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January 2021

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association

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Up

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**Pictured: Beautiful poinsettia in Judy Greabell's yard**

**Notice of Board Meetings**

Monday, January 11, 2020

CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m. • CCA: 7 p.m.

Carrollwood Rec Center - 3515 McFarland Road

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by Jim Powell, CCA President

We had an excellent meeting in December. Jamie's treasurer report discussed the Luminaria candle purchase of bags and cups. Jerrod reported for Josh that there were no crimes in the neighborhood this month, wonderful news! Bryan reported a meeting is being scheduled between SWFWMD and FWC to discuss carp, the carp grate, and weed control. Lake water levels are good. Jimbo reported on an application for a replacement fence. Eric reported no new legal issues. Jerrod reminded us of our next events- the Boat

parade on 12/19 and Luminarias on 12/24 and updated us on the Yard of the Month and Holiday/Christmas decoration contest. Mickey reported further inspection will be done for a business vehicle complaint. Kimberly Santamaria is working on the new OC directory and should have that out soon; thank you, Kimberly! The CCA Election took place with five board members John Perez, Neil Norden, Jim Blanco, Mickey Jaap, and Josh Shaffer, being confirmed by Jamie Sheer in the vote tally. We wish all of you a wonderful Holiday Season! 🍷

## Thanks Tampa Bay Water

By Bob Tomczak

Tampa Bay Water provides fresh water to us here in Original Carrollwood. They have a pump house in OC that looks like a regular house, but it is not. They did a super clean up after our bad storm and later came in and planted various plants to spruce up the lot.

Thanks TAMPA BAY WATER. 🍷





*by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President*

I would like to recognize and thank David O'Donnell for his eight years of service on the CRD Board. David's last meeting was in December and his many years of service to our community is most appreciated.



David O'Donnell

White Sands Beach Chairman, Kevin Shidler, reported that the new decals and keys for the boat ramp will be available for purchase AFTER January 15, 2021. The new decals will not expire until October 2023. The cost remains the same as in previous years at \$45.00, payable to the C.R.D. We accept cash, check, or credit/debit card (yes - we are finally automated). Due to COVID, please print the application forms from the website and fill them out PRIOR to going to the business office, along with your driver's license and current boat & trailer registrations (all addresses are required to match, along with the home address listed on the property appraiser's website). If there is any discrepancy, then it will require Board review & approval, so the decal and key will-not be issued at your

office visit. If you would like Janet to email the forms to you, please call or email her PRIOR to your office visit. There is no rush to get there on the first day. Janet is in the office daily Monday through Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday's from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The lock change will occur closer to the end of March.

Also, a resident in attendance asked if and when there would be a future tax increase. Mike Carelli, board member and financial advisor, indicated that we will have to address this issue within 5-7 years, and we should start planning for it now. Since we have a hard dollar cap and not an inflation-adjusted cap like social security, for example, this is an issue we will have to revisit every 15-20 years or so as costs for all of our basic services increase. The last time we raised taxes was in 2004, so we are due to start the discussion.

If at any time you would like to know what was discussed at a CRD meeting, go to the website and download the most current meeting agenda ([www.originalcarrollwoodcrd.com](http://www.originalcarrollwoodcrd.com)).

**Happy Holidays**



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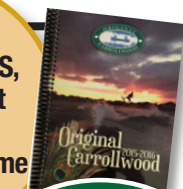
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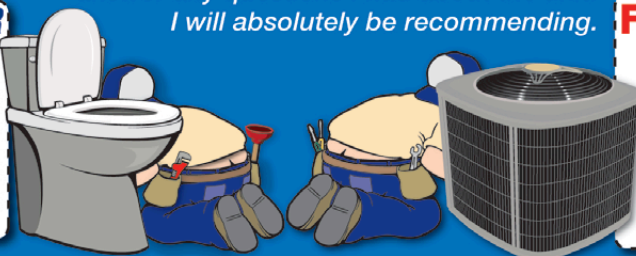
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# The Big 100!



By Jim Blanco

In November, The Caroler showcased the 100th winner of world-famous, Original Carrollwood's Yard of the Month. Starting in April 2012, the "contest" features well-kept homes from our 925 residents along with a narrative of their lawn care and family.

I've greatly enjoyed running the program, as I met many wonderful people. There have also been a few surprises when I hand-deliver announcements as few answer landlines listed in the Directory. Sometimes newly arrived residents "win" after living in the house for only a few months. In these cases, the yard is the star, and the lucky new homeowners get swept up in the appreciation.

It's certainly pleasing to find so many of us working hard to keep our community beautiful. It is also interesting how many I meet that grew up in OC and later purchased a home in our beautiful neighborhood. One winner pointed down the street and said, "I grew up in that house. I always wanted to own this one."

Please keep up the good work and nominate your neighbors. 🌍



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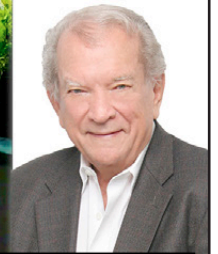
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# Snowball Cookies

## Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup softened butter
- A pinch of salt
- Optional: 1 cup chopped pecans

## Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Blend softened butter with powdered sugar using an electric hand mixer.
- Add vanilla extract, then add the dry ingredients : flour and salt (and chopped pecans if using)
- Form dough into small balls and place on prepared cookie sheet.
- Bake for 20 minutes until golden edges appear
- Remove the cookies from oven and top with powdered sugar.

Enjoy!

This recipe was shared with me by my mom. It was baked and photographed by me, and all cookies were happily consumed by my hubby and me. ~Roxanne Clapp, Editor. Send me your recipe to be included in a future issue of The Caroler. [Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics)





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# Holiday Decoration Contest



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**BEST OVERALL**

Yard of the Month Winner

**3612 Schefflera**

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Email your nomination to: [YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com](mailto:YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com)

**Include:** • Address of nominated yard • Reason for nomination • Your name, phone number, & email address • If possible, please include a photo of the yard with your nomination. Thank you!

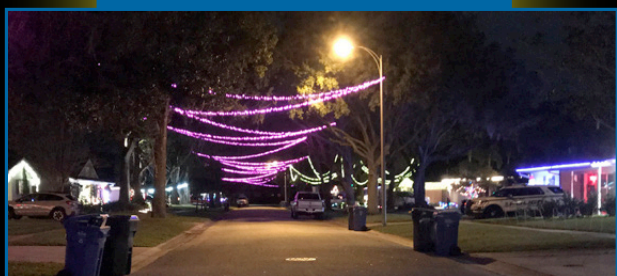
Nominations can also be made at the Community Center, at Board Meetings or by visiting [www.OriginalCarrollwood.com](http://www.OriginalCarrollwood.com)

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## Best Street/Block: Coquita Lane

other great streets:  
Schefflera & Areca Circle  
(see pictures on next page)



## Most Creative DeLeon Family 3107 Areca Circle



## Farr Family • 3107 McFarland Road



## BEST Doorway



## Cogdill Family • 3008 Samara Dr

All images provided by CCA Holiday Light Contest Committee



# Lighting Up OC



Maniscalco - Belmore



Nice Christmas Lighting on Lake Carroll Way.  
Photo by Frank Deak, OC Resident



10603 Carrollwood Dr



Areca Circle



10601 Lake Carroll Way



Lipsev Rd



10710 Carrollwood Dr.



Schefflera Sign



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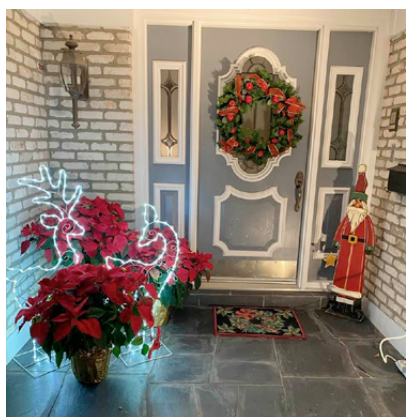


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11114 Carrollwood Dr.



11736 Lipsey Rd - Ferris

# More Holiday Lights



11709 Lipsey Rd.



3417 Lacewood - Fox



3412 Picwood - Chillura



3107 McFarland - Farr



Coquita Lane House



10610 Carrollwood Dr.

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# A Star Twinkling in the Night

by CCA Board

You may have noticed the wonderful stars lining Nakora Drive and have spread around the neighborhood. These stars were handcrafted with the addition of battery-powered lights by Rex Code. These handmade stars were so popular that Rex had to stop taking orders since there were no more supplies available. We have a feeling that Rex may need to start taking pre-orders for next year. 🌈



Rex Code and his handmade white star



## 2020 Christmas Decoration & Lights Scavenger Hunt in the O.C.

This year we started a new holiday tradition. The O.C. elves searched the neighborhood for fun decorations & lights to create the first annual Original Carrollwood Christmas Scavenger Hunt.

Special thanks to resident Kristy Taylor for organizing the elves. 🌈



### Original Carrollwood Christmas Scavenger Hunt!

#### Coquita Lane

- ☐ Mickey Santa
- ☐ Fire Truck with Santa
- ☐ Overhead lights
- ☐ White Star
- ☐ 3 Candy Canes



#### Schefflera Road

- ☐ Overhead Lights
- ☐ Peacock in the Tree
- ☐ Penguin
- ☐ Santa on the Roof
- ☐ Toy Soldiers
- ☐ Candles



#### Carrollwood Drive

- ☐ Reindeer Family
- ☐ Snoopy in a Train
- ☐ Snowman in a Tree
- ☐ Mickey
- ☐ Santa in a Stocking
- ☐ Polar Bear Family
- ☐ Toy Soldier
- ☐ Minions in a Car
- ☐ Santa in a Hot Tub
- ☐ Christmas Tree
- ☐ Overhead Lights
- ☐ Family of Snowmen
- ☐ Magical Unicorn
- ☐ Snoopy on a Roof
- ☐ Santa
- ☐ Frosty
- ☐ Angel



#### Areca Circle

- ☐ Christmas Tree on a Lamppost
- ☐ Santa & Reindeer in the Trees
- ☐ The Grinch
- ☐ Penguin
- ☐ Minion Holding a Candy Cane
- ☐ Minions with Presents



#### Lipsey Road

- ☐ Woody & Bullseye
- ☐ HoHoHo Ornaments
- ☐ Llama
- ☐ Reindeer
- ☐ Snowman
- ☐ Santa Hanging from Gutters
- ☐ Snowman Family
- ☐ Big Santa as a Hot Air Balloon



### Original Carrollwood Christmas Scavenger Hunt!

#### Lake Carroll Way (from Dale Mabry)

- ☐ Merry Christmas Sign
- ☐ Teddy Bear
- ☐ Little Red Truck
- ☐ Elf
- ☐ Snowman
- ☐ Huge Olaf
- ☐ Sven & Olaf



#### Picwood Road

- ☐ The Grinch
- ☐ Huge Santa & Rudolph
- ☐ Olaf
- ☐ 3 Reindeer
- ☐ Weiner Dog

#### Lacewood

- ☐ Three Polar Bears
- ☐ Santa in a Sleigh
- ☐ Bear Popping out of a Santa Bag
- ☐ Pooh Bear
- ☐ Santa Mickey
- ☐ Nutcracker Soldiers
- ☐ Santa on second story



#### McFarland Road/Lake Ridge

- ☐ Weiner Dog
- ☐ Candy Cane Pathway
- ☐ Santa in a Pickup Truck
- ☐ The Grinch in the Window
- ☐ Pink Flamingos
- ☐ Elephant
- ☐ Pigs



#### Nakora Drive

- ☐ 4 White Stars
- ☐ Toy Soldiers
- ☐ Wavy Santa

#### Samara Drive

- ☐ Santa
- ☐ Reindeer
- ☐ Colorful Lights
- ☐ Star
- ☐ Christmas Tree



#### Juniperus Place

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- ☐ Mickey Santa
- ☐ Dog in a Santa Hat





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## OC REAL ESTATE

### REAL ESTATE 101: FACTORS TO CONSIDER FOR 2021 MARKET PREDICTIONS

By KT Tersowski/REALTOR®

**2**020 has been a year of unexpected turns. It has also taught us to expect the unexpected. In regards to the housing market, there will always be buyers out there that want and/or need to buy a house. Analysts



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P	10902 Bent Tree Pl	3,112	\$520,000
P	3327 Valencia Rd	1,814	\$390,000
S	3113 McFarland Rd	2,447	\$423,000
S	3512 Nakora Dr	2,213	\$452,500
S	3010 Samara Dr	2,375	\$540,000
S	3028 Samara Dr	2,451	\$458,000
S	3310 Valencia Rd	1,725	\$435,000

have stated that through the end of the year, the housing market will be a key driver in economic recovery. However, none of us have a crystal ball, so it is nearly impossible to predict what 2021 has in store.

It is also impossible to compare today's economy to the 2008 recession. Loose lending practices and the increase in subprime mortgages pushed real estate prices to unsustainable levels. This caused banks to fail, resulting in mortgage default that led the feds to intervene in the foreclosure market in 2008. By 2010, 2.8 million foreclosures were filed.

Unlike in 2008, the mortgage eligibility requirements are stricter. Most mortgage lenders have increased the minimum credit score by 100 points or more compared to 2008, and are requiring a 10% to 20% down payment of the purchase price to reduce the borrower's debt-to-income ratio.

The fed signals near-zero interest rates to lift the economy from the pandemic through 2023. Jerome Powell, Chair of the Federal Reserve, stated, "We expect to maintain the current 0%-0.25% target range for the federal funds rate... through 2023."

According to Buffini's Bold Predictions for 2021 Real Estate Market Outlook:

- Home sales are predicted to rise by 5% - 10%
- Job recovery continues with record-low mortgage rates.
- There is a new demand arising from remote-working flexibility.
- Prices are expected to rise by 3% - 5%.

More vaccine availability equates to faster job growth combined with favorable mortgage rates. This has transpired from more work from home flexibility driving demand for larger homes and decentralization in suburban areas. Buyers were buying second homes a year ago, and now they are beginning to live in their second homes.

2020 brought many layoffs to non-essential workers. In spite of this, if you were laid off in 2020 and are rehired this year, you are likely to be approved as long as you meet all other lender requirements. With a secure job, decent credit score, and money in reserves, it has never been a better time to consider buying with today's low-interest rate environment. 🙏



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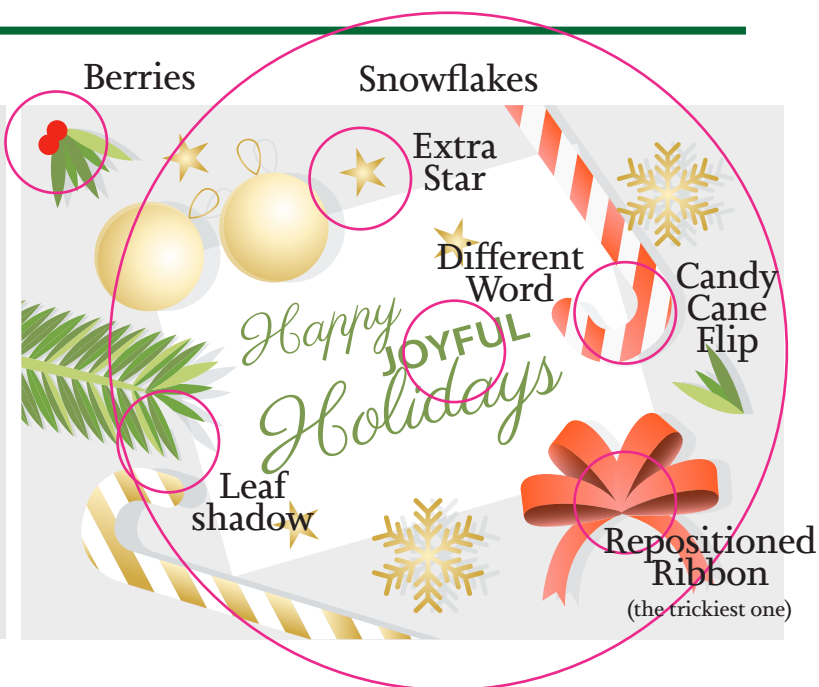


# Brain Teaser

What tastes better than it smells?

(The answer is not cookies, although one could argue that point. Maybe. Cause they taste and smell sooooo good. Check out the Snowball recipe in this issue of *The Caroler*.)

Email your answer to [Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics) before December 10.  
All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the next issue of *The Caroler*!



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

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Mary Long

Charlie & Kent Ross  
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Hannah Powers  
Patsy Schmidt

**Solution to Last  
Month's  
"Something  
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*Answer: 7*

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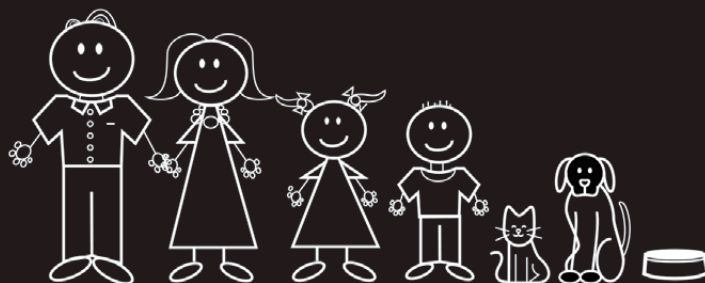
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