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Monday, April 11th  
Public Hearing.

March 2022

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association



## Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, March 14, 2022

CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m. | CCA Meeting: 7 p.m.

Carrollwood Rec Center - 3515 McFarland Road

Residents welcome to attend.

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Gasparilla parties at the Rec Center. Lucky enough to be on a lovely pond, our kids grew up with lots of birds and minnows and lizards and snails and ducklings in the shade of the beautiful oaks surrounding the house. Though Steve has chosen to do a lot of the maintenance of the yard himself, that task has been made immensely easier because of the wonderful advice and custom monthly schedule of fertilization and weed control provided by our Carrollwood neighbors, Pat and Steve, from Green Thumb Nursery. (continued on Page 10)



Email your nomination to:  
[YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com](mailto:YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com)

**Include:** • 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, at Board Meetings or by visiting the community website: [www.OriginalCarrollwood.com](http://www.OriginalCarrollwood.com)

**CORRECTION:**  
The February issue had an incorrect spelling of the Yard of the Month winner. Congratulations again to Evans and Linda Bostick!



# CCA News



Jim Powell



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Jamie Sheer

By Jim Powell, CCA President




Neil Norden



Bryan Huls



John Perez

We had a good session at February's meeting. We covered upcoming social events, lake conditions, sidewalks, our annual budget and newcomers. For all newcomers to the neighborhood, just a reminder to check in with Janet in the CRD Office to get the latest on the neighborhood. Also Jerrod has a movie night planned for us in March, check out Page 8 for more information. Special thanks goes out to Mickey Jaap for all the great work he's done for our Board. He will be leaving us and will be replaced by Corey McKeown from Valencia Road. We look forward to having her join us. Have a great March! 

## Welcome Newcomer



### Please contact

**Jim Blanco, Newcomer Chairman**  
to receive a welcome packet.

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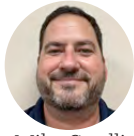
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Jack Griffie



Kevin Shidler



A letter from The Carrollwood Recreation District Board

**A Little More Will Go A Long Way Toward  
Preserving Tampa's Best Kept Secret.**

The Original Carrollwood Community is one of Tampa's best kept secrets, with charm on every corner. If you call OC home, this comes as no surprise. We are fortunate to have some coveted amenities: Our Recreation Center has two event rooms and lighted tennis courts; White Sands Beach offers a boat ramp, a dock, a swimming area, and access to Lake Carroll; Scotty Cooper Park is fully equipped with a playground, a dock, and a covered pavilion for parties; and Original Carrollwood Park is large enough to have softball and soccer fields, a paved track for walking or biking, two covered pavilions, and a dog park that canines rave about. All of the facilities are private and for use by Original Carrollwood residents only. Beyond all that, OC is a slice of Americana, hosting annual fireworks on New Year's Eve, Easter Egg hunts, a ski show and free barbeque on July 4th, a Halloween Parade, and on occasion, movies at Original Carrollwood Park. It all adds up to an amazing neighborhood, the maintenance of which also adds up.

Keeping Original Carrollwood safe and beautiful is getting increasingly costly. Financial projections show that our future income will not keep up with the rate of inflation. It is for this reason that the Board is diligently seeking to increase the non-ad valorem annual assessment for each residence.

Consider this. Just as the cost of one gallon of milk has nearly doubled in the past 20 years, from an average cost in 2002 of \$3.49 to a whopping \$6.54 in 2022, so too has inflation raised the cost of everything the district uses to support and maintain the neighborhood. By our projections, the district budget will run at a deficit within the next five years.

**Your Voice Will Be Heard, And Your Vote Counted.**

It is important to note that the decision to raise taxes will not be made by the Board alone. This is a neighborhood decision. It will be decided by all of us—together. This is why we're asking for your input. On Monday, April 11th, at 6:30 p.m., the Carrollwood Recreation District will hold a public hearing at the Rec Center; the purpose of which is to consider placing a referendum on the August 23, 2022, public elections ballot proposing to change the annual assessment from \$600 to a cap of \$1,200 per year. If approved, the Board will raise the annual assessment as needed to meet budget projections. In the past, this was done incrementally over a course of years.

Approving this resolution on August 23 will help ensure the future financial stability of Original Carrollwood and will add the funds needed to enhance the neighborhood and the facilities that we already enjoy.

We look forward to hearing from you on April 11th and to discussing the future of the neighborhood we love.

# COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Enjoy a beautiful evening at the park with your neighbors. Bring your lawn chairs/blanket and enjoy a movie on the lawn at Original Carrollwood Park.

## March 5

**starting at 5 p.m.**

(movie starting around 6:30 p.m.)

### VOLUNTEERS:

We are looking for a few volunteers for this event. All volunteers will earn community service hours. Please contact us ahead of time.

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**The Kona Ice truck will be there selling desserts. Pizza and Popcorn provided.**

To stay up to date, make sure you are on the Crime Watch email list and the CCA Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic)

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By KT Tershowski/REALTOR®



Buying a house in 2021 was not easy for the majority. According to NerdWallet's 2022 home buyer report, 66% Americans who may have fought in multiple bidding wars were to no avail. In fact, more than a third Americans postponed or had to revise plans due to the pandemic or other events.

For the buyers who have continued their search into 2022

from last year (combined with the 26 million planning to buy homes this year), could have caused their homebuying experience to be consumed with frustration. It is important to not lose hope. From the low inventory and high-priced market environment we are still experiencing, there are ways to learn from 2021 to overcome in 2022 to close on your next place to call home.

What are your must-haves and what can you live without? Decisive buyers win more. Try narrowing down your list to the essentials instead of focusing on the would-be nice features.

There are strategies to make your offer competitive. Money talks, but not all highest priced offers win out.

Some buyers may feel defeated and driven out of the market, with soaring prices and interest rates creeping up

behind. However, a heftier down payment of 20% or more will keep your costs lower with less interest on a loan and private mortgage insurance to be able to afford more. Set a budget, then meet with a lender to determine what you can comfortably afford to be a healthy contender before you consider to pursue an offer on a house.

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S	11716 Lipsey Rd	3,048	\$848,672
S	3305 Nakora Dr	1,995	\$450,000
S	3406 Nakora Dr	1,744	\$501,900

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## Simpson | Juniperus Place



They went the extra mile coming to our house to offer advice on landscaping or other issues regarding the lawn. The trees have matured over the decades we've been here and the King Sago is finally up to the roof line! Our grown kids don't live in Florida now, but always enjoy coming back to the home where they grew up. We all especially enjoy time outdoors on the paver patio and fire pit that we added in our back yard. We both get our exercise walking through the neighborhood, and always appreciate the gorgeous trees and flowers, the special touches people have made to each yard and home, and Lake Carroll is a treat along the way, especially with the variety of birds that come to fish and wade along the shore. Original Carrollwood has been a wonderful place to live.

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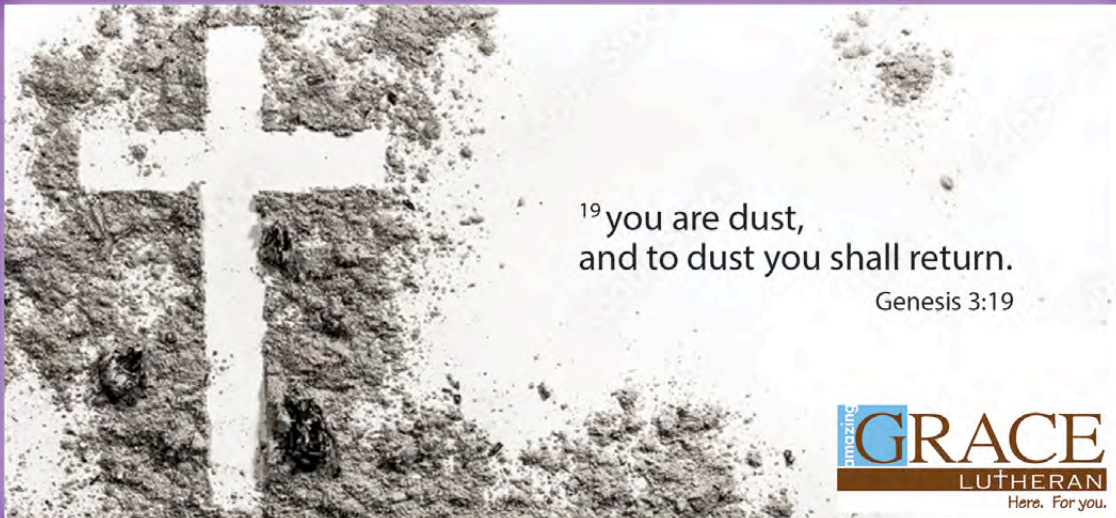
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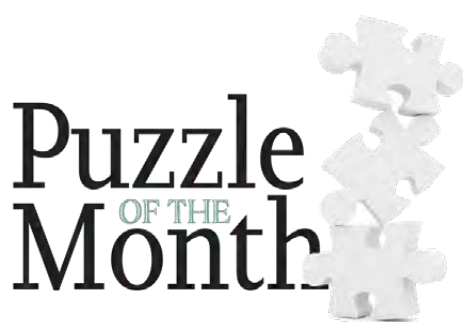
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February was an exciting month for Carrollwood Elementary students. Fifth grade started their unit on Greek mythology and 4th graders had a "Smore Camp" reading kickoff. Our 3rd graders started their unit on fractions and our 2nd graders are learning about prefixes and suffixes. First grade is celebrating Valentine's Day with a "Secret Sweetie," a week-long event celebrating their classmates. Kindergarten is having fun with STEAM activities and our Pre-K students are learning about communities. School-wide events this month included Jump Rope For Heart, Black History Bowl, Hootieblast, and a hugely successful food drive for the Owl Pantry. March brings Hootiefest! This annual school carnival is back this year and better than ever! This year Hootiefest will begin with a silent auction on 2/28, virtual talent show on 3/3 and ending with a fun-filled day with games, dodgeball, inflatables, food, dancing, and more on 3/5. All proceeds benefit teachers and classrooms. For more information visit our Hootiefest site at <https://app.memberhub.gives/hootiefest2022>. Interested in being a vendor? Contact [Carrollwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:Carrollwoodpta@gmail.com)

Congratulations to our Teacher and Support Staff of the Year: Jennifer Giralbaldi, Kyla Burd, and Lazara Loyola. Finally Carrollwood ES would like to welcome a few new "students" this month, a group of neighborhood Muscovy ducks! These friendly ducks greet students on the way to school and hang out in the butterfly garden on campus!



**Short on time and lacking in space and creativity... Guess what number between 1 and 31 I'm thinking of!**

Hint:



Email your answer to [Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics) March 10. All that reply will have their name posted in the next issue of *The Caroler*! along with my magic number. Smile!

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

Tom Shea  
Patsy Schmidt  
Gary and Janet Pailthorp  
Charlie and Kent Ross  
Jared "I love Becca" Jones  
Nilla Leto

**Answer to Last Month's Puzzle:**

**Be Mine, Valentine!**





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