

What do Pirates, Leprechauns, and the Easter Bunny have in common?

They are all inside this issue of *The Caroler*!



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26 • 10 a.m.

Scotty Cooper Park

See Page 8 for details

Notice of Board Meetings

CCA: Monday, March 14, 2016, at 7 p.m.

CRD Executive Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2016, at 6 p.m.

CRD Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

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by Jim Powell, CCA President



Your CCA Board had a very productive meeting in February. We discussed a dock application and other standards issues. We would like to give special recognition this month to our Board member, Jim Blanco. Jim has been tireless in his efforts with newcomers, yard of the month and now he has taken on the secretarial duties for us as well! Next time you see Jim, please let him know how much he is appreciated for all he does for our Community! Brian Hughes gave his Crimewatch report again confirming continued low levels

of crime in our great neighborhood. Our next event is the Pirate Dance on Saturday, March 5. This adults-only event is going to be a blast, as it's coordinated this year by Jackie Lais and Kendra York. Please see their article on Page 15 for more information. Make sure to come out to join us for a fun time! 🇧🇷



Mike Hancock Named President of Carrollwood Bar Association

Mike Hancock is proud to be named President of the Carrollwood Bar Association. Established in 2000, the mission of the Carrollwood Bar Association is to serve its members and the residents of the Carrollwood area by fostering respect for the law, advancing the competent and ethical practice of the legal profession, and by providing programs to its members that will enhance their practice and enrich their experience in the legal profession. The Carrollwood Bar Association has contributed over \$120,000 to area charities, churches and synagogues, including Operation Helping Hands, Meals on Wheels and Bay Area Legal Services.

Mike is a second generation Tampa native and has been skiing on Lake Carroll since he was a teenager. Mike graduated from St. Lawrence Catholic School and Jesuit High School. His parents still live in his childhood home located just north of Lake Carroll on Krueger Lane, less than a mile from his home. Mike graduated from Jesuit



High School, the University of Florida and South Texas College of Law.

Mike has been married to his wife and law partner, Claire Hancock, for over 29 years. Mike and Claire are proud of their two daughters, Hannah (a sophomore at the University of Florida) and Gracie (a senior at the Academy of the Holy Names.) Mike and Claire bought their first home in 1992 on Nakora Drive, then bought their current home on Carrollwood Drive in 2005.

When I asked Mike what his favorite thing about living in Original Carrollwood is, he said "It's hard to say one favorite thing: knowing that my neighbors are also my friends; skiing and wakeboarding with my daughters on the lake; sitting in our driveway on Christmas Eve with the luminarias glowing; Trick or Treating after the Halloween Parade; and watching fireworks on New Year's Eve over the lake."

Mike has served as Legal Counsel on the Board of

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by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

The CRD Board is pleased to announce that after an almost year long process, a new ground maintenance contract is in place for the neighborhood. The base annual contract is \$60,000, and the amount of time Board Member Bill Lais committed to the bid process cannot be overstated.

Bill is a professional engineer, so his expertise in this matter has been invaluable. Bill completely rewrote the scope of work, which is a very comprehensive 11-page document outlining the work to be performed in very specific detail.

The Board



selected Greenview Landscaping, Inc., which has been in business for 32 years. Greenview was the lowest bid, specializing in homeowner's associations and community development districts in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties.

Also, the Board voted at the February meeting to no longer allow inflatables and bounce houses at any of the neighborhood properties. After a comprehensive review process, it was determined that inflatables and bounce houses were too much of a liability exposure.

Lastly, remember to get your new key to OCP and we'll see you all at the Pirate's Dance on March 5th. 🇧🇷

Proper Dog Park [DP] Protocol

by Roger Clapp and Geiger, OC Residents

To help insure the safety, enhance the enjoyment, and promote the general well-being of all - both dogs and dog owners - here are a few suggested/recommended tips/procedures.

1. Don't forget your key to the DP!
2. Remember to securely close behind you each gate you go through (there are some double gates).
3. Always clean up after your dog: be alert to where/when your dog poops, and come armed with poop bags for cleanup. (There are some provided at the DP, but for big dogs larger bags are better: Publix plastic bags or plastic newspaper bags are good.)

4. Dog leashes should be used in the Main Park, but inside the DP they are not conducive to dog safety: they can sometimes invite entanglement, plus contrary behavior by other dogs.



5. Bringing small children inside the DP should be done warily: big dogs, even though friendly, can sometimes be too rambunctious for the little ones. It should also be noted that holding small children in one's arms will often cause dogs' curiosity to kick in and result in their jumping.

6. Giving your dog a treat inside the DP is not forbidden, but should be done with caution and, in so far as feasible, apart from other dogs (who naturally want to be included), who might otherwise behave in an anomalous manner.

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3402 Valencia Road Barbara and Dean Martin



We moved into our home on September 30, 1964. Our six children (Diane, Bruce, John, Paul, Brian and Eric) lived here before spreading out across the U.S. in successful careers. We enjoyed seeing the progress of new homes, being near nice neighbors and their nice pets (Gracie, Rocky, Rudy and Marshmallow among them). We also enjoyed being part of the growth of USF where we are members of the Chemistry Department. We were allowed to keep our offices and our laboratory after formal retirement in 2006. Dean enjoys woodworking and gardening, including maintaining attractive plants for monarchs and other butterflies, in the front and back yards. Barbara maintains the operation and tries to keep Dean out of trouble.



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Yard of the Month

By Jim Blanco

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much easier and fun to emphasize the flowers in many
of our yards. This month we should all drive by Dean
and Barbara's home, 5402 Valencia and enjoy their giant
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for care...."Leave it alone."

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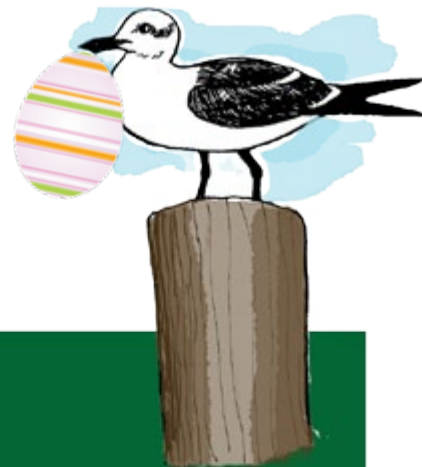
by Kendra York

We will have prizes for 'Best Bonnet' and 'Handsome Hair,' as well as prizes for the finding the 'Golden Eggs.' As usual, we will have two categories where children six and under will hunt in the gated playground; and kids 7 to 13 will hunt in the remainder of the park.

We are in need of volunteers and a volunteer to wear the bunny costume.

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PROPER DP PROTOCOL

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FLIPPERS

by Wayne Wilson, Realtor - Original
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The term 'Flipper' may be familiar to some of you and not so familiar to others. There is a growing group



of people out there who are buying distressed or non-upgraded homes and then renovating them and selling them for a profit. That can be good for the buyer or bad for the buyer, depending upon who the flipper is.

How do you determine if you're dealing with a flipper? Go into public records and see when the last purchase was made. You can also determine how much they paid for the property in most cases. Also, this will let you know if the work was permitted. In most cases, the OWNER of the property can do work on the property without getting a permit. Without a permit, you have no idea whether or not the repairs meet codes.

These people, more often than not, are NOT licensed contractors. They are typical handyman types who have a flair for knowing what buttons push a buyer into buying. Some will do a very professional job while others will do what I call "once-over lightly" work. So the buyer has to be savvy about what to look for.

Check out the flooring. If there is carpet, look closely at the root of the material into the base and see how far apart the weave is. Good quality will have tight weave. Look at wood flooring. Is it really wood or pergo or laminate or engineered wood? Can it be sanded?

Kitchens and bathrooms are also biggies. Cabinetry may not be fastened or mounted properly and it may be an inferior product. Everyone wants granite, but is the granite too thin for an overhang of the cabinet? People sitting up to a counter will rest arms on it. If this product is too thin, it WILL break. Are there any cracks in the granite that have been covered up with epoxy?

No matter what, be sure you get a qualified, licensed and certified inspector to come in and go through the home with a fine-tooth comb. It's the best \$300-\$500 you'll spend. Your professional Realtor can help you with this. Be sure you have a seller's disclosure that is complete. The sellers may want to generate "Seller's Disclosure for Non-Occupancy" form. However, if they have renovated this house, there is

no reason that they shouldn't be able to generate a standard disclosure, and I would recommend that you demand such paperwork.

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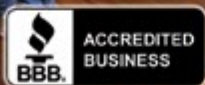


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Annual dues are \$25. For information, call Lula Dovi at 932-6944. There is a possible change of meeting place to Michael's Grill, which is located in Main Street plaza where Mimi's Café formerly operated on N. Dale Mabry Hwy. To confirm this possibility contact President Patty Cohn at pattycohn1@gmail.com.

Walking Group

Meets right outside the Humana office (in the Publix shopping plaza) every Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. We usually walk for about an hour. Open to the public at no cost. We typically walk along Lake Carroll Way and Orange Grove Dr. This is a great opportunity for some of the residents to get out and meet new people.

Easter Sunrise Service

Carrollwood annual Sunrise service at White Sands, 6:45 a.m. Easter Morning. Come and worship with us. 



The River Cruising Revolution

by Claire A. Modarelli

Cruise and Europe Specialist & Original Carrollwood Resident


Thank you, Downton Abbey! Your wildly popular redo of "Upstairs/Downstairs" caught the eye of sponsor Viking Cruise Lines and generated a virtual stampede to the shores of Europe's major rivers. The cruise industry and yours truly are truly grateful!

Many cruisers, especially those who carry a FL driver's license, have sailed the Caribbean multiple times with 2,000+ shipmates and breathed the cool, evergreen breezes in Alaska to escape the Tampa summer. We've snapped pix of Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower and the Coliseum. And, voila! Viking created the next European frontier - casual ships toting less than 200 passengers, dropping them in the center of the city without the early bus ride in to see the wonders of Amsterdam or St. Petersburg (the other one..).

Casual is the game plan - you'll see ladies at dinner in the same outfit they sported at the breakfast buffet. Entertainment is low-key local but enlightening. We enjoyed a chanteuse who performed in several languages, and the resident pianist resembled Victor Borge interspersing jokes with Gerschwin tunes.

Viking may have launched the river cruise mania, but they are not necessarily the "best." Bear in mind that what's right for you on Lacewood may be different for Mary on Carrollwood Drive. Our agency's VP ranks them as follows: Croisi Europe is for the budget traveler; Viking is very good with mass market appeal and more people on board, generally Yanks and Aussies, so the lounges can get crowded. AMA, which I loved and Burt Wolf has shown on PBS, is a more European experience; Avalon, Uniworld and Emerald (a division of Scenic) have their own unique traits; Scenic and Tauck are luxury level.


Imagine the ambience of spending a week at a friend's country home - coffee pot is always on, you day trip at your own pace (the tours offer 3 walking levels from brisk to stroll). Take a bike ride from the pier, and sample local cuisine and wines in a casual atmosphere with practically no dress code.

And those lucky enough to have navigated the Rhine and Danube can expand to the Douro in Portugal and the Mekong in Viet Nam. AMA even offers an African river cruise that includes a safari!! Lions and tigers, Oh my!!! 

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Mike Hancock

Directors of the Carrollwood Civic Association since 2006. Besides the Carrollwood Bar Association, Mike is also a member of the Florida Justice Association, Tampa Bay Trial Lawyers Association, the Hillsborough County Bar Association and CABA.

Mike Hancock has excelled in personal injury litigation for over 27 years, earning among other honors, an "AV-Preeminent" rating by Martindale-Hubbell, "Superb/10.0" rating by avvo.com, membership in the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, being named one of Florida's SuperLawyers and one of Tampa's Top Rated Lawyers. After several years handling claims for the insurance industry, Mike founded Hancock Law Firm in 1996 with a clear understanding of the insurance industry and how to obtain the best results for his clients. 



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Home Solicitation Sales - Who's Knocking On Your Door?

by Mark Tempest

I want to thank Hillsborough County Commissioner Victor Crist and his staff for sending us the following information. If you have ever wondered the rules and proper identification required as it relates to door-to-door Home Solicitation Sales please read on. This article also provides an example of what the proper "permit" should look like. I recommend that you cut this out of *The Caroler* for reference the next time someone comes knocking on your door.

Home solicitations in Hillsborough County account for a large number of consumer complaints each year. A home solicitation is any sale, lease or rental of a consumer good or service with a purchase price that exceeds \$25, including all interest, service charges, finance charges, postage, freight, insurance, and handling charges, and the sale is consummated in a place other than at the seller's fixed establishment or business location.

If a home solicitor knocks on the door and cannot show a County-issued permit, ask them to leave or call your local law enforcement agency.

What Consumers Should Know About Home Solicitations

- It is unlawful for any person to conduct a home solicitation sale in the state of Florida without a valid home solicitation sale permit issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- Home solicitors are required to carry and display their permit and certificate.

- This permit is very important because it requires the salesman to file a sworn application providing all of their personal information, a photograph, and a complete set of fingerprints.

- The Clerk forwards this information to the Sheriff and Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal background checks.

- Consumers should "verify before they buy." Ask the solicitor to see the permit.

- Consumers can verify the home solicitor has a permit by contacting the Clerk of the Circuit Court.


- In Hillsborough County, consumers can call the Clerk's recording office at 813-276-8100 Ext. 4157.

- All home solicitation sales must have a written sales agreement and 3-day cancellation provision.

- This sales agreement must contain the date of the transaction, the buyer's signature, and the BUYERS RIGHT TO CANCEL.

Any home solicitor who violates the terms and conditions of Florida's home solicitation law can face criminal charges punishable as a first-degree misdemeanor, with a second conviction resulting in a third-degree felony.

Thanks again to Hillsborough County Commissioner Victor Crist for providing this helpful information.

 <p>CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FL HOME SOLICITATION PERMIT</p> <p>PERMIT# 2012-81 NAME: DOE, JANE</p> <p>DATE ISSUED: 09/18/2012 EXP. DATE: 09/18/2013</p> <p>DATE OF BIRTH: 1/01/1983 RACE: BLACK HGT: 5'5" WGT: 160 LBS SEX: FEMALE</p> <p>EMPLOYER NAME: 1070 COMPANIES ADDRESS: 5803 BRECKENRIDGE RD STE D TAMPA FL 33610</p> <p>APPLICANT SIGNATURE: <u>Jane Doe</u></p>	<p>CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT</p> <p>BY: <u>Alanna O'Ree</u> Deputy Clerk</p> <p>TELEPHONE: (813) 276-8100, EXT. 4366</p>
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**Landlubbers and Seadogs
Alike are Getting Excited for the
2016 Pirate Dance**

Saturday, March 5 • 7-11 p.m.
Carrollwood Recreation Center

3515 McFarland Road

**ADULTS ONLY
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 Gallagly.

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



"The 2016 Pirate Dance"
Saturday March 5th, 2016
7pm - 11pm

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 17

**Spring
Forward**
March 13

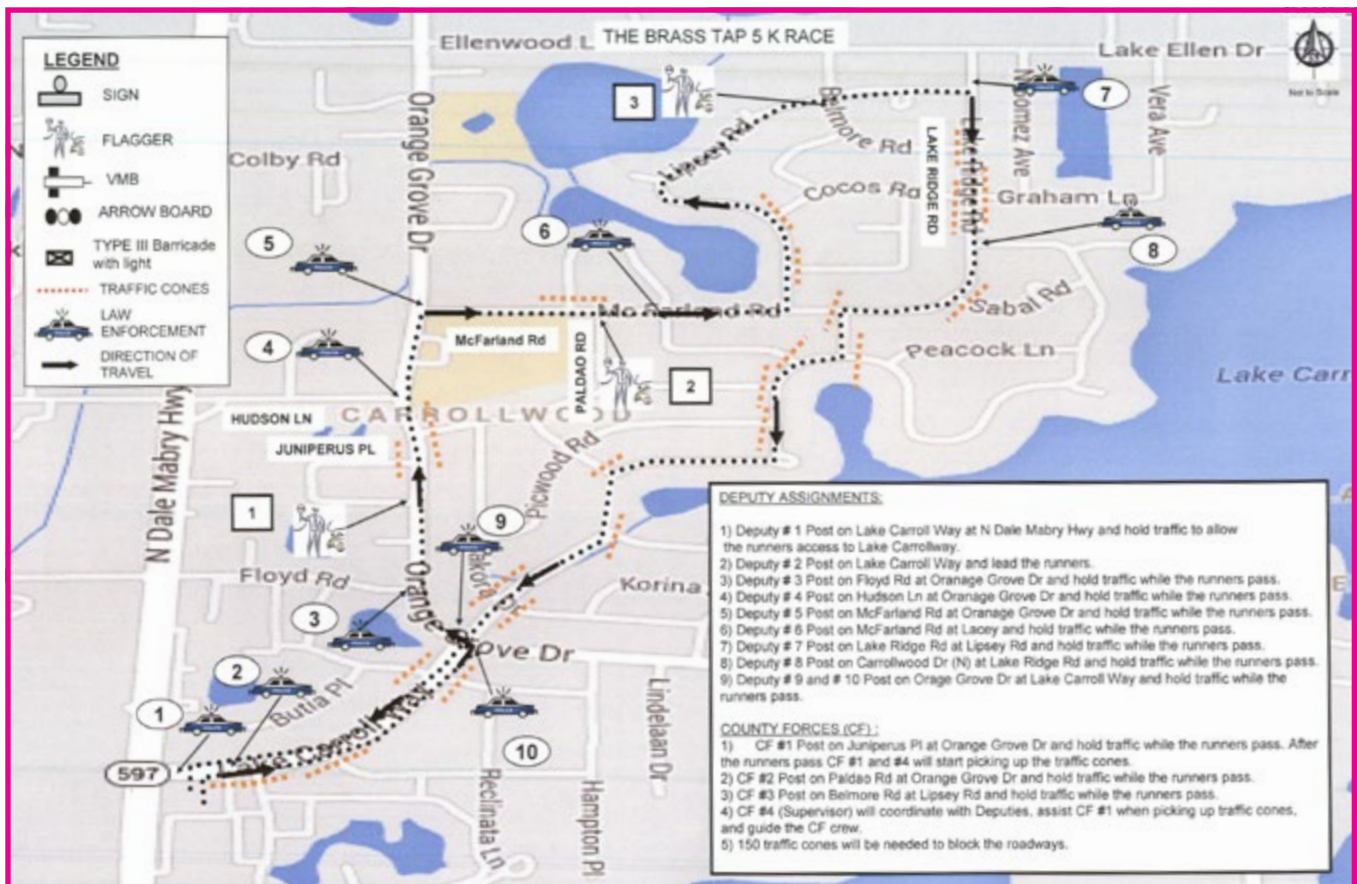


October is Going to be PINKALICIOUS!

Come out on Oct 9th to help us celebrate the month of October with the color of **PINKALICIOUS**. If the NFL football players can pull it off, then for sure runners/walkers can do it too. We will celebrate the color of Breast Cancer Awareness with a Hug Post Race Party sponsored by BRASS TAP with beer and food for all participants, and a special raffle for those who wear all **PINK**.

The event will be a 5K (single loop) or a 10K (double loop) throughout Carrollwood. In order for the neighborhood to love this event, we are offering a \$5 discount for all those who live in Carrollwood. But wait, for those who do not wish to run/walk in the event, the BRASS TAP is going to present gift certificates to the house that has the best decorations for the runners/walkers. Also, for those who want to volunteer at a water stop, the BRASS TAP will be presenting gift certificates to the best water stop. These houses and water stops will be voted on by the runners/walkers of the event. So come out and cheer on your neighbors and all those dressed in **PINK**! 🇧🇷

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Groundskeeping

by Bill Lais, CRD Grounds Chairman

Hello Carrollwood. The CRD is pleased to announce that we hired a new grounds maintenance contractor in January, Greenview Landscaping, Inc. (www.greenviewfl.com). Greenview is a family-owned and operated business servicing the Tampa Bay area since 1984, and was selected following a lengthy bid solicitation process that took almost a year to complete. Mr. Larry Rhum, President of Greenview, possesses many years of landscaping experience and we are excited to have him on board. Greenview's contract runs through January 31, 2019, with the option of three additional annual renewals.


Greenview will be taking over grounds maintenance responsibilities from DAVEY Tree Expert Company starting in February. DAVEY serviced our neighborhood for more than 12 years and we certainly appreciate all their hard work. DAVEY's general manager, Mr. Joe Kitchie was a real asset to the neighborhood and his service will be missed.

Greenview promptly began their service contract



February 11 and 12 with an aggressive sweep of the neighborhood, removing moss, hanging limbs, dead wood, stressed plants, and trash from our common areas and numerous islands. When the growing season begins later in the Spring, Greenview will focus on replacing plants at the Rec Center and many of our islands. In the meantime, Greenview will be focusing on OC Park, Scotty Cooper Park, and White Sands Beach, and proposing makeovers for some of our islands. The island makeovers will cost extra money so we have to limit the number of islands we improve each year.

The CRD wishes to thank Mr. Ken Tinkler of Carlton Fields Jordan Burt P.A. who assisted the CRD in drafting the contract language and to ensure the solicitation process was completed in accordance with State Law. We also thank OC residents, John Probst, Paul Siddall, and Shelley Stewart, for assisting the CRD during this process.

If you have any questions about the scope of work for the new contractor, or have an issue that needs attention, please call the Rec Center or email me at billlais@originalcarrollwoodcrd.com. Thank you! 

Carrollwood Helpers, Bringing The Community Together

by Roxanne Clapp, Editor

Sarah, Morgan, and Grace are here for you if you need a helping hand. These young women of Original Carrollwood created 'Carrollwood Helpers' so people in the neighborhood that need a little extra help can get it, without cost, from caring neighbors. Their goal is to bring the Community together. Among other things, they can help you with things like walking your dog, raking your leaves, and picking up your groceries. This group of students is available to help you on weekends and weeknights.

Just ask Mrs. Peggy Shannon about her experience with them, "...so delightful and it was a great visit," she says, "It is so encouraging to see this in the Community and it helps pull us all together. If we all help each other, we'll get there."

For more information, please visit their website www.carrollwoodhelpers.org or contact them at 813-933-7170 or carrollwoodhelpers@gmail.com.



Easter Egg Hunt

How many eggs can you find hidden in this issue?

Email the Editor at Caroler@roxc.graphics before March 14 with the number of eggs you found, along with how many you found on each page (some pages have none!) All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the April issue of *The Caroler*!

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

Roger Clapp
Curtis & Leslie Moreau
Stephanie and Jack Georgiades
Robert Long
Doug Norton
Katherine Clapp
Adele Smith
Karen Riley
Charlie Ross

Mary Sadler
Andrea & Jack Griffee
Tom Shea
Paul Zook
Mark Boghich
Andy Fonda
Jody Weber
Margery Stern

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S WORD SCRAMBLE

1. LEVO LOVE
2. DRE RED
3. ESNRTPE PRESENT
4. ESOR ROSE
5. APYHP HAPPY
6. DCAR CARD
7. RRAOW ARROW
8. FINERD FRIEND
9. KEIL LIKE
10. PDUIC CUPID
11. TGIF GIFT
12. OCOLACHET CHOCOLATE
13. REHTA HEART
14. EMPO POEM
15. IGNR RING
16. DCANY CANDY
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