

# CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE VOICE

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## **A Message from Suzanne & Lindsey**

Spring is in the air and spring break is right around the corner. The weather is wonderful and more residents and children are out enjoying themselves. Please be sure to pay attention to your speed and don't be a distracted driver. If you are walking, biking, or roller blading please use the cross-walks!

Everyone is looking forward to the country opening up in the next few weeks. If you live in Phases 2 and 3 the community patrol will check your house every day. Be sure to let them know by phoning 813-263-8660.

Just a friendly reminder to submit your ARC request if you are painting your house, installing a new roof, mailbox, driveway, re-landscaping, removing trees, installing a fence or generator.

Your contributions to the Carrollwood Village Voice and questions are welcome. Please email us at [communications@carrollwoodvillage.com](mailto:communications@carrollwoodvillage.com). We would like to start printing articles in our Newsletter that reflect the opinions or ideas of our residents (please refrain from negative comments without a solution – we do not want this to be a place for airing complaints unless you have a solution). So, take some time to put down your ideas down in writing and send to the email address listed above. When formulating your ideas/opinions, please keep the entire Village in your scope. We cannot address specific complaints at this email address.

Just in case you were looking for February's issue our team took the month off.

Here's to hearing more from our Villagers!



# JOGGERS AND DRIVERS BE EXTRA CAREFUL AT DAWN!

Low light scenarios pose safety concerns for runners. Here are 6 safety tips for running or even walking at dawn or dusk. Both runners and drivers please remember that it is hard to see clearly either early or late in the day. If you are running it is important to be on the side of the road headed toward oncoming traffic. It is hard for drivers to see runners if they are driving into the sun. It helps if drivers have their headlights on.

1. Always carry a cell phone and identification. Whether you or a fellow runner needs help, it is important to have an ID. Knowing you can make a call gives you peace of mind and helps keep everyone safe. Consider adding an “ICE” (in case of emergency) contact to your contact list. That way a stranger will know who to contact for you.

2. Choose a well-lit route. Run in areas that are well lit and are always busy with others. Stick to the main street when it is dark. Also consider a head lamp. That way you are more visible to others on the sidewalk or traffic on the road. It will also help you see uneven surfaces.

3. Be seen. Wear colors that will let cyclist, drivers, other runners and pedestrians know you are there. Whites, yellows, bright lime green and shades of oranges will make you more visible. Lots of running gear has reflective tape or you can add your own.

4. Keep it close to home. Instead of a 10km route do a double 5km. Stick close to home in case you want to stop. This way you are on more familiar turf and know every crack, corner and noisy dog.

5. Join a group. There is safety in numbers. If you are running solo be sure to let someone know where you are going, your planned route and when you plan to return.

6. Unplug. Many of us rely on blaring tunes to keep us distracted from our burning muscles and aching feet. If you are running alone it is a good idea to unplug and leave your headphones at home. Or if you must have music play it at a low volume.

March 14, 2021, we sprung a head one hour for daylight savings time so it is dark again for our 6 AM run. Be careful out there!



# THREE PHASE III PONDS HAVE LITTORIAL SHELF PLANTING



Photo of a pond bank with the natural buffer

The Carrollwood Village Phase III Homeowners Association and Cross Creek Environmental started the planting of the littoral shelf in three of the ponds, Chardonnay, Wolcott and Pickett. Not only will the plants help maintain the appearance of the pond they will contribute to the health of the ponds and the local environment. The plantings were advised by the pond maintenance professionals and the county extension service. For this planting to be successful there can be no herbicide use. It will take the balance of 2021 for these aquatic plants to get established. Here are photos of the plants planted on the littoral shelves.



Please remember:

- The HOA owns a minimum of 20 feet up from pond bank. Mowing the HOA owned land right to pond bank is not allowed. A 2 to 3 feet buffer of natural plants along the pond bank must be allowed to grow.
- Fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides must not be applied in the 20-foot HOA owned land. Even if you don't live on a pond your yard runoff will end up in the pond and affect pond health.
- Do not allow your grass clippings to blow directly into the pond or get washed into the pond from the gutter in front of your house.
- If you live near or walk near or along the ponds, please take a few minutes to pick up the litter on the edges of the bank. It not only looks better, but you may save an animal's life that may think it is food.

The goal of the Homeowners Association and Cross Creek Environment is to:

- Mitigate algae blooms and low oxygen levels (fish kills) especially problematic in the summer heat.
- Prevent bank erosion and other factors lowering the depth of the pond by the buildup pond "muck".
- Reduce herbicide use by our pond maintenance company.
- Lower long-term costs while moving to a healthier pond environment.
- Reduce/eliminate pollutants entering the local environment and biology (ie. wildlife and human life).

The appearance and the health of our ponds requires your help and cooperation! If you have any questions or would to speak with someone please email [thevillage@greenacre.com](mailto:thevillage@greenacre.com) with your question, address and contact information.





## **CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE PARK NEEDS YOU!!**

The Carrollwood Village Park at 4680 West Village Drive is a huge success!! With the completion of the Nature Center and an upcoming art installation, the park is just about complete!!

If you would like to make a difference in your neighborhood, come and volunteer with us!!! There is much to be done - phone calls, helping to enforce park rules, talking to patrons, handing out recreational supplies, pulling weeds and more.

If interested in volunteering and you are 18 years or older, complete the attached form.

[https://hcflgov.formstack.com/forms/hillsborough\\_county\\_parks\\_recreation\\_volunteer\\_application](https://hcflgov.formstack.com/forms/hillsborough_county_parks_recreation_volunteer_application)

You are invited to attend the next park board meeting on April 6th at 5:30pm in the park's Nature Center.

Come and volunteer....THE PARK IS THE PLACE TO BE!!!





## **YOU ARE INVITED**

**INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK?**

Come join us during our monthly board meetings as the Carrollwood Park Conservancy discusses happenings at the 2 1/2-year-old Carrollwood Village Park on West Village Drive. The agenda will include items such as the business of the park, possible events and volunteer opportunities.

The next meetings will be:

Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4 at 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Meetings will be held in the Nature Center at the park located at 4680 West Village Drive. If any details change, they will be announced on the Carrollwood Village Park Facebook page!

If you have any questions or are interested in attending, send a message using our Carrollwood Village Facebook page.



# SHOWCASING VISTA'S COMPOST COMMITTEE

**AUTHOR: MJ WENTZEL, COMPOST COMMITTEE CHAIR**



Most garden members know we pick up produce from the Community Food Pantry, a partner of Feeding Tampa Bay. But did you know a team from the Compost Committee picks up and transports expired produce six days a week?

These contributions allow us to produce enough compost to enrich the soil in every raised garden bed at VISTA. **Did you know that we are the only community garden producing enough compost for every gardener with an all-volunteer crew?**

**Typically we picked up 33,740 pounds of produce to make compost!** WOW! That results in a lot of happy worms, not to mention strong backs for compost volunteers!

It is important that everyone knows who these dedicated people are. When you see them around the garden, please thank them for the beautiful "Black Gold" that enriches your gardens and supports plantings with beneficial microbes. Gratitude to Rolfe, Mary Ellen, MJ, Jim, Hugh & Marilyn, Cheryl.

And a shout out to VISTA gardeners who come over when they see us unloading produce and offer to help transfer those heavy boxes and bags from our vehicles into the compost geo bins. We thank you all!







## VISTA GARDENS TAI CHI

Join us for yoga and tai chi in the garden! Saturday March 20 from 10-11. Come in comfortable clothing, and bring water, a mat and a towel to place underneath your mat (in case the grass is damp).



## HELLO FROM THE CARROLLWOOD CULTURAL CENTER, WHERE CULTURE MEETS THE COMMUNITY!



I am so proud of the year that the Center has had and what we have been able to accomplish. As an arts and cultural organization, we pride ourselves on being able to adapt and be flexible. The Center has made some great leaps forward in our facility and how we are able to offer programs and we continue to grow. Prior to the shutdown the organization was poised to break one million dollars in revenue for the first time in its history. The pandemic put a halt to that celebration but I am confident that we will be there shortly.

While it seemed the world stopped turning for a bit a year ago, the Carrollwood Cultural Center kept going. After a brief shut down almost a year ago, the Center quickly jumped into the virtual field. Was it easy...not at the time, but we knew that it was something we had to do. Of course there is the obvious financial reason that we needed to do something but for the board and staff there is a larger reason...our community.

Since the Center opened in 2008 we have prided ourselves on our community building. So much that it became our revised mission statement several years ago. Our mission is to create culture through community and community through culture. What does that mean? It means that what happens inside our walls is just as important as what happens outside the walls.

It amazes me the community that we have at the Center, whether it is in a favorite class, our staff, our volunteer core, or our members. I have seen it first hand as people rally around a cause or step up to support something that they truly believe in. It is something that never shows up on a balance sheet or listed under an organization's assets but for me it is certainly one of the more important items for an organization to have.

One of my greatest joys with the Center is seeing people connect with each other and become friends and family. People have connected through our large community events such as Blues & BBQ or our smaller events such as the lecture series as well as through our classes and other programs.

We rely on the community to help sustain our organization. We have and continue to be sustained by people who consider the Center their home. Last year, during a pandemic, we still had over 45,000 people either come through our doors or enjoy our programs virtually. Our impact with the community also extends outside our doors, Americans for the Arts estimated the Center's impact on the local economy at close to \$2.3 million dollars.

As we begin to see more availability in vaccine and things open up little by little know that we are here for you. We never left, in fact we increased your access to our classes and events through virtual opportunities. All of us have a unique opportunity to create a positive milestone that future generations will see as a moment in history when individuals came together to strengthen a community infrastructure through encouragement, growth, and support.

Everyone has been affected by COVID-19 in some way. Please be kind. Be patient. Be safe. And be ready to have some fun at the Center.

As things continue to change, we learn to adapt and roll with the updates of the day. You will find the most updated information below and on our website at [CarrollwoodCenter.org](http://CarrollwoodCenter.org).

Thank you for supporting the Center!

See you at the Center.

Paul



# HURRICANE WINDOW COVERINGS FOR THE CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE AREA



We have been visited by hurricanes several times during the past 20 years, and with climate change intensifying storms, you should not wait until there is a hurricane approaching to think about your window coverings. Now would be a good time to investigate your options and what you want to spend.

Not only are they essential protection for your home. They also provide an extra layer of financial security thanks to the chance for insurance premium reductions and fewer damage repairs.

There are plenty of different styles of storm shutters available on the market to fit both cost and the look of your home. You'll want to look for impact-resistant ratings and test standards to make sure you're getting quality protection.

Keep in mind that the average cost of hurricane shutters can vary based on the style, material, and size of your windows, but you can expect the most durable and permanent options to cost more than the low-cost temporary fixes.

Because we do not live right on the Gulf, rolling shutters or accordion shutters are not really necessary as we do not get the strongest winds. Colonial shutters or Bermuda shutters are aesthetically better for our area but would have to be custom ordered. These would be permanently installed on windows.

One of the first type of window covering people think of is plywood. It is suggested that 3/4" is necessary to give adequate protection from projectiles. This was once the cheapest alternative, but plywood is now more costly. It is heavy and must be cut to each window or door leaving 6" around for installing. And if you want to keep it to use again, you should seal it to protect against mildew. It must be stored horizontally in your garage so that it does not warp. Initially, we had to have a contractor install the panels. It provides a challenge to get the panels out of the garage and it takes several hours to install. When painted, looks okay.

After using plywood for two storms and discovering that it takes too long to install, we looked for something that was economically priced, was easier to install, and stacks in a small space. We decided on storm panels made of aluminum and could be installed either vertically or horizontally. You first have to install the metal side panels on each side to hold the aluminum. Only caveat is that you need to wear gloves to protect your hands when installing the panels. The aluminum has sharp edges. They overlap, five of them per window. It is so very easy to do. Wing nuts hold the panels up.

For sliding doors or French doors that are expansive, we decided to use fabric storm panels that were custom-sized and that allowed light to come through. They can be either be rolled up or placed in a fabric bag and do not take up much room in the garage. These were pricey because of their size, but you can purchase fabric and make them yourselves if you want to keep the cost down.

You do not have to purchase coverings all at the same time. Select the most vulnerable windows or doors and do them first.

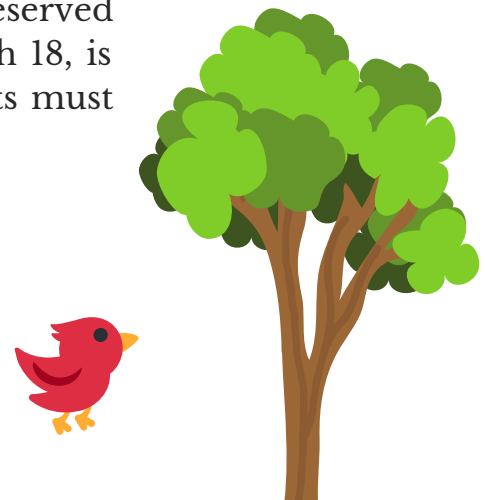
If you use a contractor or home safety company, do your homework selecting only those with good reviews. Also, don't forget to check on getting your insurance reductions for the window coverings.





## **NATURE DAY CAMP AT CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE PARK**

Looking for a Spring Break Activity for Your Kids? Our Parks & Recreation team has day camps for your students during Spring Break week! campers will use the new Carrollwood Village Nature Center to learn about the habitats around us, the animals that live there, and complete ecological activities. This day camp costs \$15 and is separated by age group. Camp on Tuesday, March 16, is reserved for children ages 9 through 11. Camp on Thursday, March 18, is for students between the ages of 12 and 15. All participants must provide their own lunch and snack. For more information, call (813) 734-4712.







Arts-based camps for  
**Ages 4-13**

Registration opens  
**March 15**

15% Early Bird Discount ends  
**April 30**



**CARROLLWOOD  
CULTURAL CENTER**

4537 Lowell Rd., Tampa, FL 33618

**(813) 922-8167 • [CarrollwoodCenter.org](http://CarrollwoodCenter.org)**




# Find your Center.

**Class Schedule (Spring)**  
**Starting the week of April 12**  
**(813) 922-8167 • CarrollwoodCenter.org**

## ■ BASIC INFO

Visit [CarrollwoodCenter.org](http://CarrollwoodCenter.org) for class descriptions, faculty info and registration policies.

Virtual classes have a  symbol. All other classes will be held at the Center.

Visit the website for details about:

- supplies lists (✂),
- required books (📖)
- required attire/items (★)
- instrument info (🎵)

Private lessons are also available. Contact the Center for details.

**PLEASE REGISTER ONE WEEK BEFORE CLASS STARTS.**

All classes run once a week for six weeks unless otherwise noted.

## ADULT CLASSES

### ■ ART

#### Art Studio (Independent Study)

Wed. • noon – 2 pm  
 \$100 member / \$115 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ✂ / Ages 18+

### ■ CERAMICS

#### Wheel Throwing

Mon. • 6 – 8:30 pm   
 Tue. • 1 – 3:30 pm   
 Tue. • 6 – 8:30 pm   
 Wed. • 1 – 3:30 pm  
 \$120 member / \$140 non-member  
 \$50 Materials Fee / ✂ / Ages 15+

#### Hand Building

Thu. • 1 – 3:30 pm   
 Fri. • 10 am – 12:30 pm  
 \$120 member / \$140 non-member  
 \$50 Materials Fee / ✂ / Ages 18+

#### Mudslingers Studio Pass

Tue. • 10 am – 12:30 pm   
 Wed. • 10 am – 12:30 pm   
 Thu. • 10 am – 12:30 pm  
 \$140 member / \$155 non-member  
 \$50 Materials Fee / ✂ / Ages 15+

### ■ DANCE

#### Ballet for Joy & Vitality

Tue. • 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
 \$85 member / \$100 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 18+

#### Adult Ballet for Beginners

Mon. & Wed. • 6 – 7:30 pm  
 \$130 member / \$145 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 18+

#### Adult Ballet for Intermediate+

Tue. & Thu. • 10 – 11:30 am  
 \$130 member / \$145 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 18+

#### Adult Jazz/Tap Combo


Tue. • 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
 \$85 member / \$100 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 18+

#### Dance for Auditions


Tue. • 7:30 – 8:30 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 18+

### ■ WELLNESS


#### Gentle Hatha Yoga

 Mon. • 11 am – 12:30 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 13+

#### Hatha Flow Yoga

 Wed. • 6:30 – 8 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 13+

#### Power Yoga

 Thu. • 6:30 – 8 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 13+

## YOUTH CLASSES

### ■ ART

#### Monet's Apprentice

Wed. • 2:30 – 3:30 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 \$20 Materials Fee / Ages 5-7


#### Lil Rembrandts

Wed. • 3:45 – 4:45 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 \$20 Materials Fee / Ages 5-7

#### Jr. Artist

Wed. • 5 – 6 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 \$20 Materials Fee / Ages 8-10

#### Drawing Basics

 Wed. • 7 – 8 pm  
 \$85 member / \$100 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ✂ / Ages 11-13

### ■ DANCE

#### Creative Dance

Mon. • 3:45 – 4:30 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 3-5

#### Kids Dance!

Tue. • 4:30 – 5:30 pm  
 \$68 member / \$80 non-member  
 No Materials Fee / ★ / Ages 8-10



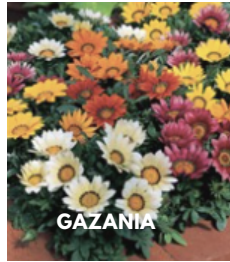
# LANDSCAPING TIPS FOR MARCH

## WHAT TO PLANT AND WHAT TO DO

**Annuals:** Replace declining winter annuals with varieties such as Angelonia, Gazania, and Salvia that will provide color now and into the summer months.



ANGELONIA



GAZANIA



SALVIA

**Bulbs:** Plant caladium for a showy tropical display all summer.



**Herbs:** In addition to their culinary value, many herbs are ornamental and attract butterflies to the garden.

**Vegetables:** Warm-season crops, such as beans, peppers, squash, and others can be planted now.



### WHAT TO DO:

**Azaleas:** Prune azaleas just after plants finish blooming to shape or produce a fuller plant.



**Shrubs and trees:** Prune when new growth begins after the end of the dormant season. To guard next season's blooms, begin pruning after the last flowers fade but before the new buds set. See Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs: [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_tree\\_pruning](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning)

**Palms and shrubs:** Fertilize palms, azaleas, camellias, and other ornamental shrubs if needed.

**Irrigation:** Check sprinkler systems for efficient water use.

Happy Spring





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