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Happy Holidays!

December 2023

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association



Holiday & Lights Decorations Contest!

See Page 8 for more info.



KYLE & BRITNI KOSKI
10318 LAKE CARROLL WAY
2022 Holiday & Lights Contest Winner

Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, December 11, 2023

CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

CCA Meeting: 7 p.m.

Carrollwood Rec Center • 3515 McFarland Road

Residents welcome to attend.

Rec Center Hours for Luminaria Sales:

Week of Monday December 11th, 9-1 and 2:30-5:30

Week of Monday December 18th, 9-1 and 2:30-5:30

CLOSED Friday December 22nd thru Monday
December 25th.

See Page 17 for more info.

JOIN US!

DECEMBER 2: Movie on the Lawn
Original Carrollwood Park

DECEMBER 16: Boat Parade
Lake Carroll/White Sands

DECEMBER 24: Luminarias

DECEMBER 31: New Years Eve Fireworks
White Sands Beach

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Neill Boyd



Corey McKeown



Adrienne Enering



Kristin Nail

By John Schinka, CCA President

Original Carrollwood will soon be a winter wonderland and your CCA Board is excited to spend the holidays among our neighbors! During our November meeting we discussed upcoming social events, including our Christmas boat parade and New Years Eve fireworks show over Lake Carroll. More detail on upcoming events can be found on Pages 8, 9, 16, and 17. We also look forward to our annual luminaria lighting on Christmas Eve – this has been one of the neighborhood’s longest running traditions and we encourage all neighbors to participate! More details on purchasing luminaria kits on Page 17. For those neighbors on Lake Carroll Way, please help us

in lighting the luminarias in the median across from your homes. We will have CCA Board elections at our December meeting as noted below.

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.

*Happy 101st Birthday
OC Resident Lula Dovi*

2024 CCA Election Ballot

Carrollwood Civic Association
Election to the CCA Board of Directors
Nominations by the CCA Nominations Committee



Instructions: Check six (6) 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 11, 2023.

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

**Election Day: Monday, December 11, 2023
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

CANDIDATES:

- Josh Shaffer
- Jared Jones
- Kristin Nail
- Adrienne Enering
- Matt Enering
- Neill Boyd
- _____



Mark Snellgrove



Dan Seeley



Mark Georgiades



Joe Costa



Chrissie Price



Matt Lavisky



Dr. Anna Brown



Jack Griffie




Kevin Shidler

CRD News

By Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

I would like to recognize and thank Sheriff Chronister for again attending Original Carrollwood's halloween parade. Also, he brought a friend, Superintendent Van Ayres. Superintendent Ayres was recently featured in the news at Carrollwood Elementary on the first day of school. Together, Sheriff Chronister & Superintendent Ayres are very important to our Community and we appreciate them spending time with us.

Also, public notice is hereby given that the CRD has a Board vacancy to fill. If you are a "qualified elector" in the CRD's tax base and interested, please email the business office or Mark Snellgrove for inquiries and attend the December Board meeting, as the vacancy will be filled through the appointment process. 

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Pictured from left to right: Sheriff Chronister, Mark Snellgrove, Superintendent Van Aryes.



Photos courtesy of Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

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Welcome Newcomer



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DIRECTORY UPDATES MADE QUARTERLY

Keep current for access to White Sands Beach. The guard service will be given a new directory quarterly and all passes issued by the business office will expire. The quarterly updates will not be mailed out, but only utilized between the Business Office and the guard service.



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KYLE & BRITNI KOSKI
10318 LAKE CARROLL WAY
2022

Q | When did you move to Original Carrollwood and what have you enjoyed most about living here?

A | "2020 - We really enjoy the neighborhood overall and holiday decor everyone participates in."

Q | What do you love most about your home and yard?

A | "Our backyard pool, patio, and pergola were what really stood out to us when we were moving in. The front landscaping and long driveway are great as well!"

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

A | "We think annually seeing the Christmas decorations that everyone puts up is a highlight every year!"

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

A | "It's so nice to have friendly neighbors and a sense of community in Original Carrollwood in a time where many neighborhoods seem isolated from one another."



**Cut off for entries
is December 11.**

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4th Annual Holiday Decoration Scavenger Hunt!

2023 Christmas Decoration
& Lights Scavenger Hunt in
the O.C.

The O.C. elves will be searching the neighborhood for fun decorations & lights to create our 4th annual Original Carrollwood Holiday Scavenger Hunt. We will send out the list around December 15th via email and Facebook.



80s Party



What a great night for the 80s Party at the Rec Center on Nov. 3rd. A special thank you to DeLeon Entertainment (we are blessed to have the DeLeons as long time OC residents) for providing the amazing music all night. www.deleonentertainment.com



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An OC Halloween



We had a beautiful Halloween night in Original Carrollwood. Lots of amazing costumes, decorated houses and the streets were filled with residents, families and little trick or treaters. The judges had some tough decisions this year. 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!

We want to say a special thank you to Sheriff Chad Chronister, the Hillsborough County Sheriff Department and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. We also had a special visit from Hillsborough County Schools Superintendent Van Ayres. We are blessed to have their support throughout the year and at our social events. The Sherriff's office provided an ice cream truck with free ice cream and pops!

We want to thank all of our volunteers and especially our judges Corey McKeown, Melinda Sheer, Dinah & Bryan Yarborough.

Thank you, CCA Social Committee





Photo by Frank Deak



Halloween House

Parrino Family
Areca Rd.



Our Costume Contest Winners



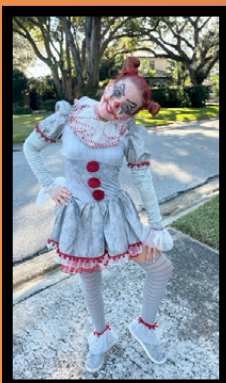
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Pest and Pest Control
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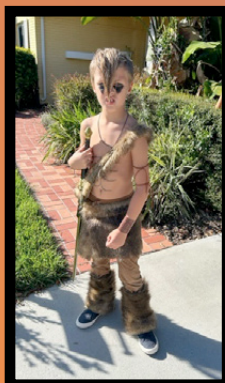
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Duck
Sutton Smith (Ake)
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BEST FAMILY OVERALL
The Adams Family
The Shaffer Family
Carrollwood Drive



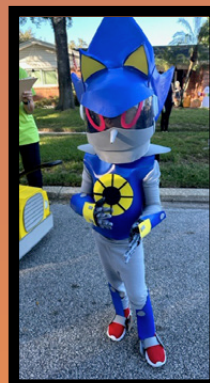
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McFarland



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GIRLS 6 AND UNDER
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Nora Grace Brown
Lake Carroll Way



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Halloween Night on Areca Circle!

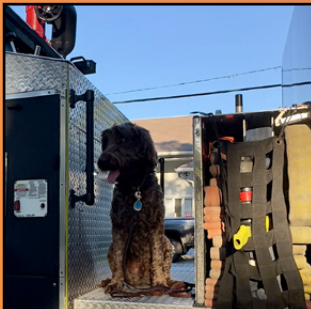
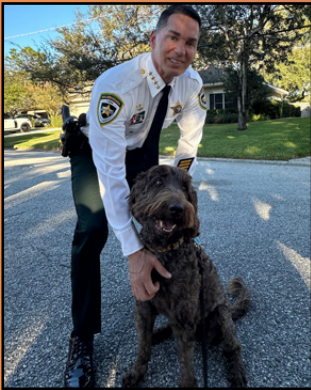
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Halloween Parade. Photos by Nancy Leach



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Zak enjoying the Halloween Parade. Photos by Suzy Guinta



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upcoming Social events



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December 2 starting at 4 p.m.
(movie starting after 5:45 p.m.)



DECEMBER 2:
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Original Carrollwood Park

DECEMBER 16:
Boat Parade
Lake Carroll/White Sands

DECEMBER 24:
Luminarias

DECEMBER 31:
New Years Eve Fireworks
White Sands Beach

BOAT PARADE DECEMBER 16TH!

Come on down to White Sands Beach and enjoy the evening! Music & Pizza provided.

Lighted boat parade starts at 6 p.m. Boats should line up north of White Sands Beach. The parade will start north of White Sands and then pass by White Sands to start.



Email us at events@originalcarrollwood.com with any questions.

Check our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic) and neighborhood emails for more information.

The Warm Glow of the Holidays Begins with You

Luminaria 2023

Every year Original Carrollwood basks in the warm glow of the holidays with luminaries that line our yards and common areas on Christmas Eve inspiring good will and spreading the joy of the season. Please join us in this long-standing neighborhood tradition by buying your luminary kit at the Original Carrollwood Rec Center. Luminary kits are \$13 each and include: 20 candles, 20 votive cups, and 20 paper bags. (If you have a corner or double lot, we suggest buying two kits).

If you're going to be out of town, out for the evening, or unable to set up your luminaries, no problem. For a small donation, and with the help of Boy Scout Troop 217, the scouts will set up your luminaries on Christmas Eve morning.

You can pick up your luminary kits and hire the Boy Scouts to deliver and set up your luminaries at the Rec Center Monday through Friday during regular office hours. The Boy Scouts will also be selling kits and taking orders Saturdays at the Rec Center 8 a.m.-noon on 11/25 • 12/2 • 12/9 • 12/16.

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THE LAST DAY TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THE BOY SCOUTS TO DELIVER AND SET UP YOUR LUMINARIES IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16. Absolutely no set up and delivery orders will be taken after Dec 16.



Community Service Is Part Of The Mission

The Boy Scouts of Troop 217 are honored to support the luminary tradition of Original Carrollwood. Last year, the Scouts donated hundreds of hours folding more than 16,000 luminary bags, setting up and cleaning up 4,000 luminaries in the common areas, and ensuring that the luminary kits were assembled, delivered and cleaned up as necessary. After Christmas, the Scouts took the used luminaries, sifted the sand to clean them of debris, and returned the cleaned sand to White Sands Beach. As a thanks for their hard work, the Carrollwood Civic Association made a generous donation to Troop 217 to help pay for summer camp and countless good deeds.

New Year's Eve Fireworks

9 p.m. • Dec 31, 2023 • White Sands Beach

Bring your blankets or chairs and enjoy the wonderful fireworks display!

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.

NO GLASS, SPARKLERS, OR FIREWORKS MAY BE BROUGHT TO, OR USED, AT THIS EVENT DUE TO INSURANCE RESTRICTIONS AND SAFETY.

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

We love hosting these events for our residents and close friends & family. We ask that you do not post the event information in public groups, social media or other locations that would advertise the event to the public. We have a great turnout from our residents, and it would be very difficult to host these events (financially and management) if we have them advertised to the public. Thank you for being a great neighbor!

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REAL ESTATE 101: HOME INSURANCE



By M. Wayne Wilson, Realtor, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group, Previous OC Resident 47 years

76% of home insurance claims are from Florida. Yikes!

I'm surprised. Like many of you, I see these disasters from tornadoes, and winter storms, etc. around the rest of the country and wonder why our rates are so high. Shouldn't those states and people have the same problem? And when you file a claim, it stays with you until you move. Then the home begins to get a fresh start except for sinkholes

and some flooding. Sinkholes stay with the home forever and insurance rates are typically affected by that.

Many people owning townhomes and condos are struggling with big jumps in their HOA fees over the past couple of years, but if your condo/townhome roof and exterior are covered by your HOA, they have no choice. If they have not had a substantial increase, beware. In the near future, you could be faced with an assessment because the HOA lacks the funding for projects they must fix or maintain.

The Florida Legislature has yet to come up with a solution to the crisis. I have my own personal beliefs but they never seem to make it to Tallahassee. Since the majority of the claims are the result of hurricane damage which is most often near the Gulf or Atlantic, shouldn't they pay more? As an example, the vast majority of people living on the beach seem to be people who use the beach as a second home. So, if their rates were to go up on their second home and their rates fell on their first home,

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S	10708 Carrollwood Dr	2,078	\$699,990

they would possibly be paying the same amount for insurance overall that they have been paying. On the other hand, the permanent residents on the beach will pay substantially more, but that's their choice.

Well, all of this is too simplistic for our Tallahassee crowd, so we'll just have to live with continuing to pay more each year. The good news is my source has said there is beginning to be movement into the State by several insurance companies. The negative news is that Progressive may be leaving the State.



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The Boyd Family

Can you tell us about your family?

Hi! We are the Boyd's, a family of four and one cat. We have been in Tampa for over 35 years and now raising our children here. I (Jordan) am a Culinary Arts Instructor, "retired" restaurant Chef and my husband is a Real Estate Team Leader. Alongside our brother-in-law, they run the Ealey Boyd Group at Compass. Our children are Brody (3.5 years old and Bensen (1 year on Halloween). If you're around Phoenix Circle, there is a chance you have been enthusiastically greeted by our son Brody. We like to think we're super fun and laid back. We enjoy entertaining in our home and gathering around the kitchen island with some good music and wonderful food.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

A little over two years, we relocated here after we grew out of our small Seminole Heights bungalow and to grow our family.

What brought you to Original Carrollwood?

Neill grew up in the area and we wanted to belong to an established community to raise our children. It has been the best decision we have made for our family.

Where do you typically spend time around the neighborhood?

We enjoy the parks and driveway conversations with our wonderful neighbors. We've recently taken up pickleball, so it's been great having the courts so close. We love a fun night out with the family at 1up playing games or date night at Michael's Grill. Our family lives a mile down Orange Grove; so we are usually all together enjoying everything this neighborhood has to offer.


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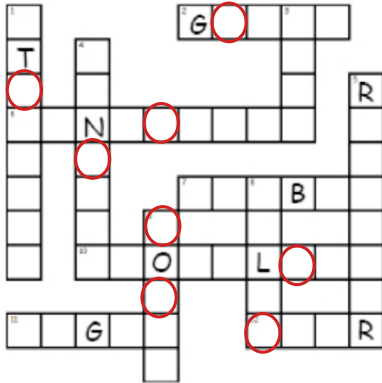
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Puzzle OF THE Month

'tis the season!



Complete the crossword using the picture clues and unscramble the red circled letters to reveal the winning word.



Find the hidden peacock!

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



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

Location of the hidden peacock in the previous issue: Hiding in plain sight on Page 10.

Answer to Last Month's Birthstone Quiz: Topaz.

Stay Connected!

MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

Email: cca@originalcarrollwood.com

Stay up-to-date with the Crime Watch/Events Email and our Facebook group.

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