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Fall Party

(adults only)

See more on Pages 18 & 24

Happy
Thanksgiving

Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, November 10, 2025

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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Ethan Pliskow

By John Schinka, CCA President

The CCA Board had a productive October meeting. Jared Jones provided a thorough update of our fiscal year end, maintaining a strong position going into the holiday season. As Thanksgiving approaches, we are certainly thankful to be a part of this great neighborhood!

Be sure to keep reading for additional detail about our upcoming social events. We are excited to have the DeLeon Band at our upcoming NovemberFest. As a great tradition continues, our luminaria sales will kick off soon. Be sure to look for updates about sales and Scout setups so we can keep lighting up the OC on Christmas!

If you're looking for more information, be sure to check out our website at www.originalcarrollwood.com and send us an email to get added to our mailing list. You can also sign up for text updates to get CCA event details and news in real time. 

Welcome Newcomer

Please contact
Kristin Nail, Newcomer Chairman
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GUARD SCHEDULING CHANGE FOR FALL/WINTER SEASON:

- Beginning Nov. 3, a guard will be on duty Friday, Saturday and Sundays only to assist residents from noon to dusk.
- White sands beach access gates are closed 24/7.
- Gates will open to residents with fobs during beach hours.
- **Unauthorized use of the fobs is prohibited.**

GATES ARE PROGRAMMED FOR BEACH HOURS

The electronic access fob will open and access gates during specific hours only – dawn to dusk. The exit gate is programmed to open when the ground sensor is activated by a vehicle (golf cart or car/truck) and gate closes automatically after each time.

SALES CONTINUE

The CRD wants to ensure that as many residents as possible have a fob

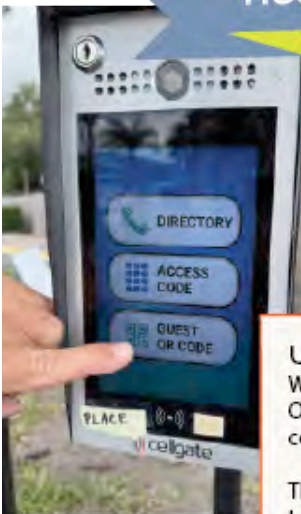
- Rec Center hours for purchases are M-F, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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- Access control fobs are activated within 24-hours of purchase.

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- **Pedestrian Gate:** Hold fob where indicated on the side of the gate until you hear the sound of the gate unlock.

HOSTING A PARTY AT THE BEACH?

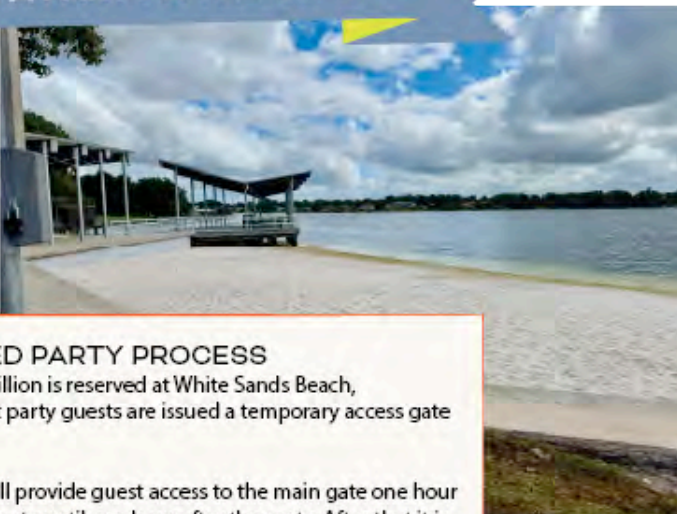


UPDATED PARTY PROCESS

When a pavillion is reserved at White Sands Beach, OC Resident party guests are issued a temporary access gate code.

The code will provide guest access to the main gate one hour before the party until one hour after the party. After that it is no longer valid.

This will keep people moving at the gates and provides a solution if a guard isn't present when the party begins.



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You can search for Original Carrollwood Civic Association on Facebook or visit this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic>

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months. We have a few
ideas for articles.

We would love
your help to
contribute to
some of
these!



2. REMARKABLE RENOVATIONS —

Many homes in our neighborhood have gone
through amazing transformations and facelifts.
If you would like to share the work you've done
on your home (exterior curb appeal or backyard
renovations), send before/after photos and a small
blurb about the work you've done to improve the
appearance of your home.

Please e-mail all submissions to Kristin Nail
kristinnail@originalcarrollwood.com

1. YOUNG NEIGHBOR AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS —

We would love to highlight some kids in the neighborhood who
have earned awards or proud of something they have achieved.
For example: Winning a soccer tournament, making a travel
baseball team, district speech competition winner, learning how
to ride a bike for the first time, etc. No achievement is too small!
Send in a photo and blurb about your child and we will put it in
a future issue.

3. NEWCOMER SPOTLIGHT — If
you have recently moved into the
neighborhood (within the last year or
so), we would love to get to know you!
Email Kristin Nail at kristinnail@originalcarrollwood.com and she will
send you some short/easy interview
questions for a spotlight article.

Thank you! Look forward to seeing more of you in *The Caroler*.



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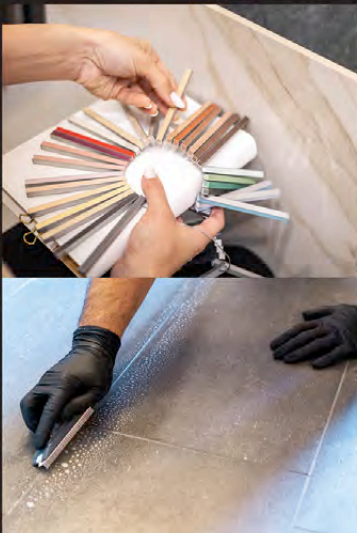
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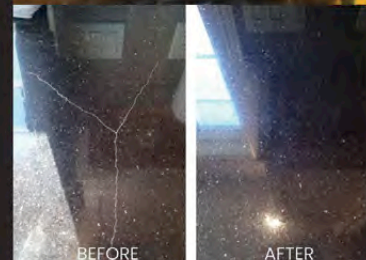
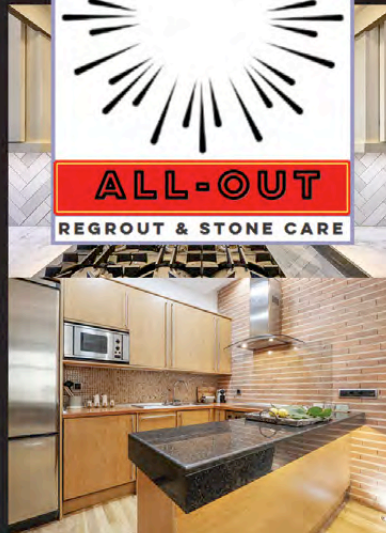
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We hope everyone has enjoyed our community events throughout the year so far. We are looking forward to another great season of spending time with our neighbors. We have a great lineup of social events right in the neighborhood. If you have new neighbors, make sure to invite them out to an event.

More information will be sent out for each event.

Have questions or need information about any of the social events, email us at events@originalcarrollwood.com

Thank you, CCA Social Committee

Be sure to check the upcoming issues of The Caroler to receive more detailed information!

NOVEMBER 14 | 6-9 P.M.

Fall Party (Adults Only) (See Back Page)
County Western Theme
Rec Center

DECEMBER 19

Holiday Movie on the Lawn
Original Carrollwood Park

DECEMBER 20

Holiday Lights Boat Parade
Lake Carroll/White Sands Beach

DECEMBER 24

Luminaria on Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Fireworks
White Sands Beach

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At Home in OC

Every year around this time, the same thing happens. A new Publix Thanksgiving commercial appears, and somehow, without fail, we all tear up over a pie, a casserole, or a quiet moment around the table.

They always get it right. The stories aren't about big gestures or grand celebrations. They're about the quiet, familiar things we take for granted: The hum of conversation, the clatter of serving spoons, the laughter that cuts through the noise. It's never really about food. It's about home.

I think that's why those commercials stay with us. They remind us that home isn't measured in square footage, finishes, or appraisals. It's measured in moments. It's the kitchen where everyone gathers, the chair that squeaks but no one replaces, the door that's always open. It's where love lingers long after the plates are cleared.

There's something almost unspoken about the way those moments hold us together. They remind us that gratitude has a lot to do with focus. As one wise voice once said, "Your focus determines your reality." When we look for what's good, we tend to find it; and when we slow down long enough to notice it, it tends to stay.

In real estate, we talk a lot about houses, layouts, prices, and market shifts, but this time of year, I'm reminded that what people are really looking for is a feeling. A place to belong. A space that holds their stories. And when you find that, everything else falls into place.

So as we head into Thanksgiving, I hope your home feels full of laughter, gratitude, and the people who make it all mean something. Take a moment to look around and notice the small details, the light in the windows, the sound of familiar voices.

Happy Thanksgiving. 

Hillsborough County Public Schools Non-Student Days

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 24 - Friday, November 28, 2025
FALL BREAK

Monday, December 22, 2025 - Friday, January 2, 2026
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A	3307 Nakora Drive	1,687	\$610,000
A	3026 Samara Dr	2,363	\$599,000
P	10415 Butia Place	2,121	\$699,000
P	3108 McFarland Road	1,945	\$649,000
P	10305 Orange Grove Dr	2,169	\$575,000
S	3303 Picwood Road	1,616	\$494,900
S	3404 Picwood Road	1,400	\$539,000
S	10409 Lake Carroll Way	1,506	\$503,500

Dottie Groover-Skipper Inducted into Florida Women's Hall of Fame

Dottie Grover-Skipper is a 30-plus years resident of Original Carrollwood.

Out of fifty nominations, Dotti Groover-Skipper, Founder and CEO of HeartDance Foundation, Inc. (www.heartdancefoundation.org), was one of three trail-blazing women selected by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis for Induction into the 2024 Florida Women's Hall of Fame. The Induction ceremony for Belle Yates Bear, Mary Brickell and Dotti Groover-Skipper took place at the Florida Capitol in Tallahassee on September 30th, 2025. Dotti was recognized for her 40-plus years serving victims and survivors of human trafficking through her organization, HeartDance Foundation. Each inductee received a flag that was flown over the Florida Capitol in their honor. A portrait of each now forever hangs in the rotunda of the Florida Capitol in the Florida Women's Hall of Fame exhibit.



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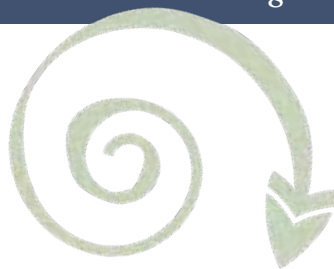
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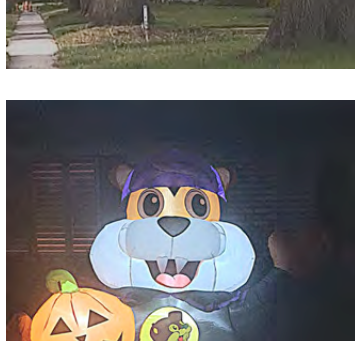
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FUN & SPOOKY IN OC



HALLOWEEN 2025

Photos by Lawrence Davis, OC resident



Joseph, Whitney, Rohin (9), Kainn (5) and Renin (1.5)

The Nunez Family

10315 Lake Carroll Way

The Nunez Family moved to Original Carrollwood from Colorado in February 2025. They were drawn to the neighborhood because of the location and knowing friends in the area. As a family, they love doing anything outside, exploring the Tampa area, boating, golf, cars and staying active. They are excited about being a part of such a great community!

TODDLER TURKEY TROT

Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m.

Scotty Cooper Park!



The 4th annual Toddler Turkey Trot event will take place on Saturday, November 22nd, at Scotty Cooper Park, beginning at 9:00am! All the little turkeys are welcome to come join us for a morning at the park. We will do a "fun run" around the park, followed by time to play and socialize.

- Ages 1 - 4 can participate in the "run". (Older siblings welcome to come watch or play!)
- All toddlers will receive a runners bib, medal and post race snacks.
- Coffee will be available for the grown ups.

**Check-in will start at 9 a.m. and the run will begin at 9:15 a.m.! Parking is limited at the park, so please consider walking if you're close.*



WE SALUTE ALL OUR VETERANS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

We had the privilege of hearing from some of our Veterans
that live here in Original Carrollwood.

Their accounts follow.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

George McLauchlin | Navy

I served onboard The USS Tom Green County LST-1159 from August 1968 to December 1970 as a US Navy Ensign and Lt. Junior Grade. The ship was home ported out of Yokosuka, Japan, and was regularly deployed to service in Viet Nam.

I was the gunnery officer and later 1st Lieutenant (the officer over the deck, boats, tank deck, loading equipment and guns). I also served as the Officer of the Deck (OOD) (ship driver).

We mostly saw action in the Mekong Delta where the ship served as housing for the ninth infantry which was engaged with the Viet Cong in the area south of Saigon (now Ho Chi Min City). We were hit on several occasions by 57mm recoilless rifle fire and while beached at Vung Tau for resupply, we took a 140mm rocket in the fan tail which wiped out the kitchen and mess decks and killed three of the kitchen staff. The ship's steering system was disabled, and we needed to limp back to Yokosuka Naval Base dry dock for repairs.

The ship also did a tour of Market Time (the interception of Viet Cong maritime resupply craft). We also served with Ready Group Alpha off the coast of the DMZ always ready to beach our embarked Marine Corp Unit upon command.



Lt. Jg. Lane Morrison the First Lt. is on the left. George McLauchlin on the right. The sign reads "Merry Christmas 1968 Mekong Delta, Republic of VietNam."



David Nowak

Air Force | Master Sergeant (MSgt)

I joined the Air Force in 1990 and was stationed in Turkey during Desert Storm. After that, I served at Hurlburt Field, FL, as part of the Air Force Special Operations Command. I also spent time at MacDill Air Force Base with the United States Special Operations Command and concluded my service at the National Security Agency in 2010. I met my wife while serving in the Air Force, and our daughter was born at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. I could not have completed my 20 years of service without my wife by my side—she truly is a rock star. During my career, I was awarded several medals: The National Defense Medal - Defense Meritorious Service Medal - Southwest Asia Service Medal - Global War on Terrorism Medal - Humanitarian Service Medal - Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal - Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Medal.



David Nowak



USS Tom Green County LST 1159



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Andy Fonda | Air Force

by Anna Brugge, OC Resident and Berkeley Prep Student

I recently interviewed OC Resident and Air Force veteran, Andrew Fonda, who lives on Phoenix Circle. He says that is the best street in Original Carrollwood! It was an amazing experience learning about his time in the Air Force which was in total 28 years with active duty and Air Force Reserve. He originally enlisted in the Air Force at the age of 21, driven by a sense of patriotic duty to his country, and to qualify for the GI Bill.

He told me about his memorable experiences in the Air Force. His most vivid memory was when he first stepped off the bus, standing in line, and the next thing he knew, he had a drill sergeant yelling in his face. Another memorable experience was when he was invited to attend the Officer Candidate School (OCS). Because he joined the Air Force as an enlistee, he started at the very bottom, so retiring as a Major was special.

Mr. Fonda was very open about his experiences in the Air Force, such as when he was deployed during Desert Storm, which was when America went to fight against Iraq. He flew an aerovac, an in-air hospital that helps people treat injuries. Another memory is that right after 9/11, he was working as a communication officer in the Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base and ended up being deployed a couple of times into some hostile

environments, primarily around Afghanistan.

While we talked, I asked about the challenges and experiences that shaped him as a person. He spoke about how the military helped him become a leader, a better communicator, a better father, a more effective businessman, and a more engaged community member. For example, he served on the Board in Original Carrollwood. For much of his success, he credits his military career.

We also discussed some challenges he faced while in service and how he overcame them. He discussed the importance of keeping his family together and how effective communication played a role.

Another challenge was working to get promoted and striving for better opportunities. He learned to work harder and step back, if necessary, before trying again.

We then discussed what he was grateful for; he expressed gratitude for his family, especially his sons, as well as all the people in his life. His involvement with The American Legion, which has a chapter on Florida Avenue, allows him to collaborate with other retired military personnel. When asked what makes him thankful to live in Original Carrollwood, he said he appreciated that it is a very tight-knit community, that he has many friends, and that it was an amazing place to raise his sons.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



Bob Tomczak | Marines

Bob served in the Marines during the Korean War.

He was told he would fly from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco, then Hawaii, Japan and on to North Korea. Bob flew in MATS, the military airline, with about 110 others. The



Bob Tomczak

flight crash landed in the water just short of Hawaii when the plane ran out of fuel. There were injuries and loss of lives. He was placed with others in a Quonset hut for two days, and given new clothes. A Marine colonel came by and told him that he had experienced enough, and that he would stay in Hawaii. He was there for about 23 months.

Read below about Bob's brother, Daniel, 98, the last known survivor of the LST-700.

Jack O'Brien | Air Force

by Anna Brugge, OC Resident and Berkeley Prep Student

Mr. O'Brien is a long-time resident of Original Carrollwood, as he came to our community in 1969. Before settling here, he served in the United States Air Force as a First Lieutenant. During his time in the Air Force, he worked as a Logistics Officer and a Recruiting and Retention Officer.

In the course of his service, Mr. O'Brien served in a 300-person medical unit. This group was called a M.U.S.T. Unit, also known as a Medical Unit Self-Contained/Transportable.



Jack O'Brien

It had 100 beds with approximately 10 doctors and 20 nurses. This important unit was responsible for coordinating, transporting, and setting up a combat support hospital during the Vietnam War.

It was interesting learning about this part of the military system. He told me that this unit was like what was shown in the old TV sitcom M.A.S.H. which means Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, which when searched up showed transportable medical units that were used during the Korean War. Many thanks to him for his service to our country and our community!

Daniel Tomczak | Navy

Navy Storekeeper 3rd Class | WWII. Living in Buffalo N.Y., at 17 years old, Mr. Tomczak signed up for service with US Navy. When he turned 18, he was called for service. He attended Basic Training at Sampson U.S. Naval Training Station, in Romulus, New York. After Basic Training, he went to Chicago for school at Great Lakes, Illinois, before being assigned to the LST-700 Advance Amphibian Force.

The original mission, to invade Japan, was circumvented by Japan's surrender, so the LST-700 crew was reassigned to occupation duty in Korea, Japan, and China until mid-March 1946, escorting Japanese prisoners and civilians back to their homeland at Sasebo, Japan and Tsingtao, China (modern day Qingdao.) After the mission was complete, they returned to the United States, in San Francisco, picking up equipment from Pearl Harbor and other locations along the way.



Mr. Tomczak moved to Original Carrollwood in June 1989, and is a parishioner of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He is 98 years old and the last known survivor of the LST-700.



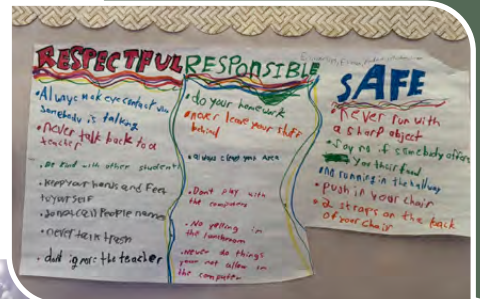
NEWS FROM CK8

by Carrollwood K-8 School PTSA

Carrollwood K8 has had a busy first nine weeks! This year marks the first official year of all three middle school grades and a new middle school Assistant Principal, Mr. Bryan Brink! Middle School sports are a welcome addition this year with boys and girls basketball, volleyball, flag football, track, and soccer.



In September, Grandparents Day Dinner was held at Chamberlain High School, students participated in a color run fundraiser, and enrichment clubs started. Students have been busy with science projects, 2-D art, music, number sense, and learning how to be responsible owls.



Mark your calendars for Hootiefest fall carnival on Saturday, November 15, from 11-2. Carrollwood Gold Cards on sale now. All proceeds benefit 5th grade activities.

Puzzles OF THE Month

What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?

Find the hidden peacock within the pages of this issue of *The Caroler*!

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER
BEFORE NOVEMBER 10

Email Caroler@roxg.graphics

All who reply will have their name posted in the next issue of *The Caroler*!



Congratulations to last month's players!

Terry Kors
Steven Boulton
Jeff Agee

Location of the hidden peacock in the previous issue: Page 6.

SAVE
THE
DATE

Hootiefest 2025

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

11 AM - 2 PM

CARROLLWOOD K8 FIELD



INFLATABLES, SILENT AUCTION BASKETS, TEACHER SILENT AUCTION, FACE PAINTING, CARNIVAL BOOTHS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND MORE!

AUCTION SITE GOES LIVE ON 11/10

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON 10/10.

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE NOW!

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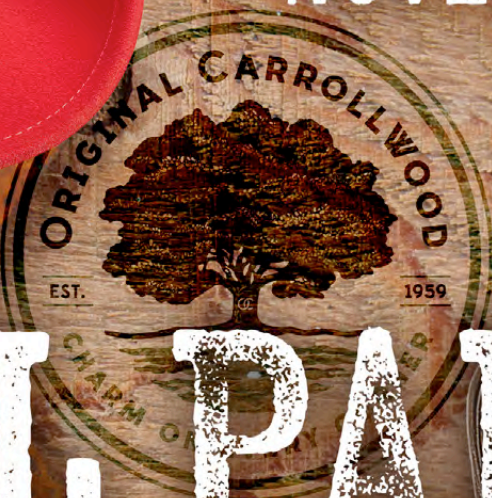




Social
events



NOVEMBER 14TH
6 - 10 PM
REC CENTER



FALL PARTY

COUNTRY WESTERN THEME

LIVE MUSIC
BY DELEON ENTERTAINMENT

**ADULTS
ONLY**

FOOD PROVIDED

