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Christmas in the Park

HOA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE PARK

Please join us for the Christmas Party in Carrollwood Meadows Park on Saturday, December 14th.

Festivities begin at 3:00 pm and will last until 4:30 pm. We will have sandwiches from Publix, chips, soft drinks, and water. There will be cookies to decorate, crafts for the children, games, and a visit from Santa. We will have a raffle for some poinsettia plants for the adults and a raffle of some special children's books.

Please bring some canned or boxed foods for donation to Metropolitan Ministries. If everyone would bring two or three items, that would be wonderful. There are so many families this year that could use a little holiday cheer at their tables. Please be generous.

We will end the party with a carol sing around the Christmas tree and the raffle. This is the perfect time to wear your ugly sweaters or here in Florida your ugly holiday t-shirt.



Bring a neighbor and we hope to see you there!



Once again, we will be collecting food for Metropolitan Ministries at the Christmas Party in the Park. Please consider bringing 2-3 food items (canned or boxed) with you to the party. If you want to contribute, but don't plan on staying for the party, please drop off your donations at the party. This year the need is even greater with all the families that were affected by the hurricanes in October. Let's help spread a little holiday cheer to others.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND DECORATING CONTEST

For those holiday decorating enthusiasts, we will be holding a decorating contest. This year winners will receive a \$25 Publix gift card and a one year membership in the Homeowners Association. Our elves will be busy checking out the homes in the community to find the biggest and brightest displays. Winning houses will be featured in the January newsletter.

GET WELL WISHES

We want to wish a speedy recovery to Hunter. We hope you are back on your feet in no time.

And get better wishes to "Little Shirley" as she is affectionately known by her Young at Heart friends. You are missed on Tuesdays



Our HOA has a new phone number which is 813-505-3524.

Please use this number to contact the

board for any questions, concerns, and to report deed restriction violations. Please leave a message and someone will return your call.

PIXELS ON PATHFINDER

The last few years we have had the pleasure to see some wonderful light displays at the corner of Pathfinder and Linkwood. The homeowners here go all out with their displays at Halloween and Christmas.



This October they had to take their display down during the hurricane, but they put it right back up for neighbors to enjoy. The lights are set to music and you can enjoy watching the light show and music from the comfort of your car by tuning in your radio to a certain channel.

It is fun and very impressive for young and old alike.

THANK YOU HOA & TAX BOARD

Members of our HOA and Tax boards spent time decorating the front and side entrances of the community. The poinsettias at the gazebo are always a lovely touch. Thank you for taking such good care of our community. Your time and dedication is truly appreciated.



NEIGHBORHOOD RECOVERY

Carrollwood Meadows is almost back to normal after the damage from the two hurricanes. It was so encouraging to see neighbors helping neighbors with debris pick up, taking care of trees and branches, and helping to put fences back up. Nice to see a real sense of community. Please make sure you never pile up yard waste by storm drains and make sure you (or your lawn service) do not blow grass clippings down the drains. This just adds to the water flow problem that causes flooding in certain areas in the Meadows. We are still waiting for the County to complete the drainage project at the park and along Carrollwood Meadows Drive.

According to my chocolate Advent calendar, there are only three days till Christmas.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day add an item to a box. On Christmas Eve (or before) donate the contents of to a food bank.

Dec 1	box of cereal
Dec 2	peanut butter
Dec 3	stuffing mix
Dec 4	boxed potatoes
Dec 5	macaroni & cheese
Dec 6	canned fruit
Dec 7	canned tomatoes
Dec 8	canned tuna
Dec 9	cake or brownie mix
Dec 10	jar of applesauce
Dec 11	canned sweet potatoes
Dec 12	cranberry sauce
Dec 13	canned beans
Dec 14	box of crackers
Dec 15	package of rice
Dec 16	package of oatmeal
Dec 17	package of pasta
Dec 18	spaghetti sauce
Dec 19	chicken noodle soup
Dec 20	tomato soup
Dec 21	can of corn
Dec 22	can mixed vegetables
Dec 23	can of carrots
Dec 24	can of green beans

FUNNY CHRISTMAS SAYINGS

- Powered by candy canes
- Official Cookie Tester
- In a world full of Grinches, be a Condy Lou
- This year, I'm giving opinions instead of presents
- It's beginning to cost a lot like Christmas
- Messy and bright
- I'm only a morning person on Christmas
- Let it snow-somewhere else
- Nice until proven naughty
- Nice-ish
- Here comes Amazon, Here come Amazon right down my driveway.
- Christmas calories don't count.
- Too cute to wear ugly Christmas sweaters



Letter to Santa

Did you know your child can get a letter from Santa? The

United States Postal Services "Greetings from the North Pole" program makes this possible. This is how...

How to get a letter postmarked from the North Pole:

- Have the child write a letter to Santa and place it in an envelope addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole.
- Write a personalized response to the child's letter and sign it "From Santa."
- Insert both letters into an envelope, and address it to the child.
- Add the return address: SANTA, NORTH POLE, to the envelope.
- Ensure a First-Class Mail stamp is affixed to the envelope.
- Place the complete envelope into a larger envelope, with appropriate postage, and address it to: NORTH POLE POSTMARK POSTMASTER 4141 POSTMARK DR ANCHORAGE AK 99530-9998

We recommend sending your letters by December 10. Santa's helpers in Anchorage, AK, will take care of the rest!



"May you never be too old to search the skies on Christmas Eve"

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! from your HOA and Tax Boards

STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT UPDATE

The work on the drainage system for Carrollwood Meadows will begin again now that hurricane season is over. TECO will be coming out to relocate wiring and cables along Carrollwood Meadows Drive. This work will need to be inspected before the work can proceed. They will start working at the Park at the end of November then move to Carrollwood Meadows Drive for the major part of the project.

We look forward to the completion of this long-awaited project and will give an update in the January newsletter.



HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

If you are interested in helping with the Christmas Party in the Park, please come to the HOA board meeting on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm in the park building.





Home on Mainland Greens is yard of the month in December. Low maintenance, no lawn, picturesque palms and wood privacy sections highlight this property. Pavers accent the driveway and additional parking area between the white stone gravel. Very attractive curb appeal!



Q: What do elves learn in school?

A: The Elf-abet!

Q: If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?

A: Missletoe!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite.

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

A: So he can ho-ho-ho.

Q: What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wraper?

A: Ribbon hood.

Q: Why do birds fly south for the winter ?

A: Because it's to far to walk.

Q: What kind of bird can write?

A: A PENGUIN.

Q: What nationality is Santa Claus?

A: North Polish.

Q: What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus?

A: Crisp Cringle.

Q: What did the ghosts say to Santa Claus?

A: We'll have a boo Christmas without you.



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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■ THINGS TO DO



Carrollwood Village Phases II & III present



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