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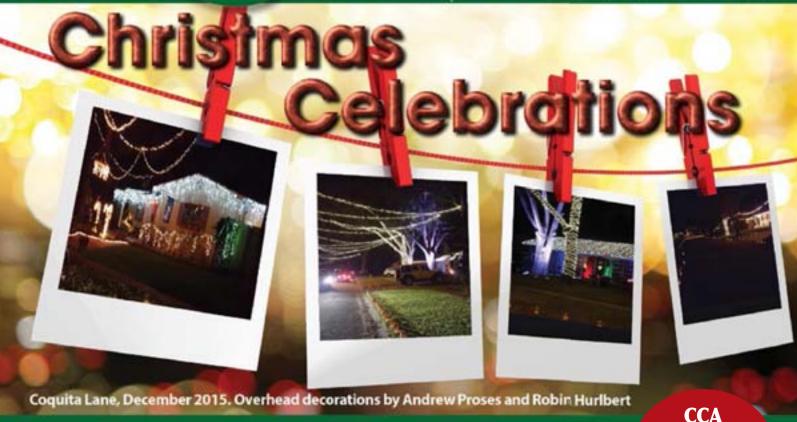
Extended Rec Center Business Office Hours for Luminaria Sales

December 19 - 23: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. December 24: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(or while supplies last)

Luminaria also available during regular business office hours and 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 from the Scouts in front of the Rec Center!

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association



Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, December 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

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What a great Halloween parade we had this year! We estimate 400 were in attendance and we saw some amazing costumes. Please check out Kendra York's article on Page 12 for more details and to see the costume contest winners. Special thanks go out to Jackie Lais, Kendra York and Neil Norden for making this the best Halloween parade event ever! Also, we wish to thank Thornton's for their great donation of Halloween bags filled with candy!

Our next event will be on Friday, December 23, where we will kick off our annual lighted boat parade from White Sands Beach. We will provide pizzas and water at 5:30 p.m., then start the parade at 6 p.m. Bring your lighted boats out to White Sands Beach and join us. Then, we have the luminarias on December 24, Christmas Eve. Please see the announcement on the cover for the times to get your luminarias from the Boy Scouts. They

will be managing that process for us again this year thanks to Joe Costa! Our last event of the year will be the annual fireworks display at White Sands Beach on New Year's eve at 9 p.m. Please see Jackie Lais' article on Page 22 for more details on this amazing show. We hope you enjoy a wonderful Holiday Season with your family and come out to join the Community at these outstanding events!

Boat Parade & Pizza Party December 23!







by Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

Last December you might have noticed Christmas lights at the main entrance to Lake Carroll Way from Dale Mabry Highway. The CRD maintains the grass and shrub areas in front of the "Carrollwood" subdivision signs (both sides of the street) with lawn care and seasonal plants. The Board received such positive resident feedback regarding the holiday lighting, that we decided to do it again this year. Also, this year lighting has been added for the Recreation Center.

The CRD will also extend office hours as indicated below to support the efforts of the Boy Scouts and the CCA to ensure all residents get their Luminaria kits. The extended business office hours only apply to the dates indicated below (bottom

right corner). Regular business office hours (3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) apply all other weekdays in December. Remember, if you plan to be out of town, ask a neighbor to set your Luminaria's out, or enlist the services of the Scouts. So if you are out of

town, it will instead appear that you are at home.

Warmest wishes from the CRD Board for a Happy Holiday Season. We hope to see you at one of the upcoming CCA community events.

Luminaria Kit Price List

\$10 — 1 Kit

\$30 — 1 Kit with Christmas Eve set-up and Christmas morning clean-up by the Boy Scouts of Troop 217

\$55 — 2 Kits with Christmas Eve set-up and Christmas morning clean-up by the Boy Scouts of Troop 217

> Make all checks payable to: Carrollwood Civic Association

Luminaria

by Joe Costa

Every year Original Carrollwood basks in the warm glow of the holidays with luminarias that line our yards and common areas on Christmas Eve, inspiring good will and spreading the joy of the season. Please join us in this long-standing neighborhood tradition by buying your luminaria kit at the Original Carrollwood Rec Center. Luminaria kits are \$10 and include 20 candles, 20 votive cups and 20 paper bags. (If you have a corner or double lot we suggest you buy two kits.)

If you're going to be out of town, out for the evening or unable to set up your luminarias, no problem! For a small fee, and with the help of the elves of Boy Scout Troop 217, we will set up your luminarias on Christmas Eve and clean them up on Christmas morning.

You can pick up your luminaria kit at the Rec Center business office weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning the first week of December or on the following dates:

Saturday, December 3 9 a.m. - 12 Noon Saturday, December 10 9 a.m. - 12 Noon Saturday, December 17 9 a.m. - 12 Noon





Carrollwood Rec Center Business Office December Hours for Luminaria Sales

Monday, December 19th: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20th: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21st: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 22nd: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, December 23rd: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 24th: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.(or while supplies last)

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Following a long line of garden connoisseurs on both sides of the

family, I could hardly contain my excitement when I learned our humble abode had been named "Yard of the Month." It must have been hard wired into the genes, but as for being conscious of it, it all began at age six with those first memories of walking waist high pushing the lawn mower in front of my father. Like his father before him and on my mother's side as well, "Yard of the Month" recognitions have been no stranger to our lineage. So I'm honored to carry on this great tradition!

All through high school and college, I worked at our local nursery just blocks from our home in north Chicago and it was there that my passion for plants grew into a committed pastime. My tutor was named Pasquesi Home & Farm Supply and its where I received a daily education from the region's growers & landscapers. The information came at me for almost 10 years until I finished school and migrated south to Florida. Much of what I learned applied here too, so with the purchase of our home four years ago, it was time to bring it all together.

The existing lawn was an edgy mix of Augustine, Bahia, Bermuda and Ryegrass, so out came the Roundup. Three applications covering the entire property over the course of four weeks wiped the slate clean. Then a rented tiller & father-in-law provided Bobcat helped to "re-sculpt" the front & back topography. A hand rake of the entire property put the finishing touches on things before Dad & I got busy repositioning and

3005 Peacock Lane Steve and Katya Scialli

repairing the existing irrigation system. Once that was all done, it was time for new grass.

While lush & fast growing, St. Augustine would have been a good choice but with both of us being form the North, we were after a more deciduous looking landscape. This pointed us in the direction of zoysiagrass. Native to Australia & Asia, zoysia is fast growing in popularity throughout the south. Coveted for its low & slow growing habits and emerald green foliage, zoysia

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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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Help keep our Resident Directory UP-TO-DATE

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Christmas Eve?



Thank you Lipsey Road resident
Bob Tomczak for taking the initiative
and reaching out to Tampa Bay
Water regarding some much needed
landscape improvements at the
Tampa Bay Water Lipsey Road pump
house. The improvements - as a
result of Bob - are "upgrading the
landscaping, trimming
trees, dirt removal
from the gutter, and
sod."







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From the Editor

Roxanne Clapp

The holiday season is now in full swing!

This month we start two new features. Justin

Pullaro will be contributing articles focusing on actionable insights to make your financial life better. This month it's a year-end wrap up, see Page 16. In addition, we will now have a recipe of the month column. If you have recipes to share, please send them to me at Roxanne@ roxc.graphics. Since it is the holiday season, we have two this month starting with the oh-so-popular peanut brittle below. This recipe from Mary Sadler has claims from many neighbors to be the best brittle EVER, and for "The Best Christmas Sugar Cookie Recipe," see Page 10.

Maria Larcomb has gathered up "Christmas Jokes to Make You Ho Ho Ho!" You will find them sprinkled throughout this edition of

The Caroler!

Happy Holidays!

How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?

Fleece Navidad

Mary Sadler's Peanut Brittle

After years of delivering this perfect peanut brittle to neighbors and friends, Mary shares the recipe with us!

- 1 cup raw peanuts*
- ½ cup white corn syrup
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

Mix sugar, any white corn syrup and salt in 1 quart (microwavable) pitcher.

Level nuts over mixture.

Cook 8 minutes on high, stir in butter and vanilla; cook 2 more minutes on high.

Add baking soda and stir quickly until foamy.

Pour onto greased cookie sheet; spread quickly with the back of a wooden spoon until all nuts are 1/3 uncovered.

Let cool, store in airtight container.

*If raw peanuts are not available, cooked salted peanuts can be used by adding peanuts after combined sugar and syrup (no salt) have cooked for 4 minutes. Stir nuts in thoroughly. Cooking time remains 10 minutes.

OC Park



HNight In Bethlehem

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 5-8 PM

Come and see what it might have been like in Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. Visit the bakery, marketplace, scribes and more. Talk to the villagers and Roman guards; participate in retelling the Nativity story. All are welcome!

Advent Services

Please join us in worship on Sunday mornings during this Advent Season as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Birth. Our Traditional service begins at 8:30 AM and our Celebration service begins at 11 AM. We will light the Advent wreath and offer communion each week at both services;

November 27^{th} , December 4^{th} , 11^{th} , & 18^{th} .

<u>Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols</u>

Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 4:30 PM

This choir and orchestra concert includes anthems and carols arranged by British composer John Rutter. A reception in Connections will follow the concert. This is a free concert; however an offering will be received for the Homeless Vets of Tampa.

<u> Happy Birthday, Jesus</u>!

Sunday, December 18th, 2016 at 9:45 AM

Come celebrate Jesus birth with us! Children will be treated to a birthday party with cake, punch, stories, crafts and games. Adults may enjoy coffee, cake and fellowship.



Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24, 2016

All are welcome to celebrate Christmas Eve at Grace! Family Service at 5:00 PM in our main Sanctuary

Quiet Christmas Service at 6:30 PM in Grace Memorial Chapel (Communion offered)
Carols & Candlelight Services at 8:00 & 10:30 PM in our main Sanctuary (Communion offered)
Christmas Carol Hymn-Sing & service of communion, Sunday, December 25, 10 AM in our main Sanctuary

New Year's Day Service, Sunday, January 1, 10 AM in our main Sanctuary



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Yard of the Month, 3005 Peacock Lane

also has a great resistance to Chinch Bugs... a neighborhood scourge. On the flipside, we've found it to be quite finicky when it comes to feeding & watering and if ya screw up, Brown Patch (a common Florida fungus) can quickly take hold... but more on that later.

Our family and that of my in-laws sodded the entire property by hand... all 5,000 square feet of it. My brother-in-law and I did get things started, then my father and the rest of the family pitched in to get 'er done. Sixteen hours later and finishing under portable flood lights, the sod was down. Unlike Augustine, zoysia (Empire Zoysia in our case), prefers to be maintained at .75" to 2." No higher. You can cut it higher if ya want but if you do, it'll develop a clumpy/fluffy appearance, be more prone to disease, and won't perform as well in terms of thickness. Maintaining it short would have its challenges though... any imperfections in the ground had us scalping the lawn with the rotary, so it's been a few years top dressing with garden soil as things settle in.

Last year the white grubs & hunting billbugs caused our turf a lot of damage before we caught on and treated for them. The year before that it was brown patch. As previously mentioned, one of the great things about Zoysia is how slow it grows, that is unless you're trying to recover it from damage... then it sucks! But 2016 has been a great year for our yard and we've really got things dialed in now. A week doesn't pass that a UPS-man, plumber, electrician, painter, neighbor, or stranger walking their pet doesn't exclaim;

"Wow! What kind of grass is that?!!"

For a beautiful zoysia yard around here, follow these simple steps. Water twice a week on your permitted morning and program your irrigation system to water each zone in three stages. For example, if your Zone 1 runs for 21 minutes on your watering day, program your system to cycle three times, watering 7 minutes a cycle rather than putting it all down at once This is known as irrigation cycling or cycle & soak. By allowing your sprinklers to cycle, you'll have the benefit of putting more water in your lawn's roots and with less runoff. This is the preferred method of watering in sandy or loamy soil because it's difficult for your lawn's roots to lap it up before it speedily trickles through. I've found that a half inch twice a week is much better than an inch once a week. I've also discovered that watering from 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. has cured the brown patch fungus which is known for attacking the grass

blades only when they sit
wet overnight. So don't
water at 6 p.m.! Finally,
zoysia is a warm weather
grass that wants lots of food
March through October. This is

What do you call an elf who sings? A wrapper!

another casualty of our terrible soil but during this period feed every 4-5 weeks with a slow release organic fertilizer like Milorganite. Let it rest over the four winter months and green it up with Ironite around Christmas time. Treat for insects when it's warm out and if you have weeds, Weed-b-Gone on a hose-end sprayer has worked well for us, as has spot treating with the handheld sprayers. This is one of my wife's yard passions... she doesn't like weeds!

The plants? Oh the plants! They're still a work in progress but through a LOT of trial and error over the past four years; what you see in the yard today has been working fairly well. The front yard hosts a mix of snowbush (Breynia Distichia), gardenia (Gardenia jasminoides), dinosaur fern (Selaginella lepidophylla), New Guinea impatiens (Impatens hawkeri), creeping fig (Ficus pulima), Waxleaf privet (Ligustrum japonicum), Purple Diamond (Loropetalum), Purple Glory (Tibouchina granulosa), caladium (Caladium hortulanum), and Pacific Blue Juniper (jumiperus conferta). They all require more feeding than I have time for but when I do, Miracle Grow on the hose end gets the job done. All of these plants have adapted well to the lawn's feeding & watering schedule sans the Impatiens which require almost daily watering and the 150 year old Live Oak that sheds leaves 10 months of the year in a constant effort to murder the lawn.

P.S. If you've seen us vacuuming the yard every four to five days, it's on account of our Live Oak. Final gardening tip of the day... microorganisms in your yard eat oak tree leaves and in the process consume nitrogen at a rate so fast that your yards sees none. That's what kills the grass underneath them, it's not so much the leaves blocking out the sunlight. Contrary to what you hear, feed heavily in these shaded areas and bag those leaves often!

Thank you again for this great honor! ~Steve & Katya Scialli



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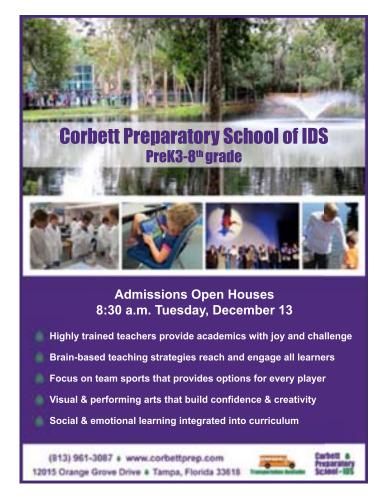
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O Little Town of Carrollwood

by Maria Larcomb, Caroler Journalist

"How still we see the lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

Original Carrollwood. Christmas Eve. 6:58 pm.

The day's last rays of sunlight have disappeared only an hour previous; the streets lay still in darkness. The deserted web of paved roads is lit only by dim street lamps and the light streaming through windows. All is quiet. Meanwhile, inside, houses are glowing with life. Loved ones—dear friends and family—are packed to the rafters. Scents of freshly baked delicacies waft through the rooms where laughter and love abound as holiday cheer pours out into the nighttime.

Original Carrollwood. Christmas Eve. 6:59 pm.

Doors begin to creak open, spilling slivers of light out into the dark and quiet world. Upon stepping outside, a cool rush of air waits. Soon, joyous people flood out of their homes to greet this light breeze. Supplies in hand, they prepare to take part in Original Carrollwood's longtime tradition—setting out luminarias. Even after over forty years, children and adults alike still skip with joyful hearts to gather as a community to bathe the neighborhood in warm candlelight.

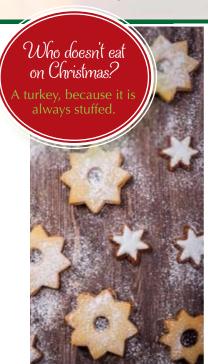
Original Carrollwood. Christmas Eve. 7 p.m.

All around Original Carrollwood, neighbors greet one another

with cheerful waves and "Merry Christmases." One by one, brown bags brimming with sand are gingerly spaced out upon the ground. After placing delicate white candles inside, spirited families and individuals begin to strike their matches and click their lighters—the tradition sparks to life once again. Tiny pinpricks of light begin to shine through the darkness of the night as candle by candle is ignited.

Original Carrollwood. Christmas Eve. Approximately 7:15 pm.

Now, light, laughter, and love move outdoors. No longer are the streets silent. No longer are people segregated in their houses; the unifying light has brought them out. Instead, the streets and yards are filled with people spreading Christmas cheer. Cars decorated with festive lights cruise through the neighborhood with passengers who joyfully sing Christmas carols and call out greetings to friends and strangers alike. Laughter is shared, and love is spread. Smiles catch the light from the candles and flash almost brighter than the luminarias. Glowing as though on fire, the little brown bags housing candles cast a light far brighter than can be seen with the eye. The luminarias bring both warmth to the night and joy to the season; they bring fellowship. Their light brings warmth to the night and to the hearts of those who participate in this longstanding tradition.



The Best Christmas Sugar Cookie Recipe

submitted by Maria Larcomb

Soft cut out sugar cookie recipe that keeps its shape and dough does not need to be chilled before baking - perfect edges every time!
YIELD: 3 dozen cookies PREP TIME: 30 minutes COOK TIME: 6-8 minutes TOTAL TIME: 38 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

- •1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- •1 cup granulated white sugar
- •1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- •1 egg
- •2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 cups all purpose flour

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.

- 2. In the bowl of your mixer cream butter and sugar until smooth.
- 3. Beat in extracts and egg.
- 4. In a separate bowl combine baking powder with flour and add a little at a time to the wet ingredients. The dough will be very stiff. If it becomes too stiff for your mixer turn out the dough onto a countertop surface. Wet your hands and finish off kneading the dough by hand.
- 5. DO NOT CHILL THE DOUGH. Divide into workable batches, roll out onto a floured surface and cut. You want these cookies to be on the thicker side (closer to 1/4 inch rather than 1/8).
- 6. Bake at 350 for 6-8 minutes. Let cool on the cookie sheet until firm enough to transfer to a cooling rack.

Two heads are better than one!



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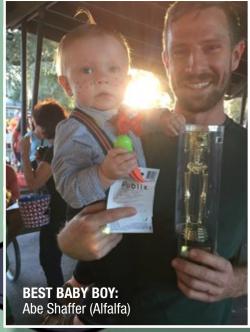
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ICAPPY ICAPOWER by Kendra York

Jackie Lais and I really had a hard time picking our winners this year as everyone deserved a prize, but this years winners are:

Even though Halloween landed on a
Monday this year, we had a greater than
expected turnout. Our judging station was
a huge success with everyone getting to
be seen. Original Carrollwood is the best
neighborhood as all the families always do
their best to show their Halloween spirit.
Our four-legged friends put their best
paw forward. Kids of all ages
participated and really
put in a great
effort!

















Special shout out to our volunteer, Mackenzie Siddall, for her mad skills as our photographer. She captured all of our spooky moments.

Thank you to Thornton's for providing the candy, their time and workers. Please continue to support Thornton's, located on the corner of Linebaugh Ave and Gunn Hwy. They have supported us for years at our Halloween parade, and we thank them immensely!

Bibbitty Bobbity BOO! Kendra York









Year End Thoughts: Do's and Don'ts of Travel

by Claire A. Modarelli Cruise and Europe Specialist & Original Carrollwood Resident

It's your vacation and you want the best possible return on investment. Good planning (and good behavior) will enhance the experience. Here are some lessons learned from years in the industry...

Don't expect hotels and restaurants abroad to be exactly like those in the US. In my early "Éurope on \$5 a Day" adventures, typical complaints were voiced about rough toilet paper, no ice for drinks, absentee menus, etc. It's no place like home—therein lies the charm!

Do try to learn a few words the natives speak, even if limited to "bonjour" or "grazie," offered with a smile. Your hosts are happy to have you visit and acting like a guest will win their hearts.

Don't overpack, regardless of the cruise or destination, but especially if you're travelling by train in Europe. Two small carry-ons will work better for you on trains than one mega-case.

you leave - buy a good guidebook and familiarize yourself with the destination, attractions, local transportation.]

Bumbling around, asking yourself or companions, "What should we do today?" wastes precious time.

And who wants to arrive at a museum that's closed on Tuesday?

Don't take valuables with you. Costume jewelry on a trip will rock your outfits as well as precious gems. In-room safes are standard in three to five-star hotels, but pickpockets can spot a good target very easily in public places.

Do make a copy of your passport and leave it with a reliable contact at home. Should it be lost or stolen abroad, a faxed copy to you will expedite a replacement.

Don't take a local taxi from your arrival airport to your hotel. It only costs a few dollars more to have a driver meet you to help with luggage and get you safely and directly to the accommodation. Chances are you haven't slept well on a long-distance flight and who needs the hassle of negotiating the fare.

Best wishes for the Holidays. May all your travels broaden your horizons and bring you safely back to our OC home.





2017 CCA Election Ballot

Carrollwood Civic Association

Election to the CCA Board of Directors Nominations by the CCA Nominations Committee

Instructions: Check three (3) candidates from the list to the right.

Ballots will be cast at the meeting by members of the Carrollwood Civic Association at the Original Carrollwood Rec Center, 3515 McFarland Road, on Monday, December 12, 2016.

Voting hour is 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Election Day: Monday, December 12, 2016 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

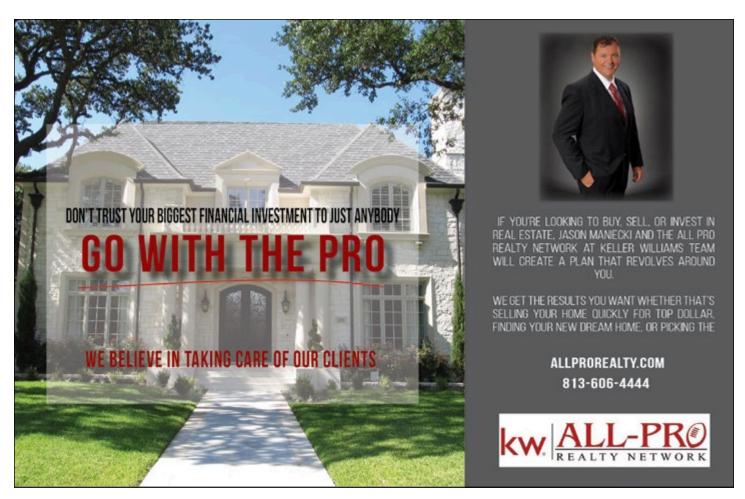
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Eric Pellenbarg

☐ Bryan Huls

☐ Jamie Sheer





Year End Financial Wrap-up!

by Justin Pullaro Certified Financial Planner™ and OC Resident

December is a challenging month to focus on your financial life. Kids out of school and crammed holiday schedules can distract us. But as the year winds down, consider December an essential month to your financial health.

How should you tackle the year end?

1. Finish 2016 strong

The end of the year means several can't-miss deadlines that require attention.

Some examples include:

- Corporate retirement plan contributions (401ks, SEP or SIMPLE IRAs)
- · Charitable contributions
- Required minimum distributions from retirement accounts if you were born before July 1, 1945
- December 15 is the Health Insurance Enrollment deadline if you want coverage to start Jan 1, 2017



2. Start thinking about 2017

Finding time to think about the upcoming year can be overwhelming.
But the best time to make changes to your



financial life is at the beginning of a new year.

Consider these first:

- Does your money have a goal? Do you need to set clearer goals for your finances in 2017?
- Check your spending and saving from last year. What changes need to be made or how can you put in place a better system to help you stay on track?
- Health Insurance Enrollment ends Jan 31. Review current benefits and make any changes.

3. Remember what's most important

The holidays create a formidable time to celebrate with friends and family the things that matter most to you.

- Find ways to give more than you get
- Plan special vacations or gatherings
- Remember that your most valuable resources often don't have dollar signs attached to them; things like your time, health and relationships.

Don't let the opportunities in December melt away. Be proactive in meeting important deadlines and taking stock in where you are in relation to where you want to go.

Cheers to your financial life!







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by Wayne Wilson, Realtor OC Resident 43 Years



Under Florida Real Estate law, there are several

types of "Agency" that a Realtor may establish with his client. But essentially the most common forms of Agency are 'Single Agent', or 'Transaction Broker.' Under Florida law, if not specified, the listing agent is understood to be acting as a transaction broker.

Basically, these are very similar with one primary exception. A transaction broker has no fiduciary loyalty to either the buyer or seller. His/her objective is to assist or mediate the terms of the contract and to assure that all known facts are made known to both parties. There is limited confidentiality. This limited confidentiality pertains to price, they will not disclose to either party at what the other party may settle if the current negotiating price is different. If your listing agent becomes the buyer's agent as well, they MUST act as a transaction broker.

In the case of the single-agent relationship, the agent owes you 1.) loyalty, 2.) confidentiality, 3.) obedience, 3.) full disclosure, 4.) accounting and 5.) the duty to use skill, care, and diligence in the performance of their duties.

That's the legal part! There's a lot more to this job. Has the agent given you a comparative market analysis to show you the real value of your home? Then the questions you need to be asking the agent are: Will you be at the inspection and review the inspection to be sure that you are not being asked to fix something that is not required by the contract? Have they explained the 4-Point inspection and how it affects you even if you have an AS-IS contract? How will they advertise? Most buyers start on the Internet. If your agent is not advertising in at least 20+ websites, you're probably not getting the exposure you need. Is your agent going to notify you and coordinate with the other party the timing of turning off and putting back on utilities in order to avoid downtime? Will they furnish you the phone numbers for the major utilities? Will they keep close watch over activities required for closing to avoid delays? This includes staying close to the other agent to assure that applications for loans and loan approvals are happening in a timely fashion to avoid closing delays. Will they schedule a convenient time to all parties for the final walk-thru?

All too often, sellers hire an agent based on friendship or other personal relationships while thinking all they do is put the listing in MLS and that ultimately gets the sale. The reality is you need them to guide and protect your interest throughout the process. Some agents use a call center for other agents to schedule their appointments. How do they handle follow up of these other agents for you when using call centers? Are you being appraised of the activity on a regular basis? Do they know your neighborhood? This is a business transaction, which more than likely is the largest single investment that you

have. It's important that you get the personal attention you deserve.

OC Listings

as of The Caroler deadline:

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

11511 Areca Rd	2,250	\$357,000
10907 Bent Tree PI	1,913	\$305,000
10615 Carrollview Dr	2,252	\$542,000
10603 Coquita Ln	1,827	\$295,000
3406 Lacewood Rd	2,132	\$270,000
11746 Lipsey Rd	3,276	\$425,000
10519 Orange Grove Dr	1,557	\$264,900
3421 Lacewood Rd	1,598	\$299,900
3111 McFarland Rd	2,028	\$280,000
3017 Peacock Ln	1,853	\$335,000
10514 Carrollview Dr	2,039	\$337,000
3329 Valencia Rd	2,698	\$399,900
11009 Carrollwood Dr	1,843	\$459,900
3039 Samara Dr	3,781	\$825,000
11621 Carrollwood Dr	3,004	\$398,000
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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!





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December 7 and 14, 2016 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jimmie B. Keel Library, 2902 W. Bearrs Ave. For more info, call 813-273-3652

Introduction to 3D Printing

December 10, 2016 2 – 3 p.m. Jimmie B. Keel Library, 2902 W. Bearrs Ave. For more info, call 813-273-3652

Boat Parade

December 23, 2016 5:30 p.m. White Sands Beach For more info see Page 2

Luminaria

December 24, 2016 Sunset The Entire OC Neighborhood! For more info see Page 3

Happy Noon Year Party

December 31, 2016 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Jimmie B. Keel Library, 2902 W. Bearrs Ave. For more info, call 813-273-3652

New Year's Eve Fireworks

December 31, 2016 9 p.m. White Sands Beach For more info see Page 22

Baby Sign Language

Thursday mornings 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 p.m. Jimmie B. Keel Library, 2902 W. Bearrs Ave. For more info, call 813-273-3652

List your free-to-the-public local event in *The Caroler*!

The first eight entries received each month get published! Send your event info to Caroler@roxc. graphics

What do you call people who are alraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic.

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Crime Watch

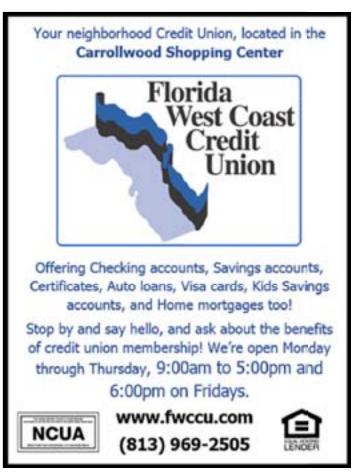
by Jim Blanco

The Crime Watch Program is alive and well. We have gone through changes. Our email list was badly out of date. We enlist new members through our Newcomers Program, but who remembers to ask to be deleted when they move out of Original Carrollwood or change email providers? We also had a problem switching the program to a system that did not appear as SPAM when sending out almost 900 emails. Consequently, I sent two "database-cleanup" emails to some residents, asking them to verify that they were still in the program.

I received an overwhelming response. This included at least three former residents asking to be removed. Thank you all. I next deleted some of the "hopefully" redundant lists.

If you have been receiving Crime Watch email, you are still in the program. If not, or are a new resident, send an email to CrimeWatch@originalcarrollwood.com. I will include you.









Reindeer Trivia

What was one of the names considered for our ruby-nosed friend before *Rudolph* was settled on?

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

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S WORD SEARCH HIDDEN MESSAGE

"START EACH DAY WITH A GRATEFUL HEART"

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

Boris Stern, Curtis Moreau, Karen Riley, Charlie Cross, Minnie Norton, Tom & Carolyn Shea, Wayne Plaster, Mark Boghich, Suzy Giunta, Shirley Dibley, Kyle Mixon

Source: Roxanne Clapp created at http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com

New Year's Eve Fireworks

9 p.m. • Dec 31, 2016 White Sands Beach

Bring your blankets, chairs, and your picnic supplies and enjoy the wonderful fireworks display! Popcorn will be provided by Bryan Yarborough.

Due to limited beach area, the parking lot will be closed. No cars are allowed to park, with the exception of handicap vehicles. Please walk if you can, due to the very limited parking available.

Contact Jackie Lais, CCA
Special Events with questions.
jackie@originalcarrollwood.com

NOTE:

The boat ramp will close at 5 p.m. December 31.

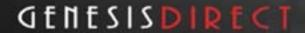
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Why was Santa cast in a musical?
Because he had stage presents.

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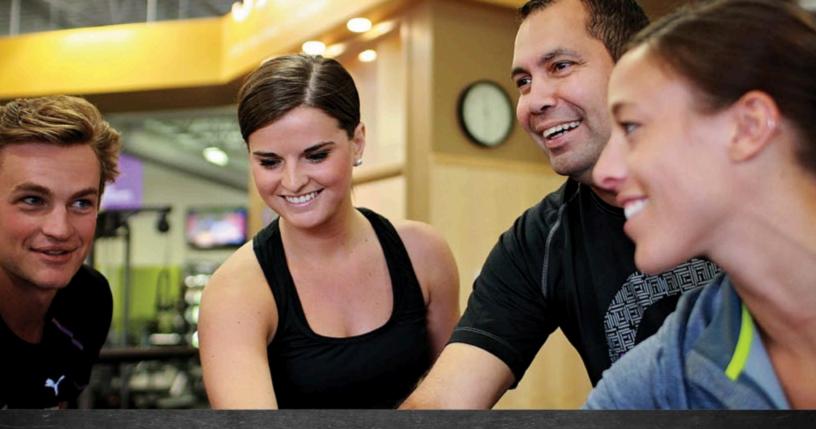
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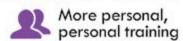
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