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Holiday festivities!

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Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, December 9, 2024

CRD Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

CCA Meeting: 7 p.m.

Carrollwood Rec Center • 3515 McFarland Road
Residents welcome to attend.

Rec Center Hours for Luminaria Sales (Pick up):

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DECEMBER 9-13 & DECEMBER 16-20

9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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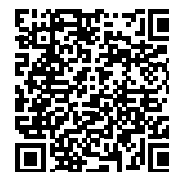
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CHRISTMAS EVE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

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By John Schinka, CCA President

Original Carrollwood will soon be a winter wonderland and your CCA Board is excited to spend the holidays among our neighbors! During our November meeting we discussed upcoming social events, including our Christmas boat parade and New Years Eve fireworks show over Lake Carroll. We also recapped a successful NovemberFest event and reviewed our financials, which continue to show strong fiscal health thanks to Board member Jared Jones.

We also look forward to our annual luminaria lighting on Christmas Eve – this has been one of the neighborhood’s longest running traditions and we encourage all neighbors to participate! We will be

using white luminaria bags this year for some extra curb appeal. You can find more details on luminaria kits and how to purchase them to support our local Scout troops in this edition of the *Caroler*. For those neighbors on Lake Carroll Way, please help us in lighting the luminarias in the median across from your homes.

We will also have CCA Board elections at our December meeting as noted below. 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 at cca@originalcarrollwood.com 

2025 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 9, 2024.

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

Election Day: Monday, December 9, 2024
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Rec Center



CANDIDATES:

- ☐ John Schinka
- ☐ Luke Haydel
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CRD News

By Dr. Anna Brown, CRD Vice President

The CRD Board would like to thank everyone for their efforts to help our Community following hurricane Milton. Our area faced a great deal of wind damage and some localized flooding. When the sun rose after the storm, it was amazing to see our Community come together to help each other and get our neighborhood back to its normal routines as much as possible. Neighbors cleared debris from storm drains to expedite draining, removed tree limbs from roadways, and helped each other manage despite the lack of electricity. The CRD properties each experienced impacts from the storm. White Sands Beach experienced flooding with water up over the docks and into the parking lots. Scotty Cooper Park had trees down blocking the playground. The Tennis Courts lost a fence and Original Carrollwood Park lost the baseball field lights. Getting the playground back in shape was important for the youngest in our Community and we would like to thank the Goan family and David Cura from Cura Sod Company for cleaning up debris the day after the storm. The clean-up at Scotty Cooper Park started with the Goan's and a small crew from Cura Sod and ended with Cura Sod sending over additional crews with chain saws and blowers. By the afternoon, all of the debris in the park had been removed and everything raked up, blown off, and ready for the kids to play. This response was sincerely appreciated! Another thank-you goes to both ASI Landscape Management and Omega Tree & Nursery companies. Both companies responded quickly to our Community, making our clean-up needs a priority. They quickly removed fallen trees, and cleaned up areas at each of our facilities making them accessible for use very quickly after the storm. Finally, we thank our County Commissioner, Ken Hagan. He helped us connect with agencies and assisted in getting the large trees blocking roadways removed in a timely manner. We truly appreciate all of the efforts as we continue to repair our facilities and return our Community amenities to their glory. 



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A | "We moved into Original Carrollwood in 2014. There are so many things we love about this community, from the parks, to the beach, the community gatherings, and especially the daily joys of seeing families riding bikes and going for walks."

Q | What do you love most about your home and yard? Why?

A | "We love our home because we made it ours. When we moved in, we completely remodeled the inside and outside. My husband takes great pride in maintaining our lawn along with Summer Breeze. We enjoy spending time with our children both in the front yard, playing basketball, catch, and football and in the backyard as well...especially on cool nights around the fire pit."

Q | When thinking of all the time you have spent in your yard, do you have a favorite memory?

A | "There are so many days and nights enjoyed outside that it is difficult to pick our favorite. We'll always cherish summer days with the slip-n-slide, Halloween night, cool nights with family and friends around the fire pit, and especially sitting on our rockers on the front porch enjoying a cup of coffee."

Q | Any fun facts, hobbies or words of wisdom you would like to share with your neighbors?

A | "Original Carrollwood is such a great neighborhood, we feel truly blessed to raise our family here. We've enjoyed making new friends, and especially love that our close friends and family live in the neighborhood. We enjoy spending time together and my children are making meaningful memories!"


Email your nomination to: YardoftheMonth@OriginalCarrollwood.com

Include: Address of nominated yard • Reason for nomination • Your name, phone number, & email address • If possible, please include a photo of the yard with your nomination. Thank you! Nominations can also be made at the Community Center, at Board Meetings or by visiting our Community website: www.OriginalCarrollwood.com



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By Clay Brown
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Greetings Carrollwoodians!

If you're anything like me, Thanksgiving decor takes a back seat as we jump straight into Christmas. With no shame, my tree went up on November 1st. I like to think it might encourage cooler weather to drift down to Central Florida, though so far, it's wishful thinking! Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, we'll be enjoying a nice dip into the 70s.

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While my yard may not be overflowing with decorations, I truly enjoy seeing others go all out, creating festive displays that light up the neighborhood. And, of course, there's the

LUMINARIA! This annual OC tradition adds a special glow each year, bringing our Community together in such a unique way. Sure, it's a bit of work to set everything up, but the final result is always worth it. There's just something about holiday lights—they spark memories that stay with us, giving both kids and adults that unmistakable sense of magic.

Now, let's talk about selling a home during the holidays: A little restraint can go a long way. While holiday decor is perfect for a celebration, it doesn't always make for the best showcase when listing your home. Imagine a buyer stepping into a scene with twelve themed trees, seven embroidered stockings, cinnamon brooms in every room, and a miniature Hogwarts Express looping around the living room. It sounds charming, but for buyers, it can feel more like a holiday maze than an inviting home.

And don't even get me started on listing photos! When a home is packed with decorations, it's harder for buyers to envision themselves there. So before you add that partridge in a pear tree, remember: In real estate, a touch of holiday spirit often goes much further than a full display.

Here's to a joyful season, a balanced touch of decor, and maybe, just maybe, a cold front! 

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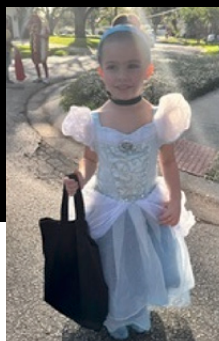
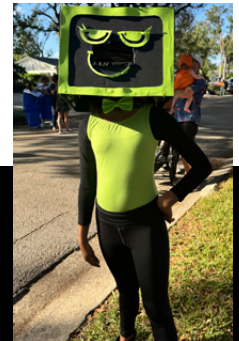
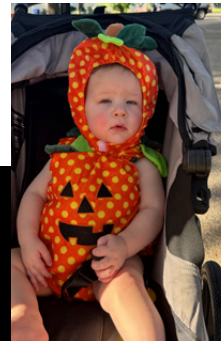


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We had a beautiful Halloween night in Original Carrollwood. Lots of amazing costumes, decorated houses and the streets were filled with residents, families and little trick or treaters. The judges had some tough decisions this year. We had some of 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. We are blessed to have their support throughout the year and at our social events. We want to thank all of our volunteers and especially our judges Corey McKeown and her team of judges.

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by CCA Social Committee

The sounds of laughter, the clinking of steins, and the aroma of pretzels and bratwurst filled the air last weekend as our neighborhood came together for a fantastic Oktoberfest party. What an incredible event! We want to take a moment to thank everyone who made it such a memorable evening.

A round of applause goes to DeLeon Entertainment for providing the outstanding live music that kept our toes tapping and spirits high throughout the event. Their energy and talent set the perfect tone for the evening, making it impossible for anyone to sit still for too long. From traditional German tunes to lively favorites, they truly brought the Oktoberfest spirit to life. www.deleonentertainment.com



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DECEMBER 7

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Original Carrollwood Park

Keep an eye out for our 4th Annual Holiday Decoration Scavenger Hunt!
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DECEMBER 21

Holiday Lights Boat Parade
Lake Carroll/White Sands Beach

DECEMBER 24

Luminaria

DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Fireworks
White Sands Beach

2025

MARCH 8

Hawaiian Luau
(adult only party)
White Sands Beach

APRIL 5

Community Yard Sale

APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt
Original Carrollwood Park

We ask that you do not share our social events information publicly or post on other social media sites. We offer these events for our residents and close family/friends. Thank you.

~ CCA Social Committee



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Boat Parade DECEMBER 21

6 p.m. • White Sands Beach

Come on down to White Sands Beach and enjoy the evening!

Music & pizza provided.

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



Luminaria 2024 DECEMBER 24 ~7p.m.

An OC Tradition

In the mid 1960s, Grace Allen (the wife of the first president of the University of South Florida and Original Carrollwood resident) had read about a southwestern Christmas Eve tradition of lighting candles placed in sand-filled paper bags called luminarias. She made a sample and suggested to the Carrollwood Civic Association that all the homes in Original Carrollwood light rows of candles in front of their property for a few hours on Christmas Eve. The idea was approved. Around 7 p.m. that Christmas eve, nearly every home in Original Carrollwood began to glow as neighbors strolled along the sidewalks, shared holiday cheer, and enjoyed a relaxing evening. The tradition has continued ever since! Original Carrollwood's luminarias have gained popularity throughout Tampa as many residents of other neighborhoods drive through each year to enjoy them.

New this year! We are moving to WHITE LUMINARIA BAGS!

Purchase through the Boy Scouts, and you are all set! If you purchase elsewhere, be sure to buy white!



Every year in Original Carrollwood we line our yards and common areas with luminaria on Christmas Eve inspiring good will and spreading the joy of the season. Please join us in this long-standing neighborhood tradition.

If you have a corner or double lot, we suggest buying two kits. If you're going to be out of town, out for the evening, or unable to set up your luminaria, the scouts will set up your luminaria on Christmas Eve morning for a small donation. See price list.

This year, we are offering the option to pre-purchase Luminaria Kits ONLINE for Original Carrollwood residents. Choose between 1 to 3 kits, which will be delivered to your address by the scout troop.

Community Service Is Part of the Mission

The Boy Scouts of Troop 217 are honored to support the luminaria tradition of Original Carrollwood. Last year, the Scouts donated hundreds of hours folding more than 16,000 luminary bags, setting up and cleaning up 4,000 luminaries in the common areas, and ensuring that the luminary kits were assembled, delivered and cleaned up as necessary. After Christmas, the Scouts took the used luminaries, sifted the sand to clean them of debris, and returned the cleaned sand to White Sands Beach. 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.



3 WAYS TO ORDER

Online Luminaria Sales: ~for delivery/set-up orders only~

DEADLINE TO ORDER ONLINE IS DEC 21
SCAN QR CODE • CLICK HERE • OR VISIT
oclinks.cc/luminaria-kits

PLACE ALL ONLINE
ORDERS NO LATER
THAN SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 21.

Orders placed online
will be delivered to your
address by the scout troop.



Boy Scout Hours for Luminaria Sales:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

*TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

(*Kit only sales, rec center or White sands.

Honor system after 12p.m. at rec center)

DEADLINE TO ORDER FOR THE BOY SCOUTS
TO DELIVER AND SET UP YOUR LUMINARIAS
IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Rec Center Hours for Luminaria Sales (Pick up):

MONDAY-FRIDAY

DECEMBER 9-13 & DECEMBER 16-20

9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

MONDAY DEC 23

9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

LUMINARIA KIT PRICE LIST

Each kit contains 20 candles, 20 bags, 20 votive cups

No Set-Up
1 Kit - \$15

With Christmas Eve Set-Up
1 Kit - \$35
2 Kits - \$65
3 Kits - \$100

Make all checks payable to:
Original Carrollwood Civic Association



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Raymond James Pops

HOLIDAY POPS

Dec 20 - 22
With Two Matinees

Hough Family Foundation Masterworks

MENDELSSOHN'S VIOLIN CONCERTO

Featuring Violinist Geneva Lewis
Jan 11 & 12

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Jan 17 & 19

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TCHAIKOVSKY'S ROCOCO VARIATIONS

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Jan 24 & 25

FloridaOrchestra.org | 727.892.3337




THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA
Michael Francis, Music Director

Geneva Lewis,
Violin

Stay Connected!

MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECEIVING ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

If you are a new resident or have not been receiving the Crime Watch/Events and Neighborhood emails, please contact: crimewatch@originalcarrollwood.com to get signed up. The emails contain Crime Watch notifications, The Caroler newsletter, social event information, and other neighborhood news.

Receive text message alerts about OC Events and OC Crime Watch Information: To subscribe, text UPDATES to (813) 640-4655 or visit oclinks.cc/texts or scan the QR Code >>>



You can also join our Facebook page for updates on neighborhood news and social events. This page is the same as the emails so you will not miss anything if you are not on Facebook.

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

New residents, please contact Kristin Nail: kristinnail@originalcarrollwood.com or cca@originalcarrollwood.com



Find the Peacocks

Find the hidden peacocks!

They may look just like this or be bigger or smaller, or a different shape or color.

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

Congratulations to last month's players!

Andy Fonda

Last Month's Answers

Location of the hidden peacock in the previous issue: On the cover!

Thankful Thoughts Crossword

ACROSS

2. Editor's relatives
7. on the turkey
8. Original _____
9. Gathering
10. Happy it is on
12. What some possess to move trees

DOWN

1. OC is full of great ones
3. The feeling when the power came back on
4. The residents of OC
5. Something no one wants to rake any more of
6. The sentiment of November
11. Many will eat this in November

- Clapps
- Feathers
- Carrollwood
- Family
- Electricity
- Strength

- Neighbors
- Appreciation
- Resilient
- Leaves
- Gratitude
- Turkey

SIGN UP TO WIN \$250

catering order!

Please scan QR code and sign up. Winner will be notified by email on 12/30/24.



Chopped Salad



Small Fries



Kung Pao Salad



Chicken Strips



Loaded Fries



Chicken Strips



PB&J Wings



Honey Buffalo Wings



Chipotle BBQ Wings



Carolina Mustard Wings Orange Habenero Wings



Wah-Gabi Sandwich



Sugar Bird Sandwich



*Naked Bird Sandwich
Pulled Chix Salad Sandwich*



Go Fresh Go Green Sandwich



Atomic Sandwich



Sugar Wing

WING IT, STRIP IT, DIP IT.

In the Publix plaza on Gunn Hwy & Anderson Rd

www.mysugarwing.com
813-726-4010

New Year's Eve Fireworks



Dec 31, 2024
9 p.m.
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.

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

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

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!