



May 2020

# the Caroler

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association

## OC Staying at Home

*See the OC Spirit throughout the pages of this issue.*



Robert and Annabelle Stewart. See Page 12 for more.



### Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, May 11, 2020

CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m. • CCA: 7 p.m.

Carrollwood Rec Center - 3515 McFarland Road

Residents welcome to attend.



**Graduation time  
is coming!**

*See Page 16*

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by Jim Powell, CCA President

We held our first ever Webex meeting in April due to the social restrictions in place. The call went well, with 100% of our Board members in attendance.

Our financial review presented by Jamie Sheer showed that we continue to remain in good shape there.

Jim Blanco updated our "Newcomers" and "Yard of the Month" winners. Please make sure to reach out to Jim with info on "Newcomers" and "Yard of the Month" nominations.

We discussed lake levels being lower due to the time of year, and Bryan Huls assured us there would be rain in our future!

Jimbo Woodroffe updated on some building applications, and Josh Shaffer discussed some of the Standards activity and Crimewatch email updates that he's been up to with Jerrod Mills. Mark Tempest, Jerrod, Josh, and I have been working on a new effort (further detailed in Jerrod's article on Page 8) for "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Really a fine way to look out for each other in the Original Carrollwood neighborhood.

Our future meetings will be held via Webex until we can meet again in person. If you have any business for the Board, please email one of our members prior to the meeting. The meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Let's stay safe out there! 🇺🇸

## COVID-19 STAY INFORMED. STAY HEALTHY.

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- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.



See Page 10 for OC Easter Egg artistry.





by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

**D**ue to the current state of emergency and the statewide safer-at-home order, the CRD Board conducted its April meeting via communications media technology. I would like to recognize and thank the following residents for calling into the meeting & participating: Dr. Anna Brown, Sheila Santafemia and son Eli, David Williams, Andrea & Jack Griffie, Lucas Howes, Shelley Stewart, and Janet Bourland - (all mentioned here are non-board members).

The CRD Board has relied on the advice from our general counsel regarding park closures. Some residents have asked why we have to follow the County and State guidelines when our Community is private. The reality is that the CRD Board is a State Agency and manages and operates all the Community properties with tax dollars. So in short, this is the reason. When we see the County reopen it's neighborhood parks, we will to do the same.

The boat ramp has remained open because the County and City have kept some of their boat ramps open. We have posted a sign at White Sands Beach about boat launching procedures, and given the guard service discretion to accommodate residents. The main thing is that boats have to be

launched and taken out while the guard is present, because the guard locks up when he goes home. The earliest time a boat can be launched is 11:30 a.m., as this is when the guard arrives. The procedures posted indicate the latest launch is at 4 p.m.; however, there is some flexibility there if you speak with the guard.

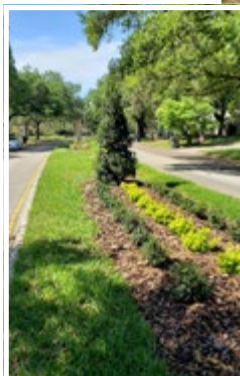
Currently, the business office inside the Recreation Center is closed, so there has been no issuance of keys to any of the parks or boat ramp. The office staff does check the telephone messages and emails and respond, but is not seeing residents in-person at this time.

Lastly, you will notice the Lake Carroll Way median landscape project is complete. We do have some areas that need some touch up with new sod, but the Board decided at the April meeting to hold off on that for the moment.

We look forward to getting everything back up and running as soon as we can.



Our security guard, John, at White Sands Photo by Daniel Francis



New landscaping on Lake Carroll Way by Green Thumb Nursery, Steve Rey is an OC resident.

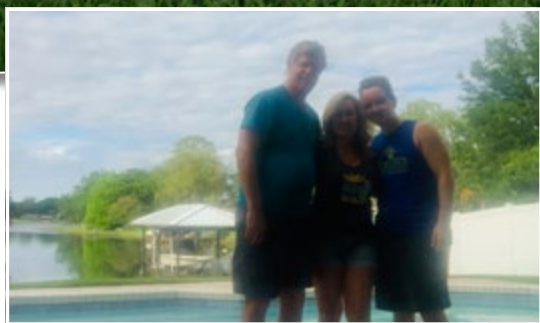




*We* moved to the Original Carrollwood in 1998.

We absolutely loved the house on “little” Lipsey, the neighborhood with all the community events and our wonderful neighbors. We spent a lot of time at White Sands. In 2016, we were fortunate enough to move to a beautiful new property on the water located on Orange Grove. We don’t have green thumbs in this family, but we tried very hard. I love the lights at night that illuminate the palm trees. We will add more plants and flowers soon! 🌈

**Dru & Jerry Dehr, and Nic Albano**  
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# Staying Connected!

by: CCA Board cca@originalcarrollwood.com

We have been working to provide timely information to our residents. As always, we will continue to use *The Caroler* as our monthly newsletter for all the neighborhood news delivered to your home each month.

We have recently made some improvements to deliver news to our residents:

- We updated our Crime Watch email using Constant Contact. If you have been receiving the Crime Watch and Neighborhood emails this year, then you do not need to do anything further. If you are a new resident or have not been receiving the emails, please contact: crimewatch@originalcarrollwood.com to get signed up. The emails will contain Crime Watch notifications, social event information, and other neighborhood news.
- We started a Facebook group for the CCA as an additional way to share neighborhood information. If you use Facebook, please join our page for updates on neighborhood news and social events. This page is going to be the same as the emails, so you will not miss anything if you are not on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic>



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# Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

by CCA Board

Our Community is composed of many residents that are dramatically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our older and/or more vulnerable residents need to isolate as best as they can but are still faced with the need to get food and services putting them at risk. Some may not have family or friends nearby and could benefit with some contact with neighbors just to maintain some degree of sanity in this time of isolations.

Some of our residents may own small businesses that are being harmed by the loss of customers caused by the COVID isolation programs and general reduction in consumer spending.

HELP US HELP YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS...  
This is what we need you to do!

1. Help us identify our neighbors who need help. If you need assistance please fill out the form below. If you know

someone that needs assistance, get them to sign up for the Crime Watch email list and have them to fill out the Neighbor Helping Neighbor form. If they do not have internet access have them call us.

2. Help us identify Original Carrollwood volunteers and resources.
3. Help us identify resident-owned businesses that would use some community support during these tough times.

TO FILL OUT A GOOGLE FORM Visit: <https://bit.ly/2xvjbMP>

\*\*If you are volunteering and a business, please fill out the form twice so we can match services needed with volunteers easier.

We hope that this program will help match our neighborhood resources with residents in need and also provide a stimulus to the Original Carrollwood micro-economy. 🇺🇸

## Donate to the Lake Fund with your Mother's Day Gift



by Lisa Harman

My family moved to Original Carrollwood last year after we fell in love with the community feel and beautiful neighborhood. The big trees and lovely homes reminded us of our home state, Pennsylvania. My family loves White Sands Beach and the playgrounds!

I have been a high school teacher for sixteen years, with the past thirteen spent at Tampa Prep. But, I felt a strong desire to do more for our Community, so I signed up as an ambassador with Stella and Dot! I already loved the products as a customer, but I saw an opportunity to enjoy sharing what I loved with others to raise funds for important causes. I donate my monthly sales commissions each month to various Community groups. Stella and Dot offers jewelry, bags, apparel, and accessories at a variety of price points.

Now, I would love to support the neighborhood! With social distancing, I want to offer a chance for anyone to shop for birthdays, Mother's Day, or just because and I will donate my commissions to the Lake Carroll Fund! Use this link to enjoy shopping for yourself or others: [www.stelladot.com/sites/lisaharman](http://www.stelladot.com/sites/lisaharman). If you want to fund raise for a group or cause close to your heart, let me know! I would love to help!



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# Easter Egg Decorating

by Michelle Cohise

This is our official EASTER EGG decorating pics. No animals or potential animals (eggs) were harmed in the making of these decorations...LOL.

In the midst of this quarantine, I wanted to reach out to some young neighbor friends to help me "decorate" & create some yard decorations for Easter & beyond. Thank you Cordova family for allowing me to borrow your young budding artists.

For those that know me, you know how much I LOVE kids and it thrills me to decorate for them each month/season/holiday. When children pass by with their parents and say hello, or make comments about the decorations, it just warms my heart. A friendly wave from my neighbors makes my day!! I LOVE Original Carrollwood, so much so, I came back 25 years ago. I'm a "REPEAT." I grew up on Lake Carroll Way...moved here in 1972. My mom, Ms. Bettye, still lives there. I get my love

for people from her....and SHE ADORES CHILDREN!! She taught me how to slow down and take the time to ask questions & then LISTEN to them...help them learn to be good neighbors too.

Thanks Mom for

passing down your creativity & for teaching me how to appreciate our neighborhood & neighbors (big & small). We are certainly BLESSED to live in such an OASIS...even in the midst of a quarantine. Get outside & take a walk. I'll probably be outside working in my yard. Be safe...be well...and PLEASE remember to smile & wave (from 6-8 ft apart). We need each other... MORE than we know.

Happy (fill in the blank...)!



The Cordova Family...minus Dad



## Easter Eggs by OC Artists

Charlie Reens of Samara Drive, Age 9

Fox Grossman-White, age 6



Annabelle Stewart



Linda Evans



Ellie Dwyer, 4th grade



Emilee Moseley, age 12



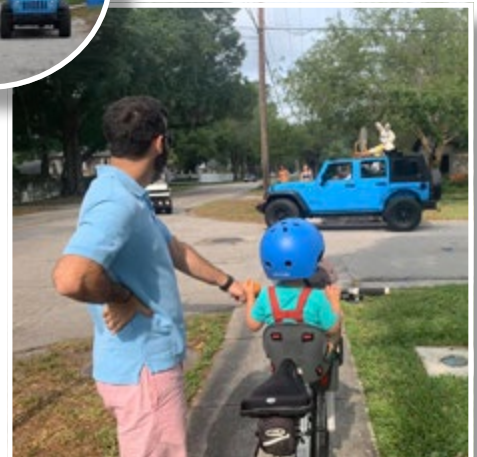
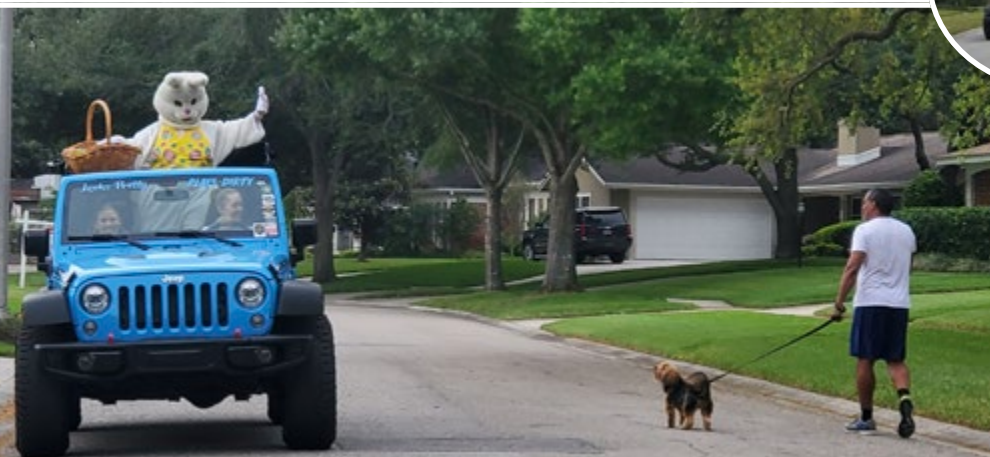
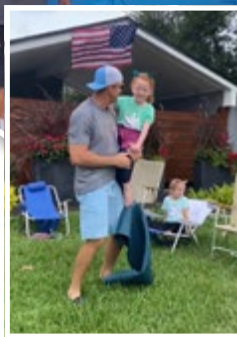
Audrey Dwyer, 7th grade



# Easter in Original Carrollwood 2020

by: CCA Board

This year's Easter was different than years past. We had to cancel the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Scotty Cooper park, but that did not stop our neighborhood from celebrating! While keeping his social distance, the Easter Bunny (actually two bunnies) made a drive-thru visit to the families of Original Carrollwood. Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time for this. 🇧🇷





## “Quarantine” haiku

by Nicole Barolo

Shop sparingly now  
Only getting essentials.  
Cheese, crackers, vodka.

Lysol the doorknobs  
Wipe down the groceries, too  
Any good germs left?

Eating my feelings  
Quarantine waistline growing  
No pants, so who cares?

Each kid on a screen  
Working, playing look the same.  
Lessons in Minecraft?

*Inspired by @NPRLifeKit challenge  
using the #socialdistancinghaiku  
challenge in celebration of National  
Poetry Month in April.*



Lily Williams has been taking up fishing as part of the daily home schools routine.  
*Photos by David Williams*

## #aworldofhearts

As seen on the cover of this edition, the Stewart family made this wall painting for #aworldofhearts, a hashtag people all over the world are using to show their love and support in these strange times. While most people are decorating their windows and doors, the Stewart family painted their wall. The Stewarts, Kristyl and Cory Stewart, along with daughter Annabelle and son Robert, live on Lacewood Road.





# OC Spirit is Strong Through These Tough Times

*Photos by Chrissie Price, Community Development*



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## Spend time with TFO at Home

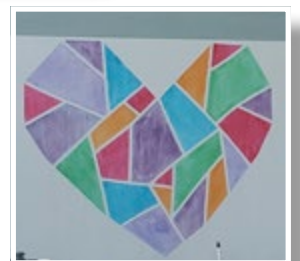
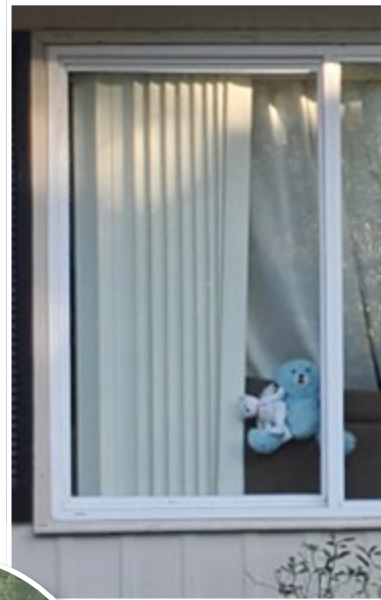


## Online collection of videos, radio broadcasts and virtual learning

The coronavirus has canceled concerts, but The Florida Orchestra is keeping the music going with **TFO at Home**. Find musician performance videos, concert preview videos by Music Director Michael Francis, TFO rebroadcasts on WSMR.org, virtual learning tips and blog posts.

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**[FloridaOrchestra.org/tfo-at-home](https://FloridaOrchestra.org/tfo-at-home)**





## OC REAL ESTATE

### REAL ESTATE - 101

#### REAL ESTATE & COVID-19

by Wayne Wilson, Realtor and former  
OC Resident of 38 Years

Oh my gosh, not another Coronavirus article. Well, yes! I want to update you on what's going on in the Real Estate market. You may or may not know that Real Estate is one of the areas exempt from the stay-at-home programs. At least, thus far.

## OC Listings

as of *The Caroler* deadline:

A=Active; P=Pending; S=Sold in the last 30 days

Status	Address	Htd Sq Ft	Price
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A	3318 Valencia Rd	1,824	\$265,000
A	3113 McFarland Rd	2,447	\$439,000
A	3305 Nakora Dr	1,995	\$369,000
A	11706 Plumosa Rd	3,362	\$569,900
A	10504 Sago Rd	2,233	\$415,000
A	11715 Phoenix Cir	3,072	\$659,900
A	3019 Samara Dr	2,946	\$1,049,000
P	10914 Carrollwood Dr	2,307	\$490,000
P	3117 Cocos Rd	1,413	\$270,000
P	10318 Lake Carroll Way	1,633	\$330,000
P	3402 Picwood Rd	1,418	\$320,000
P	3413 Picwood Rd	1,322	\$310,000
P	10413 Reclinata Ln	2,861	\$520,000
S	10907 Juniperus Pl	2,124	\$459,000
S	3424 Lacewood Rd	3,040	\$375,000
S	3601 Prunus Pl	2,043	\$360,000

Realtors are instituting several new ways to get information out to the public via virtual and social media methods. Also, we have kits for use with our clients to give them added protection when visiting a property. It's fair to say that we are all being vigilant in our efforts to keep this horrible disease from spreading while at the same time helping people with their Real Estate planning.

One thing for certain, we all remember 2008 and that disaster that fell upon many personal lives. However, things are much different now. At that time, numerous people had gone over their heads in financing homes resulting in numerous "short sales." There was a lot of blame to be shared as a cause of how people were able to get loans beyond their financial means. The difference now is that practices were put into place, preventing people from overextending their financial capabilities.

Obviously, the losses of jobs will present new challenges for many, but the data out there would indicate that jobs will be restored, and this brief interruption will correct itself. In the meantime, this has now become a buyer's market. The National Association of Realtors has stated that they anticipate that this will change as soon as the movement restrictions are lifted.

In summary, we can only hope that this terrible event will end soon and that the upheaval in our lives will come to an end and that we will be able to resume all of the good times once again. Please, everyone, take this seriously and follow the guidelines. 🇧🇷

## OWNING VERSUS RENTING A HOME

By KT Tershowski/REALTOR®

Why wait? The current interest rates are at its all-time low. Less interest paid – why not take advantage? Based on a survey of consumer finances from the Federal Reserve, homeowners' median net worth is \$231,400. The rate has increased by 15% since 2013. However, renters' median net worth has decreased by 5% - \$5,200 today compared to \$5,500 in 2013. There are many benefits to owning a home versus renting.

**Freedom:** Owning a home allows you the flexibility to renovate/upgrade the home to appeal to your lifestyle.

**Equity:** Mortgage payments allow you to build equity in your home; whereas, rent payments are essentially money out the window.

**Appreciation:** Based on the National Association of Realtors®, single-family existing-home prices have increased 5.2% annually from 1972 through 2014, and within the last 10-years, values are up 7% on a cumulative basis.

**Savings:** By building equity in your home, it is essentially a ready-made savings plan.

**Predictability:** Your fixed-rate mortgage payments don't increase over the years, unlike rent.

**Tax Benefits:** The U.S. Tax Code allows you to deduct mortgage interest paid, your property taxes, and some costs in buying a home. 🇧🇷



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## Thanks!




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## Pan Roasted Corn with Basil

### Ingredients

- corn, fresh, frozen or canned
- olive oil
- salt
- pepper
- parmesan cheese
- basil

### Instructions

Drain, rinse, drain and add thawed (if using frozen) corn to a hot skillet. Cast iron works best but any skillet will do. Wipe/season pan with olive oil only enough to coat it, sprinkle with salt (optional) and pepper. Cook on high heat until the corn browns. Watch carefully, this step is quick. The amount of browning determines how strong the smokey flavor will be. Add Parmesan cheese and basil to taste.

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

## A Little Poem

by Daniel Francis



Here we are in the springtime of the year  
Masked neighbors, avoiding pathways, there stirs quite a fear  
An invisible threat, taking old as well as young  
Schools are online and the economy has been stung  
Our Carrollwood parks are closed, but only for now  
Meanwhile folks seem friendlier, maybe this is to allow  
Crisper goals or a subtle correction  
Forcing us to pause and add some reflection:  
We are more than a virus, stronger than a disease  
Soon we won't be afraid of a cough or a sneeze.  
Look, really see the spring flowers and take heart  
Nothing can take away nature's beauty, true love and amazing art



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Find four numbers, the sum of which is 45, so that if 2 is added to the first number, 2 is subtracted from the second number, the third number is multiplied by 2 and the fourth number is divided by 2, then the four numbers so produced are all the same. What are the four numbers?

Email your answer to [Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics) before May 10. All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the next issue of *The Caroler*!

## Last month's *Caroler*-Style Easter Egg Hunt! Did you find them all?





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