

Carrollwood Meadows Special District



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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The association board continues to deal with deed restriction violations. Many have made corrections, but quite a few still exist. Please take a look around your property to see what improvements you can make. Several fences have been replaced, but there are still a dozen or so in need of repair. Several homes continue to leave garbage cans out in view even when it is not trash pick up day. Take the time to put your garbage cans in your garage or backyard. Let's do what we can to preserve our neighborhood as a pleasant place to live. The deed restriction committee will be driving through the neighborhood this month to record violations. The board receives several complaints each month about violations and they are investigated and notices are sent out to homeowners.

Complaints have been received about dogs with collars running wild on Carrollwood Meadows Drive. Please take every precaution to keep your dog secure on your property. Also, when walking your dog, pick up after them. Don't leave their mess behind for others to clean up.



Elections will be held at the August 11th meeting which will be held under the pavilion in the park at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors or as an officer, please contact association secretary, Sandy Fredericks at 963-6159 for more

information. Ice cream treats and popsicles will be served at the meeting. Ideas for the 2012 mini-grant will be discussed. If you have any suggestions, please attend the meeting. The flag pole at the front entrance and message boards were purchased with the 2011 mini-grant.

SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT UPDATE

The budget for fiscal year 2012 was approved by the board and sent into the County for their approval. The budget was returned due to the omission of one line item. This has been corrected and resubmitted to the County. The board kept the assessment rate at \$65.00 per property owner. The moneys collected are used to maintain the common areas of Carrollwood Meadows. This includes the front entrance, the side entrances and the wall, along with electric and water. The irrigation system will be undergoing an overhaul to make sure all zones are working properly and to check the drip lines. The front entrance was recently weeded and cleaned up before adding new mulch. Spotlights are to be installed at the flag pole area to illuminate the flag at night. Trustees will be checking out different paving systems that could be used at the front entrance for the bike lanes and possible crosswalk.

MISSING

Each time the front entrance is decorated with American flags, several "go missing." After taking down the decorations from the Fourth of July, we discovered five walked away. Please do not remove any of the flags. Many of the flags have the name of a person who has served or is serving in the military and this is our community's way of paying honor to them.



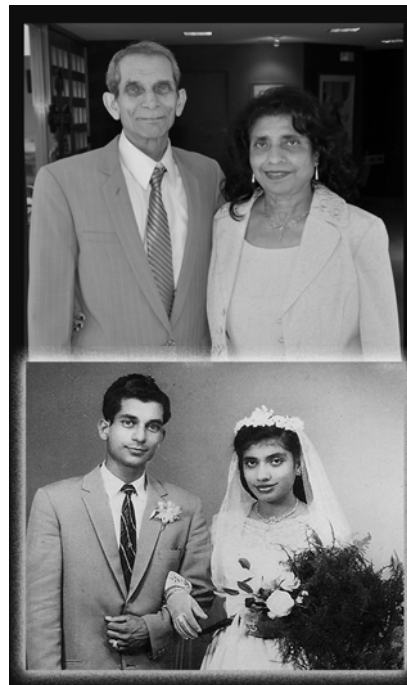
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PARK BUILDING INFORMATION

The County's Parks and Recreation Department held several meetings this summer that we open to the public to discuss their plans for the various recreation buildings in the County. With budget cuts, they are targeting 30 park buildings to be closed. The Parks and Recreation Department will not be hosting an after school program in these buildings. Discussions were held on what should be done with the buildings. Some have suggested that they be boarded up, rented out to other organizations that could run their own programs in them, tear them down, or possibly allow homeowners associations or tax boards to control them. Some of our association board members attended several of these meetings to hear first hand what the County was planning. They have been assured that the Young at Heart Seniors Program will not be affected by these changes. The Seniors can plan on holding their meetings in the building on Tuesday mornings as they have done the past three years. A Young Mothers group was recently started this past May and this group will be allowed to continue meeting also. The Mom's group has been meeting on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am to noon. During the summer, they have taken turns hosting the play times in their homes. For more information on this group, please contact Sandy Fredericks at 963-6159. For more information, or to voice your opinion on the future of the park building, please attend the August meeting.



The Lunch Bunch has been meeting in different local restaurants during the summer. They have enjoyed various types of food while engaging in the lively art of conversation. The group is looking forward to a lunch that will be hosted by our monthly guest speaker Rosie Paulsen. She has brought a wealth of information to the Seniors and has helped many of them with insurance questions. Thank you, Rosie for all you do!



Congratulations to Rita and Louis Nunes on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They recently renewed their wedding vows at St. Paul's Catholic Church followed by an anniversary party given by their children. The party was attended by family and friends, some traveling from as far away as New York, Canada and Australia.

Best wishes for many more happy years!

YARD OF THE MONTH



Yard of the month: Home on Farm Hills Place shows like a brand new home. Terrific curb appeal. Newly sodded lawn along with nicely done landscaping makes this house shine with pride. Keep up the great work!

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Back To School 2011-2012

It's hard to imagine that summer vacation is coming to an end.... There is still plenty of time for summer fun. However, here are some great resources to prepare your children and yourself for a successful school year.

Back to School Tips

Top 10 Back to School Jitters and Easy Solutions

Are your kids coming down with a bad case of back to school jitters? Here are our kid-tested cures for the top 10 school worries.

1. New Classmates

Your attitude is everything. Share from your personal experience of making new friends.

2. New Teachers

Try to schedule a brief introduction time with the teacher a few days before school starts. Often just seeing the teacher and the room will ease concerns. Speak positively about the new class and the exciting year ahead. Your enthusiasm will give them positive outlook.

3. Being Prepared

Some children worry about having all of the supplies they need to get through the day. Enlist your child in the planning for the first day of school this gives a sense of control and independence. Organize supplies, clothing, lunch money and snacks the night before school to ensure a smoother start to the day.

4. Getting Lost

It is extremely comforting for younger students to visit their new school ahead of time in order to see their new classroom, or walk down the school's hallways before the hustle and bustle of the first day. Many schools provide a day during registration or the week before. Call your school office to make arrangements.

5. The Bathroom

You can help by making sure your child knows where the bathrooms are located, how to take care of his/her bathroom needs independently (leave the zippers, snap leotards and more complicated jumpsuits in the drawer). If your child expresses concern about meeting up with new, or older children, help develop and practice brief responses to any comments or inquiries she might encounter. Practicing social situations ahead of time is always a great way to develop confidence and problem-solving skills.

6. Making the Grade

Children can "stress-out" about the workload or the increasing level of difficulty of a new grade.

Reminders of academic and or personality strengths are in order here.

Let your child know you and the teacher are there to assist and encourage their efforts. Being assured of parental support during successes as well as failures can aid a child's overall academic performance and develop trust.

Stress the importance of excellent efforts instead of grades, and the value of learning as opposed to "performing". If the fear of failure exists from past performance, provide appropriate support systems: tutoring, extra study time or special placements.

7. Lunchtime

Children come up with cafeteria worries that you never thought of....How will I pay for my lunch? - Where will I sit? What if I don't finish...or don't like the food.

-Send in a lunch from home as long as you need to.

-Be sure to pack food your child likes and in packages he/she can open.

-Before the first day of school, ensure that your child's little hands can tackle chip or cracker bags, juice containers, sandwich boxes etc.

Cafeteria Aides may not be able to assist them.

-When they are acclimated to their new dining arrangements they may show interest in buying lunch.

8. Fashion

This matters to kids--- especially in the older grades. Before shopping, go through catalogs and magazines to get an idea of what your child wants to wear. Encourage independent style and self expression. Working as a team in this area can be frustrating, but if your child likes their wardrobe, everyone is happier. Don't forget to refer to your school dress-code regulations.

9. Scheduling

Address concerns about dropping off, picking up and after school plans clearly and repeatedly. Older "latch-

key" students should practice the routine before school begins. Middle school students who worry about changing classes, lockers etc. may only need a few reminders that everyone is in the same boat. Most schools have a couple of days for practice.

10. Getting To and From School

Have you ridden on a school bus lately? It can be overwhelming to say the least! The noise, "big-kids" and confusion combine to make riding the bus a very common fear for younger students. Especially very young students, who cannot even see out the window to ensure they are at the right stop. There are several solutions to this dilemma:

- Drive the route several times before school starts.

- Obtain the bus number from your district office before school starts. Practice this number ahead of time.

- Invite the neighbors to have a picnic at the bus-stop.

- Listen to your child....if they are frightened, address the problem with the bus-driver and supervisor.



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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