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Who Wants More Winter?

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Thanks!

Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, February 10, 2020 CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m. • CCA: 7 p.m. Carrollwood Rec Center - 3515 McFarland Road Residents welcome to attend.

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Happy Valentine's Day

by Jim Powell, CCA President

by Jamie Sheer

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and the New Year's Eve fireworks show performed by Sky Candy Fireworks! At our CCA meeting we discussed the community Christmas Eve luminaria and the amazing job Boy Scout Troup 217 did in preparing and distributing luminarias to the many common areas and well over 100 Original Carrollwood homes! Thanks to everyone who participated in our holiday events and I hope you have a wonderful 2020!



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by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

At the January meeting, five residents attended to ask the Board to secure Scotty Cooper Park with key access as we do with the tennis courts, entrance to the dog park, entrance to Original Carrollwood Park, and the boat ramp. What do you think? I invite the Community to weigh-in on this issue, because it would be a significant change. In doing so, we would likely also need to eliminate the chain link fence and get a more modern, newer style fence. We would also need a different style gate with key access that closes each time someone enters and leaves. You can email office@ originalcarrollwoodcrd.com with questions, comments, feedback. Your opinion MATTERS !!! I would like to recognize and thank Stacy Fender for her contribution to our Community. Stacy had been working on new monument signs for the Community's main entrance at Lake Carroll Way and Dale Mabry Highway. Stacy recently resigned her Board seat because she moved out of our Community. There is also another Board member that announced their intention to resign due to moving, so we will need to fill two Board vacancies. This will be done through the appointment process at the February meeting, if you are interested, feel free to contact Mark Snellgrove regarding statutory qualifications and requirements, and attend the February CRD Meeting.





by Jason Donald

e were introduced to Original Carrollwood in 2010 by a friend that lives in the neighborhood. We were so excited to find a house in "OC" that we absolutely fell in love with and purchased in May of 2012. We are both Florida natives and grew up in and around Tampa. Jason is a loyal FSU fan and Liz is a Gator. You might catch a glimpse of the "House Divided" flag that flies on the front porch during football season. Jason is in commercial real estate and Liz is currently a stay-athome mother with our daughter, Demery, (15 months old), and our two mini-schnauzers (Kaiser and Schatzi). When we thought about the future and what type of neighborhood we wanted to have children and raise a family in, Original Carrollwood was exactly what we wanted. We love how convenient it is to everything with access to the lake and parks, it is perfect for our lifestyle. We use M.I. Lawn service for most of the cutting and upkeep, and Atlas for the fertilization and pest control. Liz loves to garden, and we have a full vegetable garden in back of the house as well. Thank you for choosing our lawn. We are grateful for the opportunity to carry on the prestigious tradition of "Lawn of the Month."

Yard of the Month

Jason and Elizabeth Donald 10413 Reclinata Lane

NOMINATE A YARD!

Email your nomination to: YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com

Send:

- 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, in person at Board Meetings or by visiting www.OriginalCarrollwood.com

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WINTER FEST

February 8, 2020, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We invite the whole Community to Winter Fest at All Saints Lutheran Church, 5315 Van Dyke Rd., Lutz. Craft vendors, fun for the children, and food. Craft vendor spaces still available. Info at winterfestatallsaints@gmail.com or 813-963-0969.

Mah Jongg

Every Monday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, 3714 W. Linebaugh Ave. For more info, call Lois Perrone - 813-294-7141

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Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - Brass Tap, 10047 N. Dale Mabry Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. - Maloney's, 12904 N. Dale Mabry More info, call KT Tershowski at 813-503-1117

List your free-to-the-public local event in The

Caroler! The first eight entries received each month get published! Send your event info to Caroler@roxc.graphics



Ingredients:

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 small box instant vanilla pudding (3.4 oz)
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 beaten eggs
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 3/4 cup pecan pieces (crushed)
- 1 Baker's German chocolate bar shredded (4 oz./green label)
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Whipped cream (optional topping)

Directions:

- Prepare bundt pan grease and flour.
- Pre-heat oven to 325 degrees.
- Combine cake mix, pudding in mixing large mixing bowl. Stir in oil and water. Mix well. Add beaten eggs until blended, then mix in the sour cream. Final step is to stir in the pecan pieces, shredded German chocolate and semi-sweet chocolate chips. Pour into prepared bundt pan and bake!
- Bake in pre-heated oven 325 degrees EXACTLY 1 hour and 10 minutes.
- After cooling on baking rack, turn upside down on a pretty cake platter.
- · Serve topped with whipped cream

Oops! I forgot to take pictures!

Please share your favorite recipe! Send it to Caroler@roxc.graphics and it may be featured in an upcoming issue of *The Caroler*!

Enjoy! I did.



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by Wayne Wilson, Realtor and former

OC Resident of 38 Years

Some of the content for this article has come from Kent Clothier, founder and CEO of



Real Estate Worldwide.

Technology has shifted so many previously stable and locked industries and now it's hitting the Real Estate market in a big way. Just look at the impact that Airbnb has had on the hospitality industry and Uber and Lyft

OC Listings

as of The Caroler deadline:

A=Active; P=Pending; S=Sold in the last 30 days							
Sta	itus Address Htd	Sq Ft	Price				
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А	3305 Nakora Dr	1,995	\$379,000				
А	11706 Plumosa Rd	3,362	\$559,900				
А	3601 Prunus Pl	2,043	\$369,900				
А	11715 Phoenix Cir	3,072	\$669,900				
А	3019 Samara Dr	2,946\$	51,069,000				
Р	11314 Carrollwood Dr	1,695	\$250,000				
Р	10323 Orange Grove Dr	2,303	\$389,000				
S	10613 Carrollwood Dr	2,236	\$600,000				
S	10702 Lake Carroll Way	2,148	\$315,000				
S	11809 Lipsey Rd	2,344	\$460,000				
S	3304 McFarland Rd	2,736	\$470,000				
S	3306 Nakora Dr	1,537	\$285,000				
S	3418 Picwood Rd	1,692	\$290,000				

have had on local transportation.

So now we have "iBuyers" offering you instant purchase on your home. Sounds pretty good: Immediate sale, no open house, no cleaning up for every showing that's going to happen, no having to deal with negotiations. Sounds good to me ... but wait. How can they do that without benefit at your expense?

The iBuyer takes an inherent risk; i.e., the risk of being able to resell at a profit without knowing exactly how much this particular house is worth. Studies reveal that iBuyers charge a number of fees, either transparent or hidden, that are absorbed by the seller. Those fees range from 7-10% and over and above that they still have taxes and other standard fees associated with the transaction. These iBuyers have to make allowance for homes that don't end up selling quickly as well as the ones they misjudged in their purchases. The end result is to factor those fees into the offering price to the seller.

An investigation by Andrea Riguier of MarketWatch reflected that iBuyer offers would net their customers, on average, 11% less than owners who choose to sell their homes on the open market. The typical cost to seller could be as much as 13-15% of the final offer price. For a \$250,000 home, the seller could be missing out on as much as \$37,500.

As a caveat, I would remind you that I am a Realtor, and this process is counter to what I believe is best for the seller. Therefore, I just suggest that you do your homework carefully before entering into one of these "iBuyer" agreements. Get all the facts and then make an educated decision. Remember, a comparative home in Original Carrollwood is worth far more than an equivalent home outside of our community. Does the iBuyer recognize that or are they just throwing your house into the common bucket.



WAYS TO ENSURE YOU HAVE SET FINANCING FOR YOUR NEXT HOME

By KT Tershowski/REALTOR®

One option that many homebuyers may not consider are potential gifts from relatives. As the student loan crisis continues, many homebuyers need to realize (especially first timers), that buying a home comes with a lot of upfront costs. These include, inspections, appraisals, down payment, closing costs, and any necessary repairs or wish list items that may come thereafter. On average, parents or relatives are giving (gifting) approximately \$39,000 to assist their children with their home purchase or to alleviate the buyers' down payment amount and/or down payment. A gift letter is required if financing is involved. This states, the funds deposited in the buyers' account are provided as a "gift." The lender would require this letter to be provided with the proof of deposit into the buyers' account; however, there are no expectations for the money to be repaid to the gift giver from the lender. The lenders require this letter due to their own bookkeeping for the financing allotted to contribute to the buyers' purchase. **()**



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Tampa Bay Times Masterworks Beethoven's Violin Concerto

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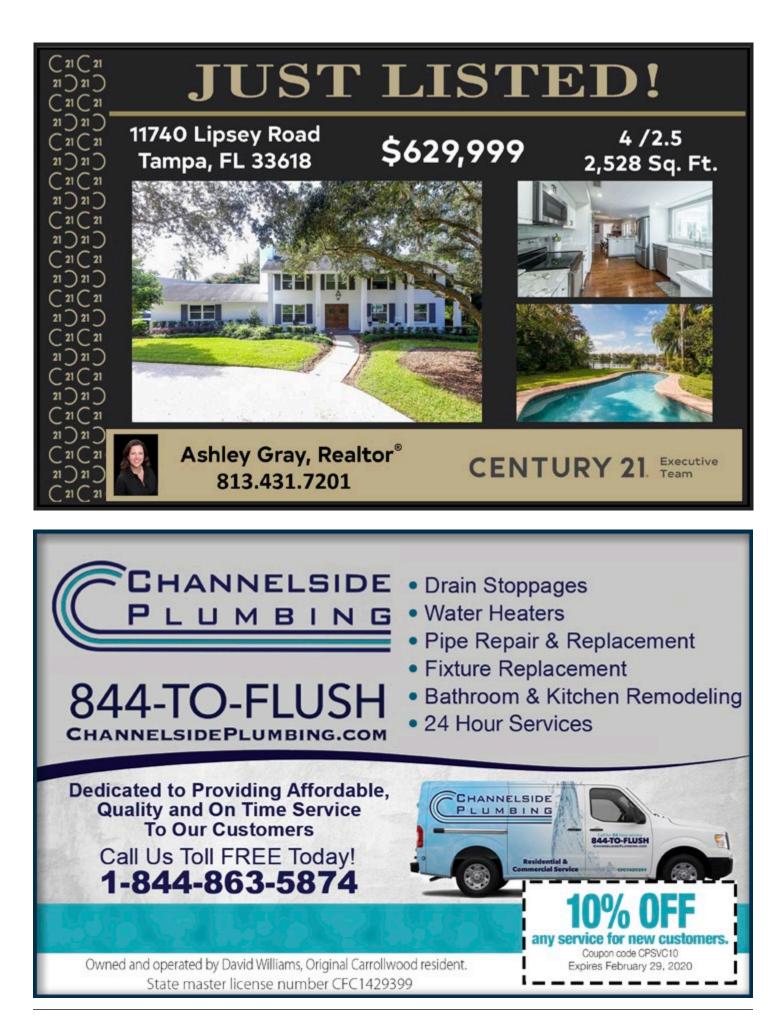
Garden

February Focus . The Radish

I read that radishes only have 20-30 days from seed to harvest. Anyone out there have any experience growing radishes? I want to hear from you! I have developed a new appreciation for this beautiful and sometimes heart-shaped veggie. It is excellent roasted, and it goes deliciously on fish or shrimp tacos!

In February, plant radish seeds outside 1/4" deep in neutral soil. Supposedly 20-30 days later they are ready to eat! I'll let you know how it goes :)

What's growing in your garden this February? Send pics! Email or text Caroler@roxc.graphics





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

New Year's Word Search

Answer: 64 unused letters

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

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