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### Notice of Board Meetings

**CCA:** Monday, February 3, 2014, at 7 p.m.

**CRD Executive Meeting:** Monday, February 10, 2014, at 6 p.m.

**CRD Monthly Meeting:** Monday, February 10, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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by Jim Powell, CCA President



We had a great meeting in January, welcoming in our new board members Amy Cariello, Standards Enforcement, and Jimbo Woodroffe, Construction and Dock permitting. Please contact them for any inquiries in these areas. We discussed the transition of the Luminaria sales and what we learned through the process. The candles certainly stayed lit much longer than in the past and looked wonderful. Special thanks go out to Neil Norden for his tireless efforts, Suzy Giunta for donating the bags, and to the Boy Scouts for all their great work in assembling the candle kits, setting up the luminarias and removing them! Our lighted boat parade was a hit this year with 35 boats in attendance. The addition of the pizzas at White Sands Beach really made this an even better community event; and this will be our new program going forward. As you'll agree, the New

Year's Eve celebration was amazing; and our thanks to Dru Albano for all her work on this awesome event. Sky Candy Fireworks put on an incredible show for our community and the turn out was the best we have ever had. Neil Norden, once again, was the Pizza man, delivering great eats from Westshore Pizza at this event. Our emcee Jim Blanco did a super job announcing and playing tunes for us. On the lake front, we did receive a new Carp permit, so be on the lookout for our fundraising requests to stock carp in the coming spring. More on that to come from Bryan Huls. We are also in the beginning stages of planning a Spring Bash at Original Carrollwood park on March 22nd. Neil Norden and Kendra York will be planning the festivities for this new event for our community. 🗓️

## Boat Parade

*Photos courtesy of Dennis Lorence/Cocos Rd*



The boats line up for the parade December 22nd, and Mark Snellgrove preps for the parade above. Many OC Residents turned out for the parade, relaxing, playing, and partying on the beach.

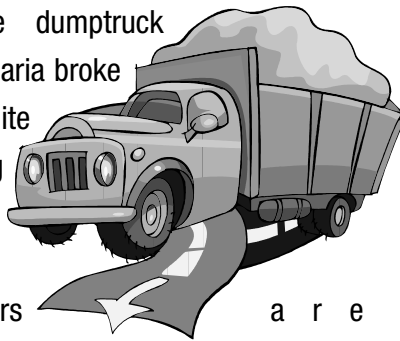


by Mike "Mickey" Jaap, CRD President



I think everyone will agree that the holidays in OC were again absolutely spectacular thanks to the efforts of the CCA and all the residents and other volunteers that helped out with the luminaria and New Years fireworks show. I hope you will all take time to thank the members of the CCA Board when you see them around the neighborhood.

We held our annual organizational meeting in January. All officers and committee chairmen were elected to the same positions for 2014. Not much new has happened since my last report, the holidays kept everyone more focused on family & friends. We did have some interesting incidents though. The dumptruck carrying sand for the luminaria broke through the sidewalk at White Sands Beach, revealing that a large void had been created underneath due to erosion. Repairs are scheduled. Someone smashed their car into the neighborhood entrance sign and adjoining wall on the Bank of America side of Lake Carroll Way. Fortunately, we were able to acquire a copy of the accident report and will be filing a claim for insurance to cover the repairs.



Our longtime employee, Alex, resigned due to health issues, so we are in the process of seeking his replacement. If you are interested in the part-time maintenance job for the neighborhood facilities, contact Mark Snellgrove at [marksnellgrove@originalcarrollwood.com](mailto:marksnellgrove@originalcarrollwood.com). We will vote to hire his replacement at our February meeting.

We had a very long discussion about the dog park access. Many users would like to access the dog park via the foot bridge rather than the two lane bridge at the north end of the park. Access via the footbridge by dogs was prohibited by a prior board due to safety reasons. A motion to reverse this policy was brought, but did not go to a vote. We will continue to seek ways to improve the facility for dog owners, but most solutions will cost quite a bit of money. We will continue trying to find solutions to the dog park access.

Grounds Chairman, Bill Lais, brought a proposal to repair the lighting on the islands throughout the neighborhood. The price on the proposal was reasonable, but other members of the Board were concerned about how long replacement lighting would last. Bill will see if there are reasonably priced options for longer lasting light fixtures and start the repairs if he is satisfied with the result.

We anticipate hiring security for White Sands Beach starting with Spring Break. We should have the bids in place for voting at the February meeting. We will also be working to get a new barrier constructed on the swim side of the beach before the weather warms. Construction may close that side of the beach for up to a week; but this time of year, the closure should have the least impact on beachgoers.

Now that we're past the holidays, I look forward again to the warmer weather of the spring and summer, and another year of good times and fun events in Carrollwood.





# 2805

## Samara Drive

Longtime residents, Jim and Patsy Woodroffe, in addition to raising sons William and JimBo, completely re-landscaped their house after taking possession in 1985. The home, a delight to drive by at 2805 Samara Drive, features Yellow Tabebuia trees. Patsy organized a Yellow Tabebuia society, members

of which must wear yellow to meetings/parties. Both born in Tampa, they originally moved to a house on Orange Grove in 1968. Patsy is the primary landscape engineer.... assisted by Jim.

## NOMINATION FORM

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

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## Resident Spotlight: John Santamaria

### Spreading the Love This Valentine's Day

by Kim Santamaria

Original Carrollwood resident, John Santamaria, enjoys singing with the *Heralds of Harmony* Barbershop Chorus. On Valentine's Day, John and other members of his chorus deliver Singing Valentines as a fundraiser for the *Heralds of Harmony*, a 501(3)c organization. Here's how it works. A barbershop quartet dressed in tuxedos surprises the "sweetheart" at their workplace or home and sings two songs, "Let me call you Sweetheart" and "Heart of My Heart." The lucky recipient is presented with a personalized Valentine's Day card and a special coffee mug filled with chocolate kisses. John says this is one of his favorite activities as a barbershop singer, as everyone enjoys the festivity and the sweetheart becomes the center of attention. This is truly a memorable Valentine's Day gift. To find out how you can arrange a Singing Valentine for someone in your life, call the *Heralds of Harmony* at 813-228-7730 or visit [www.heraldssofharmony.org](http://www.heraldssofharmony.org).



# Monthly Schedule of CRD Committee Meetings:

## ORIGINAL CARROLLWOOD PARK COMMITTEE

No meeting in February

## TENNIS/RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE

Sunday, February 16th

5 p.m. at the Rec Center

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Monday, February 17th

7 p.m. at the Rec Center

Third Monday of each month

## SCOTTY COOPER PARK COMMITTEE

Saturday, February 22nd

9 a.m. at Scotty Cooper Park

Last Saturday of each month

## WHITE SANDS BEACH COMMITTEE

Saturday, February 22nd

1 p.m. at White Sands Beach

Last Saturday of each month

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# Why We Manage Aquatic Invasive Plants

By Dr. Bill Haller  
Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants  
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Invasive aquatic plants harm Florida's natural environment and lead to a loss of biodiversity. They usually cannot be completely eradicated and will grow back quickly if not managed. The Florida Legislature designated the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) as the lead agency to "direct the control, eradication, and regulation of noxious aquatic weeds and direct the research and planning related to these activities . . . so as to protect human health, safety, and recreation and, to the extent possible, prevent injury to plant and animal life and property." FWC currently controls about 12 of the most problematic aquatic invasive plants. In Florida, hydrilla and water hyacinth are two of the the worst aquatic weeds, requiring constant attention and management.

Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) was first introduced into Florida from Sri Lanka as an aquarium plant during the early 1950s. Hydrilla can cover an entire waterbody in as little as a few seasons, and grow from 30% coverage to 70% coverage of a lake in just a few months. Hydrilla can spread by fragmentation,

so nearly every fragment that breaks off can start a new plant. This can lead to dense stands of hydrilla where nothing else grows. Hydrilla now infests tens of thousands of acres in Florida public waters. It also has spread to about 30 states as far away as Massachusetts and California. Hydrilla requires constant management, most often using chemical and mechanical control methods. Management costs for this plant in Florida public waters approach \$20 million each year.

Water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) is a floating plant native to South America. It was introduced into Florida during the late 1800s. Water hyacinth is one of the fastest growing plants; it can double its population in 6-18 days. When it covers the water's surface, sunlight is prevented from reaching native plants below. Control programs in recent decades have successfully reduced water hyacinth to low levels in most public waterways in Florida. This was not the case in earlier times. Florida has been managing aquatic invasive plants, beginning with water hyacinth, for over 110 years.

The goal of the FWC Invasive Plant Management Section is to manage small infestations of invasive plants before they get out of control. Decades of experience and applied research taught us that keeping problem plants at low

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by Wayne Wilson, Realtor - OC Resident



By now, I'm sure you know how lucky you are to live in Original Carrollwood. That's why we have less than ½ of 1% of the homes in Original Carrollwood for sale. Did you know that kids who grew up in the neighborhood own more than 70 homes in Carrollwood? Yes, they remember the life they grew up in and, obviously, want their off spring to enjoy those same opportunities. Hopefully, you took advantage of the fun things that happened in our neighborhood in December; the decorations and the luminaries and the parties. Did you take in the fireworks on New Years Eve at the beach? If not, by the looks of the crowd that showed up, you would have been just one of few people who didn't. Best of all was the quality of the show, which was outstanding and did the community "proud."

This doesn't just happen by chance. Both my wife and I served on the CCA Board several years ago and realized what it takes to make this wonderful community what it is, is a lot of hard work by some very dedicated residents. So the next time you run into a member of the CRD or of the CCA, tell them thank you because your home values are the direct result of the hard work (sometimes not always understood or appreciated by everyone) that these people do and for no compensation.

Yes, your residence is worth more than those of people in surrounding neighborhoods because you live in "ORIGINAL CARROLLWOOD."

#### Current OC Listings as of deadline:

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11708 Lipsey Rd	2,844 sq ft	\$405,000
10901 Orange Grove Dr	1,913 sq ft	\$273,500

### 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 931-4356 or Dorothy Miller 932-9819. Join us!

### Hillsborough County Democratic Women's Club

Have questions about health care? You can bring them to Mike Van Hoek, Chairman of Hillsborough County Democratic Executive Committee, at the next meeting Monday, February 3, 6 p.m., of the Hillsborough County Democratic Women's Club. The club will meet at Mimi's Cafe, 11702 N. Dale Mabry Highway next to Barnes and Noble book store.

For further information, call Lula Dovi at 813-932-6944. The public is invited.



## Why We Manage Aquatic Invasive Plants

levels is the most economical and environmentally sound strategy for managing invasive plants. This approach is known as “maintenance control.” Many of us use the same strategy with our lawns or cars; keeping something maintained is easier and cheaper than waiting for a problem to develop, which leads to “crisis management.”

In Florida, “maintenance control” of invasive aquatic plants:

- Reduces the environmental impact of noxious weeds;
- Provides greater use of our waters;
- Incorporates integrated management methods;
- Uses less herbicide;
- Greatly reduces the cost of long-term management;
- Promotes public confidence and cooperation.

The FWC Invasive Plant Management Section oversees the maintenance control program for aquatic plants in Florida’s public waters. They collaborate with Water Management Districts, city and county governments, and others charged with managing public waters.

Aquatic plants are managed with mechanical, biological, physical, or chemical treatment methods. Treatment is based on the specific conditions and circumstances of each waterbody.

- Mechanical control involves using large machines in the water to harvest and remove aquatic plants.
- Biological control involves the use of animals, insects or bacteria that feed on targeted plants. Grass carp are an example of a biological control agent.
- Cultural or physical control entails hand-pulling, raking, and water-level manipulation.
- Chemical control involves the use of registered aquatic herbicides to manage plants. Before an aquatic herbicide is used in Florida waters, it must undergo extensive testing and risk-analysis for human health, fish, wildlife, and the environment and be registered for use by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). FWC only uses EPA-registered herbicides that are accepted for use in state waters by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS).

Since no one knows what the next aquatic invasive plant will be, prevention and education are needed to protect our water resources. We can be part of the solution by following these easy steps:

1. Practice good stewardship: never transport Florida’s aquatic or wetland plants to other areas, and never empty your aquarium into a body of water or canal.
2. Learn to identify which plants are invasive in your area.

3. When disposing of plants, completely dry or freeze them, and put in the trash (not the compost).

4. Avoid chopping aquatic plants with boat propellers as some plant fragments can grow into new infestations.

5. Remove plant matter from boats/trailers after use.

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View the video “Why We Manage Aquatic Invasive Plants”: [plants.ifas.ufl.edu/manage/videos](http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/manage/videos)

For more information on plant management in Florida: [myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/habitat/invasive-plants](http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/habitat/invasive-plants)

For information on aquatic herbicides: [epa.gov/pesticides/regulating](http://epa.gov/pesticides/regulating)

Common Name: Hydrilla

Scientific Name: *Hydrilla verticillata*



Common Name: Water Hyacinth

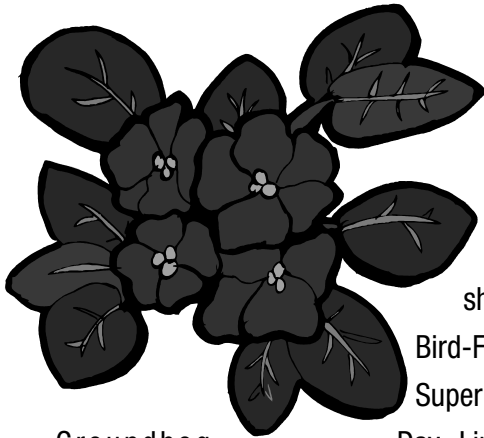


Scientific Name: *Eichhornia crassipes*



# Old Cupid in Original Carrollwood

by Daniel Francis



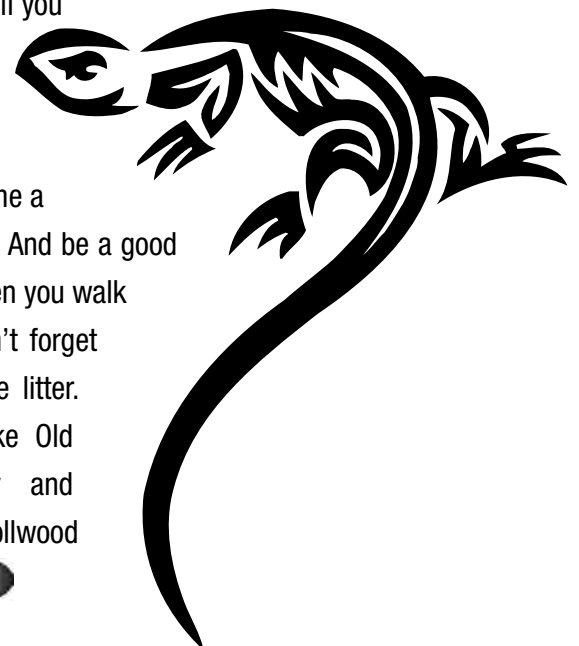
February, pronounced with the first “r” silent or not, is chock full of celebrations for a short month: National Bird-Feeding, Black History, Super Bowl, Presidents Day, Groundhog Day, Lincoln and Washington’s birthdays, Winter Olympics and World Marriage Day. But right smack in the middle of these cold(er) 28 days is the warm celebration, Valentine’s Day. On February 14th, the florists and flirts connect over carnations and chocolate to surprise (or appease) a spouse or lover. Or sometimes, the gift is not for a vase or the face, but for cuddling. Such was the case for my father 38 years ago when he came home with a puppy for Mom. Rocky became the 8th “child” in our home and was the kind of dog that was good with kids and smart as an adult. I remember mourning his death (at 16 dog years) even though I had left home for a decade by then.



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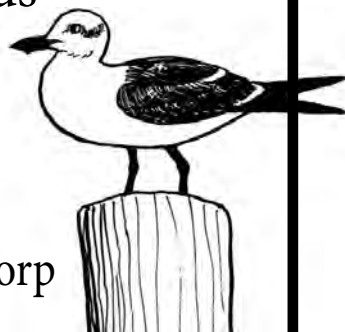
Here in Original Carrollwood, it’s a daily menagerie. Yawn if you’re a native Floridian, but this “northerner” has thrilled to the sight of lizards and geckos and skinks in my yard. I’ve been bitten by red ants and red bumps to prove it. We’ve had wolf spiders in the house, squirrels on the fence, cockroaches in the garage, frogs near the compost, a black snake who circles the house, and mockingbirds that scare away the blue jays who scare away the cardinals who scare away the mourning doves (who scare me when they rise in a flurry of feather and wind). I’ve seen bald eagles, hawks and vultures who must be envious of the freedom of our prideful peacocks. But there is something about seeing master and mutt on daily walks that makes living in OC so... domestic? I see the woman (and sometimes her twin) carrying her dog. There’s the man who jogs, but it seems his canine is faster! A neighbor has three cats, and I am sure one never leaves the driveway from where it spies on possible interlopers.

Stuck for a gift for someone special? The flower of February is the violet and primrose, while the birthstone is the amethyst. But if you really want to surprise your loved one, bring home a kitty or puppy. And be a good neighbor- when you walk your pup, don’t forget to pick up the litter. This will make Old Cupid happy and Original Carrollwood cleaner. 🐾



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# Annual Fireworks Display at White Sands Beach

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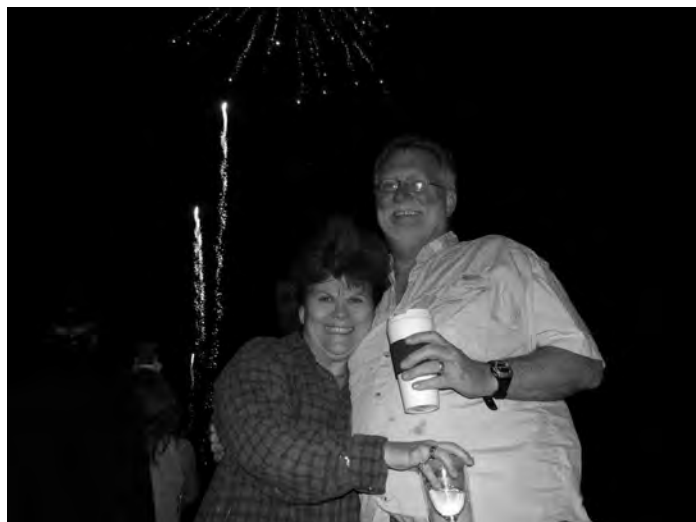
*OC Residents enjoy the fireworks show.*

*Happy  
New Year*

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*Kristy Taylor, Bobby Taylor, Cyndie Deak, Andy Deak, Roxie Deak*



*Linda and Bill Clark*

## Grounds

by Bill Lais

In the January issue of the *Caroler*, we reported that we are continuing repairs to the landscape lighting at our roadway islands throughout the neighborhood and at the entrance to Carrollwood along Dale Mabry. We have retained the services of a licensed electrician to begin repairs, so we expect that most of the work will be done by the time this article is released. If you live near an island where the lighting is out, you should expect to see it repaired soon. Please note that a few islands will have brand new fixtures installed and our electrician will do the best he can to make sure they are not shining into windows or traffic, but there could be minor tweaks needed once the repairs are done. Let Lina know at the Rec Center if you see any lights that need to be adjusted. Remember, our lights are 110 volt and the fixtures can become very hot. Please do not attempt to adjust them on your own.

We also reported in January that the entrance lighting on Dale Mabry would be repaired soon. Since St. Patrick's



Bill Lais

Day is around the corner, Murphy is already starting to show up. We knew the entrance lighting was out for some time and had made arrangements to get it repaired, but a single car accident occurred the morning of January 6, and the driver of the vehicle crashed into the north entrance sign on Bank of America property. Bank of America quickly mobilized their maintenance contractor the next day to clean up the debris and rake the ground level after the car was towed, but the concrete block wall suffered some minor structural damage that will require repair. Thanks to CCA President Jim Powell for alerting us to the accident. A claim was filed with the driver's insurance company, so we expect to be able to recover the cost of repairs and replacing the landscaping once the insurance adjuster can inspect the damage and process the claim. The accident also caused additional damage to the lighting at the northern entrance sign that will need to be dealt with once the wall is repaired.

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 CRD board member if you discover an issue that needs attention. Thank you!



## Puzzle of the Month

A Quiz: Cupid was the son of what Roman God?

Email your answer to the editor at  
Rox@rox-c.com

Names of those with the correct answer will be  
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## Solution to the January

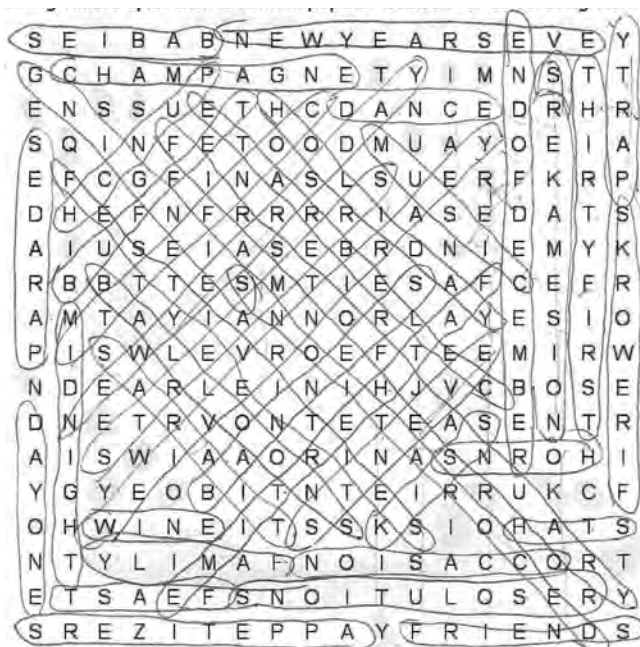
### Word Search

### "Times Square in New York City"

### January Winner: Nicole Sarrine

Others that responded:

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Curtis Moreau	Katherine Clapp	Shirley Roberts
Mary jo McCallie	Kelsey Sheer	Teresa Costa
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Glen Peak	Myrna Cruz	



\* Natalie's response is featured here as the solution to the word search. Great job Natalie!



# Your Personal Water Number, "Go Figure"

by Julia Palaschak

Water use Program Coordinator

Hillsborough County Florida-Friendly Landscaping™

I'll bet you've never heard anyone speak of a "personal water number." My job is to talk to people about water, specifically the reclaimed and/or potable water delivered to your home by your local utility. I decided to use a number to start my conservation conversation.

We pay attention to a lot of numbers in our lives: calories, prices, SPF, 4G, NASDAQ, karats, ERA, BP... these numbers can help form our life's goals and how we reach them. The way I see it, a personal water number is how much water each person uses on an average day at their home. I hope you'll use it to set your water conservation goal.

A personal water number reveals important information about our lives and our behaviors. Knowing how much we use helps us understand when we should choose to use

less. Here's the best part about using less water: It's pretty easy. But it all starts with choosing to use less water.

Conservation, like healthy eating and exercise, doesn't come naturally. It requires motivation and practice. When we're kids, our parents give us rules, the rules can become part of our character. Growing up in rural Illinois, my dad gave us kids regular reports on how much water was in the well. It had to be enough for us, enough for the vegetables, enough for the livestock. He was a great motivator! Who's the conservation motivator in your household?

Please check your next water bill to learn how much water you use every day. If you have kids, let them help you do the math. Share the number with everyone in your household. Both City and County billing provides

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