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Notice of Board Meetings

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Monday, January 13, 2025 CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m. CCA Meeting: 7 p.m. Carrollwood Rec Center • 3515 McFarland Road Residents welcome to attend.

Join Us for New Jean's Eve Fireworks!

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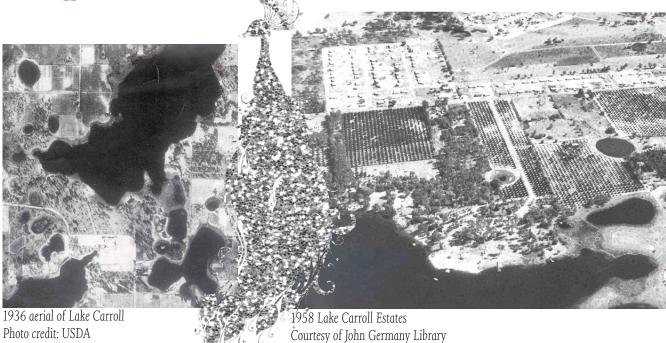
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ur December CCA meeting was packed full of information as we look forward to the start of another great year in Original Carrollwood. Board member Jerrod Mills provided an update on our spring social calendar. Board member Jared Jones provided an update on our financial strength as we end the year within our proposed budget. Three Board members were reelected to their positions and we thank them for their continued service to our Community.

If you're looking for more information, be sure to check out our website at www. original carrollwood.com and send us an email to get added to our mailing list at cca@originalcarrollwood.com. We also encourage you to sign up for our text messages to get neighborhood updates in real time!

Happy New Year! 🕥



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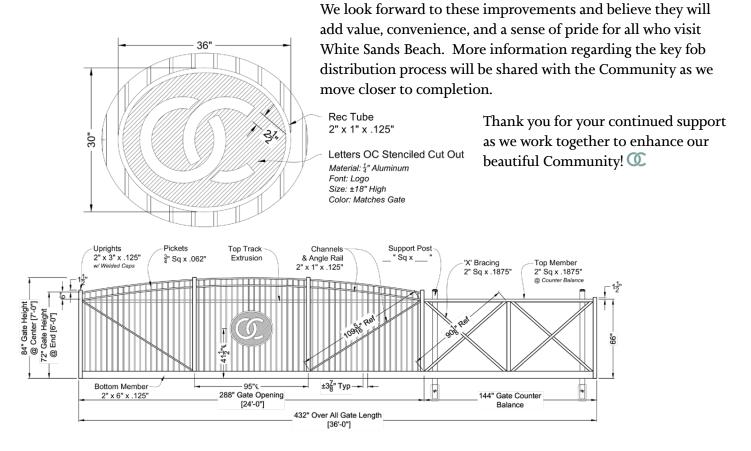


#### **Exciting Improvements Coming to White Sands Beach in 2025**

Big changes are coming to White Sands Beach in 2025! Our Community is excited to announce the installation of brand-new custom entry and exit gates enhancing both the security and aesthetic appeal of our beloved beach area. These state-of-the-art gates will feature an electronic access system designed to make entry and exit more convenient and secure for residents.

The new system will operate via a modern key fob system, ensuring seamless access for residents. In addition to the main gates, a pedestrian gate will also be installed offering easy access for those traveling on foot. Whether you're heading out for an early morning walk or enjoying a sunset with your family, the upgraded gates will provide reliable and efficient access.

Construction is set to begin in February with a targeted completion date prior to spring break. The timing has been carefully planned to minimize disruption while ensuring the gates are ready in time for one of the busiest and most enjoyable times of the year.



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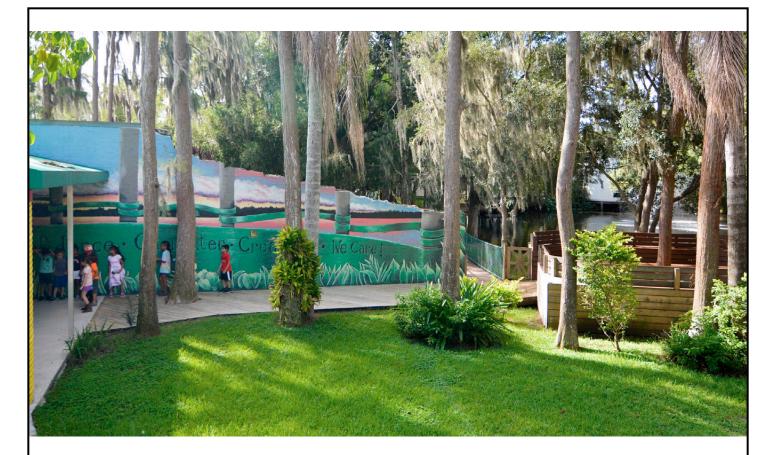
OCTOBER 2024 Harrison, 6, and his parents Aaron & Lisa 11410 Paldao Road



DECEMBER 2024 Desiree and Eric Chillura 3412 Picwood Road

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By Clay Brown Managing Broker/Market President Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group



#### Greetings Carrollwoodians!

As you ease into 2025 (like anyone "eases" ...let's be honest, it's been an all-out sprint for the last 90 days), remember that progress is still progress, no matter how small. Resolutions are made with the best intentions, from finally hitting the gym to tackling that lingering home improvement project. But did you know that nearly 80% of resolutions are abandoned by February? It's no wonder-life gets busy, and overly-ambitious goals often get sidelined by reality. Ask me about that one time I resolved to "run" a half marathon without ever training for it...true story filled with lots of regret and Advil.

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Jon Acuff, author of Finish: Give Yourself the Gift of Done, reminds us that progress often starts with setting realistic goals. He suggests cutting big goals in half or choosing what to let slide to focus on what truly matters. Perhaps before committing to running 13.1 miles, I should first buy a pair of running shoes. In the same way, home improvements don't have to be daunting to make a significant impact.

So, this January, let's embrace a more practical approach. Instead of committing to a complete kitchen renovation or a top-tobottom home overhaul, why not focus on achievable projects that can bring real joy and refresh your living space? Even the smallest updates can make a big difference—and they're much easier to stick with than a lofty resolution that quickly feels overwhelming. Here are a few easy, budget-friendly projects to consider this month:

- Refresh Your Front Door: A fresh coat of paint on your front door can make your whole home feel more inviting. Choose a bold color that complements your home's exterior—it's an instant upgrade that's affordable and impactful.
- Update Cabinet Hardware: Swapping out old, dated cabinet knobs and pulls for something modern is a quick and satisfying way to elevate your kitchen or bathroom. It's amazing how such a small

change can make a room feel brand new.

- 3. Reorganize Your Closets: You'd be surprised how freeing it feels to declutter your storage spaces. Invest in some matching bins or organizers, donate items you no longer use, and enjoy the newfound order in your life.
- 4. Switch Out Light Fixtures: Lighting has a significant impact on the atmosphere of a space. Replace outdated fixtures with energy-efficient LED options or fixtures that better match your style. It's a project that's easy to do yourself and yields impressive results.
- 5. Tidy the Garage: A clean, organized garage can feel like gaining an entirely new space. Shelving, hooks, and labeled bins can help turn the chaos into a functional area that's easy to maintain.

Accomplishing smaller, manageable goals builds momentum, boosts confidence, and creates a sense of accomplishment that inspires you to take on more. Before you know it, you'll feel ready to tackle those bigger projects-but without the pressure of trying to do it all at once. And if you've decided that this is the year to skip the projects altogether and make a move instead, I'm here to help with that Give me a call, and we'll get too! started on your next chapter.

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**DECEMBER 31** New Year's Eve Fireworks White Sands Beach

## 2025

MARCH 8 Hawaiian Luau (adult only party) White Sands Beach

APRIL 5 Community Yard Sale

**APRIL 19** Easter Egg Hunt Original Carrollwood Park

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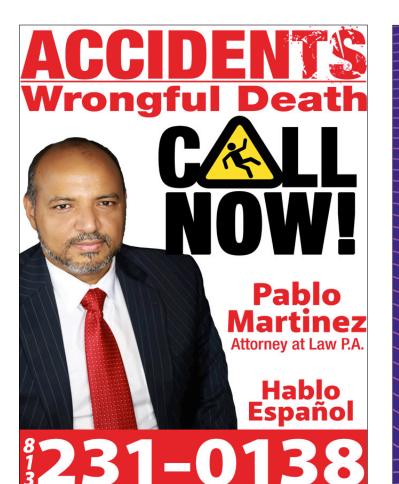
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#### Congratulations to last month's players!

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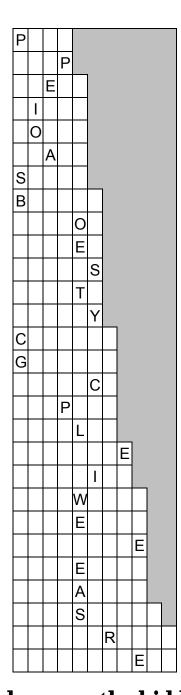
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> Marilynn Bozak Angie Ducker

**Last Month's Answers:** Location of the hidden peacocks in the previous issue: Pages 4 & 18

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