CARROLLWOOD MEADOWS



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CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE PARK

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12th, 2026 at 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the park pavilion. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items for Metropolitan Ministries. If you do not plan on attending the party, but would like to drop off toys or food, please stop by at the party.

We will be having sandwiches, chips, and drinks. The children will be decorating their own cookies, making crafts, and visiting with Santa.

There will be some games set out for families to play. If you would like to help with set up, crafts, clean up, please contact Sandy at 813-610-2878 (leave message). This annual event has been a community favorite and we hope to see you there.

DOGS OFF LEASH

The HOA has received many reports and complaints about dogs being let off leash while walking in the neighborhood. It is a LAW to keep your dog on a leash when off your property, regardless of how well trained they are. Circumstances can change, a dog under voice command may not always obey. Please respect your neighbors and obey the law. We would hate to see anyone (adult of child) get hurt or any other animals get hurt. And, please remember to pick up after your dog.

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

When Carrollwood Meadows was built, the community was designed for single family homes. Lately, it seems that many houses have been refigured or remodeled to include a second living unit or rental space. This is against our deed restrictions that have been in place since the late 1970's. Many of these homes did not pull permits for the work done and could become a hazard to the house and those living in them. If we learn of these split dwellings, we must report them to County Code Enforcement which could result in inspections and possible fines.

DEED RESTRICTIONS STRICTLY ENFORCED

PARKING HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND

Residents have been complaining about the number of cars parked at supposedly single-family homes. It appears there is more than one family living in them. When we see several cars at one home on a regular basis, it is not a party or one-time event. **Several houses have as many as 8 cars parked all over the driveway and front lawns. Parking on the lawn is a deed restriction violation.** It makes the community look like we have multiple used car lots in a residential area.

If you have cars that are no longer operable, please remove them from your property. County Code Enforcement will be notified if any such cars have expired plates.

FALL CLEAN UP

With the seasons changing, now is the perfect time to get outside and tackle some outdoor jobs. Take the time to fix your gate or fence, trim bushes, trim tree branches, remove mold and mildew from your house, and put on a fresh coat of paint. Make sure your outdoor lights are working. Replace missing house numbers on mailbox and front of house. Postal carriers depend on house numbers to deliver your mail and packages. Emergency workers must be able to see your house number to provide the quickest possible response.

If you have neglected your lawn, give it a good edging at both street and sidewalk. Let's start showing some pride in where we call home.

VETERANS DAY

Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans Day this year. It is a federal holiday that honors all living and deceased U.S. military veteran who served in the Armed Forces. It marks the anniversary of the of the 1918 World War l armistice. Hostilities ceased at the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day. President Eisenhower signed legislation officially changing the name to honor all American veterans, not just those from World War l. Under the Uniform Holiday Bill passed in 1968, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday in October starting in 1971. Due to the historic importance of November 11th, President Ford signed a law in 1975 returning the observance to its original date. Most banks will be closed along with the US post office (no regular mail will be delivered). Hillsborough County Public Schools will also be closed. Under the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act, the nation observes a moment of silence at 2:11 pm EST and many traditional ceremonies pause at 11:00 am. We would like to thank all our Carrollwood Meadows Veterans for their service.

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting non-perishable food items at the Christmas Party in the Park on December 12th. Over the next several weeks, if you would pick up an item or two each time you shop (take advantage of Publix's BOGOs) and bring to the party. These items will be donated to Metropolitan Ministries. We never know who will receive these items, but it could be a friend or neighbor. **Please be as generous as you can. We would like to see as many Tampa families have a nice Christmas dinner.**

THANKSGIVING

This year, Thanksgiving Day falls on Thursday, November 26th (the fourth Thursday of November). It is a public holiday with Hillsborough County Public Schools along with other businesses and government offices closed.

It is a day for people in the US to give thanks for what they have. Family and friends gather together to share a meal, watch the parade and football games. Many will eat turkey, cranberries, stuffing, vegetables, potatoes and gravy and pumpkin pie. If you have a friend that might be alone this year, set one more place at the table and invite them to dine with you.

Those of you who will be traveling, we wish you a safe journey. When you count your blessings, may they be many!



MORE WORDS OF WISDOM

The thrift store isn't just shopping. It's cardio, therapy, gambling, and a reality show all at once.

I'll never forget the look on the cashier's face when she scanned the packet of bird seed and I asked her how long it takes for the birds to grow once I plant them.

You know you're getting old when you look at the clock to see if it's late enough to go to bed.

How can you tell what season is it? I saw Halloween candy, pool floaties, and Christmas lights at the store today.

What do you a turkey on the run???

Fast food! hahaha

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

Our Young at Heart seniors enjoyed celebrating Halloween with some special tricks and treats. The bingo games were tricky, but everyone got a treat. Our seniors are looking forward to their annual Thanksgiving pot luck lunch with all the traditional foods. They are very thankful for this group, for the Park Department allowing them to use the building, and for the gift of friendship they all share with each other.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care. Let your words heal, and not wound.

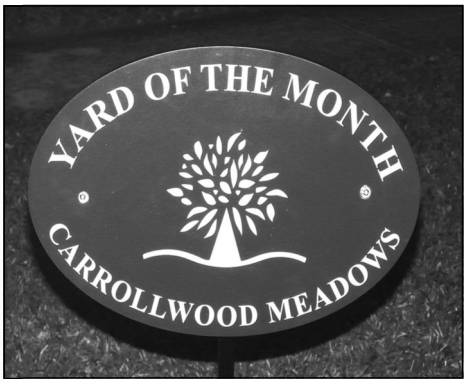
Grandparents don't call it babysitting. They see it as a chance to create treasured memories with their grandkids!

You know you are getting old when you get up to do something and half way there your forget what you were doing.



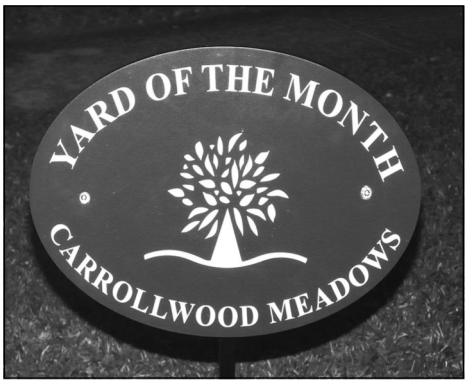














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Carrollwood Meadows Neighborhood Association Membership Application
Annual Dues: $25.00 per household

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!

Have a Jolly Time!

Carrollwood Village Phases II & III present

HOLIDAY Village

Carrollwood Village

DECEMBER 5

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Holiday Village is a family-friendly event featuring holiday-themed crafts, activities, food trucks, music, decorations, and more!

Free admission & parking!

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