

Carrollwood Meadows Special District



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President's Message...

33 years ago, this association was started by US Homes.

CMHA.....stands for Carrollwood Meadows Homeowners Association

CMNATampa.com.....stands for Carrollwood Meadows Neighborhood Association

FROM THE BY-LAWS ARTICLE II "PURPOSES" OF CMNA

"... this organization has been formed to enforce covenants and to preserve the appearance and value of properties in the community....."

NEIGHBORHOOD: Definition: "A number of persons living near one another in a particular locality ex. Carrollwood Meadows... the area or region around or near some place or thing..."

LOCATION- 1 mile Essrig Elementary, 1.5 miles to Citrus Park Mall, 2 miles to Citrus Park Elementary, 2.5 miles to Sickles High School, 8 miles to Tampa Airport, 14 miles to downtown. We even have three Publix food stores within a 2 mile radius- How is that for location!

NEIGHBOR: Definition: "...one who lives near or next to another...situated or living near another..."

As a community group, I want us to focus on being neighborly.

NEIGHBORLY: What does that mean? Definition: "Of or relating to-a characteristic of congenial neighbors especially friendly... example....they were neighborly folks, always ready to lend a helping hand whenever necessary...."

WORDS THAT DESCRIBE NEIGHBORLY..

FRIENDLY, CORDIAL, BUDDY-BUDDY, WARM, WARM HEARTED, APPROACHABLE, GOOD NATURED, GOOD TEMPERED, GRACIOUS, NICE, SWEET, GREGARIOUS, HOSPITABLE, JOLLY

WORDS THAT ARE THE OPPOSITE OF NEIGHBORLY:

HOSTILE, ANTAGONISTIC, UNFRIENDLY, COLD, BELLIGERENT, QUARRELSOME, INHOSPITABLE

I want our neighborhood association to be known as a community where we are all "neighborly"

Goal for our CMNA Is that this civic association will make Carrollwood Meadows Neighborhood an enjoyable place to live. The more positive the interactions are between the neighbors, the greater the sense that the community will be a special place in which to live. We want to focus on community- activities such as...last year's fun run, or this year's flag/sign ceremony...where we will have the opportunity to honor those who have served in the military and also to honor lifelong residents of our community.

I envision a neighborhood that is considered by residents and non-residents alike to be a desirable place in which to live and enjoy the benefits of family, friends and community.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood through management of the common areas by the tax district board Enforcement of rules and covenants by the neighborhood association, support of initiatives that strengthen bonds among residents and investment in capital improvements that benefit the greater good usually through county mini-grants.

In fulfilling our mission and achieving our vision we value honesty, fairness, firmness, equity, common sense, participation, respect, cooperation, and neighborliness in all our actions!

A quote from an old Russian Proverb.....
"DON'T BUY THE HOUSE; BUY THE NEIGHBORHOOD"

George Bernard Shaw stated....." I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live!"

**DREAM IT !
PLAN IT !
DO IT !**

2011- TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

DAVE FREDERICKS/PRESIDENT CMNA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The bi-monthly meeting of the association was held on February 10th in the community center in the park. For one half hour before the meeting began, several games of BINGO were played. Each winner selected a prize from a nice assortment of items on the prize table. Everyone had fun playing, so BINGO will be offered at the April meeting. At 7:30 pm the meeting began. Seven board members and officers were in attendance. After opening remarks, new attendees were given a friendly welcome. Refreshments were served during BINGO and the meeting to celebrate Valentine's Day. Heart shaped cookies, decorated cupcakes, and donuts were enjoyed with soft drinks.

President Dave Fredericks delivered an encouraging speech on Being Neighborly. (Excerpts from his speech are in this newsletter.) The Secretary's Report was read by Sandy Fredericks and the Treasurer's Report was given by Betty Dabbs. With the changing policy for business checking accounts at Chase Bank, a decision was made to move the association checking account to Regions Bank. This will save the association \$240.00 a year in service charges.

The flagpole and message boards, part of the mini-grant project, will be ordered by the Office of Neighborhood Relations to avoid the association being charged sales tax. The association will be planning a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of these items. We would like to honor those in our community who have served or are serving in the military. A committee is being formed to help with the planning of this event. The dedication ceremony will take place at the front entrance with a celebration party in the park afterward. We need to start collecting names of past and present service men and women to honor. Please contact Sandy Fredericks at 963-6159 to volunteer to help or to give the names of our servicemen. Please provide branch of military and years served. The Special Tax Board will be assisting with the planning of this event. Get involved and help us make this a wonderful moment in Carrollwood Meadows history.

Bi-annual community wide garage sale is Saturday, March 26th. Advertising and the banners will be used announcing the sale. A limited number of garage sale signs are available for participants to "borrow."

Dog owners, please be respectful of your neighbors by cleaning up after your dog if it leaves a "deposit" on someone's lawn.

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WANTED OLD NEIGHBORHOOD PHOTOS

We are looking for old photos taken in Carrollwood Meadows over the years. Photos from events (like the Christmas party, Easter party, Halloween party), the front entrance, from the park, the building of the wall, etc. We would like to scan these photos and return the originals back to you. Some of the photos we would like to print in future issues of the newsletter. It would be interesting to see how the Meadows has changed over the years. You can contact Dave Fredericks at 963-6159 for more information.

"SPRING IN THE MEADOWS" PHOTO CONTEST

We are having a photo contest for the three best pictures that show Carrollwood Meadows in spring. Winners will receive a gift card. Please submit your digital entries for the spring photo contest to president@cmnatampa.com. If you would like to submit an actual photograph, please mail to the association PO Box listed on the back page. Images and photos are due by March 19th.

SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT NEWS

The tax district held their meeting on February 9th in the community building in the park. Five trustees were in attendance. After the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report, discussion of old business followed. An ad was placed in the St. Petersburg Times Newspaper regarding the bidding process for lawn care for the community. As of the meeting date, five requests for information were received. Bids are due by March 4th and will be opened at the March 9th meeting. The contract for the newsletter has been accepted for another year. If anyone is interested in placing a business card size ad in the newsletter the cost is \$60.00 for one month.

New business included discussion on improvements to be made this year in the community. Some of the ideas mentioned were a paving system for the bike lanes and crosswalk at the front entrance, a fountain in the center of the gazebo, additional landscaping at the front and side entrances, enhancements for the area around the flag pole and message boards, and a dog park area in the park. The board would like to hear from residents on what improvements they would like to see in the neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to attend the March 9th meeting in the park building at 7:30 pm to voice their ideas. If you are unable to attend, you can call Betty Dabbs at 963-7350 or Sandy Fredericks at 963-6159 with your idea.

A seat on the board of trustees may become vacant due to the changing work hours of one trustee. If anyone is interested in being on the Special Tax District, please attend the March 9th meeting for a better understanding of the duties of a trustee and the operations of the tax board.

GARAGE SALE

The bi-annual community wide garage sale will be held on Saturday March 26th at 8 am to 2 pm. If you need a garage sale sign to place in front of your house, please contact Betty Dabbs at 963-7350 to make arrangements to "borrow" one. We have a limited number of signs available on a first come basis. There will be no cost involved in participating. An ad will be placed on Craig's List and Fox 13 website and the banners will be hung at the entrances.



AMERICAN FLAGS

Flags were placed at the front entrance in honor of President's Day. Due to heavy rain the flags were not on display for Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. These flags have been purchased with donations made to our flag drive. The cost of each flag is one dollar. The flag is dedicated in the honor or memory of someone special. The person's name is written on the stick of the flag. A flag was recently dedicated in memory to long time resident Richard Hoag. If you would like to contribute, please mail payment and information to the PO Box or bring to the next association meeting.

People & Pets By Leah Miller

Featured: Jerry and Susan Miller
Pet Dog: Muffin



Jerry and Susan Miller are among the original homeowners in Carrollwood Meadows; having lived in the community since 1978. After raising two wonderful sons, they became the proud owners of a Shih Tzu named Muffin. The Millers have also recently welcomed their granddaughter, Hannah, to the neighborhood and are enjoying being close to her.

Pet Profile:

Muffin Age: 2 D.O.B.: 03/22/2008

Favorite Toy: Mr. Squeaky

Favorite Activities: Going for walks, wrestling with Pop on the floor. Best Feature: Perfect pearly whites!

If you and your pet would like to be featured in "People and Pets" please email us at: president@cmnatampa.com.

YARD OF THE MONTH



Wonderful, great curb appeal; Clean, well edged bushes and nice landscaping.

Shows like a "brand new" house in the Meadows on Landsman. Beautiful. Keep up the good work

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group has welcomed some new people this past month. In early February, the group was thrilled to hear the wonderful musical talents of Aaron Vereen, son of TV, film and Broadway star Ben Vereen. Aaron was in the neighborhood visiting his half brother and graciously accepted our invitation to perform for the group. He played his drum for a few numbers and sang and played a couple songs. Aaron is a native of Jamaica and was very familiar with the area one of the Seniors had lived. It truly is a small world! The week after Aaron performed for us, he was on stage in New York City sharing his music with a much larger group. He is a gifted musician and extremely nice.



February was celebrated with Valentine Trivia, Heart Awareness, President's Day Trivia and State Fair Foods. Our good friend Rosie Paulsen brought a speaker to the meeting on the 22nd who spoke about final expenses. Rosie arranges our guest speakers for the last Tuesday of each month. The speakers always bring such great information on important topics for seniors.

In March, the group will celebrate the Strawberry Festival, St. Patrick's Day, Spring and will try their hand at scrapbooking. Anyone 55 years young and older are welcome to join the group. They meet on Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am - noon in the community building in the park. For more information, please contact Betty Dabbs at 963-7350.

HELP WANTED

Residents are needed to help plan the dedication ceremony for the flag pole honoring our past and present service men and women. To make this event one of gratitude and honor, we will need the hearts and minds of many. We would like this ceremony to include as many service people as possible. We hope to invite our commissioner and other county officials, have the JRROTC conduct a flag ceremony, invite people from the local VFW post, and have live music. After the ceremony, we would like to have a party in the park to continue the celebration. There are many ways people can help, from installing the flag pole and message boards, choose flowers, plant and landscape the area, invite officials, plan and help with the party. Let's show our community spirit and pride by volunteering to help make this a nice event honoring those who risked their lives to serve our country. For more information call Sandy @ 963-6159.

Condolences to long time resident Joan Hoag on the recent passing of her husband Richard.

Richard received a master's degree from the University of Illinois and was the former owner of Cash Town USA Pawn Shop. He was a lifetime member of the Tampa Orchid Society. Richard and Joan had been married for 24 years. Joan is on the board of the neighborhood association. Joan and Richard have been very active in the Young at Heart group since it first started. They both have been very supportive of neighborhood activities and association meetings. Richard was the father of five, grandfather of twelve, great-grandfather of two and friend to many. He will be missed.

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.....	554-5025
Solid Waste Dept.....	272-5680

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