

December 2025

A Monthly Publication of the Carrollwood Civic Association



the

Carroler

Happy Holidays!

Join us

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**New Year's Eve
Fireworks**

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Notice of Board Meetings

Monday, December 8, 2025

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY

DECEMBER 8-12 & 15-19 & 22-23

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

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By John Schinka, CCA President

Happy Holidays Original Carrollwood! As the cooler months settle in, we look forward to celebrating the holidays here in OC. Upcoming social events include Movies in the Park, the Christmas boat parade, and our New Years Eve fireworks show over Lake Carroll.

This month also kicks off our luminaria kit sales, with the strong support of our local Boy Scout troops. This is one of our longest-running traditions in OC and really lights up the night on Christmas Eve! Be sure to check out the rest of *The Caroler* for more info on how to get your kits purchased and

delivered. As a reminder for neighbors along Lake Carroll Way, please help us light kits in the medians across from your homes.

Lastly, we will 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. You can also sign up for text updates to get CCA event details and news in real time. 

2026 CCA Election Ballot

Carrollwood Civic Association

Election to the CCA Board of Directors

Nominations by the CCA Nominations Committee

Instructions: Check five (5) 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 8, 2025.

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

Election Day: Monday, December 8, 2025
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Rec Center



CANDIDATES:

- ☐ Bryan Huls
- ☐ Corey McKeown
- ☐ Jerrod Mills
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CRD News

TENNIS COURTS AND SCOTTY COOPER PARK NEXT:

- Gate installation and access control panel construction will be coming very soon for the next OC amenity locations – Tennis Courts and Scotty Cooper Park.
- Details will be shared on social media as dates are firmed up by the installation companies involved.
- Make plans now to purchase a fob if you don't already have one.
- **The same fob that accesses White Sands Beach will work for these two new locations!**

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GUARD SCHEDULING CHANGE FOR FALL/WINTER SEASON:

- A guard will be on duty Friday, Saturday and Sundays only to assist residents from 10a.m. to 6 p.m.
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- Gates will open to residents with fobs during beach hours.
- **Unauthorized use of the fobs is prohibited.**



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SALES CONTINUE

The CRD continues to offer electronic access fobs for purchase from Janet at the OC Rec Center.

- Rec Center hours for purchases are M-F, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Fobs are \$30 each with a limit of 2 per family.
- Cash, check or credit card (with additional processing fees) are accepted.
- Access control fobs are activated immediately.

Long-term plans include fob access at Original Carrollwood Park and the dog park as well.

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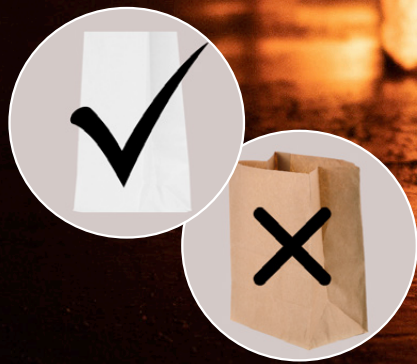
Social events

2025 Luminaria DECEMBER 24* ~7 p.m.

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.

You have 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.



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

LUMINARIA KIT PRICE LIST

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

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Rec Center Hours for Luminaria Sales (Pick up):

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

CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY,
DECEMBER 24 & 25

(See above for Boy Scouts schedule)

December 24th Honor System

REC CENTER: Take bags of luminaries
from the front of the rec building and leave
payment in the locked mailbox located on
the west side of the Rec Center building.

WSB: If the Scouts are there loading up, they
can accept payment.

***"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; those who lived
in a land of deep darkness—on them
light has shined."***

~ Isaiah 9:2



***Come experience the Light of Christ with us this holiday season
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Sunday Advent Worship Services - 10AM on Sundays in December

Advent is a time of hope, peace, joy, and love as we prepare for Christmas by lighting the candles and looking to the coming of Christ. Find peace in the waiting. Rejoice in the promise.

FREE Lessons & Carols Choir Concert - 3PM on Sunday, December 7th

Come enjoy the retelling of the birth of Jesus through readings and songs by our Choir, a chamber orchestra and organ. Sponsored by The Burton Faith in the Arts Concert Endowment.

"Quiet Christmas" Service - 4PM on Saturday, December 20th

A gentle, reflective service for those facing grief or loss this season. Join us for quiet music, prayer, and hope. You are not alone. All are welcome.

Holy Communion Christmas Eve Service

- 5PM & 8PM on Wednesday, December 24th

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I'm writing this on the evening before the first cold snap of November. I'm bundled up, getting ready to light the fire pit and roast a few marshmallows, because in Florida, this might be one of only a handful of nights all year when we can actually see our breath and pretend it's winter. As I sit here listening to the crackle of the fire and feeling that hint of chill in the air, I'm reminded why I live here.

It's not just the weather. It's the rhythm of this place, the way life

here somehow feels slower and simpler when the world starts to rush. While other parts of the country are scraping windshields or shoveling driveways, we're pulling out blankets and gathering on patios, talking late into the night.

This time of year always makes me grateful for home, and not just the kind with walls and windows. Home is a feeling. It's where you can breathe a little deeper, laugh a little louder, and find warmth even when the air cools.

But as I sit here thinking about gratitude, I'm also aware that not everyone is experiencing the same comfort. As we hear talks of ending the government shutdown and watch the headlines change, I can't help but think about the families who will face this season with less—those who may not have a full table or even a steady place to gather. Regardless of where we stand politically, this much is true: we are deeply blessed to live where we live, and in that blessing comes responsibility.

Wishing someone well while doing nothing to meet their needs isn't expressed faith or gratitude. It's complacency dressed as kindness. Gratitude that never moves into generosity is just sentiment. Real thankfulness shows up in what we do. So this season, let's give. Let's donate, volunteer, and contribute to the ministries, food banks, and nonprofits that meet real needs in our community. Let's give in ways that expect nothing in return.

Remember: Do. Or do not. There is no try. Best intentions mean nothing without action.

As the holidays draw near, may your home be filled with warmth and laughter, and may your heart find joy in the simple moments that remind you how fortunate we are to call this place home. If you're looking for a place to serve or give back, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.



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Once your account is added, you can see the upcoming court schedule, see courts that are currently available and book a court/time.

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A	3307 Nakora Drive	1,687	\$599,999
A	11724 Phoenix Circle	1,839	\$670,000
P	10910 Carrollwood Dr	2,335	\$599,000
P	3026 Samara Dr	2,363	\$599,000
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The guard service will be given a new directory
quarterly and all passes issued by the business
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not be mailed out, but only utilized between
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UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFO!

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Children's (optional) _____

Address _____

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Emails _____

Owner or Renter? _____

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CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS!

We are looking to add some new
and exciting content to
The Caroler in the upcoming
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
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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!
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A Spooktacular Halloween in Original Carrollwood

Halloween night in Original Carrollwood was truly something special! Our neighborhood came alive with creative costumes, beautifully decorated homes, and streets filled with residents, families, and excited little trick-or-treaters.

This year's costume contest was one of the toughest yet — the creativity and effort from everyone made judging incredibly difficult. We wish we could have given every participant a prize because each one was truly deserving!

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to Sheriff Chad Chronister, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue for their continued support throughout the year and at our community events.

We also want to recognize and thank all of our wonderful volunteers, along with our judges — Corey McKeown and her amazing judging team — for their time and dedication.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Halloween such a memorable night in Original Carrollwood!

— CCA Social
Committee



COSTUME WINNERS



Heirs Family
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Sable



Poppi Shaw
7 & UP - GIRL
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A flyer for 'CHRISTMAS IN CARROLLWOOD'. It features a dark blue background with a gold border. At the top is a gold star. Below it, the text 'CHRISTMAS' is in large, bold, gold letters, and 'IN CARROLLWOOD' is in smaller, gold letters. A gold ribbon with a large bow is wrapped around the middle. Below the bow is a QR code. At the bottom, the website 'christmasincarrollwood.com' is written in white.

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IN CARROLLWOOD

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A real estate flyer for the 'Original Carrollwood & The Greater Carrollwood Area'. It features a background image of a large, leafy tree. The text 'Original Carrollwood & The Greater Carrollwood Area' is at the top in white. Below it, 'Your Local Agents + Trusted Brokerage = Real Results' is written in white. The 'MARK & IT REALTY GROUP' logo is in the center, with 'Est. 1991' below it. On the left is a photo of Maria Ashley, and on the right is a photo of Mark Weiss. Their contact information is listed in the center.

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A flyer for 'TAMPA'S TILE & STONE CARE PROFESSIONALS'. It features a dark background with the title in large, bold, red letters. Below the title is a logo for 'ALL-OUT REGROUT & STONE CARE' with a sunburst design. The flyer includes several images: a person selecting a tile color from a fan, a person cleaning a tile floor, a kitchen with a granite countertop, and a before-and-after comparison of a polished stone surface. At the bottom, the phone number '(813) 360-1192' and the website 'WWW.ALLOUTREGROUT.COM' are listed.

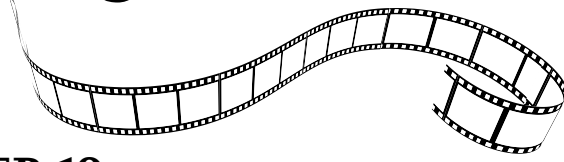
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Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free holiday movie on the lawn.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. with music and fun activities before the movie starts shortly after 6 p.m.

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upcoming Social events



Original Carrollwood
Civic Association

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

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

MARCH

Hawaiian Luau (adult only party)
White Sands Beach

APRIL

Community Yard Sale

APRIL 4

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.

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🎄 **December 14th** from 3-6pm in Original Carrollwood

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Keepin' it local!

The Orchard Family

by Roxanne Clapp, Editor

OC Resident Sam Orchard tells me his mom, Lea Orchard, opened the Great Clips location in the Fresh Market plaza in 2002 and they have owned and operated it ever since. Sam joined the business full-time in 2021.

Sam says, "We give Great haircuts for a Great price. We are locally owned and operated and we are very active in our community! Our employees have been with us on average over 5 years with a handful that have been with us over 15!"



Lea Orchard with her son, Sam Orchard



Sam Orchard and siblings in front of the original shop 2002

He and his siblings all attended Carrollwood Elementary, Adams Middle School and Chamberlain High School.

He, along with his wife and son, Lizzie and William, moved into Original Carrollwood in 2023.



Lizzie and William Orchard in front of the Great Clips banner at Carrollwood K-8

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The Topor Family



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We moved to Original Carrollwood in 2020 from South Tampa, and while we were a little nervous about heading north, it turned out to be the best decision we've ever made! From the moment our realtor introduced us to this hidden gem, we knew it was the perfect place to raise our family.

Since moving here, we've loved spending time with our amazing neighborhood friends, whether it's at the park, by the lake, or just catching up around town. We're especially excited to host more get-togethers in our new pool area once the weather warms up!

This Community has truly been such a special place for us, and we feel so lucky to call it home. We can't wait to meet even more families and continue making great memories here!

You can typically find us around with the kids at the neighborhood parks, lake, and golf carting around. Sarah has enjoyed getting to know all the moms who gather together each month for the neighborhood book club. Brian loves getting together with the guys for Bourbon Club.

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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>

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WINTER BREAK

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR./NON-STUDENT DAY -
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

Puzzles OF THE Month

TRIVIA TIME

What was the first song to be broadcast from space?

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

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER
BEFORE DECEMBER 10

Email Caroler@roxc.graphics

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



Congratulations to last month's puzzle players!

Marilyn Bozak
Terry Kors
Steven Boulton
Jeff Agee

ANSWERS FOR LAST MONTH

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

Location of the hidden peacock in the previous issue: Page 4.

REMEMBERING ZOIEY A Beloved Friend to All

by Nancy Leach

Our neighborhood recently lost a very special friend — Zoey, the beautiful and gentle labrador who belonged to Jan and John.

Zoey wasn't just their pet; she was part of the fabric of our Community. Whether greeting neighbors on her walks, joyfully wagging her tail at visiting children, or simply spreading calm companionship, Zoey had a gift for bringing people together.



It's amazing how our pets can create connections that might never have formed otherwise. Through Zoey, many of us met, shared stories, and became friends. Her presence reminded us of the simple joy of kindness and the warmth that comes from caring — both human and canine.

While we mourn Zoey's passing, we are deeply grateful for the love and happiness she brought to our neighborhood. She leaves behind paw prints not only on our sidewalks but also on our hearts.

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Social events

New Year's Eve Fireworks

9 p.m.
December 31st
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!