

Carrollwood Meadows Special District



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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are pleased to announce that our grant application for the 2012 Office of Neighborhood Relations and BOCC mini-grant has been approved for the purchase of four recycled plastic benches for installation in the park. Two will be placed at the main playground area and the other two will be put by the playground for the younger children. These benches will be a nice addition to our park and will come in handy for parents to sit nearby while their kids play. Our community is thankful for the mini-grant program and all the extras it provides.

The December association meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 pm in the recreation building in the park. Final plans for the Christmas party will be discussed at this time. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to help with the party, please attend this meeting.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

It's the most wonderful time of the year again! Time for our annual contest for the best decorated houses in the community. If you would like to enter the contest, please call Sandy at 963-6159 to give your name and address. If you would like to nominate a neighbor, please submit their name and address. We will check out the entries on the weekend of December 17th, so the winners can be announced in the January newsletter. The best three houses will receive a \$10 gift card to Lowe's.



SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT NEWS

The special district meeting was held on November 9th. The board discussed the proposed designs for landscaping the two large planter boxes at the front entrance and adjacent area and for the side entrances. After looking at the designs and photos of the various plants, the board approved having the work done. The planter boxes have been power washed and painted in preparation for landscaping. The work on this landscaping project should be completed by the first week of December.

Two of the bollard lights had burned out and were replaced. Larger spotlights were installed on the gazebo. The lights that had been at the gazebo were then installed at the message boards so they could be read at night. There was a situation recently where a residence had been "stealing" electricity from the community. This situation was reported to the Sheriff's Office and the homeowner has been put on alert.

HOLIDAY GIFT SUGGESTIONS: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect. by Oren Arnold.

"Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas." Kin Hubbard

"I once gave my kids a set of batteries with a note on it saying, toys not included!" Bernard Manning

"The worst gift is a fruitcake. There is only one fruitcake in the world and people keep sending it to each other." Johnny Carson

"Oh, for the good old days when people would stop shopping when they ran out of money." Author unknown

"When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things-not the great occasions-give off the greatest glow of happiness." Bob Hope

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." Hamilton Mabie



On Tuesday, November 15th, the Young at Heart Senior Group were the guests of Senior Information

Resources on a Tampa Bay Cruise. Before getting on the double deck boat at the Tampa Aquarium, the group enjoyed coffee, donuts and fresh fruit. Tour guides gave an interesting talk about the Port of Tampa and all the industries there. They cruised by ships being serviced in the dry dock area and got an up close view of the retired American Victory Warship. The seniors learned the history of Davis Island, Harbor Island and the Peter O. Knight Airport and saw the home that was rebuilt in a week by the TV show, Extreme Makeover. Everyone agreed it was a perfect day at sea.

YOUNG AT HEART THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

The Young at Heart Seniors enjoyed a special Thanksgiving luncheon on November 17th in the recreation center in the park. Turkey and ham was provided and each person brought a side dish or dessert. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet of traditional foods and some new dishes. With so much to eat and so much to talk about, there was no time for Bingo. It was nice to see old friends return and to welcome several new friends. New friends are welcome to join any time. The more the merrier!

YOUNG AT HEART NEWS

The young at Heart group is busy getting ready for Christmas. They have some fun activities to look forward to. They will be making some Christmas crafts, enjoy a Christmas tea party, learn some tips from a professional gift wrapper, play Christmas trivia, and celebrate St. Lucia day with a traditional Swedish smorgasbord and Christmas party with a secret Santa gift exchange.





CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE PARK

You are invited to the annual Carrollwood Meadows Neighborhood Association Christmas Party in the Park on Saturday, December 10th at

1:00 pm. There will be crafts for the children to make, cookies to decorate, hot chocolate (if the weather is chilly), refreshments, music, decorations and a special visit from Santa. Please note that Santa has a busy schedule this year and will only be able to attend the party from 1:30 - 2:00 pm. Everyone who visits with Santa will receive a candy cane. Be sure to bring your camera to capture your child with Santa.

We will be collecting canned or boxed foods and toys to donate to Hope Children's Home. Please bring your items with you to the Christmas Party. If you are not planning on attending the party, but wish to contribute, you may drop your items off at the party or contact Betty Dabbs at 963-7350.



CONDOLENCES to Mitzi Meeke and family on the home going of her mother, Millie Yates.

Millie was an active member of the Young at Heart group and VIP (very interesting person.) Millie lived a very full and interesting life right up until the end. Some of the best stories she told were about her life. She was a woman ahead of her time, working in the court system while raising four daughters on her own. Millie brought joy to those around her and had a wonderful sense of humor. She was a friend to all the Young at Hearts and will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR TAX BOARD AND HOMEOWNERS BOARD



The front entrance and side entrances were decorated for the holidays by members of the tax board and homeowners board on November 19th. Poinsettias were planted at the gazebo and wreaths and garland were hung at each of the entrances. They wanted the entrances to look nice for residents and guests coming into the community for Thanksgiving and the rest of the holidays.



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To contact the homeowners' board, call Betty at 963-7350 or email betty3@tampabay.rr.com.

Want to be a CMHA member?
Simply fill out this application and
mail it in. Or, better yet, save a
stamp and bring it to the next
CMHA meeting!

Meetings are held every other
month on the **2nd Thursday at
7:30 pm in the Carrollwood
Meadows Community Center
Building**, located at the end of
Farmington Rd. Non-members
are welcome too.

We encourage all residents, even
if you rent, to join CMHA. The
more members we have, the more
community activities we can plan!

Carrollwood Meadows Neighborhood Association Membership Application

Annual Dues: \$12.00 per household

Name(s): _____
(Up to 2 from a household)

Address: _____
Tampa, FL 33625

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____
(providing your email address allows us to update you on important events and messages)

Date _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail to: CMHA P.O. Box 341363 Tampa, FL 33694

FREE For All Children in Carrollwood Meadows

Kelly Ohlman - Red Cross Certified
Baby Sitter 546-6598 (16 years old)
She also does pet sitting.

Nicole- Baby sitting, pet sitting and
housecleaning. 968-3765.

Call Sandy at 963-6159 to have your
name and service added to the list.

The official website for
Carrollwood Meadows is
cmnatampa.com

If you have anything you would like to
submit to the site, please contact the
webmaster. Items will be added to the
website throughout the month and you
can contact the board/officers through
the website.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergencies (Fire, Police, Medical)	911
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.....	247-8200
Poison Control.....	1-800-222-1222
Animal Services.....	744-5660
Bilingual Assistance (Citizen Action Center).....	272-5900
Building/Fence Permits.....	272-5600
Code Enforcement.....	274-6600
County Dump.....	264-3816
Fish & Wildlife Dept.....	272-2516
Hillsborough School Board.....	272-4000
Hillsborough Tax Collector.....	635-5200
Hillsborough Water Dept.....	272-6680
Mosquito/Aquatic Weed Control.....	635-5400
Solid Waste Dept.....	272-5680

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