

# CRD Public Hearing Monday, April 11th

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A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association

# Annual O.C. Easter Egg Hunt at Original Carrollwood Park! See Page 10 for more details.

April 16, 2022

starting at 10 a.m.

#### **Notice of Board Meetings**

Monday, April 11, 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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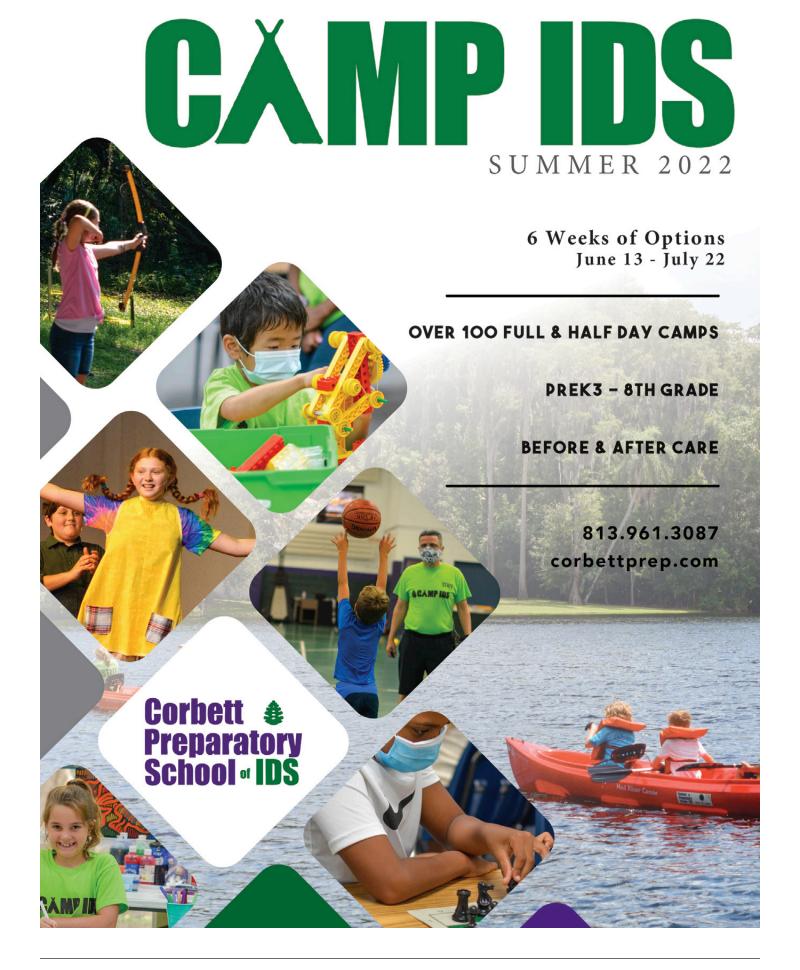


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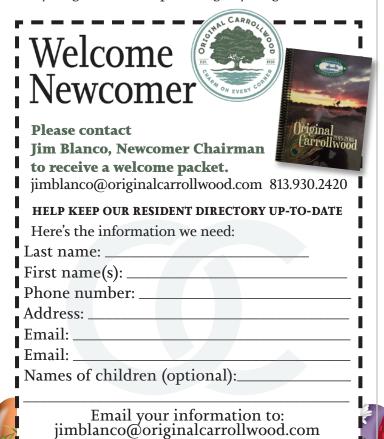
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By Mark Tempest, CCA Vice President

he March board meeting was well attended. Several residents submitted plans for new additions and new pools. We are so happy to see continued investment in our Community.

We had another "Cinema Saturdays in the Park" that was a great success and are planning new dates. We are gearing up for the Easter Egg Hunt at Original Carrollwood Park on April 16th. We are also working to contract the Tampa Bay Water Ski Team for another 4th of July celebration. These type of events are what truly set Original Carrollwood apart from almost any other neighborhood in Tampa. They really are built around our young families and providing ways to get to know



Thanks for your help.,







Neil Norden

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your neighbors. Please take advantage of these activities.

Our financials look good, but we are working with our sister board to see if funds are available to continue the annual new year fireworks. The cost for this great event has gone up several thousand dollars and we are hoping we can increase our budget to allow for it again this year.

The Lake is in great shape and a hearty thanks to the very generous Lake Fund donation from the Martin family of Valencia Drive. Please look for the form in The Caroler or drop by the office. These donations allow us to keep the lake stocked with (weed-eating) carp and other maintenance needs to keep the lake levels high and water clean.

Lastly, we want to thank Mickey Jaap for his decades



of service to the Community in several Board capacities. Mickey is one of the mainstays of this community and has spent countless hours for nearly 30 years serving Mickey Jaap the Community. If you run into Mickey or

any of the Board members, please pass along your thanks for all the work they do. But with every departure, there is also a new person to bring their talents to our Community, so help us welcome Corey McKeown to the CCA Board. Corey and her family are long-term residents here in Original Carrollwood. Her kids are getting a little older now and she has volunteered to give back to the community in which she has so enjoyed raising her family. Please welcome (fellow Hokie) and great neighbor Corey to our Board.





Mark Snellgrove



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#### CARROLLWOOD RECREATION DISTRICT

**Public Hearing Notice** 

**Proposal to Change Carrollwood Recreation District Tax** 

The Board of Trustees of the Carrollwood Recreation District, a Florida independent special district, will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. This public hearing is open to the public and will be held at the Carrollwood Recreation Center, 3515 McFarland Road, Tampa, FL 33618.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider placing a referendum on the August 23, 2022 ballot proposing to change the maximum annual assessment of the Carrollwood Recreation District Tax. This existing assessment is a non-ad valorem annual assessment imposed on each individual improved residential parcel located within the boundaries of the District, that's purpose is to fund the financial needs of the District. The current maximum annual assessment that may be imposed by the District is \$600 per each improved residential parcel within the District. The proposed change would increase the maximum annual assessment that could be imposed to \$1,200 for each improved residential parcel within the District.

If approved by a majority of those voting in a referendum, the District in its annual budgeting process could consider imposing the Carrollwood Recreation District Tax in any amount up to the approved maximum per residential parcel of \$1,200 per year. The assessment would be levied against each improved residential parcel, both single family homes and townhomes, once every year after its approval. The assessment will be collected by the Hillsborough County Tax Collector. Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the subject property, which may result in a loss of title to that property, pursuant to the requirements of Florida law. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the meeting and to file written objections with the District within 20 days of the date of this notice. Written objections may be mailed to 3515 McFarland Road, Tampa, FL 33618 or emailed to office@originalcarrollwoodcrd.com, or delivered by hand at the public meeting. Public comment will also be allowed at the public hearing, limited to three minutes per speaker. The agenda and materials for this hearing are posted online at http://www.originalcarrollwoodcrd.com.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in this public meeting should contact Janet Bourland, 3515 McFarland Road, Tampa, FL 33618; (813) 932-1257; office@originalcarrollwoodcrd.com as far in advance as possible but preferably at least five working days before the date of the scheduled event. Persons using a TDD may contact Janet Bourland through the Florida Relay Service, 711.

A letter from The Carrollwood Recreation District Board

#### Even A Small Leak Will Sink A Great Ship.

#### A Bit Of History

On December 5, 1972, the Florida Legislature approved a referendum creating the Carrollwood Recreation District (CRD), a Special District responsible for providing essential government services and facilities within a limited geographical area. The CRD has a volunteer Board of nine Trustees that run for public election every two years. Operating under the authority of the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, the Board may only discuss and vote on District business at public meetings, the dates of which are advertised as Public Notices in the newspaper.

#### How The CRD Board Works

As a Special District, CRD budgets are subject to yearly audits which are sent to the State Controller, Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Auditor General, and the Department of Community Affairs. More notably, the CRD Board is beholden and accountable to the residents of Original Carrollwood, and therefore, no budget is approved without presenting it publicly to you — our constituents first.

#### **Remaining Solvent Against Inflation**

On April 12, 2021, long before gas prices were over \$4.00 per gallon, before inflation reached a 40 year high of 7.9%, Board Trustee Michael Carelli expressed concerns regarding CRD budget projections (as recorded in the CRD Board public meeting minutes). This was the first of many discussions the Board had over a course of months regarding our fiscal responsibility to the future of Original Carrollwood. As a hedge against this growing tide, the Board managed, as always, a fiscally tight and responsible budget while continuing needed maintenance, repairs, and requested neighborhood improvements. By December of 2021, additional budget forecasts predicted that the District would run at a deficit within five years and that raising the annual assessment was paramount to maintain a balanced budget — as required by the State of Florida.

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#### Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency

Master Deputy Melvin Jones, Community Resource Deputy 813.247.0330

#### Hi There! Happy Easter

The Caroler mail list is an independent list from the official Original Carrollwood resident directory. When you move into the neighborhood, or change homes in the neighborhood, The Caroler mail list does not automatically get updated. I need your help!

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were spent living in a house my parents had built in OC on Reclinata Lane. I'm a graduate of Adam's Junior High School and Chamberlain High School.

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their house from their estate and have been living here ever since.

I love OC and have lived here most of my life. My yard work is handled by Mr. Rick Ovarlet. Pest control and fertilization is provided by Professional Pest & Lawn Management, Inc. of Spring Hill, Florida. @

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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

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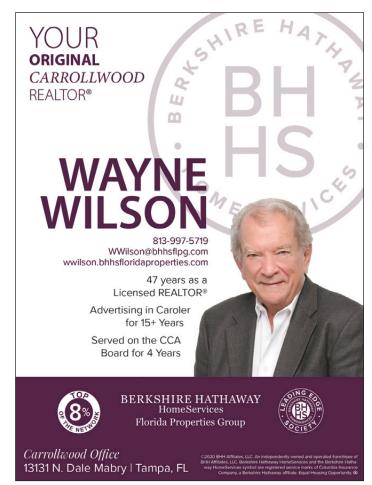
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# Annual O.C. Easter Egg Hunt at Original Carrollwood Park!

# April 16, 2022 Starting at 10 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers. All volunteers will collect service hours, and the bunny costume volunteer is paid \$30 plus service hours. All volunteers must be at the park by 8 a.m. on Saturday. Email events@originalcarrollwood.com to volunteer.

Free specialty coffee drinks provided by Buddy Brew Coffee Truck!

This year's Easter Egg-citing Hunt will be held at Original Carrollwood Park on Saturday, April 16th, starting at 10 a.m.

In addition to donuts, coffee and water, we will have prizes for Best Bonnet, Handsome Hair & Festive Family. And a special prize for finding the Golden Eggs in each age group.

This unbeatable egg hunt will be broken up into three groups:

0-3 years old's (starting at 10:00 a.m.)

4-6 year old's (starting at 10:15 a.m.)

7 to 13 year old's (starting at 10:30 a.m.)

Bring your camera for pictures and enjoy a latte!

Thank you, CCA Social Committee Adult volunteers – We will be setting up Friday late afternoon/evening. Email events@originalcarrollwood. com if you are interested in helping.



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# Emily's Cirt

by Danielle Eichmann

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# Spring Has Sprun

#### at Carrollwood Elementary School!

Submitted by Carrollwood PTA



The month kicked off with our annual Hootiefest! Hootiefest back after a short hiatus and was a huge success this year! Students.

families, staff, and neighbors enjoyed carnival booths, food provided by Dad's Club, obstacle courses, a selfie booth, a dunk tank for the teachers, dodgeball, vendor booths, and a silent auction/raffle! We raised close to \$20,000 for our fabulous teachers and their classrooms. A special thank you to our

> Platinum Sponsors Channelside Plumbing and Premier Martial Arts.



Carrollwood Elementary School also won the Top School Award for the Black History Month Digital Read-In.

The Beautification Committee was hard at work as volunteers spent time sprucing up the campus. Special thanks to Home Depot for their generous donation and Bruce Montgomery for his plant donations. The campus is sparkling!

> Carrollwood PTA's First Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by Dad's Club will be Sunday, May 1st, at Heritage Harbor Golf and Country Club in Lutz, FL. Registration is open now! Visit Carrollwood.memberhub.com register your foursome.



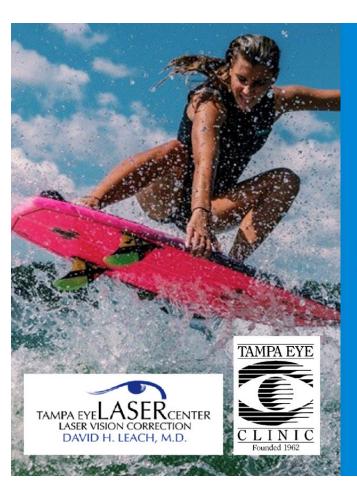
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(Petrea Volubilis)

Photo by Daniel Francis Seen on an April bike ride in 2020.

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Christina Hummel, CRS Coordinator, Engineering and Operations Department, Hillsborough County

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Anywhere it rains, it can flood. A heavy afternoon downpour can turn into a lifethreatening and financially devastating flood in the blink of an eye. Hurricanes and tropical storms increase the danger from flooding.

Therefore, the County is encouraging all property owners in Hillsborough County to understand their risk for flooding and to purchase flood insurance. Remember, homeowner's insurance does not cover water damage from flooding. Only flood insurance covers water damage to your property from a flood or storm surge.

Most people know that properties near the Gulf of Mexico or Tampa Bay need flood insurance due to their elevated risk for storm surge flooding. As a matter of fact, flood insurance is required by mortgage lenders for most of these property owners.

Hillsborough County has worked hard on your behalf to reduce those rates by adopting proactive floodplain management requirements to reduce flood risk across the County. This approach has earned residents a flood insurance discounts of 25 percent.

Hillsborough County understands that insurance is a complicated topic. Don't let a flood wipe away everything for which you've worked so hard. Get flood insurance.

Find out your flood risk. Hillsborough County offers a free flood map information service so that you can find out if your property is in a high, moderate or low risk flood zone or a floodway, and your hurricane evacuation zone. Remember flood zones and evacuation zones are different! This webpage will let you look up the flood zone of your property. https://arcg.is/0HD5G10

The following webpage will locate the evacuation zone and provide other good information for hurricane preparedness. https://bit.ly/3BPaZ6Q

You can also see if you live near protected areas that have natural floodplain functions, like wetlands, swamps or mangrove stands. These areas store flood waters or buffer wave action while providing habitat for wildlife and cleaning the flood water.

Hillsborough County is a participating community in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Furthermore, since October of 1992, the County has taken advantage of the opportunity to participate in the NFIP's Community Rating System, or CRS. The CRS program incentivizes communities to go above and beyond minimum standards to implement best practices that better protect the community from flooding.

Information can be found on the Hillsborough County website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org search "Flood Maps."

## **Pet Tails & Paw Prints**

Submitted by Ken Ciosek

This is Pepper (Australian Shepherd) and Finn & Ivy (Wheaten Terriers). These three friends can be seen most days taking their owners for walks throughout the

Pepper's mom is Marilyn Bozak.

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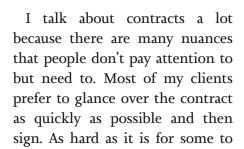




#### **OC REAL ESTATE**

REAL ESTATE 101: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

By M. Wayne Wilson, Realtor and Former Original Carrollwood Resident 42 years



pay attention, I still insist on them understanding THOROUGHLY what they are signing. For example, under Section 9, Paragraph f, you have the label Special Assessments. There are two choices. Seller pays all outstanding assessment or seller pays assessments up to the date of sale and buyer picks them up after date of sale.

If a buyers agent wants to give benefit to his clients they may check the box calling for seller to close out any Special Assessments. The seller may think they don't have any, but often there are sewer repair assessments or open CDC's in new developments which you only see on the tax statement. Most have a lifespan so you are paying those on time. A subdivision when built may have had a modest

assessment of \$300 per year in tax. If that was for 20 years and the house was built in 2010, then you still have nine years to go because taxes are always paid in arears. That could be a \$2,400 hit that you didn't anticipate.

So you need to make sure that area is looked at carefully. There are many "fill in the blank" areas in the contract that are followed with the statement "if left blank then X number of days will be used." I personally don't like to use that option so I always fill in these blanks. They may not seem like much but often those items affect other parts of the contract which could affect whether or not you can get the Escrow deposit or not.

In essence, my suggestion to you is "READ THE CONTRACT." Every last word of it. It's legally binding and it has hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of impact. ①

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A letter from The Carrollwood Recreation District Board



#### Where Does The Money Go?

The budget is based on the assessment of \$600 per residence per year and any income from rentals, versus projected costs, including utilities, ground maintenance, irrigation, ongoing payment of debt, insurance, and facilities' maintenance and repair, all of which amount to a budget of \$620,017 per year. (For a detailed budget, visit www.originalcarrollwoodcrd.com).

While we continue to maintain a balanced budget, we are beginning to put "band-aides" on some maintenance issues for lack of funds to maintain our record of conservative fiduciary responsibility. It is for this reason the Board is recommending an increase in the annual assessment.

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

It is important to note that our recommendation to increase the non-ad valorem tax 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.

#### What Happens If The District Becomes Insolvent?

If the Carrollwood Recreation District is unable to meet our financial obligations — as our financial projections forecast — the neighborhood parks and facilities would go into disrepair and amenities could close.

# In The Past, Increases Were Done <u>Incrementally</u> Over A Course Of Years. If This Referendum Is Approved, The Board Plans To Take A Similar Course Of Action.

Approving this referendum 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 discussing the future of the neighborhood we love.

#### SHRED 2021 GOODBYE!!!

You are invited to shred your old documents. 2021 is over and it is time to clean those files. Shred any documents that you no longer need and free up space. We are providing a site secured shredder truck for you to use to dispose of those unnecessary documents.

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How many eggs can you find hidden in this issue of *The Caroler*? Email your answer to Caroler@roxc.graphics before April 10. All that reply will have their name posted in the next issue of *The Caroler*!

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

Katherine Clapp Larry Tom Shea Terry L. Kors Charlie and Kent Ross Luca Barolo Anne Burdge

Answer to Last Month's Puzzle: The magic number is 17!

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Worship Service in the Sanctuary



SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

9:30 & 11:00 AM

Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

11:00 AM

Contemporary Service in Heritage Hall

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