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December 2022

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association

2809 Samara Drive  
2021 Best Overall  
Holiday Decor  
Contest Winner

# Happy Holidays



See Page 4 for this year's  
contest information.

## Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, December 12, 2022

CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m. | CCA Meeting: 7 p.m.

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Residents welcome to attend.

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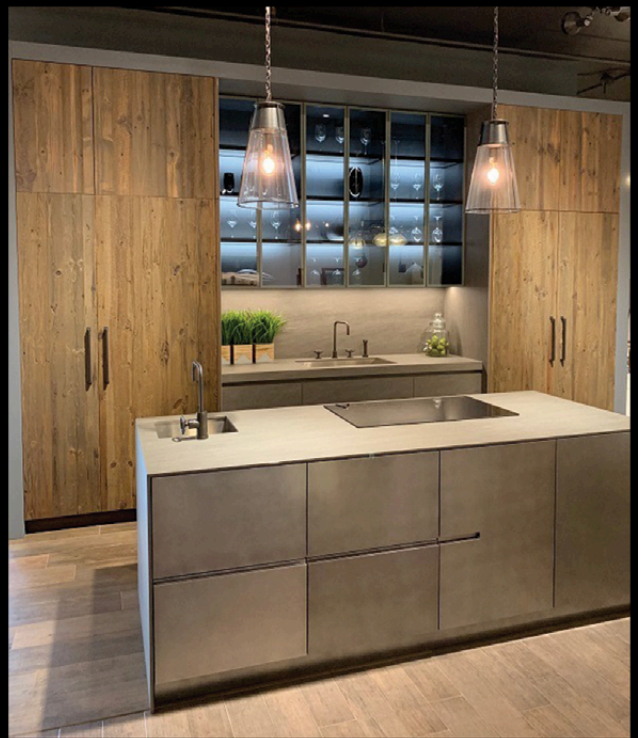
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## ***Christmas Time at Grace Lutheran Church***

### **Sunday Advent Worship Services**

**10 AM, November 27th, December 4th, 11th & 18th**

Please join us during Advent as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Birth.

### **Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

**Sunday, December 18th, at 4:00 PM**

Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra concert features Scripture foretelling Christ's birth, with music by John Rutter and others. Everyone is invited to sing along during portions of the concert. A reception in Connections will follow. A free-will offering will be taken to support Hurricane Ian relief efforts in Ft Myers through the Florida-Bahamas Synod.

### **Happy Birthday Jesus**

**Sunday, December 18th - Celebrate Jesus' birth!**

8:45 AM Children will enjoy doing special crafts during Sunday school

ALL are invited to enjoy fellowship & special refreshments after our 10 AM worship.

*Merry Christmas*  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### **Christmas Worship Services**

**"A Quiet Christmas Service"** – A service of longing & hope.  
Wednesday, December 21st, 4 PM, Grace Memorial Chapel

**Christmas Eve** – Saturday, December 24th  
**"Family Service"** – led by our Youth, 4 PM

**"Traditional Festival Service"**, 8 PM  
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**"A Service of Christmas Carols"** - Sunday, December 25th, 10 AM

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Eric Pellenbarg




Ashley Gray



Jerrod Mills

By Jim Powell, CCA President

We had a very productive meeting in November and covered a lot of ground. We talked about all the great social events that have been completed and the exciting events that are coming in the month of December. Please see the articles on pages 9, 14, and 16 for more information on those. We also wanted to let you know, due to the increased printing costs involved, we will be transitioning *The Caroler* to an electronic version only. It will be available on the website and via email (Crime Watch Email) if you send us your email address to receive it each month. As of now, January will be the last print version. Also, we have officer elections coming up at our December meeting as noted below. Have a great December! 

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## 2023 CCA Election Ballot

Carrollwood Civic Association  
Election to the CCA Board of Directors  
Nominations by the CCA Nominations Committee



Instructions: Check four (4) 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, 2022.

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

**Election Day: Monday, December 12, 2022**  
**7 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

### CANDIDATES:

- ☐ Eric Pellenbarg
- ☐ Bryan Huls
- ☐ Corey McKeown
- ☐ Jerrod Mills
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_





Mark Snellgrove



Suzy Giunta



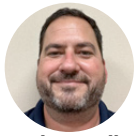
Mark Georgiades



Joe Costa



Chrissie Price



Mike Carelli



Dr. Anna Brown



Jack Griffie




Kevin Shidler

# CRD News

By Mark Snellgrove, CRD President

CRD Board member Dr. Anna Brown is currently obtaining estimates for new lighting fixtures for the tennis courts. If you recall, we replaced the light fixtures in the middle of the courts in the previous budget year. The mounting brackets had rusted so much that we had no choice but to make this repair. Now we only have the side polls to finish and we will have all new mounting brackets with new LED lights.

I would like to recognize and thank Sheriff Chronister and his wife Nikki DeBartolo for attending OC's Halloween parade again this year. They both seem to enjoy coming to OC for this annual event and

it is appreciated. The Sheriff brought his helicopter and ice cream truck. 



Pictured from left to right: Sheriff Chronister, Mark Snellgrove, Nikki DeBartolo, Dotti Groover-Skipper, Roger Skipper  
Photo credit: Dotti Groover-Skipper



## Love is in the Air!

On Thursday, October 27, 2022, Esther and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. Needless to say, on that unique date we slept a little longer than usual.

When I went to the kitchen to brew coffee, I peeked out of the window and saw folks in front of our house and cars beeping their horns. This concerned me to no end, but as I exited the house I saw a white fence across the lawn. As I saw the fence from the front side it said, "Happy 60th Anniversary, Esther and Bob." Who was the benefactor? The sign was also blazed in lighting for nighttime viewing.

Never have I seen anything like this in Original Carrollwood since we moved here in 1966.

## ORIGINALS

### Bob & Esther Tomczak

by Bob Tomczak

Well, we narrowed the person down to our mischievous daughter Janelle. She was the culprit and she has a reputation of recognizing folks and events. We thank her and all the folks that congratulated us for many days following. They sent us cards and delivered various yummys and congratulations.

Thanks a bunch neighbors. This is what Original Carrollwood is all about! Down to earth and helpful people.

You made our day!!

Bob Tomczak

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# CC Yard OF THE Month



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## HALLOWEEN DECOR CONTEST



11320 Carrollwood Drive



3319 Picwood Road

**Winning Street:** Picwood

The overall winner for Halloween was recommended by four different residents. One resident said, "I took my kids four times to see the display."



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3413 Picwood



10713 Lake Carrollwood Drive



3607 Schefflera



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3412 Picwood



11509 Areca



Cocos



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## upcoming Social events



**DECEMBER 11 (SUNDAY)** – Movie in the Park!

**DECEMBER 17** – Lighted Boat Parade

**DECEMBER 24** – Luminaria Lighting

**DECEMBER 31** – New Year's Eve Fireworks  
at White Sands Beach

Keep an eye out for our 3rd Annual Holiday  
Decoration Scavenger Hunt!

Stay up to date with the Crime Watch/Events Email  
and our Facebook Group.

Original Carrollwood Civic Association  
[www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrollwoodCivic)



## OC REAL ESTATE

### REAL ESTATE 101: HOMEBUYERS REGRET RECENT PURCHASES

By M. Wayne Wilson, Realtor and Former Original  
Carrollwood Resident 42 years



*My* good friend and Realtor, KT Tershowski, passed a recent article to me that I found interesting but not surprising so I'm going to summarize these findings for you. Hopefully it doesn't reflect your views, but it can have an impact on future sales.

In a recent survey, it was recorded that 72% of the recent 2021-2022 homebuyers have regrets about their purchase. The number one reason for their remorse is they feel they spent too much money. Thirty-one percent of buyer's complaints surround the fact that they paid an average of \$65,000 over the asking price.

The second biggest complaint was that they believe they were too rushed, while an additional 30% believed that they acted too hastily. This was probably the result of 80% of the buyers having made more than one offer and 41% having made more than five offers.

Many people gave up requirements, such as home inspections, in order to get an advantage over other prospects. The end result was that many have suffered bills for big ticket items that failed after the property closed.

All of this leads to important things you need to do in this changing market. 1: You should insist on a home inspection even if you and the seller agree that the seller does not have to make the repairs. You need to know what you are getting into for future costs. 2: Get a realtor who has your back. Not only from the buy side but from the sell side as well. I come across numerous homes for sale and the realtors are located 15 or more miles away from the client and were chosen because they were family or a friend of a good friend, etc., etc. Just know if that agent isn't close by, they probably don't know your neighborhood as well and other than entering your listing in MLS they are probably not going to have your back.

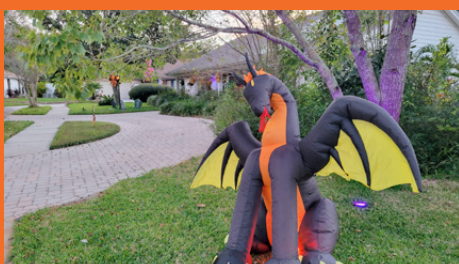
The market has changed! This is no longer a sellers' market with interest rates climbing at a rapid pace. You can't afford to be careless with the handling of your biggest investment.

### OC Listings as of The Caroler deadline Compliments of Wayne Wilson, Realtor®

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

Status	Address	Htd Sq Ft	Price
A	3009 Sabal Road	2,150	\$664,999
A	10605 Carrollwood Dr	1,824	\$850,000
A	10812 Carrollwood Dr	1,967	\$599,995
P	3011 Sabal Road	1,915	\$549,000
S	10415 Lake Carroll Way	1,302	\$415,000
P	3112 Lake Ellen Dr	1,824	\$500,000
S	11705 Lipsey Rd	2,037	\$552,000





**W**e had a beautiful Halloween night in Original Carrollwood. Lots of amazing costumes, decorated houses and the streets were filled with residents, families and little trick or treaters.

The judges had some tough decisions this year. We had some of the hardest decisions we've ever had to make in our costume contest. We wish we could've given everyone a prize. They certainly all deserved them!

We want to say a special thank you to Sheriff Chad Chronister, the Hillsborough County Sheriff Department and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Chief Dennis Jones. We are blessed to have their support throughout the year and at our social events. The Sherriff's office provided an ice cream truck with free ice cream and pops!

We want to thank all of our volunteers and especially our judges Courtney Wilson, Riley Huls, Corey McKeown, Jim Blanco & John Perez.

Thank you,  
CCA Social Committee



Sheriff Chad Chronister, the Hillsborough County Sheriff Department and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Chief Dennis Jones, and the ice cream truck

Photos this page by Frank Deek



## 6 & UNDER

Girl – Blake Brewster - Ilex

Boy – Jack Schinka - Ilex



## Family

The Chichetto Family – Sabal

The Taylor Family - Lipsey



## 2 & UNDER:

Emmie Fillmon – Orange Grove

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## 7 & UP

Boy – Keogh Serynek - Valencia

Girl – Elle Willis - Lacewood



## Judges Choice

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If you're going to be out-of-town, out for the evening, or unable to set up your luminaria, no problem. For a small donation, and with the help of Boy Scout Troop 217, the scouts will set up your luminarias on Christmas Eve morning.

You can pick up your luminaria kits and hire the Boy Scouts to deliver and set up your luminarias at the Rec Center, Monday through Friday. The Boy Scouts will also be selling kits and taking orders on the following Saturdays:

Saturday - 11/26 at the Rec Center between 9 a.m. and noon

Saturday - 12/3 at the Rec Center between 9 a.m. and noon

Saturday - 12/10 at the Rec Center between 9 a.m. and noon

Saturday - 12/17 at the Rec Center between 9 a.m. and noon

**THE LAST DAY TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THE BOY SCOUTS TO DELIVER AND SET UP YOUR LUMINARIAS WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17. AFTER THAT, ABSOLUTELY NO MORE SET UP AND DELIVERY ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN.**

## LUMINARIA KIT PRICE LIST

\$13 — 1 Kit (20 candles, 20 bags, 20 votive cups)

\$33 (\$13 + \$20 for delivery) — 1 Kit with Christmas Eve set up

\$65 — 2-Kits with Christmas Eve set up

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Please note: The pricing for luminaria kits has been \$10 for a number of years. The new price of \$13, initiated in 2021, simply reflects the increase in the cost of materials for the kits, including the candles, bags, and votive cups.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE IS PART OF THE MISSION

The Boy Scouts of Troop 217 happily support the luminaria tradition of Original Carrollwood. Last year the Scouts donated nearly 500 hours of time folding more than 15,000 luminaria bags, setting up and cleaning up 2,500 luminarias in our common areas, and ensuring that the luminaria kits were assembled, delivered, and cleaned up as necessary (in the common areas only). As a thanks for their hard work, the Carrollwood Civic Association made a generous donation to Troop 217 to help pay for summer camp and countless good deeds.

Please do not throw any articles when viewing the Luminarias

If it rains Christmas Eve, please put your luminaria out on Christmas night. Look for an email from the Crime Watch Email as well.



SGT2022  
Thank You

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## BOAT PARADE DECEMBER 17TH!

Come on down to White Sands Beach and enjoy the evening! Music & Pizza provided.

Lighted boat parade starts at 6 p.m.  
in front of White Sands.

*\*Boats should line up north of White Sands Beach. The parade will start and then pass by White Sands.*

## Help Maintain Lake Carroll Make a Donation

Residents! Help keep Lake Carroll clean and safe. Financial contributions are needed from everyone. Funds are used to offset expenses for vigorous water sampling and testing, and other lake maintenance and monitoring needs. Contributors are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in *The Caroler*.

### LAKE FUND DONATION

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Make funds payable to: Carrollwood Civic Association;  
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form OR donate through PayPal on the OC website:  
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## New Year's Eve Fireworks

9 p.m. • Dec 31, 2022 • White Sands Beach

Bring your blankets or chairs and enjoy the wonderful fireworks display!

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.

**NO GLASS, SPARKLERS, OR FIREWORKS MAY BE BROUGHT TO, OR USED, AT THIS EVENT DUE TO INSURANCE RESTRICTIONS AND SAFETY.**

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

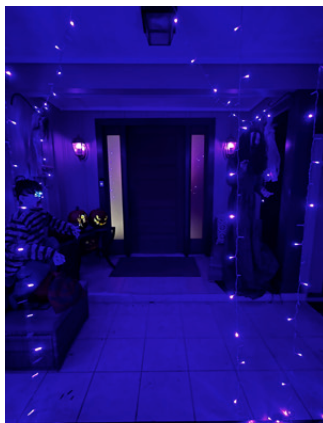
We love hosting these events for our residents and close friends & family. We ask that you do not post the event information in public groups, social media or other locations that would advertise the event to the public. We have a great turnout from our residents, and it would be very difficult to host these events (financially and management) if we have them advertised to the public. Thank you for being a great neighbor!



# Shout Out!

by Philip Mundiymkal,  
3508 Nakora

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## Puzzle OF THE Month



You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy.

### Answer to Last Month's Trivia: Thanksgiving

**Location of the hidden peacock: Page 5!**

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

Charlie and Kent Ross  
Roger Clapp  
Terry Kors  
Lawrence Davis  
Dianne Ferris

Nilla Leto  
Hannah Powers  
Alice Pellenbarg  
Tom Shea

### Find the hidden peacock!

It may be bigger or smaller,  
or a different shape or color  
altogether!

Email your answer(s) to  
[Caroler@roxc.graphics](mailto:Caroler@roxc.graphics) before  
December 10. All who reply will  
have their name posted in the  
next issue of *The Caroler*!







# Celebrate CHRISTMAS

AT LAKE MAGDALENE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## *Christmas in Song Concert*

**December 11 @ 6:30 PM Sanctuary**

Join us for a cherished LMUMC tradition highlighting the Lake Magdalene Chancel Choir, Contemporary Worship Band, Children's Choir, Orchestra, and Lake Magdalene Ringers.

## *Christmas Movie Night*

**December 16 @ 7 PM The Bricks**

Get in the Christmas spirit with your church family and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! We will be showing the Christmas movie *Elf* (PG, 2003). Bring your own chair and/or blanket!



## *Christmas Eve Services*

**Saturday, December 24**

Experience the Christmas story at one of our four Christmas Eve services!

**4:00 PM:** Family Service in the Sanctuary

**6:30 PM:** Contemporary Service in Heritage Hall

**8:00 PM:** Lessons & Carols in the Sanctuary

**11:00 PM:** Communion Service in the Sanctuary

## *Christmas Day Service*

**Sunday, December 25**

Join us for a special combined service at **10 AM** in the Sanctuary and celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas Day!

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