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HOA UPDATE

At the April HOA board meeting, they discussed contacting County Code Enforcement to see if they would have someone to speak at a future HOA meeting. The HOA continues to receive complaints from residents about neighbors not doing their part in following the deed restrictions and code violations. Having a speaker to address the concerns and complaints directly with residents would benefit our community. We are hoping to have someone speak at a HOA general meeting in June. Watch for an announcement in the June newsletter. Residents may contact County Code to report code violations that they have seen.

MEMORIAL DAY



This year Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 26th. It is a federal holiday in the US, observed to honor the men and women who died while serving in the US Armed Forces. It is always observed on

the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day, as many people would visit cemeteries and decorate the graves with flowers and flags. State government offices will be closed along with some schools and businesses.

It is tradition to fly the American flag at half-staff from dawn until noon.

GET WELL WISHES



Wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to longtime resident and tax board trustee **Vanessa Mortensen** as she deals with complications from her knee replacement.

Her friends on the tax board miss her cheerful presence at our meetings.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's that time of year once again to recognize our high school and college graduates.

If you would like to share with us a little something about your grad, we would be happy to put it in our June Newsletter. We would need graduate's name, parents' name (optional), school they are graduating from, anything sports, accomplishments, awards, etc. and future plans.

Let's let our students know how proud we are of them.

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11th is a special day to celebrate the mothers in our life. It is a day to honor those women who have made a difference in our lives. Mothers and grandmothers do so much for their families, that they really deserve more than one day to recognize their importance. Some people honor mom with flowers, goodies, brunch, gifts, things to let her know just how much she is appreciated. The origin of Mother's Day is attributed to Anna Jarvis, a devoted daughter who was concerned about the lack of attention shown to mothers by grown children. After her own mother died, she asked friends to join her at church to commemorate the anniversary of her mother's death. She gave carnations (her mother's favorite flower) to every mother in the congregation. By 1915, President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday in May to be observed as Mother's Day.

PUBLIC REMINDER

Round-Up will kill not only your weeds, but may harm your pets, your kids, pollinators, bees and entire hives for up to 3 miles away. If you really need to get rid of some weeds, use one gallon of white vinegar, one cup of salt and one tablespoon of dish soap. Mix in bottle and pour or spray directly on weeds.

REAL ID

Beginning May 7th, 2025, if you plan to use your state issued ID or license to fly within the United States, make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies with REAL ID, check with the department of motor vehicles. The REAL ID Act became effective nationwide on May 11th, 2008. Florida began issuing REAL ID compliant credentials after January 1, 2020. The new credentials have a star in the upper right-hand corner of the card.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

Our seniors had a wonderful celebration in the park building for the Easter holiday. They enjoyed a fabulous pot luck luncheon and beautifully decorated tables. There was ham, potatoes, loads of side dishes, a bunny cake, chocolate dipped strawberries and more. Each person got a cute little Easter basket filled with all kinds of goodies. After feasting, they played several spirited games of bingo. Many thanks to **Linda LeBlanc** for arranging everything and making everything so festive (and making several delicious dishes. The group will continue to meet during the month of May and then take a break from meeting in the park for the summer. As in the past, they will meet at different restaurants as the Lunch Bunch. This is a nice way to spend time with peers and let others do the cooking and cleaning up.

More information will be made available by the end of May.



FUN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS OUTDOORS

- Look at clouds and find different shapes in them
- Make a wish on a dandelion
- Build a birdhouse
- Read a book in the woods
- Plant wildflowers
- Identify three birds
- Draw pictures in the dirt or sand
- Sing in the rain
- Start a garden
- Have a picnic
- Splash in a big puddle

THINGS OVERHEARD...

"My kids can pick up 100 Easter eggs hidden in the yard in less than five minutes. But it takes them two hours to pick up five toys in their room!"

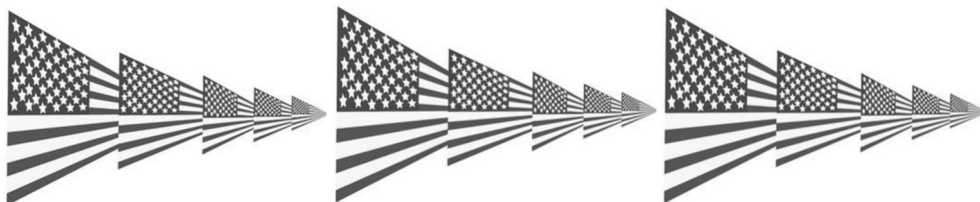
"Moms don't really go on vacation. They just take care of their kids in a different city."

"One day, I'm going to judge a spelling bee. I'll ask one of the kids to spell the word 'there.' When asked for it in a sentence, I'll say...Their car is parked over there and they're late."

"I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate my iPad and the resident tech expert is asleep. Because he's 8 and it's past his bedtime."

"If you wait long enough to cook dinner, everyone will eat cereal."

"As soon as you say 'my child would never' here they come nevering like they never nevered before."



TEN INTERESTING STATS ABOUT YOUR STUFF

- 1 We only use 20% of our clothes
- 2 The average home has 300,000 items - most of them rarely used
- 3 Americans spend \$1.2 trillion annually on stuff we really don't need
- 4 Toys have increased by 500% in 50 years - yet kids play with just a handful
- 5 Only 9% of plastic waste is recycled - the rest end up in landfills
- 6 Storage units in the US could fit every person in the country
- 7 We throw away 81 pounds of clothing per person each year
- 8 Electronic waste is growing 3x faster than any other waste
- 9 25% of people with 2 car garages can't park in them
- 10 Decluttering reduces stress - too much stuff overwhelms the brain

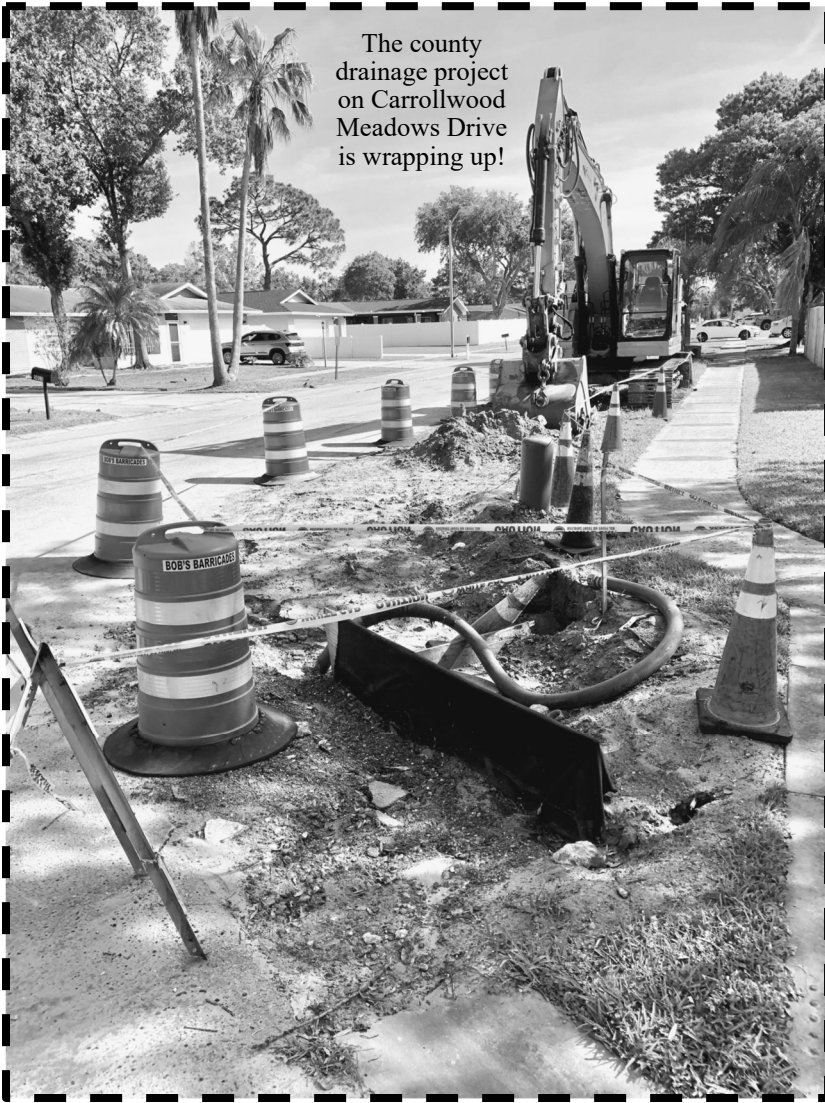
NINE VEGGIES TO GROW IN BUCKETS IN MAY

Tomatoes, Lettuce, Peppers, Beans, Radishes, Spinach, Green Onions, Cucumbers and Carrots.



Drill small holes in bottom of bucket for drainage. Plant according to directions on plants or seeds.

The county drainage project on Carrollwood Meadows Drive is wrapping up!



Alligator Time Is Near

We are in Alligator “season” as the warm weather returns and they become more active just as we do.

Here are some safety tips. Be aware on, in or near water.

- Never let children or pets near the water unsupervised. Never approach an alligator on the bank of a lake or a pond!
- Never throw any kind of object at or near an alligator or disturb them!
- Never feed and alligator

Alligators are opportunistic hunters. They prefer to wait for prey to get close, and lunge to seize it. Adults and children alike should be very aware of their surroundings near the water's edge; that embankment area of a water body, where land meets liquid, is often covered in vegetation in which the 'gator can hide, making it the reptile's favorite lurking place. Remember: the smaller the potential 'prey,' such as child or a pet, the more attractive to the alligator simply because it is easier to take. Be extra-aware during the warmer seasons.

Your chance of encountering an alligator is greatest during the animal's courtship and mating season in the warmest months, from March through September. This is when male 'gators become most dominant and aggressive as they try to intimidate rival males and attract females by their show of power. Some males end up having to travel to find a mate. July through September are when mother 'gators are guarding nests.

Enjoy the waters edge from a safe distance!

Never leave dogs alone in the yard while you are vacationing

Dogs are pack animals and need companionship. They get frustrated at being left alone, they may chew and damage outdoor furniture, etc. and regardless of the quality of the fence you have, they can dig out of your yard.

Most dogs – especially hounds and sporting breeds – can dig vigorously. If your dog smells a raccoon or a chicken bone on the other side of the fence, will he resist the temptation to get at what he wants? What if boredom sets in while he's left outside all alone?

Dogs have been known to scale 6-foot fences. Some simply leap over them, while others actually find footholds to climb up and over.

Dogs are notorious for chewing – and possibly eating – things they're not supposed to. This is especially true if the dog is young. There are many hazards out there – poisonous plants (like sago palms), pesticides and other articles that, when left on the ground and chewed up by your dog, can cause serious injury.

What would your dog do if confronted in her back yard by a poisonous snake? A raccoon? A feral cat? All of these can potentially injure or even kill your dog.



Yard of the month goes to a corner lot on Carrollwood Meadows Drive. Throughout the years this home has earned the honors of yard of the month multiple times! Towering oaks along with the island surrounded by short foliage and beautiful spring flowers and exquisite yard make this yard of the month for May!



Carrollwood Meadows Neighborhood Association Membership Application

Annual Dues: \$25.00 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 /messages)

Date _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

We now offer 2 ways to pay your annual dues payment. Writing a check to the P.O. Box 341363 Tampa 33694 or pay online by going to the website cmnatampa.com and click on the link to pay your dues. The path is <https://cmnatampa-annual-dues-paym.cheddarup.com>.

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
Park Building Rental	635-3500
Solid Waste Dept	272-5680
Voter Registration	272-5850

Want to be a CMNA member? Simply fill out this application and mail it in.

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



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Amy Creech-Gionis, DMD

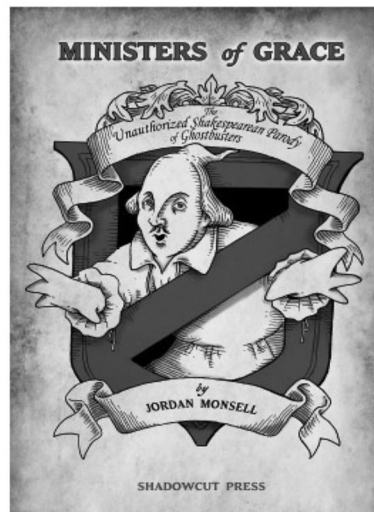
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Shakespeare
had written
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Who wilt thou call?

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JORDAN MONSELL

Directed by
NEIL BLEIWEISS

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MAY 18
2 PM

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