

# CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE VOICE

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## A MESSAGE FROM SUZANNE & LINDSEY

First and foremost, we want to thank all the members of the community, in and outside of Carrollwood Village, who work to keep our essential services going during these unprecedented times of isolation. Thanks to the brave people on the frontlines who risk their lives, literally, to do everything from providing urgent medical care to helping people receive groceries. We are proud to say that we have witnessed many acts of Villagers helping one another. Villagers have safely shared supplies with those in need, or checked in with neighbors. Kids have drawn pictures, painted posters and written sidewalk chalk messages to thank essential workers and inspire neighbors to hang in there!

It is encouraging to see all the responsible Villagers outside getting their exercise while maintaining proper social distancing measures and having their masks ready to wear. Thanks to all of the walkers, joggers, and bikers for being respectful. If you are unfamiliar with bike etiquette, check out the article in this month's issue for a brief refresher to keep everyone, including pedestrians, safe when using the sidewalks. If you are driving, please be extra cautious of the increased number of people walking and biking as you back out of your driveway or make turns.

As we are putting this issue together it is mid-May and the parks and amenities are still closed as a safety precaution. The boards have voted to follow the County's lead on when to re-open the parks, tennis, basketball and pickleball courts, playgrounds and picnic tables. When facilities do open again, we will send out an email to the community email list. If you are not on the email list, please visit [carrollwoodvillage.com](http://carrollwoodvillage.com) and register.

Your input and comments are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to email us at [communications@carrollwoodvillage.com](mailto:communications@carrollwoodvillage.com). We like to include articles and photos in our newsletter that reflect the opinions or ideas of our residents.

Stay safe and stay healthy,  
Suzanne and Lindsey



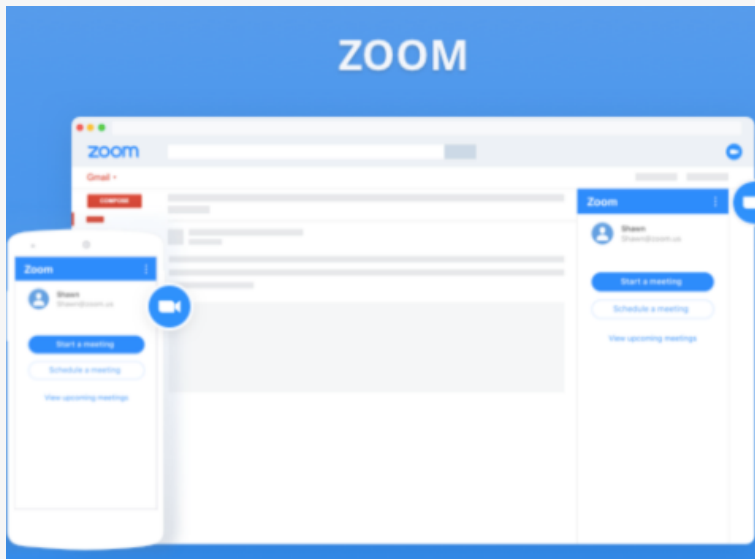
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# CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PHASE I ANNUAL MEETING

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The postponed annual meeting for the Phase I Homeowners Association will take place via Zoom on Monday, May 18 at 7 PM. The ballot/proxies were already received prior to the originally scheduled meeting for March. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting please send an email to [TheVillage@greenacre.com](mailto:TheVillage@greenacre.com).

Be sure to include your name and address. A link to the meeting will be sent to your email. If you would like to “speak” at the meeting include that request as well.



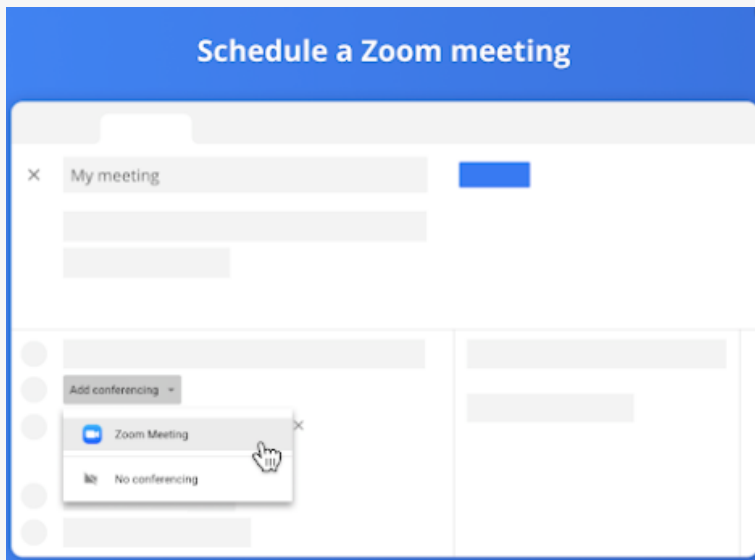
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# CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE PHASE III HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 TH AT 7PM VIA ZOOM

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The annual meeting for the Phase III Homeowners Association will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, May 20 at 7 PM. Voting is only by mail this year as unfortunately we cannot meet together. If you have not returned your ballot/proxy please email [TheVillage@greenacre.com](mailto:TheVillage@greenacre.com) so arrangements can be made to have your vote count! If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting please send an email to [TheVillage@greenacre.com](mailto:TheVillage@greenacre.com).

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# CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE COUNTRY CLUB

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To Our Carrollwood Village Neighbors:

I am writing to you to ask for your cooperation concerning the golf course here at Carrollwood Country Club. While we have always experienced some forms of trespassing in terms of people walking the cart paths, fishing the ponds, or utilizing private carts for purposes other than transport back and forth to the Clubhouse, this past eight months or so have seen ever increasing disregard for the golf course, the members and guests playing golf, and the people that work so hard to maintain the golf course.

Examples of this include, but are not limited to, destroying one of our irrigation pump's motors, playing soccer on Cypress #6 green, football on Pine #6 tee, in bunkers with sand buckets, and running into irrigation satellite boxes with private carts while joyriding at night just to name a few. These actions have cost the Club tens of thousands of dollars in damage and the required man hours to fix it.

Due to the lockdown enforced during the COVID-19 pandemic the trespassing and related damage to Club property have escalated and are now posing a significant safety factor for those that are trespassing, as well as for our employees, members, and invited guests.

I am asking each resident to respect and understand that the golf course at Carrollwood Country Club is private property for use by our golfing Members and their accompanied guests. It is not an extension of your back yard or an amenity for the community at large. Simply put, the golf course is here to be utilized as just that, a golf course. Its condition is vitally important to our business and is significantly important in maintaining property values for you as a resident.

I do not want to take the step of contacting the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, but if the trespassing continues, I will have no choice. Your anticipated cooperation is expected and appreciated.

If you see trespassers on the golf course please call the main number at the club, 813-961-1381 and speak with the person at the desk or leave a message if no one answers. You will be asked where on the golf course you see the people, time and date, and the names of the people if you know who they are or where they live.

Sincerely,  
Bob Foster, PGA  
General Manager  
Carrollwood Country Club



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# WE'LL LEAVE THE LIGHT ON FOR YOU!

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Most of us remember Tom Bodett from Motel 6, and his message, "We'll leave the light on for you." Over the past several weeks during the stay-at-home order, many Villagers have been out walking, running, and riding their bikes, me included. What I noticed on my walks and rides was that most homes in the Village do not turn the exterior lights on in the front of their homes at night. As I walked or rode past the hundreds of homes that were dark outside with the only illumination coming from the streetlights, it occurred to me that maybe we have forgotten Tom's message. Not only does turning the lights on look aesthetically pleasing, it provides needed light for navigating the sidewalks, as well as adds another level of security. It is a fact that criminals are deterred from well-lit areas.

With today's energy efficient light bulbs, the cost to keep a single light on all night is about .01 cent or .30 cents per month, making the cost no excuse for not leaving the lights on. Another great idea is to install low voltage landscape lighting. For a few hundred dollars and very little time, this DIY project can add so much to the look and safety of your home. These systems are available at any home improvement store and simply plug into a regular 110v outlet and the cost to keep them on all night is pennies per day.

The challenge to each of you is to turn on your outside lights and install some low voltage landscape lighting and then take a walk around the neighborhood to see the difference this makes. You can also let your Village neighbors know that "We'll leave the light on for you".



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# VISTA GARDENS OFFICIALLY NAMED A MONARCH WAY STATION

VISTA Gardens registered and is now certified as a Monarch Waystation. To achieve this, we increased our monarch (and pollinator) habitats throughout the gardens with many native Florida plantings.

Vicki and Ken Fuse have erected a sign at the site of our main butterfly garden and Shallyse Gastelum will soon begin photographing native plantings as they develop.

Enjoy our Monarch Waystation and encourage others to create their own at home! Take time to sit on one of the benches and observe Monarch, Swallowtail, Gulf Fritillary, Sulphur, and Long-tail Skipper butterflies, among others! They are particularly attracted to the red Tropical Sage blooms and fledgling Swamp Milkweed plants in the main butterfly garden.



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# FINGERS CROSSED FOR MAY 18 – PAUL BERG

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We keep hearing about how these are unprecedented times. Uncharted waters. Uncertain territory.

I'm just gonna say it. Things are flat-out bonkers.

Bonkers, but also very serious. We hope you and your family are safe, healthy and managing OK.

My family and I recently visited one of our volunteers for his 91st birthday -- at a safe distance, of course. He said, "You don't know how busy (the Center is) until you can't go there." That is so true.

As things continue to change, we learn to adapt and roll with the updates of the day. With that said, we have had to make some additional programming changes. You will find the most updated information on our website at [CarrollwoodCenter.org](http://CarrollwoodCenter.org).

As of now, I'm cautiously optimistic and very excited to announce that we will reopen the Center on Monday, May 18. The Center will continue to follow the recommendations of Hillsborough County. I anticipate a slow and steady climb to being fully operational as guidelines regarding social distancing and group gatherings are unveiled by our local officials. With that in mind, we will not restore our public programming and activities before June. Your patience and understanding is very appreciated.

This situation has affected everyone. Please be kind. Be patient. And be ready to have some fun at the Center.



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# UPDATE ON THE UNDERDRAINAGE AND ROAD WORK IN PHASE III

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The contractor has completed the majority of the work on Sussex Way. They have moved on to Chestersall Drive and will continue with the rest of the cul-de-sacs. The subbase is a lot harder to penetrate, which has slowed the work in progress. Wolcott will not begin until Phase around Sussex is completed, most likely in July or August. The staging area will remain between Chattam Ln. and Lanai Wy. for the duration of the project. Many Thanks to Scott Young on the corner of Chattam for enduring the noise, dust, piles of materials right behind his house! The rainy season will dictate the speed at which the contractor can make progress on the project. Van Chandler continues to stay on them about a safe and clean work site.



## CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE VOICE NEWSLETTER

# GOT BEES???

## DON'T KILL THEM, SAVE THEM!

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Recently my neighbor and I both had bee problems. But we solved them in two different ways. Whatever your choice, please try not to take the destructive route and kill them. In the past few years, many studies have found staggering drops in wild bee abundance. In the U.S., it has decreased 23 percent in just five years.

My neighbor (let's call him Joe) had a swarm of bees that were swarming under the eaves of his house. Joe called a local bee company to come and remove them. There are several companies that can do this for a fee. (FYI - A swarm is a conglomeration of bees who, when they land, all huddle around the queen to protect her. It will typically look like a football or pineapple. A swarm has no hive, honeycomb, or wax.) Turns out there were about 40,000 bees in this swarm. The local bee company came and took them to a new home. Joe was advised to "treat" the area with a different scent as bees are pretty good at coming back to previous locations by tracking the "smell".

I also had a swarm of bees in my backyard that had decided to make a home in the local cable box. I called a friend who lives in the Country Place neighborhood who raises bees in his backyard. He came over and gave me a quick education on bees. Because my bees were making honey - they were considered to be a hive and not a swarm. My friend, Rob, relocated the queen in my hive into another home and within a day all the worker bees had followed the queen.

He reports that she is happy and laying eggs in her new home. Because Rob is a local neighbor who loves bees, he has graciously offered to assist any other homeowners in Carrollwood Village ONLY to show them how to get started raising bees or to help in relocating your bees (if not complicated) at no charge. You can also buy honey from Rob. Rob can be reached at 954-663-4169. Thanks again Rob for saving the bees!

Some interesting bee facts:

- A productive queen can lay up to 2,500 eggs per day.
- There are three types of bees in every hive: a queen, worker bees, and drones.
- The females do all of the work in the hive. The drones' only job is to mate with a queen.
- A single hive can produce anywhere from 60 to 100 pounds of honey every year.
- For every pound of honey produced, a hive must collect 10 pounds of pollen.
- Honeybees have a sense of smell 50 times more powerful than a dog.
- Every bee colony has its own distinct scent so that members can identify each other.
- In 1984, honeybees on a space shuttle constructed a honeycomb in zero gravity.



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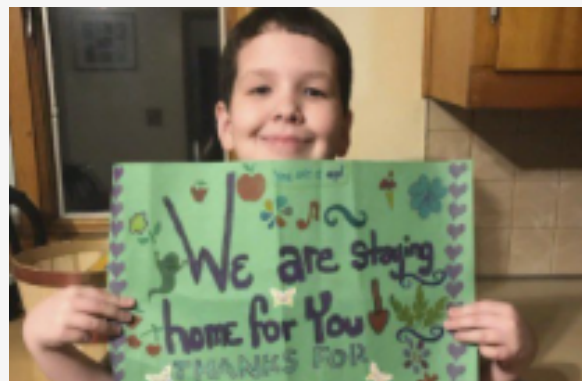
# COLONNADE NEIGHBORS NEED OUR CHEER!

Has this pandemic and subsequent quarantine made you stir crazy? Have you binged watched everything from Tiger King to every Disney movie ever made? Well maybe we can encourage some of the kids in our neighborhood to channel their inner artist. After speaking with Maribel Vasquez, the Executive Director of the Colonnade assisted living facility at Carrollwood in our neighborhood, we were pleased to find out that there were no cases of Covid-19 at this facility (as of 4/29). Let's hope this trend continues.

She did, however, say that all residents are confined to their rooms and this is having an emotional toll on many. She suggested we could make some cheerful signs or cards to cheer the residents up. She said they would also accept donations of puzzles, word search puzzles (even printed off internet) and books. If you are wanting to post some signs or deliver some cheerful cards, please reach out to them at 813-908-5300 to schedule a drop-off time.

Some other things to do while quarantining:

- Donate blood
- Call or check on a senior neighbor to see if they need food or help.
- Sew masks and donate to the local stores or firehouses.
- Make Thank You signs for the first responders like firemen and EMTs.
- Donate your time and/or money to a local food pantry.



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# SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES

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A reminder to our fellow Villagers that during this time of social isolation that many more people are using walking / biking etc. as a way to safely get some exercise and time out of the house. The reminder is that sidewalks are intended for foot traffic and that bike lanes exist on South Village drive specifically for the use of folks on bicycles. As a daily walker I find myself regularly being overtaken by bike riders or having to move out of their way to allow them to pass. Please make use of the bike lanes and when driving please be alert to bicycles in the bike lane and exercise caution when overtaking them.

**SAFETY TIPS FROM  
HILLSBOROUGHCOUNTY.ORG  
PEDESTRIANS ALWAYS:**

- Cross only in a crosswalk
- Look left, right, then left again and make eye contact with drivers before crossing
- Use pushbuttons for signals, where provided
- Walk defensively; you never know when a car will fail to stop at a crosswalk

**BICYCLISTS ALWAYS:**

- Obey all traffic signs, signals, and markings.
- Ride in the same direction of traffic on the street or in a bike lane
- Use lights at night

**DRIVERS ALWAYS:**

- Be alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks
- STOP if pedestrians are in the crosswalk or preparing to cross
- Wait until pedestrians safely exit the road at the median or curb before resuming travel

Please Note: With more pedestrians and bicyclists out, it is important for pedestrians to stay on the sidewalks and bicyclists to stay on the street or in a bike lane. If, for some reason, you are a bicyclist and you need to be on the sidewalk because the street or bike lane is blocked, please alert pedestrians before passing them - pedestrians on the sidewalk always have the right of way. Thank you! For more information about pedestrian and bike safety, visit [Bike/Walk Tampa Bay](http://Bike/Walk Tampa Bay) at [bikewalktampabay.org](http://bikewalktampabay.org) to view or request a safety presentation.



MAY 2020

# WHAT TO DO: VIRTUAL EVENTS

**Story time from Space** – actual astronauts read space themed stories to children from space and discuss what it is like to be in space. Go to [storytimefromspace.com](http://storytimefromspace.com) FREE

**Tell Me a Story** – The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex presents a series of true stories told by real astronauts. Find it on the ExploreSpaceKSC You Tube Channel. FREE

**Imagine Our Florida's Virtual 5K** – Run or walk at your pace and on your own time. Sign up at [imagineourflorida.org](http://imagineourflorida.org) for the link to self-report your time. You can run on a treadmill, around the block or out in nature. You have until Dec. 31 to complete your run. \$25.00

**Keeping Busy with the Bug** – The Tampa Bay Lightning's season may be dark, but they have lots to offer. Each day, team mascot Thunderbug shares new things to learn, exercise ideas and ways to get creative. Thunderbug invites families to share photos of their daily work using the hashtag #KeepingBusyWithBug on Twitter at @ThunderBugTBL or check the team's website [nhl.com/lighting](http://nhl.com/lighting). FREE

**Take Back My Kids** – Desperate times call for desperate measures. Stageworks Theatre expresses feelings on homeschooling and social distancing. Catch the funny video on YouTube.com – search for Stageworks.

**Living Art Project** - Cirque du Soleil has tips for homeschooling parents to turn their children into living artwork. Follow step-by-step video instruction to use face paint and turn your child into a character. Look for Cirque Connect online at [cirquedusoleil.com](http://cirquedusoleil.com). FREE

**Disney Imagineering Tour** – Get a look at the miniature clay sculptures behind the real Disney statues in theme parks and outside Disney resorts as Disney Imagineering takes you on a virtual tour of the Blaine Gibson Sculpting Studio. See it and other backstage tours on the Disney Parks Blog Facebook page. FREE

**Virtual Wine and Spirits Tasting** – ABC Fine Wines and Spirits offers virtual wine and liquor tasting series. Sign up for tastings at [abcfws.com](http://abcfws.com). Then, purchase the featured tasting item curbside and join the discussion. Registration is required. FREE

**DTSP Live** – Concerts at downtown St. Petersburg venues may be cancelled but the performers keep cranking out music for us. Catch a performance on the DTSP Saved by Streaming Facebook page. FREE

# WHAT TO PLANT

IN MAY



Salvia



Torenia



Clivia Lilly



Aztec Lilly

## WHAT TO PLANT AND WHAT TO DO

**Annuals:** Plants that can take summer heat include salvia, torenia, wax begonia, coleus, and ornamental pepper.

**Bulbs:** Some lilies do better when their roots are crowded. Try planting Amazon, Aztec, and Clivia lilies in containers to increase blooming.

**Herbs:** Plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.

**Vegetables:** Southern favorites to plant now are okra, southern peas, and sweet potato.



**Pests:** Watch for thrips, scale, and mites on ornamental plants because they become more active in warm weather.

**Gardenias:** Distinguish between the normal yellowing of older leaves and the yellowing of new growth, which usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency. **Oleanders:** Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work.

**Lawns:** Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustine grass. May is usually a dry month; do not mistake irrigation problems with a pest infestation.

**Tomatoes:** Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants.

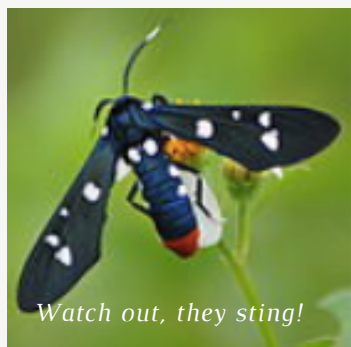
**Trees:** Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist.

See International Society of Arboriculture: <http://isa-arbor.com/> and Pruning Landscape

Trees and Shrubs: [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_tree\\_pruning](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_tree_pruning)



Oleander Caterpillar



Watch out, they sting!

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