



Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, January 9, 2017

CRD Executive Meeting: 6 p.m. • CRD Monthly Meeting: 6:30 p.m. • CCA: 7 p.m.

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We had a very productive meeting in December with all three Board members re-elected for their respective three-year terms. We approved some docks after site visits and discussed the Luminaria Project with the Scouts. Thanks again to Joe Costa from the CRD Board for coordinating this great effort for us. We're preparing for our next events which are the December 23rd lighted boat parade and the New Year's Eve fireworks show. We know they're going to be awesome and would especially like to thank Jackie Lais and Neil Norden for coordinating these great

events! Finally, we'd like to welcome two new Board members Eric Pellenbarg and Josh Shaffer. Eric will take over Legal from Mike Hancock. A special shout out to Mike Hancock for all the great years in supporting our community Board! Josh will serve as our Community Standards Chair. Amy Cariello has moved to the Secretary position. Please welcome and thank them when you see them in the neighborhood. Have a wonderful New Year!



6th Annual "Middle Lipsey Rd" Holiday Party Another Smashing Success!

Photos provided by Janet Daggs

This year, Linda and Ken Beckham hosted the event.




Darla France and Dianne Ferris, winners of the hat contest!



by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

The CRD Board hopes everyone had an enjoyable and safe Holiday Season. If you ever wonder what is discussed at the CRD meetings, simply go to the CRD website (www.originalcarrollwoodCRD.com) and read the meeting agenda. The minutes from the PREVIOUS meeting will be there, so what you will be reading is what we actually talked about at the last meeting. So for example, the January meeting agenda will be

posted the WEEKEND PRIOR to the January meeting, which will include the December meeting minutes.

If you see a sprinkler that needs to be repaired, or a tree that needs to be trimmed, be sure and send an email to Board member Bill Lais. Anything to do with Scotty Cooper Park, drop an email to Board member David O'Donnell, and so on. See Page 6 for contacts! Warmest wishes for the month of January... 

Three Simple Financial Tips

by Justin Pullaro, Certified Financial Planner™ and OC Resident

Happy New Year! Turning the calendar over offers an opportunity to embrace new things or make a few changes.

Here are three simple ideas that can help your financial life in 2017:

1. Adopt simple budgeting

It's easy to get lost in a complex budgeting system. Instead of classifying money with confusing accounts and sub-accounts, consider a streamlined budget of three categories:

- Reoccurring expenses
- Lifestyle expenses
- Savings

Money can only be classified in one of those categories. Most people don't need to waste time trying to decide if a date night should be "dining out" or "entertainment" or "food" or anything else -- it doesn't really matter. If it's not a bill related to your basic standard of living (utilities, cell phone, insurance), it's a lifestyle expense.

If you don't spend it in one of these categories, transfer those funds out of your checking account at the end of each month to savings.

2. Set up visual triggers for goals

Did you know that visual triggers can lead to reaching your goals? When your brain sees things, the picture reminds us of specific goals or serves as extra motivation. Here are two examples of what this could look like:

- If you shop online, make a picture of a vacation you want to take your background image on your device or computer. When you go to use it, look at the picture and ask if this transaction will help you get to your goal.
- If you want to get out of debt, make a chain out of paper rings. Each ring represents \$100. Every time you pay down the balance, rip off part of the chain. The visual imagery sparks the motivation to do what it takes to accomplish your goals.

3. Have a plan for bonus dollars/windfalls

Bonuses, tax refunds, and other windfalls can be pleasant surprises. Unless you have a plan for them in advance, you'll likely spend these dollars. Come up with a strategy to use the majority (like 75 - 90%) of your windfall to pay down debt or to make large deposits towards savings goals. Spend the difference on something that can create a positive experience for you or your family.

Cheers to your financial life! 



2802 Samara Drive Gerry and Pat Pankow

Gerry and Pat Pankow

Gerry and I moved to Carrollwood almost two years ago. We have enjoyed our time here and have loved our home. We love the large oaks. We honestly haven't done that much to our yard because it already looked good when we bought it. Chuck Kim, who lives in OC, helps keep our yard cleaned up. We have worked on our back pool area. We think it should be winning the award:). I appreciate that our neighbors keep their properties so nice and I particularly like that they love living in Original Carrollwood. Thanks for liking our yard and we look forward to getting to know more of you. ~Pat Pankow

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The New Year and What I Hope For

by Maria Larcomb, Caroler Journalist

During the month of January, we usher in the New Year with fresh plans and hopes for the upcoming year as we sweep out the remains of 2016. While it is a time for brief reflection on the past, it is important to look to the future and all that it holds. Whether or not the previous year holds positive memories, the New Year is a clean slate—a chance to start over and make 2017 better than any year previous.

Recently, I read a book written by Iain Thomas. In it he writes about things he wishes for his readers: Thomas includes everything from “I hope you find love” to “I hope that you always have a pen.” Thus, in light of starting over on the first of this month, I would like to include, as inspired by Thomas, what I hope for you during the coming year. Happy New Year!

- I hope you remember that everything leaves a mark
- I hope you're never lonely
- I hope you become everything people are afraid to be
- I hope you learn to balance what you need and what you want
- I hope you are never hated for what you look like, sound like, what you believe, or where you come from
- I hope you discover the freedom that exists beyond despair
- I hope you learn the difference between giving up and changing direction
- I hope you read the books you love and that reading never feels like work
- I hope you find the love you deserve
- I hope you don't take yourself too seriously
- I hope that everything eventually means something
- I hope you forgive and I hope you are forgiven
- I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
- I hope there's always some mystery left somewhere
- I hope you learn the difference between the easy thing, the hard thing, the smart thing, and the right thing
- I hope you take breaks sometimes
- I hope you know who you are and know it's enough
- I hope you find hope in the future
- I hope one day you will say “yes” to everything that has ever scared you
- I hope you find someone who always listens to you
- I hope you are loved without reservation
- I hope you learn to let go of things that weigh you down
- I hope you do not settle for less
- I hope you find something that brings you peace
- I hope that your biggest mountains to climb become the smallest of hills
- I hope you take the time to appreciate the beauty in the world
- I hope you do more of what makes you happy
- I hope you learn to let go of your regrets
- I hope you learn to love yourself—all of yourself



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THE HOLIDAYS

by
Wayne Wilson,
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Certainly, you as an Original Carrollwood resident have much to be thankful for during this holiday season. As I drive through the neighborhood and see all of the holiday lights and decorations I am reminded about the advantages you have in this Community of home ownership. Things like walking SAFELY to our beautiful beach facilities and

being overwhelmed by its beauty and offerings. I see these spectacularly cared for parks with the finest and safest of equipment for our children. I see this well-used and maintained recreation facility and tennis courts and the well-maintained common properties. And I am fully aware that these things don't just happen. There are many people who dedicate numerous hours of their time for free to protect and care for all of these things.

Many years ago, I had the opportunity to serve on the CCA which was both rewarding and frustrating. I assure you that the members of both the CCA and the CRD serve selflessly and without the pettiness of many other communities in Tampa Bay because they want this place to be home. So, let's say a big Thank You to them for this service.

Now to all of you out there, please have a safe and joyous happy Hanukkah, merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year!

Crime Watch

by Jim Blanco

Crime Watch for Original Carrollwood has been an ongoing program for many years. The good news is that we have relatively low crime rates in our neighborhood. The bad news is that there are pockets of criminal activity all around us. As most of you know, we use email to spread the word about any criminal activity to our 925 homes. Unfortunately, our data base is out of date. People come, go and often change email addresses. Consequently, I asked that those in our data base reconfirm that they are still active participants. Many of you did just that. I eliminated non-responsive participants.

If you have been regularly receiving Crime Watch emails in December, you are in still in the data base. If you have not been receiving any information and want to participate, simply send an email to CrimeWatch@originalcarrollwood.com.

I will include you in future notifications.

OC Listings

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A	3406 Lacewood Rd	2,132	\$270,000
P	10907 Bent Tree Pl	1,913	\$305,000
P	3421 Lacewood Rd	1,598	\$299,900
P	3306 Nakora Dr	1,537	\$269,900
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by Lula J. Dovi

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but hides its bottom
behind a tall wood fence.
Today it was sand-blasting,
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It's time to celebrate with champagne confetti, and love.

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Cheers to the New Year, may it be a memorable one.

Email your answer to the Editor at Caroler@roxc.graphics before January 10. All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the February issue of *The Caroler*!

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S REINDEER TRIVIA

What was one of the names considered for our ruby-nosed friend before *Rudolph* was settled on?

Thank you for submitting answers to last month's puzzle!

Charlie Ross, Doug Norton, Roger & Katherine Clapp, Tom Shea, and Jody Weber

According to the Chicago Tribune, "Rudolph, who now resides at the North Pole, was born in Chicago in 1939. The Montgomery Ward department store chain assigned ad copywriter Robert May to compose a Christmas poem that could be distributed to customers nationwide. He wrote "**Rollo** the Red-Nosed Reindeer," but execs didn't like that name. They vetoed **Reginald** too. May's third name, Rudolph, was accepted, and the poem was shared with millions of customers.

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