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Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, August 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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by Jim Powell, CCA President

The CCA did not have a meeting in July (typical every year) but we did have a parade!

4th of July Mobile Concert & Parade, Complete with Awards:

by CCA Events Committee

Even though our 4th of July celebration looked a bit different this year, it didn't lack the neighborhood spirit. We had an incredible mobile concert and decorated golf cart parade.

We would like to thank our neighborhood band DeLeon Entertainment. They went above and beyond providing the great music from The Rec Center, down Carrollwood Drive to Samara Drive. But they didn't stop there, they doubled back through the neighborhood for an encore.

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www.TampaGov.net/COVID-19

Thought you should know...

by Roxanne Clapp, editor

It was brought to my attention that the City of Tampa information that was provided in previous issues of The Caroler may not always apply to Original Carrollwood and Hillsborough county's alert system is better in tune with OC.

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by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

The CRD met in person for the July meeting with seven residents in attendance. Three residents encouraged the Board to consider new playground equipment for the community. Newest OC resident - Kyla Booher - spent the last 5 years as the Planning & Development Manager for the Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation Department, and was heavily involved in the planning and design of the new Carrollwood Village Park. Kyla is a park enthusiast and hopes to bring her imaginative and visionary talents to our OC Parks !

Also, by the time you read this article, we are approaching the end of our fiscal year. If all goes well with expenses these last 60-days, we would like to replenish White Sands Beach with new sand. White Sands Beach Chairman, Kevin Shidler, indicated the cost would range from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for both sides. Treasurer Mark Georgiades will advise at the August meeting if he believes it is achievable.

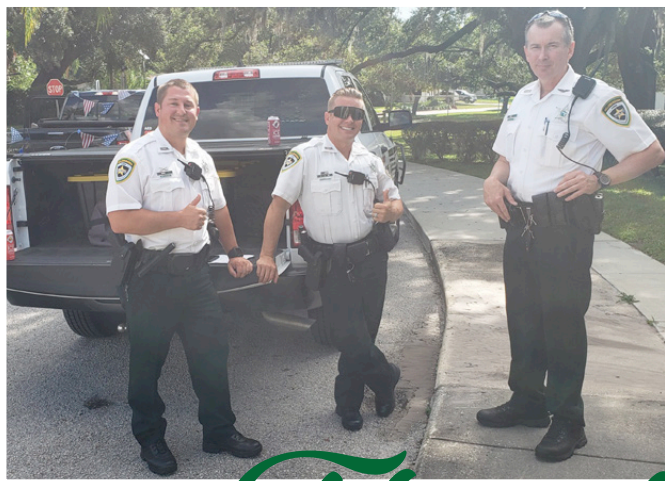
Lastly, a great big thanks to Sheriff Chad Chronister for supporting our community's parade on July 4th!



4th of July (continued from previous page)

Also, we want to send thanks to Sheriff Chad Chronister and the Hillsborough County Sheriffs' Department for their continued support of our neighborhood.

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Big Thanks!





LeAnn & Gonzalo Garcia 11732 Lipsey Road

by Gonzalo Garcia

We have lived in Original Carrollwood for 28 years, the first eight on Belmore Road, before making the move to Lipsey Road. With both of us being Tampa natives and growing up near OC, we knew that we would enjoy living in this neighborhood. We especially enjoy living on Lake Lipsey. We are honored to be selected as the “Yard of the Month.” We tend to most of the yard work ourselves; but over the years the team at Land Escape has provided us help with the design and maintenance. 🙏




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Summer Memories



Megan Weber, Sierra (granddaughter of Dean and Barbara Martin) Keen O'Sullivan at white sands. October '95

Megan is pregnant and little Sierra is the granddaughter of Carrollwood residents Dean and Barbara Martin on Valencia.

upcoming free events

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4th of July

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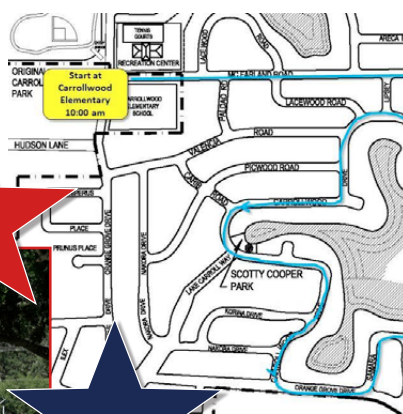
The Gomez Family

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Anne Burdge



Photos by Jerrod Mills and Frank Deak



Photos by Frank Deak

OC Resident Spotlight Joe Costa

Tampa native Joe Costa, a professional writer and educator, has lived in Florida his

entire life except for the two years when he worked in NYC as a copywriter. When he returned to Florida, he moved to OC where he has resided for the last 22 years.

Tampa Writer With Ybor City Roots Hammers Out A Book About Ybor City's Working Class.

On July 14, Unsolicited Press released *Comets*, a new book by Tampa writer and educator Joseph Allen Costa. Set in Ybor City, *Comets* is a collection of intertwining stories that examine the complexities of family and the ways that honor, tradition and responsibility create fissures in the human spirit. The book is based on the Ybor City cabinet shop his father owned for more than 60 years.

The twelve-story collection follows the life of Roberto, an angsty teen, who spends long days in his father's cabinet shop staring out the garage door looking for a way out of his blue-collar struggle. He is incredibly perceptive to small details, but blind to the comic and sometimes tragic lives of his coworkers. Of the book, one reviewer wrote that, *Comets* is a loving intergenerational look at Ybor City and the men who built it and were built by it. The collection is as insightful and satisfying and full of Lawrence's "subtle

interrelatedness" as any novel. It hums with buried circuitry.

Fueled by café con leche and Cuban sandwiches, *Comets* captures a microcosm of blue-collar problems with implications that go beyond racial, economic and cultural boundaries, illuminating a greater understanding of the human experiences we all share, while loss of childhood resonates as an overarching theme.

Joseph Allen Costa is a freelance writer and adjunct English professor in Tampa. He received his MFA in creative writing from the University of Tampa and his BA from the University of South Florida. Costa is the author of three novels, *The Good*, *The Bad* and *The Goalie*, *Discovering Dynamite!* *Eye of the Storm*, and one linked collection of short fiction, *Comets*. His short stories have appeared in *BULL* men's fiction, *Rabble Lit*, the *HCE Review*, *The Write Launch* and in *December Magazine* as a finalist for the Curt Johnson Prose Awards.

Joe began writing when he was about eight years old. His family drove to Key West from Tampa and he tells the story, "On the long drive back, I had a pad and started writing about our trip. When I finished, it was five pages long and it all rhymed, badly. When I read it aloud, the family laughed hysterically. They thought it was brilliant. I'd found my place, and that was powerful."

Joe and his wife, Teresa, have two children. Their son, Cristo, is 16 and attends Tampa Catholic. Their daughter, Alessa, is 14 and attends Morning Star School of Tampa.

Joe says Carrollwood is Tampa's best-kept secret and his favorite thing about living in OC is that it is a great neighborhood to raise kids. He is particularly fond of the OC Halloween Parade. For the past two consecutive years, his son, Cristo, has won the Halloween costume contest in his category. The 4th of July Ski Show (which unfortunately was cancelled this year) is another favorite OC event, as well as hunting Easter eggs with his kids and, of course, watching the New Year's fireworks display. Joe also currently serves on the CRD Board.

Joe was born and raised in Tampa by parents (and grandparents) from Ybor City. He has a love of Italian and Cuban food. If he was able to have dinner with any author, dead or alive, he said, "I'd have dinner with Hemingway. I'd make carne asada with a spicy chimichurri, and we'd drink a good bottle of bourbon."

Comets is available on Amazon and at all fine book sellers. 



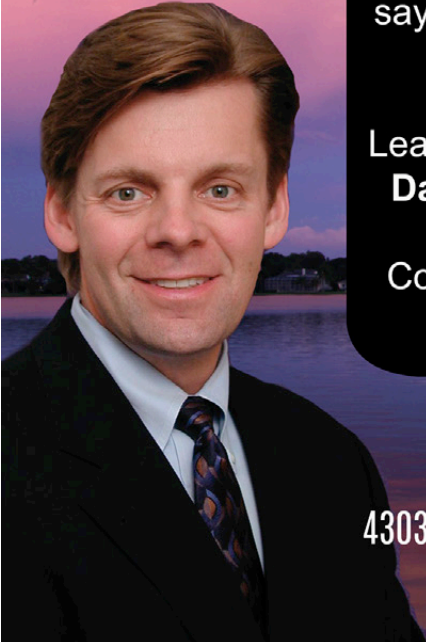
In the dampness of summer, the sawdust stuck to our skin and to our clothes and we'd taste it gritty in our mouths and breathe it into our lungs until it was part of us.

COMETS
JOSEPH ALLEN COSTA

Images courtesy of Joe Costa

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A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

submitted by Nicole Barolo

We are excited to welcome new and returning families for the 2020-2021 school year. This upcoming school year may look a little different as we continue to plan and put new safety procedures and protocols in place with Covid-19. The health and safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority. As we move closer to the start of our school year, our intentions are to communicate the changes that will be put in place here at Carrollwood Elementary to ensure the safety of students, staff and stakeholders while providing rigorous learning experiences. Updated information for the new school year will be on our website (carrollwood.mysdhc.org), parent links, the Carrollwood Elementary PTA's Facebook page ([facebook.com/ CarrollwoodPTA](https://facebook.com/CarrollwoodPTA)) and on our Twitter account (@CarrollwoodElem).

The school's theme for the upcoming year is "Building A Great Future." As our learners enter and work within a world full of new challenges and opportunities for learning, problem solving and relationship building, we have a responsibility at Carrollwood Elementary to teach standards-based skills that will enhance our learners' futures and the futures of those around them.

We know this time is challenging for everyone. We promise you that we will do everything we can to make sure your child's safety is our top priority. We will guide our teachers and staff to continue to put your child first in all aspects of learning and safety at our school. We look forward to "Building A Great Future" with our students, families and neighbors in 2020-2021.

~Mrs. Stover & Mr. Testoni



Ms. Stover and Mr. Testoni prepare to welcome students to school for the new year.



A Father's Day Flocking!

Below, Paul and Marietta Zook in front of their home Father's Day morning. Photos courtesy of the Clapps and the Zooks.



Congratulations to the Duttons!

New OC resident-owned business opens

Cheval Animal Hospital, owned by Original Carrollwood residents Dr. Clay Dutton and Dr. Holly Dutton, had their grand opening on July 1st. Cheval Animal Hospital is located at 18821 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. You can reach them by calling 813-949-8000.

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REAL ESTATE 101: FINANCE PROCESS

By M. Wayne Wilson, Realtor and Original Carrollwood Resident 43 years



Often we're asked, "how soon should I start the financing process." In reality you should start the financing process before you begin your home search. You may think you know what you can afford but your financier may have a different opinion. So let's talk about some steps you need to take.

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P	3304 Picwood Rd	1,687	\$350,000
P	11706 Plumosa Rd	3,362	\$569,900
S	10712 Carrollwood Dr	1,505	\$315,000
S	11603 Lipsey Rd	2,468	\$520,000
S	10425 Orange Grove	3,162	\$790,000
S	10909 Orange Grove Dr	1,546	\$313,000
S	3318 Valencia Rd	1,824	\$250,000

1. Don't just go to one mortgage company. Rates do vary. Bank closing costs do vary. You should be questioning your lenders credibility as much as your lender is questioning your financial capability.

2. You need to get a pre-approval letter. Initially, get them to tell you your max, but when you submit an offer on a home notify your lender that you want that letter to reflect ONLY the amount that you're going to offer. You don't want to show all your capability to the seller because they will use that against you in negotiations. Sellers, don't assume that the approval letter you get is the maximum the buyer can spend.

3. The toughest time is when your mortgage request goes to underwriting. This is usually as little as 10 or less days before closing. If you've failed to disclose something in your financial disclosure, they will find it and now you have a big problem. It could change your financial limits drastically and cost you the home that you've fallen in love with.

4. Be careful about getting help with your down payment. Parents will often LOAN their children money for the down payment. That has to be disclosed and is taken into consideration

by the lender as part of your outstanding debt which could reduce the amount of monthly payment that you can afford thereby reducing the size of your loan.

5. As a seller you will want to question the financing capability of any buyer. Generally, ALL of the contract types have one glaring contingency that most people overlook. It's the financing contingency. Many people think that once they've crossed the inspection phase of the contract that they're home free. WRONG! If underwriting finds an error and it affects the amount of money to be loaned, the buyer either has to get the price reduced on the house or they can walk and get their escrow money back. In the process the seller has now lost all of that market time for their home.

So, in reality, know your financing capability before you start. Be totally complete with your information to the mortgage people. Failure to do this could really disrupt your lives. 🙄

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A Happy 4th of July!

by Michelle Cochise

Original Carrollwood's July 4, 2020, Golf Cart Parade... FUN MEMORIES!! We are SOOOO BLESSED to live in the GREATEST NEIGHBORHOOD IN TAMPA!!



Michelle Cochise



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Brain Tangle - What day is it?

I've asked myself this question so many times this year. When I found this puzzle I just had to share.

If the day before two days after the day before tomorrow is Thursday, what day is it today?

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

Solution to Last Month's *Get Your Grill On!*

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

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Wrap in foil with some lemon and seasoning for grilling
Baby back ___
Use driftwood to start a fire on the ___
Watch what you're doing or your food might get ___
The wire supports that keep the meat off the coals
Barbeques are great for a summer ___ by the pool or in the park
At home grills are normally located on the ___ or deck
Try not to inhale the ___ as you are cooking
A portable camp stove can be used if campfires are not allowed
To turn over the meat, use ___ not a fork
___ and seasonings add flavor to meats
T-bone, rib eye and sirloin ___ are popular for grilling
You can grill this poultry whole or in pieces
Invite your ___ over for a barbeque
You don't need a ___ like the 4th of July to fire up the grill
Kids like ___ and hamburgers
Some parks have permanent grills for cook-outs or ___
This gas fuels many barbeque grills
Brats, links, or Italian ___
Another word for grilling
If you go camping you can grill over the ___
Small black bricks that provide heat for cooking
To get good flavor, ___ your chosen meat for a half hour or more
Grilling is usually done ___, but there are new indoor grills
The Cooking Network's grilling king
Popular cuts of pig
Rare, medium, ___, and well-done
Use ___ to help the get the charcoal burning - just be careful!

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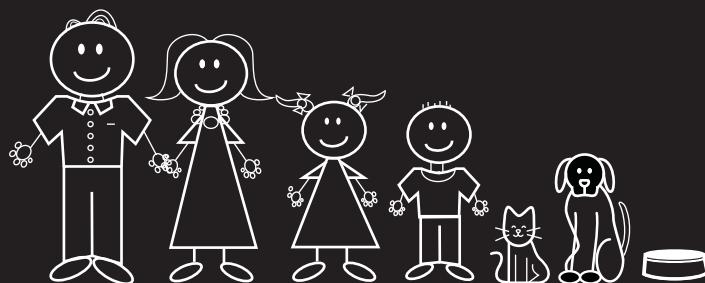


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