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White Sands Beach Boat Ramp will be closed on July 4 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to accommodate the Water Ski Show entourage and vehicles. There will be **NO BOAT ACCESS** in or out of the water during those hours.

**July 4th Parade: 10 a.m. Starts at Rec Center Followed by BBQ & Ski Show at White Sands Beach**

## **Notice of Board Meetings**

**CCA:** No meeting in July

**CRD Executive Meeting:** Monday, July 8th, 2013, at 6 p.m.

**CRD:** Monday, July 8th, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

**Carrollwood Rec Center - 3515 McFarland Road • Residents welcome to attend**

**CRD Committee Meetings - See page 5**

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by Jim Powell, CCA President



Our June CCA meeting was very action packed. We approved two dock applications after performing site visits and completing our due diligence process. We selected Yard of the Month nominees for the next two months (Please email those nominations to Jim Blanco). We discussed a crime update from Brian Hughes that showed only 3 in the past month, so good news there. We discussed the lake levels which have been excellent and were greatly assisted by the rains we've had lately.

on the lake and encourage all boaters and PWC operators to go in a counter clockwise direction and watch for other boaters.

We then discussed all the upcoming festivities for July 4th. Please see the reminder on Page 8 with the full schedule for the day. Andy Fonda, Neil Norden and Kendra York have a great event planned for us from the parade to the ski show to the great picnic at White Sands Beach. Make sure to come out and join us for a super time.

Several of the board members reminded us to be safe



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by Mike "Mickey" Jaap, CRD President



The CRD has now worked out all the bugs for posting our monthly agenda on the website. For this reason, no printed copies will be available at our monthly meetings. Residents that plan to attend will have at least three options to obtain copies. You can request a printed copy at the rec center office on the day of the meeting, while it is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can access the agenda at the website while it is posted and print a copy for yourself. Or, if you have a laptop, tablet or other internet accessible device, you can access the agenda online during the meeting. The agenda will be posted by Saturday evening before each meeting, and will be removed by Tuesday evening after each meeting.

At our June meeting we welcomed Bryan Huls from the CCA, who informed us that a number of complaints have been received by the CCA about unsafe boating practices on Lake Carroll, in some cases by our own residents. In order to better inform residents (and non-residents), both Boards will be taking some proactive measures over the summer, such as inviting Florida Fish and Wildlife out to the lake, sending letters to residents that are observed practicing unsafe boating, and publishing safety articles to remind boaters of the requirements for safe boating on Lake Carroll.

We also voted on and approved the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. In anticipation of possible savings on interest on our debt, we budgeted a significant amount for capital improvements. At the same meeting we voted on the bids we received from the various banks and decided to accept the offer from SunTrust Bank, therefore staying with

our current lender. After weighing the options the Board decided that the offer from SunTrust best fit the needs of a small governmental agency that basically lives on a fixed income.

We expect that Treasurer Cary Brown will have signed off on the new loan terms by the time you read this. Once the new loan is locked in, a significant portion of the cash reserves held by the Board for future debt service will be freed up to finance the improvements we approved in the budget.

At Scotty Cooper Park, we budgeted to replace the existing chain link fence with decorative aluminum fencing, similar to what will be at the rec center by the time this article is published. We also included funding for new grills and picnic tables that were already under consideration by the prior Board.

At Original Carrollwood Park, funds were budgeted to install and secure a parking lot near the dog park, improve the fencing and therefore the security, and install workout stations around the walking path.

For this coming year, we also plan to landscape Duck Island with new materials that should almost eliminate future maintenance costs, and at the same time improve the appearance for the residents in the area. The reduction in maintenance costs means this should be a very good investment for the community.

White Sands Beach is slated to receive a new erosion control structure on the swim side, a project that was also in the works by the prior

*(continued on Page 7)*



### 13305 Latania Drive

Brian and Kathy Gonzalez. Recently re-landscaped,  
the plants are currently in full bloom!

## NOMINATION FORM

**Address of Nominated Yard:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for nomination:**

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**Please include a photo of the yard  
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**Thank you!**

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# PORCH TOPICS

By Lula Dovi 2013

Fuchsia petunias spell out  
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on a lily stalk  
and some trailing green philodendrons.

Porch people ramble on  
with chit-chat  
rest their feet on blue-striped rugs  
or atop a rust-colored ottoman.  
Outbursting mocking birds  
sing the nightfall.  
Woodpecker's drilling—  
for days now—  
cardinal and mate feast at the feeder,  
eye us closely.

A cricket's tinkle is nearby.  
Inside-outside is how we feel  
as the dusk drapes itself upon us  
spelling home at twilight.



# Monthly Schedule of CRD Committee Meetings:

## ORIGINAL CARROLLWOOD PARK COMMITTEE

No Meeting in July

## TENNIS/RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE

Sunday, July 21st  
5 p.m. at the Rec Center  
Third Sunday of each Month

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Monday, July 15th  
7 p.m. at the Rec Center  
Third Monday of each month

## SCOTTY COOPER PARK COMMITTEE

Saturday, July 28th  
9 a.m. at Scotty Cooper Park  
Last Saturday of each month

## WHITE SANDS BEACH COMMITTEE

Saturday, July 28th  
1 p.m. at White Sands Beach  
Last Saturday of each month

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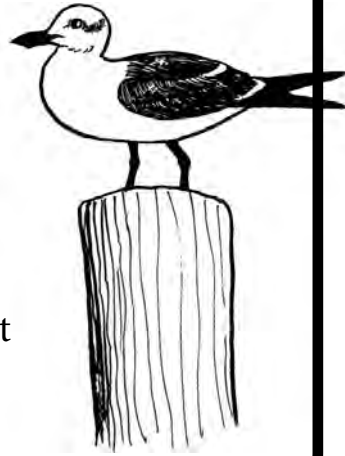
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## CRD News

Board. In addition, we are looking to renourish the swim beach and improve or replace the boat ramp gate.

During the upcoming year, residents who have ideas about the improvements on the agenda should plan to attend our committee meetings to discuss details with the Trustees. Even though the projects mentioned above are now budgeted, they are not yet bid or approved. At these meetings all present have the opportunity to focus on the issues related to specific projects before the projects are voted on and approved at the general monthly meetings. Resident involvement is the most effective way to ensure these projects go from drawing board to reality and provide the best use to our community.

We would like to thank all of you who have been contributing to our work through your regular attendance at our meetings, and look forward to your continued participation during the coming year.





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# Original Carrollwood July 4th 2013 Festivities

by Andy Fonda and Neil Norden

## Parade:

The parade will start at 10 a.m. The parade route will run from the Rec Center down to White Sands Beach. Residents should begin gathering in the parking lot of the Rec Center by 9:30 a.m.

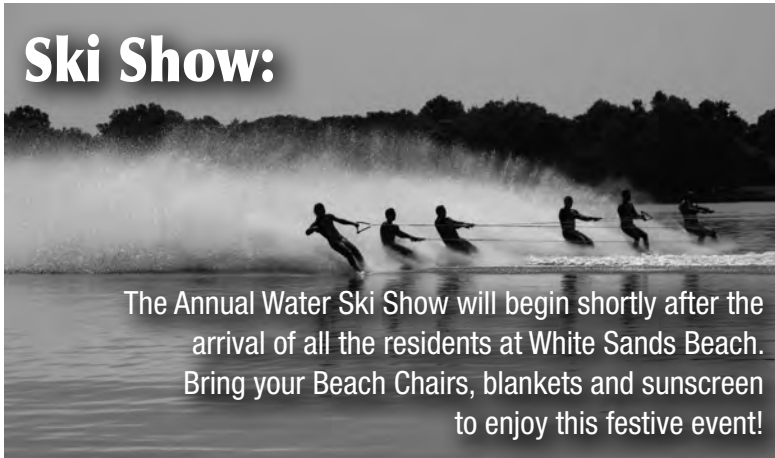
**Awards:** Judges will be along the parade route looking for Spirited 4th of July Families and Individuals. Awards will be presented at the beach.

## BBQ:

Complimentary BBQ will be served to Original Carrollwood Residents beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m.



## Ski Show:



The Annual Water Ski Show will begin shortly after the arrival of all the residents at White Sands Beach. Bring your Beach Chairs, blankets and sunscreen to enjoy this festive event!

## Service Hours:

Student volunteers are needed for everything from setting up, serving food, crowd control and clean up. If you need Community Service hours, please come WITH your paperwork to White Sands Beach. Volunteers should show by 8:30 a.m. at White Sands Beach to help with Set up. Neil Norden – CCA Social Co-Chair will sign paperwork.

Questions: Contact Andy Fonda ([andyfonda@originalcarrollwood.com](mailto:andyfonda@originalcarrollwood.com)) or Neil Norden ([NeilNorden@originalcarrollwood.com](mailto:NeilNorden@originalcarrollwood.com))

## More Original Carrollwood Fun Facts

by Gracie Hancock

- Lake Carroll's approximate volume is nearly 1.1 million gallons.\*



- Lake Carroll is monitored by 20 sampling locations which have collected a total of 48,004 samples ranging from June 1965 to April 2013. "Sampling locations" means volunteers go to these certain places every month to collect water samples to submit for water quality testing and research.\*

- There are more than 50 species of freshwater crayfish in Florida. We found this one on our beach on Lake Carroll in May. It was about 1 ½ inches long and a reddish color. I think it is a *Procambarus Clarkii*, commonly known as a Red Swamp Crayfish. If anyone knows for sure, please share your knowledge.

\* <http://www.hillsborough.wateratlas.usf.edu/lake/?wbodyatlas=lake&wbodyid=5187>

## Lake Carroll Update

by Bryan Huls

We have had much rain in the past month, so I wanted to pass along an update from the Southwest Florida Water Management District aka SWFWMD.

As of June 11th Lake Carroll was over 37' NGVD (Elevations determined using the North American Vertical Datum 88). All stop logs are out and the carp barrier is in place (this means we are allowing water to exit Lake Carroll while keeping our Carp in place). Based on the lake's "flashiness" or fast reaction to storms, SWFWMD will be managing the lake to maintain storage when possible, and will try to maintain between 36.0 and 36.5 during the rainy season with the goal of topping it off around 36.7 as we approach the end of the rainy season.





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Student Director of Writing Center, Math Team, Science Olympiad, Florida American Legion Boys' State, Robotics Team, Tampa Prep Ambassador. Honors and Awards: National Merit Scholarship Winner, U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Semifinalist, Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Art Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Junior Scholar Athlete Award, Harvard Book Award, University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, Wofford Scholar Award, Furman Scholar Award, Headmaster's List (9th,10th,11th,12th), State Championship Soccer Team (9th,12th).



## **McGregor "Mac" Coyne**

McGregor "Mac" Coyne graduated with honors from the Chamberlain CAPS program. President of the Ultimate Frisbee Club and Co-Captain of the Golf team, member of the Latin Honor Society, BETA Club, and Bright Futures scholar,. Mac played football and was on the Track & Field team. He will

attend the University of South Florida this summer and plans to pursue an Engineering degree. He volunteered at Original Carrollwood Community events, the Northdale YMCA and the Florida Aquarium Eco Tours. Mac's parents, Chris and Mickey Coyne, and brother Jackson celebrated his accomplishment in Dutch High school Graduation tradition by hanging his bookbag next to the Dutch flag and orange banner.



## **Dennis Lorence(DJ)**

2013 honor graduate from Chamberlain High School, member of the Chamberlain Advanced Placement Program, Beta Club and National Honor Society. He was a nominee and honored by the St. Joseph's Children's Hospital

kids are hero award for over 500 hours of community service hours in the Tampa Bay Area. He will be attending University of Central Florida in the fall. He is the son of Dennis and Theresa Lorence on Cocos Road.



## **Luke Pfof**

Luke Pfof of Carrollwood Drive graduated from Jesuit High School. Parents: John and Lynn Pfof. Siblings: Cara, Brianna, Carter. Florida

Bright Futures Scholar

Will be attending SCAD (Savannah College of Art & Design) and pursuing Industrial Design.

*If you missed the deadline for this issue and would like your graduate announced, please submit their information and photo by July 14th for the August issue. Email to the editor at Rox@rox-c.com.*

# OC Graduates!



## Maxwell John Gallagly

Congratulations to Maxwell John Gallagly Class of 2013 from Jesuit High School. Attending USF with a Bright Futures Scholarship. Max wrestled for Jesuit all four years, placing 1st at Districts. 1st at Regionals,

and 5th in the State. Go Bulls!!!



## Mitchell Norden

Mitchell Norden is the son of Shannon and Neil Norden and the grandson of Charles and Marianne Sincell. Mitchell graduated from Tampa Catholic High School and lettered in Football, Wrestling, Baseball, and Lacrosse. His academic

accomplishments include; The Presidential Award for Excellence, The Bright Futures Academic Scholar Award, National Beta Club, National English Honor Society, and Rho Kappa Honor Society. Mitchell will be attending Berry College in Rome, GA and will be playing football on their inaugural team in the fall of this year.



## Tahina Chanel Torres

Daughter of Samuel & Angelica Torres-10505 Lake Carroll Way. Graduating from Chamberlain High School Class of 2013 with a 5.78 GPA in the 8th percentile of her senior class ranked 33 in her class and she

was a was part of the girls Chamberlain Flag football team for the last three years. Clubs include: National Honor Society, National Betta Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Latin National Honor Society, Art Club, PTSA Focus Group, MU Alpha Theta (math club). She will be attending the University of Florida in Gainesville this Fall majoring in Dentistry.



## Rachel White

Rachel White graduated from Chamberlain High School's CAPS class of 2013. Rachel is the daughter of Tom and Amy White and sister to Grant and Noah all of Reclinata Lane. She had the honor of serving as the President of NHS, V.P.

of FCA, Beta, National English Honor Society, Civinettes and lettered in Volleyball. Rachel will be attending the University of Florida where she intends to major in Communications/Broadcasting.



*OC resident Hannah Starnes, Sunil Shaw, OC resident Adler Shannon, Adam Shaikh, Morgan Graff-Corbett Prep of IDS Class of 2013*

# This & That



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## SELLING YOUR HOME 101 APPRAISAL/VALUE

by Wayne Wilson, Realtor - OC Resident

When housing prices began their great fall in 2008 there also became the fallout that accompany these issues. Immediately, everyone at fault begins to look for scapegoat. The appraisal industry is one of the first to take the heat. Consequently, the survivors become paranoid and begin to be much more aggressive with their research. The end result has been that in this appreciating marketplace we are experiencing many appraisals coming in below contract prices. What does this mean? Well in simple terms, the seller either has to lower his price or the buyer has to come up with extra money. For example: A buyer offers a seller 200,000 for a home with 20% down and 80% financing. This means the buyer has \$40,000 cash and the Mortgage Company will have \$260,000 to loan. But if the appraisal comes in at \$180,000 the mortgage company will only loan \$144,000 meaning the buyer has to come up with an additional \$16,000 cash or the seller has to reduce his price by \$20,000. Experience teaches us that most buyers will not come up with more cash. If the seller walks away, then he'll be faced with probably the same situation if another offer comes in. You must be sure that you have received good comparisons for your property before it goes on the

market and your Realtor should be able to do that. He/she should then be able to show the appraiser how the seller arrived at their price. This doesn't mean that the appraiser will use any of this data but it does help since many appraisers are not always familiar with the specific locale, which is critical to Carrollwood residents.

And finally, we are down to just 4 homes left on the market and each has been on the market for over 150 days.

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2816 Samara Dr.	2,757 sq ft	\$359,000
3329 Valencia Rd.	2,706 sq ft	\$349,900

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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. To RSVP or for more information, call Michele Shahnasarian at 931-4356 or Dorothy Miller at 932-9819. Join us.



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## Hillsborough County Democratic Women's Club

Herbs and spices will be the topic at the July 1st meeting of the Hillsborough County Democratic Women's Club. The speaker will be Lucy Hoyt, master gardener at University of Florida. She will be bringing samples.

The meeting will begin Monday night at 6 p.m. at Mimi's Cafe, 11702 N. Dale Mabry Highway next to Barnes and Noble book store. The public is invited. For further information call Lula Dovi at 932-6944.

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## Pulitzer Winner from OC

Submitted by Gina Parker Hampton Place / Valencia Rd.

Great news about our neighbors Dottie and Bob Banker. Their daughter Dana, who attended Carrollwood Elementary and graduated from Chamberlain High School, led the team that just won the Pulitzer Prize.

Dana Banker is Metro Editor of the Sun Sentinel newspaper in Fort Lauderdale. She and her team won journalism's most prestigious award — the Pulitzer Gold Medal for Public Service.

Their ground breaking investigation used data from Sunpass records to document widespread and dangerous off-duty speeding by South Florida police officers.

On May 30, Dana and her team were recognized at the Pulitzer luncheon at Columbia University in New York, which administers the Pulitzer Prizes.

"We're so proud of Dana. She works so hard and cares so much, and its great to see her efforts recognized," said Dottie and Bob Banker.

The Bankers have lived in the Carrollwood area since 1962. They are lifelong members of Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church. Bob Banker is a founding partner of the law firm of Banker Lopez Gassler.



Dana Banker



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# Original Carrollwood Running Group

The Original Carrollwood Running Group (OCRG) is an informal group of your running loving neighbors. They meet Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 5 a.m. at Scotty Cooper Park, and welcome runners of all ages and paces.

About six years ago, Lana Vargo and Michelle Thames started looking for someone to run with, and the group has grown over the years to approximately 45 members. OCRG has members ranging in ages and speed and ability, from occasional runners to Ironman triathletes! Some run at every gathering, and some only when they can manage to get up that early. There are local runners and some that travel for marathons. Four members ran the Boston Marathon this year and were about one block away from the blast. Thankfully, all were unharmed. The Disney Marathon, Marine Corps Marathon, Gasparilla, and Rock N Roll St. Pete are among many other marathons that members have participated in.



The members are not necessarily pro athletes and everyone is encouraged to join the group. Lana promises no one is left behind and there is always someone to run with.

A couple of times a year, the group gets together for casual gatherings, such as a picnic or Christmas celebration, when they aren't actually running.



**Please be cautious  
and courteous when  
you see runners on  
the road.**



Members of the group are invited to join a Facebook page where they post times and locations of who's running when.

Want to join them for a run? Head on out to Scotty Cooper Park when they meet, or call Lana Vargo at 813-690-0693.



*"We are pushed to become better runners because of each other".*

*— Lana Vargo*



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# Boating Safety Focus of Saturday Gathering at White Sands Beach

By Judy Gray

A group of 27 Lake Carroll residents gathered at White Sands Beach on Sat. Jun. 15, 2013, for an informal discussion and vessel safety checks with members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. They reviewed boating safety tips, discussed required emergency equipment for vessels and talked about navigation rules, safe speeds on Lake Carroll, and that paddle boards of any length are considered regulated vessels. They also shared that underwater hazards or floating debris could cause unforeseen accidents on any body of water. Attendees of all ages agreed the review was worthwhile, and that safe boating was a lakeside community concern.

**“We’ve had some boating safety concerns and felt ongoing discussions could promote awareness,”**

— Bryan Huls, Lake Committee Chair for the Carrollwood Civic Association.

Lake Carroll resident Carolyn Ure concurred.

“The whole family benefitted by attending,” she said. Ure attended along

with her husband and two sons, and received a vessel sticker following a thorough vessel exam and safety discussion.

“The most important thing we learned is that the boating rules are the same whether you are boating on the bay or on a private lake,” she said. “Now that we know Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission can stop you on Lake Carroll, we will be prepared.”

Auxiliarists also reminded the group that:

- they must have a United States Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each person aboard. For Florida state regulations, log on to: <http://www.boat-ed.com/fl/handbook/pfds.htm>
- children under six-years-old must wear a life vest at all times, according to Florida law
- ensure the boat driver is sober at all times
- current vessel documentation and properly displayed registration numbers
- fire extinguishers
- sound producing devices (whistle, air horns)



*Tom Ure and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist review required safety items for boaters on Sat, Jun. 5, 2013 at White Sands Beach.*

Auxiliarist Zach Lessin mentioned boaters should consider assembling “Person in the Water” kits, including:

- a throwable flotation device
- dry towels and a blanket
- dry clothing and shoes
- first aid kit

Planning and preparation were emphasized as key components to safety on the water, whether on a lake or open water. While attendees seemed familiar and comfortable with safety gear, all agreed a similar discussion could benefit all boaters in our community.

“Thank you to all for scheduling that informative boating safety meeting,” said Ure. “We hope you will do this every year. Our special thanks to all the nice Coast Guard guys who came to help out,” she said.

The Auxiliary offers 13-week boating safety courses including review of proper radio and Mayday procedures, preparing a float plan, emergency positioning indicator radio beacons and navigation charts. Log on to [www.uscgaux.org](http://www.uscgaux.org), or call: 1-800-368-5647 for more information.

*Carrollwood residents attended a casual but informative talk on boating safety and emergency gear at White Sands Beach, Sat. Jun. 15, 2013. Just a few of the attendees pictured.*



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## CRD Budget Approved

Submitted by Cary Brown

On June 10, the CRD Board of Trustees approved a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013. As part of the meeting the board approved an offer to refinance to the District's debt at a considerable reduction in interest rate. The new rates will provide the District with approximately \$38,000 in annualized interest savings without extending the overall term of the debt. The new budget provides increased funds for some much needed maintenance and improvements to our wonderful amenities. As we move through the fall and 2014, look for more information on the planned projects.

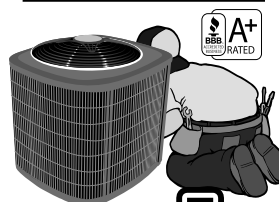
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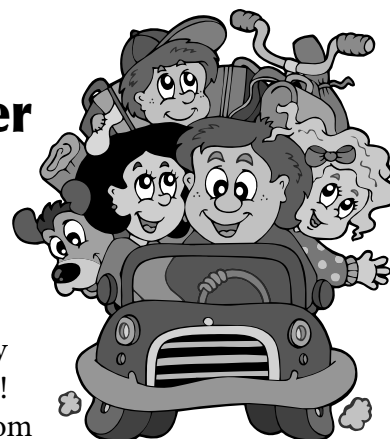
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# Boating Safety on Lake Carroll and at White Sands Beach

by Bryan Huls

I want to take the opportunity this month to write about boating laws, courtesy and safety. I've had many residents approach me with concerns about boating safety on our lake, and I myself have witnessed dangerous safety violations out there. I am hopeful many of these incidents are because folks may not know the rules, and so. I certainly hope this article is helpful.

All OC residents that wish to gain access to Lake Carroll must register their vessel with the CRD. When you complete the registration form you are agreeing to the CRD Rules and Regulations for White Sands Beach Boating, as well as, Florida's recreational boating requirements. The CRD reserves the right to suspend access privileges if and when any of these regulations are broken.

When the lake is busy the most important rule is to drive counter clockwise around Lake Carroll. Other than that specific rule, we follow Florida boating laws. The Florida's Recreational Boating Requirements lays out all rules and aspects of boating. It covers everything from vessel registration to water ski regulations. Specifically, it states "The operator of a vessel towing a skier may not pull the skier close enough to a fixed object or another vessel that there may be risk of collision."

The standard ski rope is 75 feet long. For safe boating practice, this should be interpreted as a MINIMUM of 75 feet distance from other vessels and/or fixed objects such as docks. This distance should be maintained at all times, and if you are not this far away then you are in violation of this regulation. Of course, it is much safer to maintain at least double that distance to ensure the safety of all parties. Awareness and caution can go a long way past just observing the law, and will help ensure the safety of everyone on the water.

## Here are a few things to remember:

When the lake is busy:

- Always drive counter clockwise – it is a Lake Carroll rule
- If there are a lot of boats pulling skiers and tubers just wait a few minutes until they are done. It will ease the traffic and make it safer on the lake
- Never follow directly behind another boat pulling a skier or tuber

When the lake is not busy:

- Give ample room to others trying to ski – use another portion of the lake
- Give ample room to fisherman and drifting boats trying to relax

Remember – counter clockwise and keep your distance when possible.

We are lucky to have a very family friendly lake and recreation area as part of our neighborhood. I know many of our residents are concerned about the safety of their children on the lake and at the beach. When kids and family members are involved in these types of violations, it can be terribly frightening. I hope this article will help keep us boating safely, while also having fun all summer long!

If you see any violations that you would like to report please video the incident with your smart phone and contact either the CCA or CRD.

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## Another Riddle

Because I don't have room for anything more!

**How many times can you subtract 6 from 36?**

Submit your answer to the Editor at [Rox@rox-c.com](mailto:Rox@rox-c.com)

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