

CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE VOICE

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Everyone is understandably feeling stressed and maybe a little depressed right now so a little kindness will go along way. That with a reminder to self to keep things in perspective – a shopping cart not returned to the cart corral is not a major offense or statement of entitlement for example.

This month's intention is to notice all the miracles showing up in good people with kind hearts and to notice all the small miracles (small acts of kindness) occurring each and every day. And then? Being a miracle for someone else by performing a small act of kindness. What wonderful powerful things could happen from the smallest act of kindness? We never truly know what someone is going through or has gone through. So that person who might have spoken to you roughly, unnecessarily expresses anger towards you probably needs your kindness the most. Today may be the perfect opportunity for your smile (which shows in your eyes over the top of your mask), your kindness and your goodness to lift the spirit of someone else.

Suzanne and Lindsey

ALGAE GROWTH IN OUR PONDS THIS SUMMER

Algae blooms in the ponds this summer have been the worst in recent years. Unfortunately, the conditions for algae growth have been the “perfect storm”. Very warm temperatures have increased the water temperature, evaporation causing low water levels and lack of rain have concentrated the nutrients that cause algae blooms. Rain is critical as it cools the water, dilutes the nutrients and cleanses the surface. The summer rainy season did not start the end of May as is typical. This year the rainy season did not start until mid-July and even then, it does not rain every day.

By the beginning of June, the pond committee, property manager and pond management company realized that the algae was going to be a big problem. The pond management company started treating the ponds with algaecide twice a month. Once the algae is killed it continues to float on the surface because as it decays it emits gasses which get trapped under the algae and keeps it on the surface of the water. A good rain is needed to displace the gasses so the algae sinks. A secondary measure would be to install aerating pond fountains. The Board is currently looking into this option and getting quotes.

It's important to realize that not all algae growth is necessarily toxic. A certain amount of benign algae will always be present in any body of water. When algae is allowed to grow without proper maintenance and control it can become a serious problem within the lake.



Van Chandler, our association manager, Derek and Matt from Cross Creek Environmental and Frank Mazzie, member of the Phase III Board of Directors inspecting the ponds July 14, 2020.

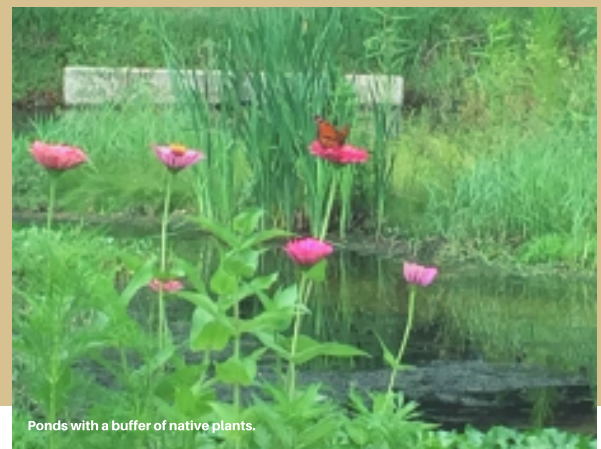


The same pond July 15, 2020 after the rain.

The danger to fish in our ponds is the dissolved oxygen is consumed by the algae and the decay process of dead algae. Our ponds have low oxygen levels before being challenged as they are shallow, warm and have high concentrations of nutrients. Some of the larger delicate fishes succumbed to the low oxygen levels. Luckily wading birds, ducks and turtles are able to relocate to a more sustainable pond.

What can residents along the pond do to keep the ponds healthy and decrease the chance of algae blooms?

One of the very best proactive measures is to keep nutrients out of the ponds. This is accomplished by allowing a 2 to 3-foot-wide buffer of native plants to grow at the edge of the pond. They will grow to a height of 2 to 2 ½ feet. It will take about 18 months for the natural selection of plants to stabilize forming a natural barrier for fertilizer, phosphorus, pesticides and other runoff. This is a safe, completely natural, and cost-effective way to keep algae from blooming out of control and ruining the health of the ponds. The plant barrier also stabilizes the bank preventing erosion. Many residents along the ponds have decided to mow the association's pond banks to the water's edge. If you do so stop and allow the buffer to grow. Please be sure to inform your lawn service NOT to cut the buffer.



Ponds with a buffer of native plants.

GET THAT "I VOTED" STICKER

Choosing who to vote for is an important decision. It's easy for some, while others grapple it until Election Day. It's easy to get so caught up in whom to vote for that we might miss opportunities that, depending on your preference, could make the process a little easier. Here is a quick snapshot of this years upcoming Presidential election and ways you can cast your ballot. For additional details and updates, please visit the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections website at www.votehillsborough.org.

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

1) VOTE BY MAIL

There are four ways to request a Vote by Mail ballot:

- Online at www.votehillsborough.org
- By Phone: (813) 612-4180
- By Fax: (813) 744-5843
- In-Person at any of the Supervisor of Elections Offices

You are allowed to request a Vote by Mail ballot for yourself or an immediate family member. Immediate family members include a spouse, parent, child, grandparent, sibling, or legal guardian. The deadline to request a Vote by Mail ballot is 5 p.m., ten days before the election. Visit the website for additional details. Note: If you requested a mail-in ballot and then decide to vote in person, you must bring in the ballot so it can be voided at the polling station.

2) EARLY VOTING

Early Voting gives you the flexibility to vote when and where it's most convenient for you. Early Voting dates, times, and locations vary by county. As long as you're registered to vote in Hillsborough County, you can vote in any available Early Voting site, which is different from Election Day when you must vote in the polling place assigned to your precinct. Visit the website for a list of Early Voting locations near you and review acceptable forms of identification required to vote.

3) ELECTION DAY VOTING

If you choose to cast your vote on Election Day, you must go to the designated polling place for your precinct. Polling places are open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Election Day. If you are in line at 7 p.m., you will be allowed to vote, but if you arrive at the polling place after 7 p.m., you will not be allowed to vote. Visit the website to confirm your polling location and to review acceptable forms of identification required to vote.

DATES & DEADLINES

2020 General Election

Deadline to register: October 5

Early Voting: October 19 - November 1, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Election Day: November 3, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Vote by Mail: The Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections will start sending out Vote by Mail ballots on September 24. Completed ballots must be returned and received by 7 p.m. on November 3.

(All dates are subject to change.)

SOURCE: www.votehillsborough.org.



POLITICAL SIGNS IN HOMEOWNER YARDS AND ALONG THE ROADS ARE AGAINST THE HOA RULES



As we head into an election season, please remember that the posting of political or any other type of signage in homeowner yards and on community property is against the HOA rules and regulations. Birthday or celebration signs are exempt from these restrictions if they are removed within a few days of posting. Only one "For Sale" sign or "For Rent" sign is allowed. Our goal is to not litter our community with an over posting of signs, banners, etc. that are not related to Carrollwood Village businesses or celebrated events.

We thank you for your cooperation!

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ON THE USE OF GOLF CARTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



In the last few months there has been an extensive increase in the use of golf carts in our village. While the boards are in favor of the recreational use of these carts, especially to get to and from the Country Club and to bring our families, community together, there are rules to making your golf cart “street legal” for use on public street. With a severe uptick in vandalism on the golf course happening after hours, there will be more focus on these guidelines from outside patrol and security, making sure these guidelines are being met, in order to protect the Country Club property. Just to be clear, the Country Club is not for public use, whether you reside on it or not. Any after-hours use, on carts, or use of the Country Club property in general is considered trespassing. There have been people playing sports and driving carts on the fairways and greens during the daytime and evening hours, attempted arson to one of the remote bathroom facilities, damage to irrigation, and much more.

With that being said, these sad occurrences are negatively affecting those of us who use our golf carts responsibly. If you see this type of activity, please contact the authorities. If you know who may be responsible please share this information with the authorities and the manager at the Country Club. We hope that this shameful conduct stops immediately. The perpetrators are only hurting our neighbors and our beautifully maintained, private golf course, which continues to be an asset to the stability of our property values.

It's generally illegal to drive a golf cart on public roads unless it has a license plate, and before you set about making your golf cart street legal it's important to understand the legal definition of a golf cart and what distinguishes a golf cart from a Low Speed Vehicle (LSV)

How do you make your golf cart “Street Legal”?



If you are ready to get your golf cart suited up for on-street driving, we've got what you need along with some super helpful tips to get you started.

1. Headlights
2. Taillights
3. Turn Signals
4. Horn
5. Windshield
6. Side mirrors
7. Seat belts
8. Low-speed vehicle sign
9. Insurance
10. Registration

Our collective goal is to make our community a golf cart friendly one and we need everyone's support to make that happen, and to stop the trespassing and vandalism immediately.

PERSPECTIVE - A CASE FOR THE MAGNIFICENT MUSCOVY



There are few things that can engender a heated debate among neighbors – rules and regulations, anyone? – like a discussion about the local wildlife and whether they are a treasure or a nuisance. I will state from the outset that I am pro treasure all the way. More specifically, I am pro Muscovy.

I can imagine some of you are thinking, ‘Are you kidding me? They are a complete nuisance; they poop everywhere and are ugly!’. Please allow me to make my case for why the oft misunderstood Muscovy is instead a Carrollwood Village treasure.

1. Muscovies are pestilence warriors. They eat mosquitoes, mosquito larvae, ticks, flies and, yes, WEEDS. They are a powerful natural tool in the never-ending battle with these enemies. The Muscovy also eat small fish, crustaceans, worms and grubs because everyone needs a balanced diet, right? Please do not feed the ducks! Bread is especially unhealthy for them.

- 1. They are quiet.** Have you ever noticed that a Muscovy does not quack? I do not think our community patrol has ever received a call from a neighbor concerned about the noisy duck party going on by the pond and found these ducks to blame. Instead, the Muscovy will either hiss or coo depending on the situation.
- 2. They are generally friendly.** While it is always important to avoid directly engaging or feeding wildlife, the Muscovy is an inquisitive bird who will often come up close to get a better look at you. They also want you to give them a treat, but you must resist or risk becoming a regular stop on their meal circuit.
- 3. They are superheroes.** This claim has not been confirmed, which is consistent with most superheroes. So why do I think this? Because, like any many superheroes, they wear masks and masks are good (and on trend!). Their red face and warty carbuncles may not appeal to you but the next time you look at a Muscovy imagine the daring feats they secretly perform to make our world a better place.

So, the next time you see a Muscovy duck, please give them a smile and thank them for their contribution to our community. If you are not ready to go quite that far, then perhaps simply slow down and allow them to cross the road and generally help keep them safe from harm. They would do the same for you (yes, I am doubling down on my superhero theory).

P.S. Here is a fun fact that you can keep for when Jeopardy! returns with new episodes or share at your next socially distanced driveway happy hour. The Muscovy duck is not really a duck at all! All other domestic ducks descend from the mallard, but Muscovy do not. They are thought to be South American in origin and may be more closely related to geese. They do not swim nearly as much as ducks and instead choose to spend more time in trees.

Sources used: Audubon, eBird, All About Birds, Wikipedia, Moose Manor Farms

GOING, GOING...GONE!

VISTA GARDENS IS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PLANTING BEDS AVAILABLE



This summer VISTA Gardens added seven new beds to bring the total to 60 available for use with a garden membership. As of late July, there were three beds still available for fall membership. VISTA Gardens beds measure 4' x 16' and members can select either one half, or all, of a single bed.

For more information on VISTA memberships, go to <https://www.vistagardentampa.org/seasonal-gardener-membership>



VISTA GARDENS IS NOMINATED FOR BEST COMMUNITY GARDEN BY CREATIVE LOAFING



It is so exciting to see Vista Gardens on the list of Best Gardens in Creative Loafing contest. Here's the link to register your choices for "Best of the Bay" AND VOTE for Vista Gardens as the Best community garden.

<https://www.cltampa.com/botb2020#/gallery/?group=354320>



AVAILABLE ONLINE!

UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS AT THE TAMPA BAY HOTEL W. OTIS FREEDMAN



Although the Cultural Center has not been able to host a Carrollwood Village Homeowners Association's lecture series in person for several months, you can still enjoy the second installment of the "Upstairs/Downstairs at the Tampa Bay Hotel with Otis Freeman" online. Originally scheduled for May, this 28-minute presentation takes a step back in time with a single-character performance that brings turn-of-the-century Tampa Bay Hotel staff members and guests to life.

Based on original research conducted by the Henry Plant Museum, "Upstairs/Downstairs at the Tampa Bay Hotel" recreates the attitudes and mores of a bygone time. In this presentation of "Upstairs/Downstairs at the Tampa Bay Hotel" hosted by Curator of Education for the Henry Plant Museum Heather Brown, we meet head waiter Otis Freedman portrayed by Josh Goff.

The year is 1905, and Freedman represents the professional black man of the era. He is a self-educated, intelligent man who overcomes the confinements of his station in life. Freedman knows the "downstairs" viewpoint of the social goings-on at the Tampa Bay Hotel from a behind-the-scenes perspective. He knows how polite society should behave, and not every member can pass his "soup test".

"Upstairs Downstairs" is a Henry Plant Museum presentation created through a partnership with the Arts Council of Hillsborough County and The University of Tampa. Special thanks to the Arts Council of Hillsborough County and Hillsborough County, Florida Government Board of County Commissioners for underwriting this project.



This presentation is available at carrollwoodcenter.org/events/the-lecture-series/ (28 minutes)

The Center plans to host another installment of "Upstairs/Downstairs at the Tampa Bay Hotel" with Henry Plant at the Center on September 7 at 7 p.m. To attend, please email Aaron Washington at aaron@carrollwoodcenter.org and reserve a seat. Reserving a seat will also help the Center ensure social distancing for the event.



FOOD TRUCK "STOPS" COMING TO CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE

The Carrollwood Cultural Center will start hosting individual food trucks in its parking lot to help provide community support to food truck owners during the pandemic. The first three weeks of food truck visits was a big success! Check the Carrollwood Cultural Center website for upcoming visits.

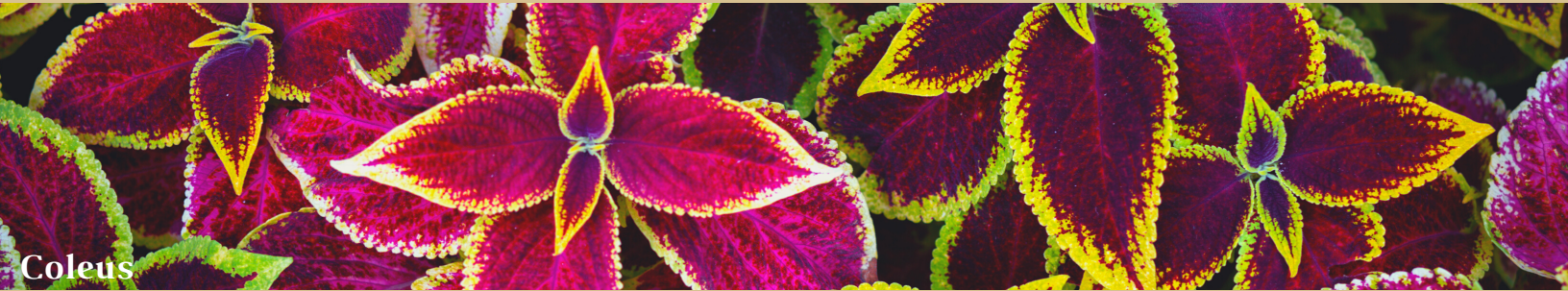
Unlike a typical food truck rally that draws a large crowd, the Center will host one truck at a time to help ensure smaller gatherings and proper social distancing.

Visit carrollwoodcenter.org for more information, including pre-ordering options and an updated schedule.

To schedule a food truck to appear at the Center, contact Event Manager Aaron Washington at aaron@carrollwoodcenter.org, or call (813) 922-8167.

See more at <http://www.carrollwoodcenter.org/events/>

WHAT TO PLANT IN AUGUST



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WHAT TO PLANT AND WHAT TO DO

Annuals/Bedding plants: The hottest days of summer limit planting now to heat-tolerant annuals, such as coleus, kalanchoe, and vinca.

Bulbs: Aztec lily, butterfly lily, walking iris, and spider lily can be planted any time of the year, even late summer.

Herbs: Herbs that can be planted from plants (not seeds) include bay laurel, ginger, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary

Vegetables: Tomatoes, beans, carrots and others can be planted for the fall garden

Palms: Check older fronds for yellowing as it may indicate a magnesium or potassium deficiency. Apply an appropriate palm fertilizer.

Vegetables: Solarize the vegetable garden in preparation for fall planting if not done in July.

Poinsettias: Pinch back poinsettias and mums before the end of the month to allow time for buds to form for winter bloom

Ornamental plants: Fertilize plants that show signs of deficiencies. Rapid growth and leaching rains may result in nutrient deficiencies in some plants

Fertilizer: Hillsborough County prohibits the application of fertilizer to lawns and/or landscape plants during the summer rainy season (June–September).

Annuals/Bedding plants: Remove spent blooms, cut back, and fertilize flowering annuals and perennials to extend the bloom season into the fall months



Aztec Lily



Walking Iris



Kalanchoe



Vinca (Periwinkle)