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Notice of Board Meetings

CCA: Monday, February 8, 2016, at 7 p.m.

CRD Executive Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2016, at 6 p.m.

CRD Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

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by Jim Powell, CCA President



Happy New Year to all Original Carrollwood residents! We kicked off the 2016 New Year CCA Meeting with a nice attendance of residents and discussed many areas.

Amy Cariello and Jimbo Woodroffe reviewed construction of an outbuilding with us.

Jim Blanco gave a nice review of the "Yard of the Month." Please keep those nominations coming!

Jamie Sheer presented our financial report and we are in very good shape there.

Kendra York and Jackie Lais got us excited talking about the upcoming March 5th Pirate Party! Please see the article on Page 15 for more information and mark your calendars to join us! It's been several years since our last one and they are a great way to meet the neighbors and have fun!

Have a great February 2016!



Progress Continues on the New Carrollwood Fire Station #19

*By Joshua McMorow-Hernandez,
author of Tampa's Carrollwood*

Construction crews continue working on building the new Hillsborough County Fire Station #19 at 13201 North Dale Mabry Highway. The fire station complex, which will include two bays and measure 6,650 square feet, replaces a smaller fire station that stood at the site from 1977 until last year. In the months since the demolition of the old fire station, the crew at Station 19 has been working out of a temporary structure that houses the fire and rescue teams as well as their equipment.

"Anytime we're remodeling or have a vacant property that we want to establish a fire and rescue team on, we'll build a temporary facility like you've seen [at Station 19] on Dale Mabry," says Frank Fernandez, Deputy Chief of Operations at Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. He doesn't



expect his crew to be working out of the temporary digs much longer. "We are about 70 percent complete," he remarks on the construction of the new concrete-block structure that stands behind the temporary fire station. "Once we're ready to move the fire rescue personnel into the new building, we will finish work on the exterior of the new facility." He adds that the station recently acquired a new rescue vehicle, which is now in use.

Chief Fernandez says Carrollwood's Station 19 handled 3,056 fire calls and 2,527 rescues in 2015, which represents a typical year for a Hillsborough County fire

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by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

The CRD had a great meeting in January with three residents in attendance. Since the CCA moved their meeting to the second Monday of the month, we are appreciating the opportunity to see them. It is common for residents to attend the CRD Meeting with an issue or concern, but often times it will actually be an issue for the CCA to address. So now, we can just direct them to the CCA meeting which is across the hall. Meeting signs are posted clearly on all of the doors, so it is easy to figure out which meeting that you will be entering.

Some recent gate repairs were made at White Sands Beach and Board member, Paul Siddall, is taking care of some fence repairs at Original Carrollwood Park. If you are at a park and observe some mischief, please call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number and request they send a deputy out to investigate. You are not required to be there, so please do not hesitate to call.

Also, if you are a regular visitor to Original Carrollwood Park, please stop by the Recreation Center Business Office to purchase a new key. As with the tennis gate, the Board is having the key changed on the OCP gate. The cost is \$15 and these are high security keys that cannot be duplicated. It has probably been a decade (or more) since this has been done, so it is long overdue.



The new keys don't look anything like this!



Personally For You

by Roxanne Clapp, Editor


Did you notice anything special about this issue of *The Caroler*? We are now able to customize the print run so your mailing label can be personalized! The technology behind what makes that possible also gives us the opportunity to do fun things like personalizing the content in certain places, by inserting your name, like what you see on the front cover in your Valentine wish.

If the information on your mailing label is incorrect, please let me know. The information was compiled



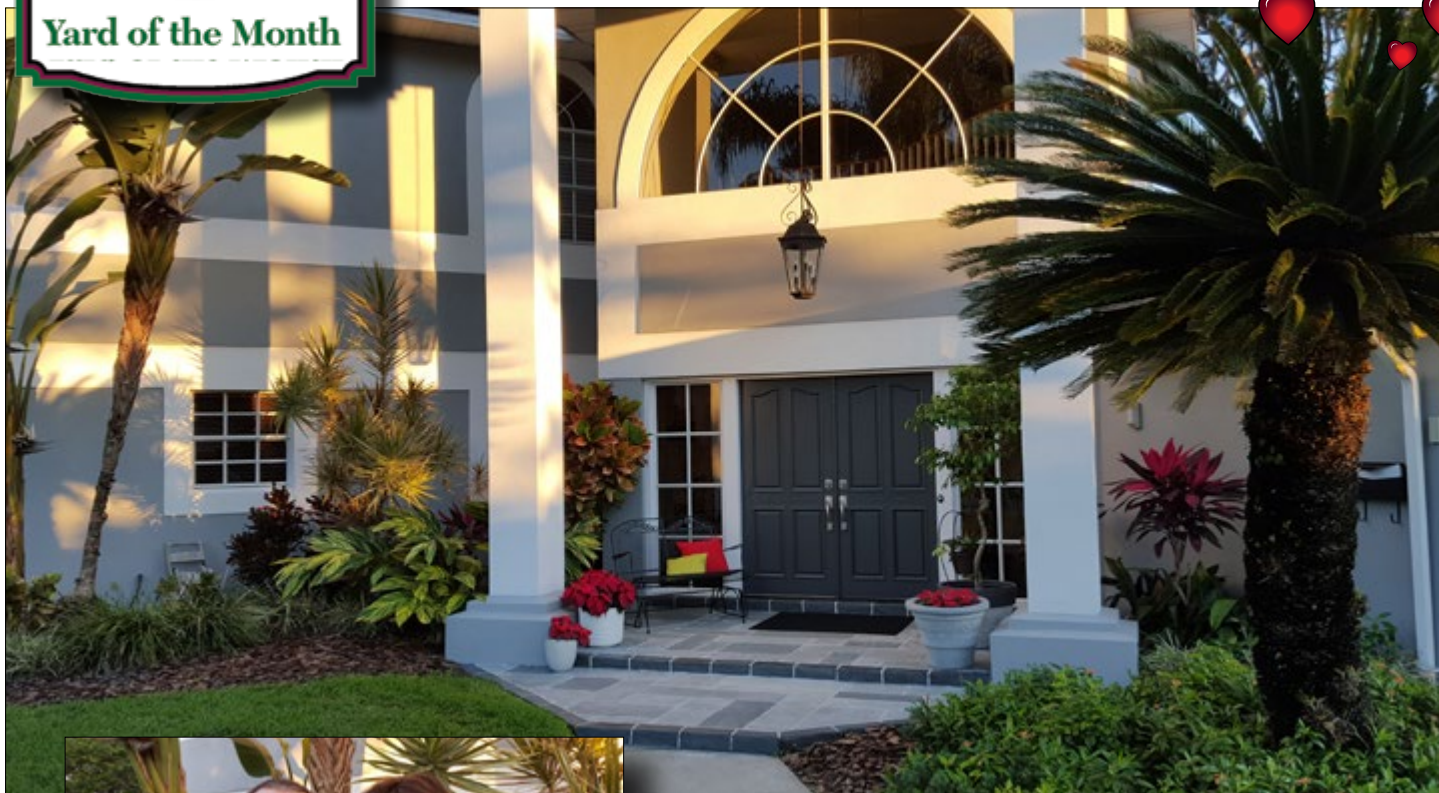
from the OC Directory, and I'm certain some of that information has changed since it was published.

Hopefully, keeping *The Caroler* records up-to-date will also help the Directory Committee a little when it comes time to update and send out the new version.

Please contact me at Caroler@roxc.graphics with any updates, comments, or information for the newsletter. I'd love to hear from you! 



3114 Samara Drive Annette Taucher & Mark Gardiner



Mark and I both enjoy gardening. He with his vegetables and I with flower and landscaping. We are so excited and very honored to be named "Yard of the Month." On any day of the week you can find us riding our bikes, swimming at White Sands Beach or fishing on Lake Carroll. 🇧🇷

Twenty-nine years ago, I fell in love with Original Carrollwood. The oak trees, sidewalks, parks and beautiful lake are some of the things that attracted me to this Community. It was a dream come true to raise my two sons, Trent (26) and Evan (23), in my neighborhood that would provide them the opportunity to grow and develop. They both feel lucky that they were born and raised in Original Carrollwood. We have all established friendships that will last a lifetime. Being a teacher at Lake Magdalene United Methodist Preschool has given me the opportunity to work close to home and be so blessed to teach neighborhood children.

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Fire Station #19

station. The new Carrollwood station will accommodate a fire truck and a rescue unit, which was the same configuration of the old Station 19. However, the crew space in the new station is much larger than at the former facility.

While there presently aren't more units being located at the expanded Station 19, Chief Fernandez assures there is plenty of backup coverage for the area served by Carrollwood's original fire station. "Station 19 also has backup from Station 43 near Ehrlich Road, Station 10 on Dale Mabry (near Waters Avenue), and Station 6 on Linebaugh Avenue."

Fernandez expects the new Carrollwood Station 19 to be complete by the summer. "Currently," he remarks, "that construction schedule remains on track." 🙄



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by Claire A. Modarelli

Cruise and Europe Specialist & Original Carrollwood Resident

1. I'm a little reluctant to travel alone. Any suggestions?

Shared experiences are great, but solo vacations can be too! There are tour companies for singles, e.g., "Gutsy Women" which offer itineraries for single women over age 50; others cater to special interests such as bike riding. And it doesn't hurt to ask friends if they know anyone at your destination who might share a coffee or beer with you.

2. Can I travel with just credit cards or do I have to bring local currency?

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*by Wayne Wilson, Realtor & 43-year
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THE AREA.



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lived in your homes for 20 or more
years and may someday move.
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no idea how much "stuff" I had
accumulated. Unfortunately, I had
not just one attic but I had a garage
attic as well. You can do a lot of
reminiscing during the clean-out
process, but now time wasn't on my
side. Thirty days to move....yikes!
There were only 30 days, which
meant just eight trash pick-ups. I
dumped 15 of our large trash cans
full of that "stuff." Fortunately, a
couple of my neighbors were able to
loan me their trash cans.

Okay, where is this taking me? I
should have been thinning out the
storage over the years. There were
textbooks from my college days, tax
records dating back into the eighties,
and records from previous trusts
that I served as executor. Hmmm,
what am I going to do with all of
that stuff. Fortunately, for a small
fee, there are places like Rapid
Refill and Office Depot who collect
sensitive documents for shredding
at a modest cost and in secure
containers. There were clothes and
dishes and small furnishings that
found their way to Goodwill or the
Salvation Army trucks.

After you've moved everything
out, then the final cleanup needs
to happen. Things like spackling
all of the holes left from where
pictures had been for years. That's
considered cosmetic and not
required, but it is helpful to the new
resident and it leaves a favorable
impression.

The message here? Get rid of that
"stuff" as you go along. Don't wait
for the inevitable.

Current OC Listings as of *Caroler* deadline:

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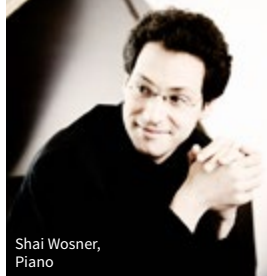


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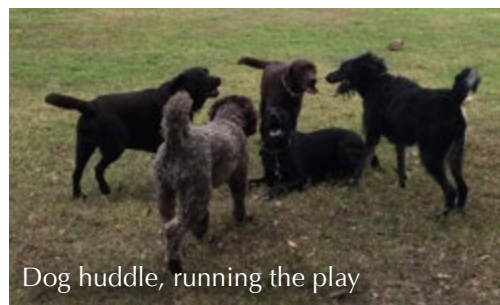
2015 OC DOG PARK CHRISTMAS PARTY



by Suzy Giunta, Shelley Stewart,
Marney Murin, and Katherine
Clapp

More than a dozen dogs and
just as many humans gathered
at the OC Dog Park to celebrate
their Christmas spirit.

As the humans chatted with
one another about their pets
and holiday plans, the dogs
enjoyed each other's company
and ran around doing what dogs
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Dog huddle, running the play



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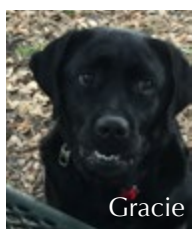
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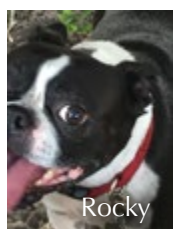
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Roger Clapp relaxes with his
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Eric, while the dogs run and romp



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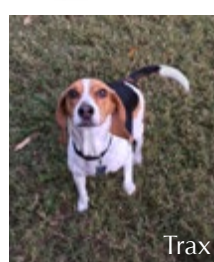


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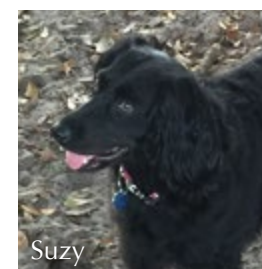
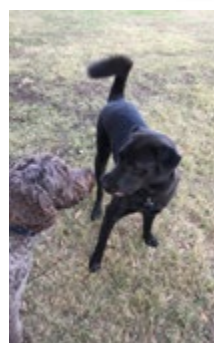
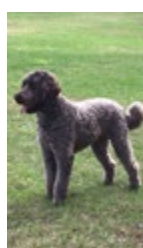
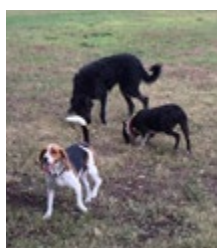
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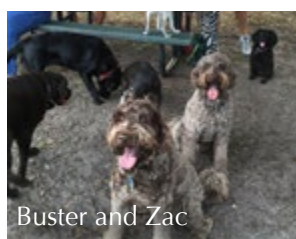
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Travel Q&A

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3. Is Airbnb reliable?

As a travel professional, I can't send my clients into a stranger's home where we don't know what to expect. Renting a flat in Amsterdam isn't as sexy as it sounds, especially if the digs don't match the web photos. Who do I call for extra towels? If you like service and trusted advice, a hotel concierge can assist with reservations, local calls, etc.

4. Can I travel now to Cuba?

The US Government has granted tour operators a license to provide "people-to-people" educational exchange travel to Cuba on a limited basis. A visa is required and will be arranged by the tour company along with the flights, hotels, transfers and sightseeing. No individual travel is permitted yet, but thanks to resumed diplomatic relations, direct flights will soon become a reality. Currently, cruises are very expensive because there's limited competition and hefty government fees. The Tampa cruise industry is excited to add Havana to its itineraries as soon as agreements are reached.

5. Where should I take my sweetheart for Valentine's Day?

• Spend the day at Lowry Park Zoo - entry is cheaper than Busch Gardens and the residents are just as fascinating! Close by, Seminole Heights is home to creative cuisine, such as Ella's and Rooster and Till.

• An outing to St. Petersburg - maybe the Dali Museum - plus Sunday brunch on Beach Drive. The city has pulled up its culinary socks that run the gamut from Central Avenue cafes to an authentic Hofbrauhaus downtown.

• Go all out with an overnight on Anna Maria Island paired with a splurge dinner at Beach Bistro or Euphemia Haye on Longboat Key. 



AHOY!

Landlubbers and Seadogs Alike are Getting Excited for the 2016 Pirate Dance

Saturday, March 5 • 7-11 p.m.
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Costumes PLEASE!



ARRRRRRR!

The Pirate Dance has been a popular adult-only themed event dating back to 1963. Decked out in costumes, neighbors gathered to enjoy the festivities and a Duke and Duchess were named.

The Pirates are restless and the wenches are thirsty! Our next Pirate Dance is Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at Ye Carrollwood Recreation Center. The next Duke and Duchess will be named and crowned by the reigning Duke and Duchess, Andy Fonda and Penny Gallaghy.



We have not had a pirate dance and crowning since 2011 and it's time to hoist the flag and do it again. The voting for the new Duke and Duchess will be done on the evening of the dance.

This event is BYOB. Our only adult-only event of the year! Your CCA Board will be providing hors d'oeuvres, a DJ, and a bounty full of pirate debauchery! So shiver me timbers and get ready to heave ho! Come join the fun or be prepared to walk the plank!

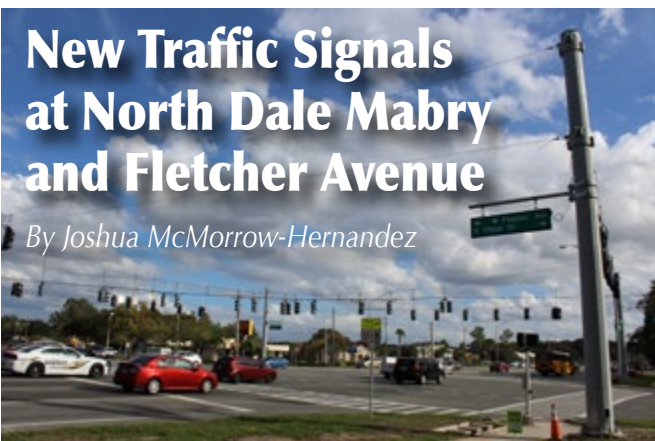
Don't be a scaly wag! Wear your best pirate gear!

Yo-ho-ho! A pirates life for us!

Kendra York and Jackie Lais 🇧🇷

New Traffic Signals at North Dale Mabry and Fletcher Avenue

By Joshua McMorro-Hernandez



One of Carrollwood's busiest intersections was recently outfitted with new traffic signals. Florida Department of Transportation traffic control crews recently installed new traffic signals at North Dale Mabry Highway and West Fletcher Avenue/ South Village Drive. The new

signals, replacing aging traffic lights that were installed in 1989 when Dale Mabry Highway and Fletcher Avenue were previously widened, allow for protected right turns and improved signal visibility for motorists. 🇧🇷

The Spirit of Giving

by Shari Johannes, OC Resident



Sometimes our children remind us about the purity of heart and kindness that we, as adults, should strive to achieve and demonstrate. This past Christmas, my daughter, Madelyn Johannes, reminded me. Maddie expressed to me that she really wanted to do something to raise money for underprivileged people or children who suffer from an illness like cancer. She had asked me so many times in the past about helping others that I thought I needed to finally step up and help her develop a plan.

Maddie had begged me numerous times to set up a lemonade stand on our street in the past, so I suggested that during the holiday season she set up a hot chocolate stand. Because our street had been noted for its extensive Christmas lights, I knew that we would have a lot of traffic on our street and the potential for her to raise some money. I also convinced her to focus on a single cause, Metropolitan Ministries, rather than dividing her efforts.



Maddie serving hot chocolate

Maddie was thrilled with the idea of the hot chocolate stand and she enlisted the help of her friend and neighbor, Ava Brantley. Maddie and Ava set up their hot chocolate

stand on three separate nights during the week before Christmas, ending on Christmas Eve. We had so much fun the first night, watching them interact with walkers and people in cars that stopped by. But we did not expect them to raise much money. We were pleasantly surprised when we counted their funds and learned that they had raised close to \$150. The second and third nights were even busier than the first, and because it was no longer cold outside, the girls added lemonade to their menu. Thanks to the generosity



Ava, Maddie & Alma

of our Carrollwood neighbors, by the end of the third night, Maddie and Ava had raised nearly \$500 in total.

I was so proud to call Metropolitan Ministries to tell them about the funds the girls had raised, I had a hard time holding back tears when I told the receptionist their story. I wanted the girls to have a better understanding about what they had done and who they had helped, so I took Maddie and Ava, in person, to hand over the monies they had raised. Alma Royster, Senior Manager of Donor Relations, graciously gave us a tour of the Metropolitan Ministries facility. Alma told us about the history of Metropolitan Ministries, how it developed from the united efforts of thirteen churches in Tampa that wanted to help the community, and about the many services that it provides to people in our community today. The girls were very proud that they had raised money to contribute to those services. They have vowed to volunteer at Metropolitan Ministries during the 2016 holiday season and they have vowed to set up their hot chocolate stand again too. Thanks to all of you who stopped by, donated, and gave the girls and their families such a wonderful experience. 🇧🇷



Maddie, Ava & Alma in front of Metropolitan Ministries sign

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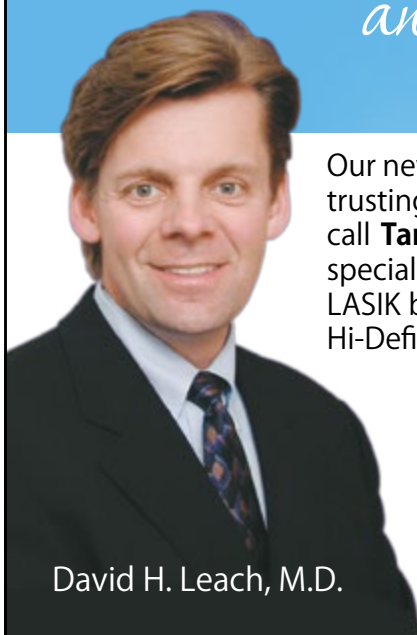
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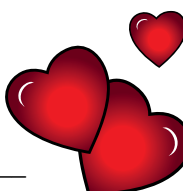
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Email the Editor at Caroler@roxc.graphics before February 14 with your answers. All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the March issue of *The Caroler*!

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SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S MIND BENDER

On the journey ABCD, it is 10 miles further from A to B than from B to C; it is 10 miles further from B to C than from C to D; it is 390 miles from A to D. How far is it from A to B?

Answer: 140

Given:

$$AB = BC + 10, \text{ thus } -BC = -AB + 10$$

$$BC = CD + 10, \text{ thus } -CD = -BC + 10 = -AB + 10 + 10$$

$$ABCD = 390$$

Solution:

$$ABCD = AB + BC + CD = 390$$

$$AB = 390 - BC - CD = 390 - AB + 10 - AB + 10 + 10$$

$$AB = 420 - 2AB$$

$$3AB = 420 \text{ thus } AB = 140$$

Check:

$$\text{If } AB = 140, \text{ then } BC = 130 \text{ and } CD = 120$$

$$ABCD = AB + BC + CD = 140 + 130 + 120 = 390$$

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Curtis Moreau

Justin Ure

Mary McCall

Charlie Ross

William Koehler

Tom Shea

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Happy 2016 Original Carrollwood Residents!

by Jackie Lais

Once again, Sky Candy Fireworks has put on an incredible show for our Community! Thank you to Steve Traczyk and his crew for making our beautiful Lake Carroll shine for the event. (Thankfully, there were no reports of anyone being carried across Lake Carroll by the mosquitoes that were out that night.)

A special thanks to Brian Yarborough with "The Glass Doctor" and the little popcorn machine that could. The Glass Doctor provided the popcorn for that night and what a hit. Look out for popcorn at all OC events from now on; and, of course, a bigger popcorn machine!

Special thanks to Mike Hancock for the use of his boat again, and to Neil Norden, my partner in crime.

PS: Look out for the next OC event, the Pirate Dance of Carrollwood.
Coming March 5, 2016.

YO-HO-HO and a bottle of RUM!

Happy New Year OC!
Jackie Lais