

January 2014

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association

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CRD January Meetings

CRD 2014

Organizational meeting:
 Monday, January 13th,
 6pm at the Rec Center

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**CRD January 2014
 Executive meeting:**
 Monday, January 13th,
 6:15pm at the Rec Center

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**CRD 2014 Regular
 monthly meeting:**
 Monday, January 13th,
 6:30pm at the Rec Center

Notice of Board Meetings

CCA: Monday, January 6, 2014, at 7 p.m.

CRD Organizational Meeting: Monday, January 13, 2014, at 6 p.m.

CRD Executive Meeting: Monday, January 13, 2014, at 6:15 p.m.

CRD Monthly Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

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by Jim Powell, CCA President



It was an action packed December meeting as we discussed all the great events coming up for our community this month; The lighted Boat parade and pizza party (what a great combination!); the Luminarias, being coordinated by our board member Neil Norden and the Boy Scouts. Thanks so much for all your hard work in making this successful. The New Years Eve fireworks event run by Dru Albano, thanks much Dru for all your work in bringing us a spectacular event! And finally, the re-election of eight existing board members and the election of two new members- Amy

Cariello and Jimbo Woodroffe. Amy will serve as our Community Standards Enforcement person and Jimbo will be in charge of Construction and Dock Permitting. Please join us in welcoming them to our Board. Thanks again to departing members Andy Fonda and Greg Wehling for all their hard work on behalf of our Community. We have an excellent Board comprised of talented individuals that truly care about the quality of Original Carrollwood. Have a wonderful 2014!



Hello Carrollwood, Happy 2014!

A couple updates on grounds issues:

by Bill Lais

We have recent reports from OC residents that the lighting in our islands needs attention again: Thanks to OC residents Marc Cohen for donating bulbs and Anthony Cappadoro for donating time to replace the bulbs. Mr. Cappadoro and I toured the grounds during the December Grounds Committee meeting and made notes on repairs that are necessary, some islands need new bulbs and some need new fixtures. We will replace the bulbs as needed and hire an electrician to make significant repairs. Remember, our lights are 110-volt fixtures, please do not attempt to make repairs on your own.

Thanks to OC resident Patrick Knowles for pointing out that our entrance lightning at Dale Mabry is out. The entrance lighting should be fixed by the time this issue of *The Caroler* is released.

We plan to replace mulch in our islands early in 2014, and repair the sidewalk behind Bank of America that leads from Butia Place to the Publix Shopping Plaza. The sidewalk repair is a significant expense, and this improvement is pending approval of the debt refinancing that CRD President Mickey Jaap described in the October *Caroler* (previous *Caroler* issues can be downloaded at www.originalcarrollwood.com). Assuming the refinancing goes through as planned, we will potentially have additional budget to repair this sidewalk and affect other improvements in our neighborhood.

If you are aware of any grounds issues, you can contact Lina at the Rec Center (932-1257), myself at BillLais@OriginalCarrollwood.com, or any Board member. Thank you!





by Mike "Mickey" Jaap, CRD President



We closed out the first year of our term on a high note, Treasurer Cary Brown reported that the refinance of our debt is back on track, now with the Bank of Tampa. Our current bank (SunTrust) was unable to complete the transaction, so we are going with the second place bidder, and if all goes well, we will close on a new loan in January and benefit from a substantial cut in the rate of interest we are paying. Watch for updates on this issue in future issues of *The Caroler* or contact Cary directly if you have any questions.

As required by law, we scheduled our 2014 organizational meeting. It will be held on Monday, January 13th at 6 p.m. at the Carrollwood Recreation Center. At this meeting we will elect officers, appoint committee chairmen, and schedule our regular monthly meetings for 2014. We have received some requests to hold our regular meetings on the first Monday of each month to coincide with meetings of the Carrollwood Civic Association, but as many residents have come out against this change as have supported it. If there is no overwhelming support for a change, we will continue to have our meetings on the second Monday of each month.

At the December meeting, we held a lengthy discussion of the future of Original Carrollwood Park. Many ideas were presented, but the most notable were:

Construct a parking lot at the current dog park entrance, allowing users easier access to the park.

Move the dog park to the east side of OCP, and/or move the entrance to the southeast corner of the park.

Sell the west third of the park to commercial interests, and include in the sale construction of a large enough wall on the west border to seal off trespassers access to Dale Mabry, then use those funds to add significant improvements to all the neighborhood parks.

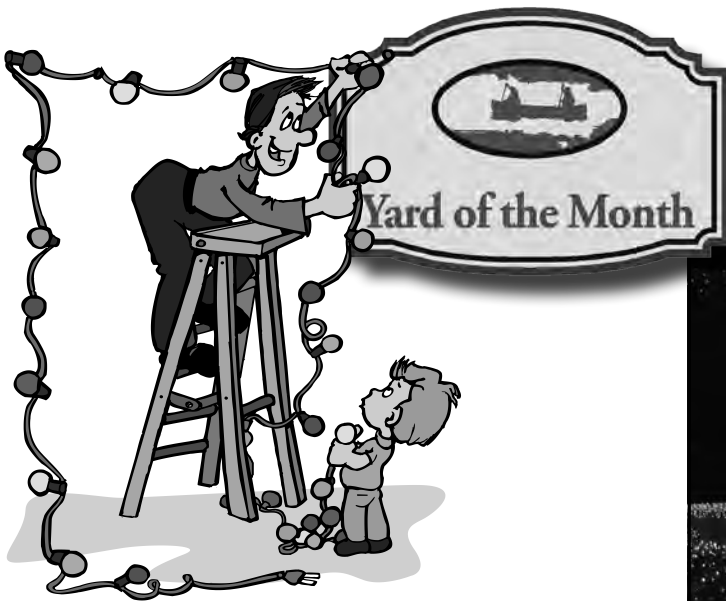
We will continue to discuss options to improve this park in future meetings, and may schedule one or more special meetings to deal exclusively with this park. Keep an eye on future *Caroler* articles if you have any interest in the future of OCP.

In my November article, we publicized our plans to possibly remove the basketball hoops at OCP. Prior to our recent meeting, the hoops were stolen, and no CRD residents expressed any concerns about this issue. So absent any resident demand, we will not replace the stolen hoops.

We discussed the issue of removal of the Moscovy ducks from Cooper Park. Although some concerns were raised, there were no objections to removal of this invasive species. Absent any resident opposition to removal, it will occur sometime in January.

We were informed by resident Dr. Rick Meyer that SWFMD plans to begin pumping 2 million gallons of water daily from Blue Sink, a sinkhole in the vicinity of Florida and Fowler Avenues. There was a public meeting in Forest Hills about this issue in November, but our neighborhood received no notice. Unfortunately the deadline for filing complaints about this plan was December 18th, and by the time you read this, that deadline will have passed. At this

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Ready for the holidays!



Mike Hooper

Yard of the Month contest sparkled in December!

NOMINATION FORM

Address of nominated yard:

Reason for nomination:

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

**Please include a photo of the yard
with your nomination.**

Thank you!

Turn in your nomination at the Community Center. Nominations can also be made in person at board meetings or by visiting www.OriginalCarrollwood.com or emailing YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com



10315 Lake Carroll Way

Mike Hooper purchased this home in January from long-time owners, Charlotte and Gordy Grant, who delighted in decorating their home beautifully for Christmas each year. Charlotte offered to leave her exterior holiday decorations for Mike. When told how this home welcomed everyone into Original Carrollwood each year with its magnificent lighting display, Mike decided that he did not want to disappoint his new neighbors in Carrollwood. So, on his first Christmas here, he not only put up the Grant's lights, he embellished the decor with his own additions. Notice the beautiful flashing peacock on the roof!

It's a stunning sight to turn off Dale Mabry and be greeted by this beautifully decorated home at the entrance to our neighborhood!

**Be sure to nominate your
most admired yard this
month!**

Monthly Schedule of CRD Committee Meetings:

ORIGINAL CARROLLWOOD PARK COMMITTEE

No meeting in January

TENNIS/RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE

Sunday, January 19th
5 p.m. at the Rec Center

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Monday, January 20th
7 p.m. at the Rec Center
Third Monday of each month

SCOTTY COOPER PARK COMMITTEE

Saturday, January 25th
9 a.m. at Scotty Cooper Park
Last Saturday of each month

WHITE SANDS BEACH COMMITTEE

Saturday, January 25th
1 p.m. at White Sands Beach
Last Saturday of each month

DUCK ISLAND COMMITTEE

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NOTE:

If no residents are in attendance by 15 minutes after the scheduled meeting start time, the meeting will be subject to immediate cancellation.



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Lina Young, Office Manager
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CRD Report

time we can only hope that this new pumping will not affect Lake Carroll.

We will commence work on the erosion control structure at White Sands Beach sometime in January or February of 2014. If you have plans for any activities at WSB for January or February, please be aware that the Beach could be closed for construction for one to two weeks sometime this winter.

I hope you all had a wonderful time during Christmas, Hanukkah, or the special date you enjoy, and wish all a Happy New Year for 2014.



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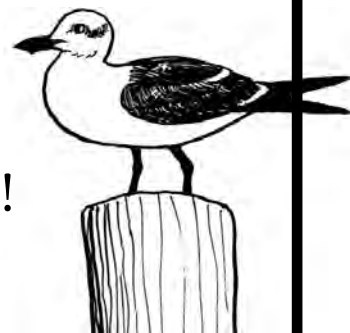
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Pound Cake & Pounding the Pavement

by Daniel Francis

It's beginning to look a lot like... New Year's! As I'm writing this, however, neighbors are outdoing one another in holiday decorations. Driving through Original Carrollwood after dark is candy for the eyes. My brother and sister visited me from Maryland recently and, like the children in all of us, they "ooed" and "awed" at the visual feast.

Now it is 2014, and how many of us have already broken our new year's resolutions?

If OC is anything like NYC or DC (where I've lived), there will be a plethora of January joggers the first few weeks of the new year. One thing that impresses me about the neighborhood is the commitment to exercise I see among the residents. From speed runners to walking junkies, the folks of this area like to pound the pavement with dog in tow or child stowed in a carriage. There's an older couple who are always holding hands as they walk on Lake Ridge Road. There's that young couple with smiles on their faces and running like gazelles along Orange Grove Drive. I see folks on bikes, in-line skates, recumbent bikes and skateboards. Some have headphones and I saw a girl recently with an old-fashioned boom box on her bike. A girl runs by with knee support. An older man always wears a headband. Two young

women jog with their hair bobbing back and forth. Often I can hear—before I see—three ladies chatting as they pass by our kitchen.

I imagine some residents have memberships to the various gyms up and down Dale Mabry, but it's great to see folks of Original Carrollwood outdoors. I've given talks to a lot of groups and one of my favorite topics is health and wellness. So, if you've broken your resolutions or not made any yet, why not get outdoors? A thirty-minute walk every day does wonders for all kind of ailments, not the least of which is stress and worry. Who doesn't thrill to see a wide-eyed baby cooing in a stroller or a young child pointing to a squirrel scampering up an oak tree? During this time of year, and just as sunset begins, how inebriating is the smell coming from fireplaces and backyard grills!

Whether you have packed on a few holiday pounds or just need some fresh air for clear thinking, get outside OC neighbors. Say hello to every passerby. Compliment someone on their yard work! Go ahead, and I bet you their smile will be as good as the eggnog I'm enjoying tonight.



Daniel Francis



Annual Middle Lipsey Christmas Party

Less than half of the guests participated in the white elephant hat gift exchange the other half wished they had! A few were fortunate enough to leave the party with the hat they wanted, not to mention the hat they brought! Pictured below, some of the participants of the Middle Lipsey Rd. Christmas party.

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The remaining letters spell the name of a popular location for celebrating New Years Eve.

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BALLOONS	EVENTS	HORNS	PUNCH
BANNERS	FAMILY	KISS	RESOLUTIONS
BUFFET	FATHER TIME	MIDNIGHT	SINGING
CELEBRATE	FEAST	MUSIC	STREAMERS
CHAMPAGNE	FESTIVITIES	NEW YEARS DAY	THIRTY FIRST
CONFETTI	FIREWORKS	NEW YEARS EVE	TIARAS
DANCE	FIRST OF JANUARY	NOISEMAKERS	WINE
DAY ONE	FRIENDS	OCCASION	YEAR IN REVIEW

No one had the correct response for the November puzzle, which was seven.

Solution To Christmas Brain Teaser:

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