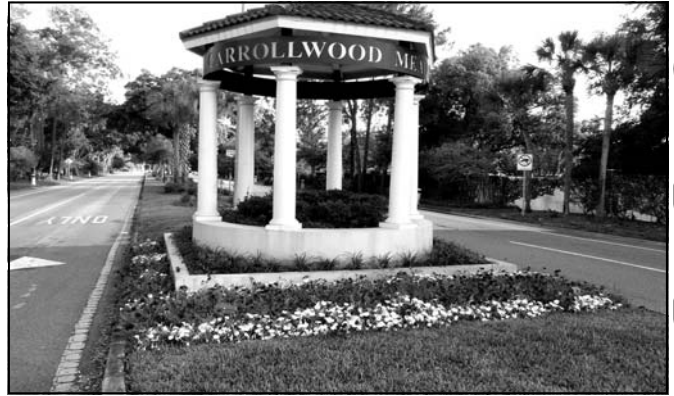


## Carrollwood Meadows Special District



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April 2011

### SPECIAL DISTRICT TAX BOARD NEWS

The tax board held their monthly meeting on March 9th, in the community center in the park. Residents were encouraged to attend to voice their suggestions on community improvements. Only one resident attended. After a presentation from a lawn care company, the board discussed the various bids that had been received for lawn care. After much discussion, the board voted to retain the services of Swanson's Lawn Care Company. They have provided great service at a reasonable price.

Next item discussed was new landscaping plants for the front entrance. Trustee Sandy Fredericks met with Maria Carver from the University of Florida Extension Service for information and suggestions for using "Florida Friendly" plants. Soil samples have been sent to the Extension Service for analysis. If additional nutrients are needed, they will be added to the soil to ensure the best growing environment for the new plants that will be planted. Suggested plants will be added to existing beds for fuller and more colorful garden areas.

Ideas are still needed for spending your tax dollars. Taxes are collected at \$65.00 per property to maintain and improve the common areas of Carrollwood Meadows. Some suggestions the board is looking into are pavers for the bike lanes and crosswalks at the front entrance and a dog park for Carrollwood Meadows Park. You can comment on these ideas or make a suggestion on the CMNA website, or attend the April 13th tax meeting in the park building.

The board would like to thank Steve Dabbs for serving as a trustee on the board. His current work schedule made it difficult for him to attend the monthly meetings so he regretfully submitted his resignation at the March board meeting.

Joan Hoag was appointed by unanimous vote to fill the seat vacated by Steve. Welcome aboard and thank you to Joan.

### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The board held a brief meeting before the tax board met on March 9th to sign up for the Hillsborough County Office of Neighborhood Relations annual conference. There are six people who will be representing Carrollwood Meadows at the conference. Each person attending will be taking different workshops in order to get as much information available to help make our community better. We have such a wonderful dedicated group of residents that serve on the board. We look forward to the latest information and ideas they will receive at the conference.

There was a good turnout of homes that participated in the spring community wide garage sale. Hopefully everyone made some money while clearing out unwanted items. If you still have items you no longer want, please consider donating to a local charity.

We have had several new names join the neighborhood association. Some are new to the community and some are long time residents. We thank you for joining and look forward to meeting you at a meeting or event. Membership dues are only \$12.00 a year. Please consider joining and taking an active interest in your community.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We are working on plans for the dedication ceremony for our flagpole at the front entrance. We would like to include past and present people who served in the military. We would like to honor them and include them in planning this patriotic event. Please contact Betty at 963-7350 or Sandy at 963-6159 with information regarding branch of service and any ideas you may have.



## COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULB CLEAN UP

Many people have switched their light bulbs to the newer CFL bulbs. You need to take special care when cleaning up after a broken bulb.

1. Ventilate the room by opening windows.
  2. Scoop up powder and glass fragments using stiff paper or cardboard. Seal in a plastic bag.
  3. Use duct tape to pick up any fragments or powder. Seal in plastic bag.
  4. Immediately place all cleaning materials and the plastic bag in an outdoor trash container. Wash your hands.
  5. Discard any clothing or bedding that comes in contact with broken glass or powder from inside the bulb. Washing tainted items may cause mercury fragments in clothing to contaminate the machine and/or pollute sewage.
- (from the Electrical Safety Foundation Institute)

## YOUNG AT HEART

The senior group of Carrollwood Meadows had a busy month. They celebrated Strawberry Festival by sampling all kinds of strawberry goodies including strawberry shortcake. There's nothing better than Florida grown strawberries and fresh whipped cream! They also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with green goodies, trivia and Irish jokes. March Madness brought basketball facts and trivia. There are some pretty smart sports enthusiasts in the group. They are going to be creating a scrapbook of memories from photographs from the past 2 and a half years. This group welcomes newcomers throughout the year. For more information, please contact Betty at 963-7350.



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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## SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

A discount of 25% on the Solid Waste Disposal Assessment portion on a resident (65 years or older) of unincorporated Hillsborough County is available if you own and live in a residence that shows a charge for Solid Waste Disposal on their annual property tax bill. If you have previously applied for the discount, you do not need to apply again unless you have moved to another address that you own. If you are getting the discount, the Solid Waste Disposal Assessment on your property tax bill is \$72.11 for single family homes. Applications for the discount can be requested by calling the Solid Waste Management Division at 813-272-5680. To receive the discount for 2012, completed applications must be received by August 1, 2011.

## NEED RECYCLING BINS?

To request recycling bins, call 813-272-5680 or go to [www.hillsboroughrecycles.org](http://www.hillsboroughrecycles.org)

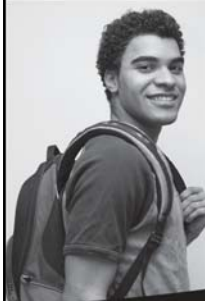


## THINK BEFORE YOU THROW

Litter destroys the beauty of a community. Studies suggest that neighborhoods that are heavily littered experience more vandalism and other crimes than areas without litter. Please dispose of litter in a garbage can instead of our streets and park.

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## People & Pets

by Leah Miller



Featured: Lenny and Melba

Pet Dog: Rex  
Lenny and Melba Shaw have lived in Carrollwood Meadows for about seventeen years. They are active in the Carrollwood Meadows

community, and are excellent neighbors. They enjoy taking good care of their home. The most important part of their lives is family and they are very tightly knit. The Shaw's have two daughters; one, at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and the other, a student at Gaither High School. The Shaw family became proud owners of a Golden Retriever named Rex, when he was about two months old, on March 21st 2009.

### Pet Profile: Rex

Age: 2 D.O.B.: 01/03/2009

Favorite Toy: any type of ball

Favorite activities: playing and running

Best feature: his obedience and loving personality

*If you and your pet would like to be featured in "People & Pets" please email us at: [president@cmnatampa.com](mailto:president@cmnatampa.com) or call Leah at: 813-817-0473.*

## YARD OF THE MONTH



House on Davenport Place shows off the beautiful trimmed trees, nice edging with new mulch makes this yard shine!

## HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTIONS

The last several months there have been a number of TVs, computer equipment, and paint cans being left for garbage pick up. As you may have noticed, they will not be picked up. Residents are encouraged to safely dispose of household chemicals and electronics by taking them to the collection site at 9805 Sheldon Road on the first Saturday of each month. Insecticides, pool chemicals, fertilizers, motor oil, gasoline, mercury thermometers, paint, ammunition, TVs and computers are some of the items accepted. Electronics may also be dropped off at the County's Community Collection Center (the dump) at 8001 W. Linebaugh Avenue during the hours of 7:30 am - 5:30 pm Monday through Saturday.



**Photo Contest Winner Leah Miller**

**Caterpillar on the Moon... photo taken on top of the bollard light at the front entrance**



Spring Orange Blossoms in the Meadows

Spring Amaryllis in Bloom



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

<b>Emergencies (Fire, Police, Medical)</b> .....	<b>911</b>
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

## Community Contact Information:

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