time of the year. For those that live in a mild climate, moving in November or December is just as easy as moving in May or June

Despite the fact that inventory will be lower in the fall and winter, people still list their homes, especially if they are serious sellers. While the market is slower, it also is less competitive in terms of other buyers looking for homes. It's likely the fall and winter won't create scenarios of multiple, high dollar offers on one property; buyers and sellers alike will have more opportunities to actually think about offers.

You'll see a lot of articles on how to spruce up a home to ready it for the real estate market, and while the tips are definitely valuable, it's not a secret that many people decorate their homes over the holidays. There's something warm and inviting about a decorated home, or a home that feels cozy, and people who list their homes in the fall and winter can take advantage of a fireplace or wood stove to make a room more inviting.

If your property doesn't have a fireplace or wood stove, you can use candles and other things to make the home smell inviting to buyers. While it may seem cumbersome to sell a property during the holidays or in the winter, you do have some ways to play up the season. And if you are truly set on avoiding the holidays, you can always put it on the market the first of January, when the chaos of the holidays is over.

Current OC Listings as of Caroler deadline:

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Carrollwood Wrecks Tennis Team

The last home match for The Carrollwood Wrecks Tennis Team is Wednesday, December 9, at 9 a.m. All resident tennis players need to be aware that whenever the Wrecks host a visiting team, all four courts at the Rec Center will be in use. The season schedule is posted on the Rec Center bulletin board.

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TRAVEL IMPRESSIONS

Skiing this side of the Alps: Good, Better, Best!

by Claire A. Modarelli
Cruise and Europe Specialist
& Original Carrollwood Resident

"Sweater weather" have you thinking you'd like to trade your water skis for snow skis?

There are options for whatever age, skill level and budget category you inhabit. Former USF President John Lott Brown (who lived on McFarland Road) took up the sport at age 50. He introduced me to Winter Park, Colorado, figuring if their famous school (National Sports Center for the Disabled) could teach the handicapped to ski, well...

Closest to home is Beech Mountain, NC, a convenient 10.5 hour drive from Tampa. Very family-oriented, the slopes are welcoming and less intimidating than peaks to the north and west. OC resident, Erika Freifeld, suggests this area for an intro to skiing. Laid back with southern hospitality, designer gear and couture are rarely seen in unpretentious Beech Mountain. Man-made snow is the norm, however.

For the not-so-novice, Vermont is a ski destination worth its powder. Imagine a post card setting of Swiss chalets nestled into sugar-coated pines, and you could put the stamp on Stowe, VT, home of the Trapp Family Lodge. Stowe offers excellent snow conditions from November through March. Foodies who prefer creative cuisine to downhill thrills can find a staggering array of taste treats such as Swiss fondue, cheddar fritters and maple syrup apps, desserts and even craft ales; only one hour from Burlington Airport with a stop at Ben and Jerry's en route.

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DECORATING SCHEFFLERA

by Shari Johannes

Four years ago, three families on North Schefflera Road began a tradition of lighting up their street during the holiday season. It all started when Dan Good, Robert Potter, and Brian and Julie Brantley decided to string lights across Schefflera Road between the Good/Potter and Brantley houses. Upon seeing these efforts, their neighbor, Chip Johannes, was impressed. He recruited Dan to help the Johannes family string lights across Schefflera in front of the Johannes house. Then Chip and Dan had the idea of stringing the lights all the way up and down the street between their houses. Dan, Chip, and Brian Brantley took up the task. The first year was a struggle. The guys had to get up high enough in the trees to hang the lights, and they had to figure out how to plug them all in. Adding to the difficulty was the realization that the lights could not hang lower than the height of the garbage trucks because the garbage trucks had to be able to pass under them. Dan woke up at 5 a.m. the first morning to befriend our garbage truck drivers and to make sure the trucks did not hit the lights. There were many retries in order to get the lights to hang high enough across the street. That year, the lights went from the Good/Potter and Brantley houses to the Johannes house.

The next year, the guys decided to string the lights up and down the entire length of North Schefflera. So more lights, more work, and more power was needed. Dan and Robert Potter added speakers in their trees to play Christmas music, and Dan hung candy canes on the trees along the street.

Each year, the Good/Potter, Brantley, and Johannes families have added more lights and decorations to their yards to make for a more spectacular showing. Other Schefflera neighbors also put out beautiful light displays and decorations in their yards each year. In the third year, the Brantleys and Good/Potters added a lighted peacock between the Brantley and Good/Potter houses. This was particularly special because it is the symbol of our neighborhood, and the families hope to add more of them!

Last year, Dan and Robert Potter purchased a projector to project a 3D image of Santa Claus onto the window of their garage. It looks like Santa is really there, putting presents under the tree and waving hello. The Brantleys also donated an old headboard to the Schefflera decorations. Shari Johannes and Julie Brantley created a "Merry Christmas from your friends on Schefflera" sign out of the headboard, which was featured in last year's display. All three families love Christmas in Carrollwood, and they especially enjoy the Carrollwood luminary tradition. They love sitting out in front of the Brantley house at a fire pit and watching the carolers drive by in their lighted vehicles. These families hope to continue their street decorating tradition for many years to come and to keep adding new surprises every year!

See more photos on Page 19

SHARE YOUR STORY

Want to share more or know someone that deserves to be highlighted in a future issue of *The Caroler*? Let us know! Send information to the editor, Roxanne Clapp at Rox@rox-c.com or mail to: 26504 Whirlaway Terr., Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

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2016 CCA Election Ballot

Carrollwood Civic Association

Election to the CCA Board of Directors

Nominations by the CCA Nominations Committee

Instructions: Check five (5) candidates from the list to the right.

Ballots will be cast at the meeting by members of the Carrollwood Civic Association at the Original Carrollwood Rec Center, 3515 McFarland Road, on Monday, December 14, 2015.

Voting hour is 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Election Day:

Monday, December 14, 2015

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CANDIDATES:

- Jim Powell
- Mark Tempest
- Jackie Lais
- Amy Cariello
- Jimbo Woodroffe

New Year's Eve Fireworks

9 p.m. • Dec 31, 2015
White Sands Beach

**Bring your blankets, chairs, and
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**Popcorn will be provided by
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NOTE:

The boat ramp will close
at 5 p.m. December 31.

**NO GLASS, SPARKLERS, OR FIREWORKS
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Due to limited beach area, the parking lot will be closed. No cars are allowed to park, with the exception of handicap vehicles. Please walk if you can, due to the very limited parking available.

Contact Jackie Lais, CCA Special Events with questions.
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YOU'RE INVITED! OC BRIDGE CLUB

The OC Bridge Club meets the **second and fourth Friday. Game starts at 9:30 a.m.** at the Rec Center. There is no charge to play, but your RSVP is required.



Hillsborough County Democratic Women's Club

A holiday social will be the highlight of the meeting of Hillsborough County Democratic Women's Club when members gather Monday evening at 6 p.m. on December 7 at Village Inn on N. Dale Mabry Highway at Humphrey. Those who attend may bring a gift of ten dollars or less if they want to exchange with someone. Also, members are asked to bring some school supplies or books to be distributed to students at Miles Elementary School. In addition, there is a request for non-perishable foods to be donated to Metropolitan Ministries. For further information call Lula Dovi at 813-932-6944.

Puzzle of the Month BRAIN TEASER

Santa always leaves plans for his elves to determine the order in which the reindeer will pull his sleigh. This year, for the European leg of his journey, his elves are working to the following schedule, that will form a single line of nine reindeer:

Comet behind Rudolph, Prancer and Cupid. Blitzen behind Cupid and in front of Donner, Vixen and Dancer. Cupid in front of Comet, Blitzen and Vixen. Donner behind Vixen, Dasher and Prancer. Rudolph behind Prancer and in front of Donner, Dancer and Dasher. Vixen in front of Dancer and Comet. Dancer behind Donner, Rudolph and Blitzen. Prancer in front of Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. Dasher behind Prancer and in front of Vixen, Dancer and Blitzen. Donner behind Comet and Cupid. Cupid in front of Rudolph and Dancer. Vixen behind Rudolph, Prancer and Dasher.

Can you help the elves work out the order of the reindeer?

Email the Editor at Rox@rox-c.com before December 14 with your answers. All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the January issue of *The Caroler*!



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S THANKSGIVING WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscrambling the letters revealed these Thanksgiving words.

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|---------------|------------|
| 1. ebsvaleget | vegetables |
| 2. sccresawor | scarecrows |
| 3. tbouyn | bounty |
| 4. antuum | autumn |
| 5. iymlaf | family |
| 6. dpeara | parade |
| 7. aasdl | salad |
| 8. rlocnastks | cornstalks |
| 9. ersedst | dessert |
| 10. fuftsgin | stuffing |

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you for submitting answers to the November puzzle!

Curtis Moreau
Bill Koehler
Tom Shea
Charlie and Kent Ross
Nilla Leto
Doug Norton
Jody Weber

Schefflera Road



Robert Potter and Dan Good
3612 Schefflera Road



Shari & Chip Johannes
3603 Schefflera



View of Schefflera from Good/Potter residence



Katherine Potter
10420 Butia (corner of Schefflera and Butia)

We are honored to be selected and featured in the Caroler for December! See the story, *Decorating Schefflera*, on Page 14.

NOMINATE A YARD!

- Address of nominated yard
- Reason for nomination
- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your email address

If possible, please include a photo of the yard with your nomination.

Thank you!

Email your nomination to YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com. Nominations can also be made at the Community Center, in person at Board Meetings or by visiting www.OriginalCarrollwood.com

Have you decorated yet?

The winner of the Christmas decorating competition will be announced in the January issue of *The Caroler*. Nominations are currently being accepted. The winner needs to be submitted to *The Caroler* by December 14, so get those lights up and/or nominate your favorite home for the holidays.



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