



CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE VOICE

A LEGACY COMMUNITY

"BEST OF THE BEST" AWARD FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

A MESSAGE FROM SUZANNE AND LINDSEY

The holidays are right around the corner and hopefully cooler weather with no threat of possible hurricanes. The Villagers had lots of fun at Halloween as you will see in the photos of the first “Howl & Growl” event sponsored by the County at the Carrollwood Village Park on October 26 th . The original date of October 19 was rained out!

Thanksgiving gives us pause to rethink the “Gratitude Project” of making at least one person happier for the job they do especially the service people helping us on our daily errands or at work during this extra hectic time of the year.

Do you, your neighbors or street decorate your house or yard for the holiday?

If so, we would like to share with other Villagers whether it is a light display, luminaries for the winter solstice (Saturday, December 21 at 11:19 PM) or Christmas Eve, Please email us at:

communications@carrollwoodvillage.com and we will include the address and hopefully a photo in the December issue. The deadline for submission is December 5.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Suzanne and Lindsey



OCTOBER CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS



At the October Board of Directors meetings for the three (3) phases the proposed 2020 Budgets were discussed and ratified.

This was a good opportunity for homeowners to ask questions and become familiar with some of the issues the Boards anticipate addressing in 2020. You will be receiving a copy of the ratified budget for 2020 and the invoice for the 2020 Homeowners Association Dues the second week of December. The payment is due in January. To make the dues easier to pay credit cards payments with a convenience fee are accepted.



EASY WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Over the past few months, car burglaries have gone up in Carrollwood Village. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) has been working on finding the culprits and is also watching out for further activity.

In the meantime, there are steps we can take to ensure our property will not look like easy pickings for criminals. Criminals target the easiest marks. Make it NOT so easy!!

HOW?

If parked on the driveway or on the street, anytime day or night:

- DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES in your cars (wrapped presents, guns, laptops, boxes, phones). Criminals look for things they can easily sell or pawn.
- Remove the garage door openers if they are the kind that clip-on and put them in a safe, secure place. If left in view, they can be used just as easy as keys to open your garage.
- Always lock your cars. Remember DO NOT make it easy for criminal to get in and out.
- This may sound silly but, DO NOT leave your keys in your car . . . Even to just run in and out!

BASIC HOME SAFETY:

- Always keep your garage doors down if you are inside the house or working in the backyard. It only takes seconds to slip into an open garage and walk off with golf clubs, tools, or anything of value.
- Lock the door from the garage into the house.
- Always check to make sure your car is locked, garage door is down, and the door to the house is locked before going to bed.

One of the best ways to make it harder for criminals is to have motion sensing lights and, if affordable, motion sensing cameras. It's up to us to protect our property.

According to the HCSO, some of these criminals have migrated from Pinellas County recently since Pinellas is cracking down on auto burglaries. Frequently the criminals are in stolen vehicles or vehicles with stolen plates and are observed on Ring wearing "hoodies" when checking car doors and stealing packages.

Remember, if you hear or see anything or anyone suspicious, call the HCSO (813-247-8200 non-emergency or 911 emergency) and the Community Patrol (Phases II and III - 813-263-8660).

SO, IT'S EASY TO MAKE IT HARD FOR CRIMINALS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW THE CRIME ACTIVITY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AS REPORTED BY HCSO USE THE FOLLOWING LINK

<http://gis.hcso.tampa.fl.us/PublicGIS/CrimeMapping/>

UPDATE ON REZONING FOR THE WETLANDS AT 13856 NORTH DALE MABRY HWY. MM 19-1169



The zoning hearing scheduled for November 18th has been postponed to December 16th at 6PM at the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. The purpose of this meeting is to change the site's current zoning to allow high intensity commercial uses and to allow construction within the wetland area. It is hoped that there will be a large turnout of Villagers and neighbors wearing their red shirts at this meeting to show your support for saving our wetlands by opposing this zoning change which if approved will have a negative impact on the quality of life in Carrollwood Village!

The owner of the MedExpress property at 13856 North Dale Mabry Hwy. is proposing to construct two new buildings on the current site. The plans call for a fast-food restaurant with a drive-thru land and a new MedExpress building twice the size of the current building.

To accommodate this project, a portion of the adjacent wetlands – one of the few remaining natural, old-growth forest spaces along North Dale Mabry – will be destroyed. This will result in the loss of centuries old cypress trees and the elimination of precious wildlife habitat in our area. These wetlands also provide much needed drainage for the area. Reducing the size of the wetlands may increase flooding in the nearby neighborhoods and decrease water quality. In addition to harming the environment, approval of the proposed project will adversely affect the quality of life of residents in the area as a result of: (i) excessive noise, odors and light during the extended hours of operation of high intensity commercial businesses, (ii) significantly increased traffic along Carrollwood Village Run and Executive Center Drive, (iii) negative health and safety impacts and (iv) reduced property values. If you are interested in protecting these wetlands and are against the proposed development, please visit the Save Carrollwood's Wetland Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/392531867817239/>. There you will also find more information on the status of the project and other ways to become involved to protect these wetlands.

The residents organizing the opposition to this zoning change are pleased that our Phase I Homeowners Association has sent a letter to the planning commission and EPA.

PLEASE mark your calendar to attend the zoning hearing December 16, 6 PM at the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd wearing your RED shirt!

HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED – THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AT VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Hunger is usually stereotyped as homelessness, but it often looks like people we know. It affects kids, single parents trying to support their family, and senior citizens on a fixed income. Sometimes, hunger affects the person staring back in the mirror. That is where the Community Food Pantry at Village Presbyterian Church, 13115 S. Village Dr. steps in to help. As a proud partner of Feeding Tampa Bay, the pantry is committed to feeding the hungry and eradicating the confining labels put on neighbors in need of assistance.

They receive donations right from the Carrollwood community; two PUBLIX stores, Fresh Market, Sprouts, Whole Foods, Target, Big Lots and Sam's Club. Vista Gardens, a community garden in Carrollwood Village, helps sort produce and takes compost back to the garden every day of the week.

The pantry strives to end the physical and emotional hunger of families in a dignified manner by offering a "client choice" food pantry, serving fresh produce, pre-made deli items, dairy, fresh breads, desserts and meats to those in need. They also have a Faith Community Nurse and Social Worker who offer blood pressure screenings and community resource information. Residents of the Greater Carrollwood area, Northdale, Citrus Park, Keystone, the Lake Magdalene area, Odessa, Lutz, Forest Hills, and Egypt Lake are eligible for assistance.

The Community Food Pantry just completed the annual "Everything But the Turkey" event for Thanksgiving, and served holiday meal fixings and turkeys to hundreds of families. They are looking for donations of food items that make your holiday special. A great way to help without straining your finances is to donate your "BOGO" (Buy One Get One) items from your weekly grocery shopping. The Pantry is open for donations Monday – Thursday 9 to 3, Friday 10 to 12 and Sundays 11:30 to 2.



HELPING NEIGHBORS (CONTINUED)



- They will serve close to 50,000 people this year.
- They just surpassed 2.5 million meals provided since the mission started in 2008.
- The volunteers are the young and young at heart. Over 20,000 volunteer hours donated in 2018 amounted to the work of 10 full time employees.
- They empower the youngest volunteers by providing community service hours to Boy and Girl Scout troops, service clubs and high schoolers seeking Bright Futures community service volunteer hours for graduation.



- Throughout the week there are many opportunities for anyone to volunteer, and in the summer there are nearly 500 volunteer opportunities for our youth in the Youth Take Over the Pantry summer program.
- Internships for high school and college students are offered.
- The Bags of Hope toiletry bag program has distributed 7,000 bags since its inception in the Spring of 2018, including 1,600 to Meals on Wheels, and another 750 to the Federal furloughed workers at Tampa International Airport in January.
- The Community Food Pantry collaborates with local businesses for teambuilding and sponsorships and are active members in the Carrollwood Area Business Association and Carrollwood Kiwanis.

LET ONLY RAIN GO DOWN THE STORM DRAIN



Discharging of pollutants into stormwater systems is illegal and harms local bodies of water – our ponds! Stormwater systems transport rain water and everything in it directly to surrounding rivers, streams, lakes, and Tampa Bay.

This means pollutants such as animal waste, pesticides; fertilizers, oil and grease, and trash are carried directly to our ponds and waterways where they are discharged with no treatment. This is stormwater pollution. Polluted stormwater degrades our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and other waterways. Nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen can promote the overgrowth of algae and deplete oxygen. Pollutants from automobiles and careless application of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers threaten water quality and can kill fish and other aquatic life. Bacteria from animal wastes and improper sewer connections to stormwater systems can make ponds, lakes and waterways unsafe for wading, swimming, and fish consumption. Eroded soil is a pollutant as well. It clouds the waterway and destroys the habitats of fish and plants.

Residents can help to reduce stormwater pollution by keeping everything other than rain water out of storm drains, pipes, inlets, ditches, and ponds. Pollutants end up in stormwater in a number of ways, many of which are easily preventable. In some instances, businesses or residences have waste pipes tapped into stormwater pipes. In other cases, individuals use the storm drain inlets to dispose of various types of waste. With few exceptions, disposal of anything other than rain water in the stormwater system is illegal.

LET ONLY RAIN (CONTINUED)

EXAMPLES OF ILLEGAL DISCHARGES

- Septic tank seepage / illegal sewer connections
- Improper waste oil disposal / auto fluids flushing
- Home improvement waste (e.g. concrete, paint)
- Hazardous materials and chemicals
- Pet and animal waste
- Chlorinated pool / spa discharge
- Illegal dumping of trash, debris, or soils
- Wash water from cleaning equipment or surfaces, including mobile operations
- Cooking grease / household waste
- Yard waste (e.g. leaves, limbs, grass clippings, soil)

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Use lawn and garden chemicals sparingly; sweep up any excess from driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Repair vehicle leaks; cover spilled fluids with kitty litter then sweep into household waste
- Pick up after your pet and dispose of properly in trash
- Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas
- Keep grass clippings, leaves, litter, and debris out of street gutters and storm drains
- Direct downspouts onto grassy areas away from paved surfaces
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your vehicle on the grass instead of the driveway
- Discharge your pool water onto your turf, not the street or common areas
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals in an approved manner

REPORT SUSPECTED ILLEGAL DISCHARGES

If you witness a questionable discharge into storm drains or ditches, you are encouraged to report this activity. Please report such suspected activity to Hillsborough County using the **online reporting form**.

Thanks to Hillsborough County for this great information!

CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



WHEN: January 18, 2020
@ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

WHERE: Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Rd, Tampa, FL 33618

CONTACT: Aaron Washington

EMAIL: AARON@CARROLLWOODCENTER.ORG

Join neighbors and friends for a community-wide garage sale at the Carrollwood Cultural Center. Share (and sell) your trinkets and, perhaps, find a hidden treasure or two! Spend the morning with us, shopping, selling, listening to music on the outdoor stage and viewing original works of art on display inside the Center. Presented by the CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS.

SELL YOUR STUFF

To participate, download, complete, and return your 2020 Carrollwood Village Community

Garage Sale Registration Form to Aaron Washington at aaron@carrollwoodcenter.org.

- Registration for Carrollwood Village residents opens October 18, 2019.
- Registration for non-Village residents opens November 19, 2019.
- Registration Deadline: January 10, 2020

Contact Aaron Washington at aaron@carrollwoodcenter.org for more information.

Carrollwood Village Community

GARAGE SALE!

January 18, 2020

9 a.m. — 12 p.m.

(Set up between 7:30—9 a.m.)

Participant Zip Code _____

Presented by  Carrollwood Village HOAs

This is a community garage sale, free to the public, held on the grounds of the Carrollwood Cultural Center, at 4537 Lowell Road. Community members can rent a table for a low cost and sell their treasures. Arts and craft vendors are also welcome. Presented by the Carrollwood Village HOAs.

Tables are 1 for \$15 -OR- 2 for \$20 -OR- 3 FOR \$25

(Proceeds go to the seller, but donations are always welcome!)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TYPE OF GOODS: _____

Carrollwood Resident

PHASE I PHASE II PHASE III

Deadline for information **JANUARY 10, 2020.**

Please send a completed form to aaron@carrollwoodcenter.org

Carrollwood Village Resident Registration opens October 18, 2019

Non-Village Resident Registration opens November 19, 2019



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ANOTHER CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE RESIDENT – THE GOPHER TORTOISE



Have you seen a half moon shaped tunnel (flat bottom & arched roof) in your yard? Welcome the Gopher Tortoise! The gopher tortoise is classified as a threatened species in Florida. Florida law (Chapter 68A-27) makes it illegal to take, harm, harass, or relocate a gopher tortoise. It is also illegal to molest, damage or destroy their burrow. This remarkable tortoise excavates underground burrows that average 15 feet long and 6 feet deep.

Usually there is a sand mound or “apron” created at the entrance to the burrow. More and more burrows are being discovered in Carrollwood Village.

What makes the burrow so important to the eco-system is that more than 350 different animals depend on these burrows for refuge.

The gopher tortoise is a “keystone species” because so many other species depend on it for their survival. Property owners must obtain permits from the FWC to capture and relocate all gopher tortoises. Gopher tortoises generally graze within 160 feet of their burrow on a variety of plant types including broadleaf grasses, wiregrass, prickly pear cactus, clover, dandelion and seasonal fruits and berries.



PLANNING FOR 2020? THINKING ABOUT WHAT NEW ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERSUE?

Are you starting to think about what you would like to have accomplished by this time next year? Have you thought about becoming more active in our neighborhood? Each of us can make a difference by volunteering or sharing an idea about what you think would make our Village even a better place to live. Would you like to take on a special project, get more involved, help on a committee? Please email us at

communications@carrollwoodvillage.com. The Board of Directors are planning for 2020 and would like to hear your ideas. Phase III needs Welcome Committee Volunteers from Somerset, Wolcott, Bryn Mawr, Windemere and Chardonnay to call on our new homeowners.



LOTS OF FUN AT THE HOWL & GROWL AT THE CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE PARK

The first Carrollwood Village Park Howl & Growl took place on Saturday, October 26th after being rained-out on the 19th. The County and the Committee scrambled to reschedule food trucks, performers and the band on such short notice. There was a rain shower about 3 PM on the day of the event but the sky cleared and the event took place. Those in attendance had a great time!



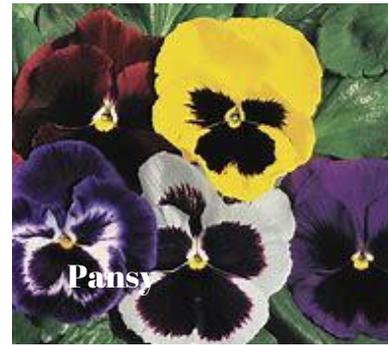
RESIDENTS CORNER



I attended the monthly Board of Directors meeting and I would like to see the bids submitted in response to the Request for Proposal for Landscape Services and Maintenance.

Although the bids were presented “sealed and confidential”, the expectation is that those documents were to be kept confidential from the other bidders during the time the bid process was opened. The bids received by the association for work to be performed become part of the official records and must be kept for a period of one (1) year. The Board of Directors conferred with Association professionals and it was determined that the bids and contracts are part of the official association records thus should be made available to the members upon request. If you would like to review them please refer to the association’s record request policy posted on Carrollwoodvillage.com under the resources tab.

WHAT TO PLANT IN NOVEMBER



WHAT TO PLANT

Bedding Plants: Create a display of fall colors with cool season plants. Some to try are ornamental cabbage, pansy, viola, snapdragon, dianthus, cape daisy, and alyssum.

Bulbs: Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and daylily.

Herbs: Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs prefer cool, dry weather, including cilantro, parsley, sage, and thyme.

Vegetables: Continue planting cool season crops such as beet, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, kale, and lettuce.

WHAT TO DO

Perennials: Divide and replant overgrown perennials and bulbs now so that they establish before the cold weather arrives.

Fungal disease: Until May, watch for brown patch and large patch, fungal diseases that cause areas of grass to turn brown. Since treatment is difficult, prevention with proper cultural practices is key.

Scale on ornamental plants: Now that temperatures are lower, use horticultural oil sprays to control scale insects.

Irrigation: Plants need less supplemental watering in cooler weather. Turn off systems and water only if needed.

Fertilization: Choose a fertilizer (not a weed & feed) with little or no phosphorus unless a soil test indicates the need for it. A fertilizer with controlled-release nitrogen will give longer lasting results. This is the last fertilization for these lawn types for the year.



Jazz with Jim

Presents “Songs Written by Famous Pianists”
Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

Jazz with Jim is a monthly concert hosted by Jim Burge and The Jazz Directions.

The show is best known for fusing personal stories by the musicians with popular jazz tunes suited for that month’s theme. This month, Burge and the fellas will celebrate the works of pianists Duke Ellington, George Shearing, Oscar Peterson, Bill Evans, Chick Corea and more. **Admission:** \$13-\$19



Holiday Trees Display

November 16 through December 14
Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

The Center is will display and auction several beautifully decorated trees this holiday season. Money raised from this annual event will go to the Center’s Tom Jones Tuition Assistance Fund. This fund was established to assure that the arts remain accessible to all

individuals within the community regardless of their ability to pay. Adults and children from low income families are able to attend classes or Summer Camps thanks, in part, to the generous donations made to this fund. The silent auction will run from November 16 through December 14. Bidding will close at 9:30 p.m. on December 14.

Admission: Free



“Hot Mikado”

- Thursday, November 21 at 8 p.m.
- Friday, November 22 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, November 23 at 8 p.m.
- Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m.

Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

Cultures glide and collide in a hilarious update of Gilbert and Sullivan’s perennial classic, The Mikado. With book and lyrics adapted by David Bell and music adapted and arranged by Rob Bowman, Hot Mikado weaves a hilarious tale set in a 1940s speakeasy. In a land where outlandish laws sentence people to death for almost any indiscretion, jazz, the blues, and gospel are spoken fluently. Find out what happens when the clean lines and color of Japanese design combine with the big band sights and sounds of popular American song and dance! Hot Mikado is directed by Aaron Washington with musical direction by Josh Cessna and a live orchestra conducted by Jim Burge. Hot Mikado is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com **Admission:** \$21-\$27

“Winter Wonderland” Gallery Opening

Friday, December 6 at 5 p.m.

Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

Winter Wonderland is an exhibit focused on works that pertain to the first fallen snow, living in or visiting the north during wintertime, horse drawn carriage rides, etc. within a color palette of white, gray, gold, and silver.

Admission: Free



A Big Band Holiday

Friday, December 7 at 8 p.m.

Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

The Carrollwood Jukebox will perform popular holiday dance songs.

Patrons are encouraged to arrive around 6:30 p.m. for free dance lessons before the concert.

Admission: \$12-\$18



Carrollwood Winds

Sunday, December 8 at 4 p.m.

Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

The Carrollwood Winds, under the direction of Reed Stricsek, will perform their annual holiday concert.

Admission: \$10-\$16

Chaz D Photography



Jazz with Jim

Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

Jazz with Jim is a monthly concert hosted by Jim Burge and The Jazz Directions. The concert is best known for fusing personal stories by the musicians with popular

jazz tunes suited for that month's theme. This month, Burge and the band will celebrate the holidays.

Admission: \$15-\$21

North Tampa Market

Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

A fresh market organized by Tampa Bay Markets. For more information, visit tampabaymarkets.com.

Admission: Free





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Carrollwood Community Chorus

Saturday, December 14 at 8 p.m.
Carrollwood Cultural Center,
4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

The Carrollwood Community Chorus, under the direction of Mary Jo Hahn, will perform their annual holiday concert.

Admission: \$12-\$18



Motown Christmas

Saturday, December 21 at 8 p.m.
Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Road
in Tampa

Relive the hits of Motown with holiday classics. Back by popular demand after several sold-out performances, The Sounds of Soul

will present an exciting, high energy show featuring superior vocals and slick dance moves powered by pure soul.

Admission: \$29-\$35



Mr. Tommy's Holiday Party

Sunday, December 22 at 2 p.m.
Carrollwood Cultural Center,
4537 Lowell Road in Tampa

What happens when Santa's reindeer all come down with a case of the Silly Flying Flu? Join children's entertainer Mr. Tommy for a rockin' holiday concert celebration filled with classic children's songs and a few surprises, too.

Admission: \$7 member / \$8 general admission / \$28 Family 4-Pack / Email boxoffice@carrollwoodcenter.org to inquire about obtaining a free ticket for children ages 4 and younger.