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Last Call for OC Directory Updates

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Notice of Board Meetings

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by Jim Powell, CCA President

We had a good video meeting in October with a great attendance by the Board.

Ryan Cummings with Horner Environmental, invited by Josh Shaffer, discussed with us some possible lake weed control options and at the end of the discussion recommended the we use triploid carp, which we have been doing. So, good to have some reinforcement on our efforts!

Additionally, Jimbo Woodroffe was very busy this month with several construction projects that we needed to discuss in the neighborhood.

We also discussed the possible Halloween parade and by the time you read this we may have already held it. We have begun our discussions with the Boy Scouts for the Luminarias. More to come on that great tradition. Our next event during the season is usually the New Year's Eve fireworks. We're discussing options for that and will keep you posted in the next Caroler and through our email list.

Enjoy the arriving fall weather! 🍁



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LAST CALL FOR OC DIRECTORY UPDATES!

We are wrapping up our 2021-22 Original Carrollwood Directory. If you aren't in the 2019-20 book, please send us your information; if you are in the 2019-20 book but have changes, send those over.

We have reactivated "Directory@OriginalCarrollwood.com" for this project. It was inactive for a while, so if you submitted an update there but didn't receive a confirmation, it may not have reached us. If in doubt, please send your info again. (We don't mind redundancies and strive to offer the most accurate neighborhood data possible!)

Also, if you are interested in advertising in the directory, let us know.

Thank you!

Kimberly Santamaria

Original Carrollwood Directory Coordinator
Directory@OriginalCarrollwood.com



by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

The CRD Board ended its fiscal year on September 30 and here is a brief financial recap of those 12 months.

The amount we had budgeted to spend was \$631,802.00; however, when Covid hit, we anticipated lost income because we were unable to rent the Recreation Center and also unable to allow softball teams to lease the OCP ball field. So our total expenses ending September 30 were \$607,091.00 (we reduced discretionary spending due to Covid). We do not just plan year to year, but have a five-year plan thanks to former Board member Mickey Jaap who is a certified public accountant. When Mickey left the CRD Board, he passed the five-year projection over to current Board member Mike Carelli (who is a wealth management professional) to ensure the continuity continues. In addition, newest Board member & Treasurer Mark Georgiades is wasting no time with scheduling the annual audit, which is already underway. Mark G. is also a spending hawk, so it makes for a good team.

A brief October meeting recap: the Board awarded a contract for parking lot sealcoating, restriping, and repairs at White Sands Beach & the Recreation Center, so look for this work to begin (most likely) during the holidays. We need to wait and get out of the rainy season. In addition, thanks to Samara Drive resident Betty Owen, for bringing to our attention that some of the island lighting remains on during the daytime hours. These lights are on photocells, so multiple island repairs have been made throughout our community by the time you read this article.



OC Resident Betty Owen, with her dog Saige. Betty has lived in her home since 1964.

In closing, Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving! 🍷





3108 Belmore Road Stephanie & Michael McNeil



by The McNeil Family

Stephanie grew up on Picwood Road and always wanted her kids to grow up in Original Carrollwood too. There is something about the mature trees, abundance of families, and quaint Original Carrollwood feel that other neighborhoods just cannot match. In 2014, the McNeils found a house to call home. The house on Belmore needed a lot of work, but slowly it is getting more improvements each year. The carport was converted to a garage, new landscape lighting was installed to enhance the nighttime view, and new landscaping last year has enhanced street appeal. Twice a year exterior house cleaning helps to keep it clean. Mike works diligently picking up sticks from the oak trees, pulling weeds, mowing, and edging to keep it manicured. The McNeils especially love their neighbors who are always available for each other for a needed tool or advice. Their two boys, visiting friends, and two dogs play in the fenced back yard and pool where the memories happen. The McNeils are delighted to be raising their family in this beautiful neighborhood we all call home. 🌈



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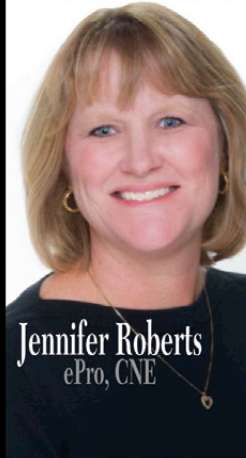
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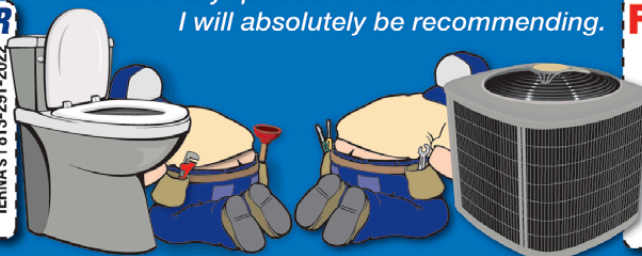
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OC Garden & Growing

November 10 is Forget-Me-Not Day, such a delicate little flower. This year's gardens are plentiful! Did you start, expand, or continue on a gardening adventure this year? Care to share some photos or tips with the rest of us enthusiasts? OC is a wonderful community full of residents that care for their property. If everyone that reads this sends in just one favorite item, photo, or tip about their landscape or garden, I bet we could produce quite a list for others to cherish! So, forget me not, and drop me an email at Caroler@RoxC.graphics. Can't wait to see what you are growing! 🇧🇷

Fall in to Winter Container Idea

Myosotis sylvatica, the scientific name for the blue beauty we more commonly know as forget-me-nots, is a cool weather grower. It likely won't last through our hot summers so should be treated as an annual in our area and is best grown in containers close to the house so as to enjoy their delicate blue color. They like light shade and to be kept moist. If you can't find them locally (if you do, let me know!) you can mail order from Spring Hill Nursery, Michigan Bulb, or White Flower Farm. 🇧🇷



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TAMPA'S HOT REAL ESTATE MARKET

By KT Tershowski/
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Home prices have increased at an accelerated rate due to low interest rates and strong buyer demand. With the COVID-19 outbreak, there has also been a surge of northeasterners relocating to our sunshine state, especially for those entering retirement. Brick and mortar companies are beginning to offer a more flexible or optional work from home, even as we enter into COVID-19, phase 3. The snowbirds are starting


to call Florida their primary residence leaving behind state income taxes, high property taxes, and colder climates.

Tampa's average sale price this past September was \$378,296; this rose 18% from \$308,450 in 2019. The average days on market last year was 41 days with 46 days to close; whereas, this year we had a 10% decrease of days on market and a 6.5% decrease for days to close (MLS Data).

To put this into perspective, last year's 30-year fixed mortgage rates averaged to be 3.94%. The current buyers I am working with have locked in a 2.75% interest rate.

To incorporate the above statistics average annual home sales (assuming for practical purposes, a VA loan with a 0% down payment), the interest paid for 2020 is \$184,914; whereas, in 2019, it was \$217,848. That is \$32,934 savings in interest paid over a 30-year fixed loan compared to purchasing a home last year.

A client of mine recently made the remark, the market is moving faster than my mind can process. This is very much true. According to the Tampa Bay Times, home prices in

Tampa rose 4.9% last year. This has outpaced increases among all 20 major U.S. markets except Phoenix. Miami was the only other Florida city in the top 20, posting at an increase of 3.3%. Roughly 950 Americans are moving to Florida every day, and this is not expected to subside. Based on Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation, Tampa is projected to grow at least 4% annually over the next few years. Therefore, regardless of high demand and increase in prices, today's low interest rate environment will save buyers in interest paid for the long-term. 

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- 1/4 Cup melted butter
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 Cup cored, peeled and diced apples (Gala or Granny Smith work well)
- 12 Caramels unwrapped and diced
- Optional: 1 Tub cream cheese frosting

Directions:

- Combine flour, sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking powder and salt in large bowl.
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- Divide batter evenly into 12 paper-lined muffin cups.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until tops spring back when lightly touched
- Serve warm, or cooled with toppings of choice. See some options to the right.

Make it a cupcake!
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topping with cream
cheese frosting.

Options:

Drizzle with
caramel sauce, add
chopped nuts, dust with
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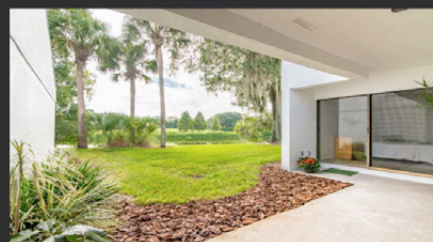
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from Daniel Francis,
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They say you can tell a lot about a person
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These days I would say that your character has either been stressed or
strengthened by the events of 2020... or maybe both.

The month of November comes in with voting and goes out with Thanksgiving.
In, around, and between these two events,
for what can WE be thankful?

If you're reading these lines, you're alive. Join me then in being grateful for:
the rainbow colors of autumn | the text pic of a newborn infant | the sound
of an old song or new catchy tune | the scent of leaves | the redness of Mars in
the night sky | a cute bumper sticker | the taste of homemade pizza or freshly
baked cookies | the feel of water showering your body after yardwork or a run.

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Wake Surfing Excellence

by The Williams Family, OC Residents

Wake Surfing seems to be all the buzz on the Lake these days. Lake Carroll is a very active lake with so many young families moving to the neighborhood. Water sports are a great way to spend time with friends and family. As we strive for excellence in our Community, we are pleased to announce we have the 2020 National Wakesurfing Champion amongst us. As with everything else, this year's contests have been challenging. Several contest runs have been videoed on the lake and uploaded. We have been fortunate enough to be able to attend contests in Florida, Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, and Minnesota. Competing in the World Wake Association Veteran Men's Division, David Williams was able to clutch the 2020 national title.

We should also note that Vanessa was able to navigate all the way to runner-up at the national tournament. Vanessa competes in the Masters Women Division. She is now in the running to compete for the world championships next year. Vanessa was also invited to compete at the Masters championships. With solid runs she was able to advance through semis and took 2nd place at the Masters as well.

Dave squeaked through semi-finals as he fell twice, losing his rhythm. In the final round, David was able to pull it back together and take 1st at the Masters Championship. David was also honored to win the "Ski Nautique - Trick Of The Year." This award was presented to David for his trademark long-shuv. This is starting with the board backwards riding the wave and popping the board into the air and spinning the board around under your feet, landing with the board facing the correct way. Fun!



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Hidden Message:

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

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

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Solution to Last Month's Crack the Code Puzzle

Answer:



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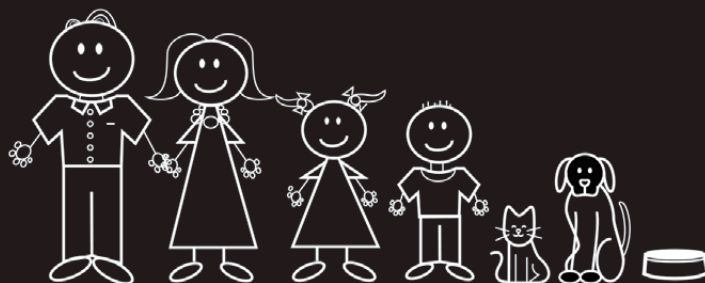


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