

Carrollwood Meadows Special District



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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

The by-monthly meeting of the association was held on August 11th at the pavilion in the park. Frozen treats were served to help with the heat and humidity. With a lack of attendance, the election was not conducted. After the treasurer's report, the floor was open to discussion. The major topic of conversation concerned the park building and after school program. Ideas and opinions were shared about the future of the building. One idea discussed was the possibility of the association or tax district to acquire control of the building. Until final word is received from the County on the plans for the various park buildings in the area, no action will be taken. Once we hear what will be happening with the building, discussions with the association and tax boards will be held. Please check message boards for possible meetings.

Resident Carlos Crespo brought up his desire to start a sports and recreation program in the park that he would be responsible for running. He has started soccer programs in other towns and would like to start one here for elementary and middle school children. He currently assists with Sickles High School Soccer. Mr. Crespo has coached soccer for many years and has a real passion for the sport and for serving others. There will be a meeting at the pavilion in the park on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Carlos at 813-453-1611 or 978-609-6911.

SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT

The trustees of the Special District met on August 10th for their monthly meeting. After conducting their regular order of business by the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report, they discussed old and new business.

- They discussed spotlights for the flagpole and lights for the message boards.
- The irrigation system still needs to be overhauled and repaired.
- The bollard lights along Farmington at the entrance are in need of repair. The sensor has not been working due to a possible lightning strike. This will be repaired so the lights do not stay on all the time.

The board talked about the proposed closing of the recreation building in the park. They will have a more serious discussion at the September meeting once final announcements have been made by the County Parks Department.



ATTENTION PARENTS-SPORTS PROGRAM

A meeting will be held on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 pm at the pavilion in the park to discuss the interest in forming a local sports and recreation program for elementary and middle school student who live in the area. If you have a child who is interested in playing soccer or other sports, please attend this informative meeting. For more information, please call Carlos Crespo at 813-453-1611 or 978-609-6911.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



EDITOR

ARE YOU MY NEIGHBOR?

Hi, You probably don't know me. You see me in the morning picking up a newspaper, or getting in the car to go to work or drive kids to school or run errands. Maybe we wave when you walk by with your dog, get your mail or mow your lawn.

Have you ever driven into our development and smiled when you saw the beautiful landscaping or the flag lit up at night? Did you know you helped do this?

Tonight I attended the Carrollwood Meadows Neighborhood Association meeting (which by the way is open to renters too!) and I have to wonder with 820 plus homes, why were only 10 people there? Where were you? Meeting are held every other month and last only one hour. Can you find time to attend only six meetings a year?

They say our country is losing its image. When I grew up, neighbors would come out at night and chat. We would bar-b-que, play games, visit, etc. Let's bring some of that back to our neighborhood. Let's get to know each other. I know I would feel safer knowing who my neighbors are.

Karen Mierly

NEW ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Did you know we currently have two groups that utilize our recreation building every week? One is the Young at Heart Seniors on Tuesday mornings and the other is the Young Mothers Group on Thursday mornings. I would like to start another group.

Have you ever played BUNCO? It is a fun, fast paced dice game, similar to Yahtzee. (Easy enough that a child could learn but this would be for "grown-ups.") We would need a minimum of 12 people to play but it works best with 16.

We are thinking of other activities that we could offer during the day, starting in October. If you are curious, interested, or are willing to try something new, whether it is BUNCO, crafts, line-dancing, exercise, scrap booking, genealogy, couponing and ceramics etc. please call or e-mail me.

Karen Mierly
813 374-0435 kmierly@yahoo.com

YARD OF THE MONTH



This yard on Landsman shows like a new home accented with a nice border island and beautifully trimmed bushes, clean edging, and one of the nicest lawns in the Meadows. Well done and congratulations for giving us in the community a wonderful example of how nice a yard can be!

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The Seniors have been busy dining out at local restaurants. In July, they were the guests of Rosie Paulsen of Good

Faith Insurance Services for lunch at Sweet Tomatoes. They enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch in the private dining room while listening to James Williams, a gifted fourteen year old piano player. Rosie is a very special friend to the Seniors, giving free advice on insurance and bringing in speakers once a month to the meetings. Rosie's father is Carlos Crespo. (See article on Sports Program on page one).

MESSAGE BOARDS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED

In July, the message boards that were purchased with funds from the Hillsborough County Office of Neighborhood Relations Mini-Grant for 2011 were installed by the front entrance. The boards are located on the east and west sides of Farmington Boulevard not far from Headland Hills. They are positioned so they can be read as you enter or leave. The boards will be updated with information on meeting dates and times and other items of interest. The Association board is considering the possibility of charging a small fee to post a birthday or anniversary greeting. Voice your opinion on this by email to the website. We are thankful to the BOCC for approving our mini-grant application. The flagpole and message boards are a nice addition to our front entrance.



MINI-GRANT FOR 2012

An application has been submitted to the County's Office of Neighborhood Relations for the 2012 mini-grant program. In the grant, the association is asking for funds to purchase four park

benches made of recycled plastic to be installed in the park. Residents have mentioned the lack of seating near the playground areas. When the new playground was installed a few years ago, they did not put any benches in that area. Many parents and grandparents have stated that seating would be greatly appreciated. There is one park bench in the older playground area and that is close to the basketball courts. Other than that bench, the choice of seating is the picnic tables under the pavilion or on the wall (neither being that close to the playground equipment.) If our mini-grant application is approved, two benches will be placed in the older playground (under the shade trees) and the other two benches in the newer playground. The board is looking into a mini-grant to purchase trees to be planted in the park that would one day provide shade near the new playground.

MESSAGE BOARDS BEING INSTALLED BY DAVE AND JAMES FREDERICKES



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

Community Contact Information:

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