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Monday, September 12, 2016

**CRD Executive Meeting:** 6 p.m. • **CRD Monthly Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. • **CCA:** 7 p.m. Carrollwood Rec Center - 3515 McFarland Road • Residents welcome to attend

**Notice of Board Meetings** 

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**OC Residents** 

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## What you need to know about Carrollwood **Elementary**

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September 2016

Photo by Albert Popalis, OC Resident

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by Jim Powell, CCA President



Our August meeting was fairly brief as we did not have a ton of new business to attend to. We discussed property improvements with the addition of a garage on a property, as well as a dock renovation. Jamie Sheer brought us up to speed on our financials and again reported that we are doing very well for this current budget year. Our next event will be the Halloween parade in October, so we will be preparing for that. A special shout out to our community resource officer, Deputy Jeff Carson, and his family. Congratulations on the birth of your new baby!

Have a great end of summer! (2)

TIME TO UPDATE Your OC Directory Listing	The next edition of the Original Carrollwood Neighborhood Directory
Information that appears in the Directory:	New is being compiled
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Phone number:	New Carrollwood
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Send to Directory@OriginalCarrollwood.com	Many of us had changes in our
	households, gave up landlines, purchased new cellphones, and changed email addresses.
Thanks for your help.	new comprones, and changed chair addresses.



### The CRD Board Thanks Melanie Bottini and School Board Dignitaries

by Joe Costa, CRD Board Secretary

The CRD Board extends a sincere thank you to Carrollwood Elementary School Principal, Melanie Bottini for attending the August 8th CRD meeting to clarify the State of Florida's school grading system which dropped Carrollwood Elementary from an A to a C. Supported by The Honorable Cindy Stuart, Vice Chair of the Hillsborough County School Board; Mr. Harrison Peters, Chief of Schools; Mr. Donell Underdue, Area Superintendent for Carrollwood Elementary; and Mr. Henry Washington, Area Superintendent, Principal Bottini explained to the CRD Board and the 40 or so residents in attendance, that Carrollwood Elementary has the same wonderful students and teachers that achieved an A last year. However, what changed was how the state assesses student gains versus

student achievement. If Carrollwood Elementary were graded on the 2015 scale, they would have received an A. Nevertheless, Principal Bottini and her team are diligently working to address all concerns, implementing a number of plans, including: a year-long program of professional development for teachers, more student enrichment and intervention programs, student remediation, as well as an ongoing plan for progress monitoring. Given the tremendous success of this meeting the Board will consider the possibility of inviting administration officials from both Chamberlain High School and Adams Middle School to discuss their plans for student success. If you think this is a good idea and would attend such a meeting, please drop us an email and let us know.





By Lula Dovi

Along the sidewalk Undulating slug trails a thin line of slime Behind him— His id of brown earthy sluggishness With short antennae Seeking green leaves Or other sluggy appetizers. Ants and beetles will pass him by And so shall I But I shall wonder Where this sidewalk ends. by Jim Blanco

Yard of the Month



After living in Dallas for 10 years, Jody returned to Tampa and knew the only place she wanted to live was in Original Carrollwood. The location, pride in ownership you see throughout the community and, of course, the lake were all key! Jody bought the house on Nakora Drive in December, 2007, and began changing the landscape by adding new beds along both sides of the driveway. After Jody and Greg married in March, 2013, they decided to replace the existing landscape at the front of the house to reduce the amount of upkeep. "This was a lot of hard work, but we are so glad we did it." says Greg. When the county removed their last oak, they wanted to replace it with something native to Florida but weren't sure exactly what they wanted. While visiting Epcot's Flower and Garden Festival, they decided to check out the trees and as soon as they saw the Sweet Gum, they knew this would be a perfect fit along the street.

> "Original Carrollwood is one of a kind and we feel very fortunate to live here!"

### **NOMINATE A YARD!**

- Address of nominated yard
- Reason for nomination
- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your email address

## If possible, please include a photo of the yard with your nomination. Thank you!

Email your nomination to:

YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com. Nominations can also be made at the Community Center, in person at Board Meetings or by visiting www.OriginalCarrollwood.com

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# From the Editor

Roxanne Clapp



Hello OC! I hope all of you had a wonderful summer. Now that school is back in session, be extra mindful as you drive

through the neighborhood. The children going to and from school have a lot on their minds and need you to watch out for them as you are driving.

*The Caroler* is making a small adjustment in order to make the production process a little smoother, and make sure you receive your newsletter by the first of each month. The deadline will now be the 10th of each month instead of the 14th, which it has been for many years. Want to advertise or contribute in some way and

need a reminder of upcoming deadlines? Sign up to receive my monthly reminders by scanning the QR code here. If you don't have a scanner, you can also go to http://eepurl. com/bfFe2v to sign up.



I'd like to give a very special thank you to the two student journalists that have written for *The Caroler* this summer, Mary Johnson and Maria Larcomb. It is likely they will continue to write on occasion, as their studies allow. If you are interested in contributing, please get in touch with me!

It is directory update time, in case you missed that on the cover. Be sure to check your listing from the last directory and provide any updates needed.

My favorite time of the year is approaching, autumn! Do you need an autumn getaway? Check out Claire's suggestions on Page 8. Her idea of heading to the Great Smoky Mountains is definitely one I recommend.

I continually search for puzzling bits to include for the "Puzzle of the Month." If you have any suggestions or prefer solving a certain kind of mind-bending enigma, let me know!

Wishing you a sunny September!

, oxanne



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# Autumn Travel: More Than Just Leaves are Falling...

by Claire A. Modarelli

Cruise and Europe Specialist & Original Carrollwood Resident

As the temperatures start to dip, airfares and hotels are dropping prices to entice those with the flexibility to get away for a post-summer break.

Several cruise lines offer fall foliage sailings. You can sail round trip from Boston on Royal Caribbean or from New York on NCL or Princess up the Atlantic coast to Newport, RI, Portland and Bar Harbor, ME, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. One-way cruises that begin or end in Quebec are offered on Holland America, Crystal and the newly refreshed QM2.

Closer to Florida and easy to plan around the mid-October school hiatus is Gatlinburg in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The fall colors travel down the

mountainsides for almost seven weeks from the highest elevations above 4,000 feet to the foothills. The diversity of colors reflects the 100 species of native trees such as yellow birch, American beech, sugar maple, and scarlet oak. Accommodations range from bed and breakfast Inns to rustic lodges, cabins and campgrounds.

The Annual Gatlinburg Craftsmen's Fair from October 6



through 23 features almost 200 booths for art, craft and music lovers. Country and Blue Grass entertainment is included.

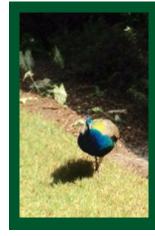
The Ober Gatlinburg restaurants play host to a month-long Oktoberfest. The Bavarian Fun Makers Band, in authentic costumes, performs traditional Bavarian folk dances, oompah music, sing-a-longs, yodels with multiple performances every day during Oktoberfest. Special beers will be served along with traditional German wurst, schnitzel, sauerkraut, strudel, pretzels and more.

The crisp weather and autumn color offer an opportunity for us "transplants" to relive memories we cherish from our roots in the Northeast and Midwest. Apple trees and pumpkin patches, anyone?



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**DOG SITTER NEEDED** to help with large, but very friendly, dog during the last two weeks in September. I need someone to feed and take her out (maybe walk) each morning sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. during the week. Please call Margaret at 813-505-4598.

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Make funds payable to: Carrollwood Civic Association; 3515 McFarland Rd.; Tampa, FL 33618. Please include this form OR donate through PayPal on the OC website: www.originalcarrollwood.com

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## Greater Awareness for Students Seeking Community Service Hours

by Mary Johnson, Caroler Journalist

Students searching for the opportunity to complete community service hours or projects need look no further than the Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge. This unique opportunity, which is being spearheaded by the Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation Department from now until next April, invites companies, organizations, institutions, and individuals to pledge to complete a conservation-themed project between Earth Day and Arbor Day Weekend, from April 22-30, 2017.

The Hillsborough 100 Project aims to join members of the community together in an effort to promote conservation locally, but its leaders hope it will serve as a template for similar programs across the country. Its stated goal is "To bring greater awareness of how everyone can become committed to conservation and to make (*Continued on Page 13*)





By Lula Dovi

That gnarly-skin fruit leered at me from the refrigerator shelf. I HAD to slice into its green perfection as my taste buds foretold awaiting delectation. Never mind my teeth were all brushed and flossed! I dived into the creamy little boat— I navigated around an oversize seed a dash of balsamic vinegar— I had a very Haas delectable!



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#### **EASEMENTS**

*by Wayne Wilson, Realtor OC Resident 43 Years* 



Easements! We all have them.

Some of us only have one while others may have two or more. If you are on one of our regular blocks and if your power lines are not underground, you probably have two.

In essence, an easement is an area designated to allow access to people other than the owners of the property. You own the property and you pay taxes on the property, but others may have access. In most cases, these easements are for the use of utility companies who actually supply a service to you through the use of this land area. But in some cases, they allow other individuals the right to cross your property.

Most common are your power companies and your water company. But there are others who may use this area that are furnishing you nothing. A good example was when Verizon added Fios service to our area. They used the easement in front of our houses to place their lines underground. Some of us use that service while others do not but they have that right. So, in Carrollwood, the area between the sidewalks and the street is an easement and an area in the back where the power lines are located is also an easement for TECO and Bright House.

If you choose to move to a more rural area, you could have an easement that allows your neighbors to cross your property. As an example, I have a property listed at this time which is not located on a lake, but the owners of this property are legally allowed to access the lake by way of an easement that crosses two other properties.

Florida law requires that ingress and egress be granted to any land owner. So, if you choose to move to a more rural area or purchase vacation beach front property, you may want to review your surveys carefully for easement allowances that could affect your property use.

## **OC Listings** as of *The Caroler* deadline:

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

A A A	10514 Carrollview Dr 10312 Lake Carroll Way 11746 Lipsey Rd	1,416 3,276	\$339,900 \$192,400 \$439,900
Α	3111 McFarland Rd	2,028	\$295,000
А	10429 Orange Grove D	r2,695	\$640,000
А	11713 Phoenix Cir	2,550	\$450,000
А	3039 Samara Dr	3,781	\$825,000
А	3322 Schefflera Rd	5,425	\$442,225
А	3329 Valencia Rd	2,698	\$399,900
С	3105 Areca Cir	2,198	\$345,000
С	3017 Peacock Ln	1,853	\$335,000
С	3601 Prunus Pl	1,966	\$379,000
С	3607 Schefflera Rd	3,222	\$447,000
С	3309 Valencia	1,610	\$269,900

P	3401 Latania Dr	2,315	\$385,000
P	10418 Butia Pl	2,110	\$364,900
P	10812 Carrollwood Dr	1,967	\$359,900
P	11504 Carrollwood Dr	1,990	\$325,000
S	10609 Orange Grove Dr		\$325,000
S	10709 Lake Carroll Way		\$232,000

### You're Invited! OC Bridge Club

The OC Bridge Club meets the second and fourth Friday.



**Game starts at 9:30 a.m.** at the Rec Center. There is no charge to play, but your RSVP is required. To RSVP or for more information, call Michele Shahnasarian at 931-4356, or Dorothy Miller at 932-9819. Join us!

### Middle School Fair September 29th • 5-7 p.m. Carrollwood Elementary cafeteria Open to the Public

Middle School Fair at Carrollwood Elementary on September 29th at 5-7 p.m. in the cafeteria. This will give the public and OC residents a chance to see the options available for Choice middle schools and help educate and inform parents to help make a better selection that fits their child. Carrollwood Elementary Principal, Melanie Bottini, will be hosting the fair organized by School Board Member, Cindy Stuart. Please contact Jenni Coppola with questions at 813-451-0588.

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### (Continued from page 10) Community Service Hours

Hillsborough County a national model in this effort."

Those who pledge to complete a project are given the flexibility to determine the themes of their own undertakings, set their own goals, and work at their own pace. Projects may be completed in groups or individually.

## For more information, interested parties may contact conservationprojectquestions@gmail.com.



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### LOGIC PUZZLE Find the number for September

Here is a list showing the month and a number for each, decipher the logic and find the number for September.

January	7110
February	826
March	5313
April	541
Мау	3513
June	4610
July	4710
August	681
September	

Email the Editor at Caroler@roxc.graphics before September 10 with your answer. All that reply will have their name, along with the solution, posted in the October issue of *The Caroler*!

# SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL BRAIN BASHER:

Find three positive whole numbers that have the same answer added together or when multiplied together.

#### 1+2+3=6 and 1x2x3=6

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

Doug Norton Curtis Moreau Roger Clapp, Jr. Nilla Leto Bill Koehler Tom Shea Charlie Ross The Vance Kids: Connor, Xavier, and Sarah Greg Murin "gabelovesvalor" Source: gpuzzles.com



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September Gardening

by Maria Larcomb, Caroler Journalist

While most Floridians appreciate September's weather as they anticipate the dawn of autumn air, all of Florida's flora does not necessarily feel the same way. As summer comes to a close, it is important to take initiative in properly caring for your garden by preparing it for the impending cold weather of the upcoming months. With its typical onslaughts of tropical storms and afternoon showers, September is often regarded as one of Florida's wettest months. Thus, preparation for heavy rain and cooler weather is strongly suggested by horticulturists.

Begin by inspecting plants and gardens for foreign invaders such as weeds, vines, and insects. Stinkbugs, tomato hornworms, and big-legged bugs are all particularly problematic this time of the year, especially around vegetable gardens. Next, remove all of the present weeds, vines, and plant material left over from the spring garden. Also, be sure to fertilize gardens and grass, especially if it is Bermuda grass. Laying down mulch, in order to enrich soil and prevent the infestation of pests, is a good option. Also, if heavy seasonal rain cause flooding near plants, consider building raised beds to prevent water retention. The next step in preparing one's garden for autumn is planting. Choosing the correct plants for the season is vital in ensuring the success of the garden. Mexican tarragon, mint, rosemary, and basil are all herbs suggested for planting because they tolerate the wet and warm temperatures of early autumn.

Vegetables suggested for planting during September are beans, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, cucumbers, eggplants, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, peppers, radishes, romaine, rutabagas, spinach, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, Swiss chard, tomatoes, and turnips.

Although the wet conditions often prompt lush vegetation growth, fewer flowers blossom this time of the year. However, some flowers are better suited to withstand heavy rainfall. Flowers suggested for planting during the month of September are baby's breath, bachelor's buttons, candytufts, carnations, cosmos, daisies, dianthus, forget-me-nots, gaillardias, hollyhocks, lobelias, lupines, marigolds, salvias, snapdragons, stock, sweet peas, verbenas and Zinnias.

#### Tips for Monthly Maintenance:

- Prune bushes and deadhead flowers to promote new blossoms.
- Monitor the garden for pests and other invaders.
- Plant new trees, shrubs, and flowers (seasonal) and water until established.
- Mow lawn at recommended height for specific grass type.