



# Carrollton Lakes

October 2024

## Time to plant bulbs and shrubs

For extra color around your door and yard next spring, remember that September and October are the perfect months to plant bulbs. Crocuses, tulips, and daffodils will grow in almost any well-draining soil.

Bulbs should be placed in the ground according to their shape. Teardrop-shaped bulbs are planted with the pointed end up and the heavy end facing down. If you are ever in doubt about a bulb, plant it sideways.

Those that are planted upside down will spend all their energy trying to reach the surface and may not bloom. Once you have them planted, give them bulb food.

Did some daffodils you planted in previous years fail to bloom this year? It's discouraging to see their fine greenery but a lack of blossoms. If you can remember where they are, dig them up, separate them, and replant. They were probably too crowded and won't bloom again until they are separated.

September and October are great times to think about planting new shrubs. Just be sure they have at least six weeks to become established before the first frost.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MARTIN FAMILY!**

Your yard was voted the most beautiful in Carrollton Lakes for the month of September 2024!

## **A FEW NOTES... to keep you updated:**

### **1. CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Please note that the Board has changed property management companies effective 10/1/24. The new company is Ocean Blue Property Management located in Tampa, FL.

### **2. ASSESSMENT EXPLANATION & COLLECTION**

As you know we have not had an increase in our HOA fees for many many years. However, we have made numerous improvements to our community. When we complete our audit, we will document these in a following notice to explain why we needed an assessment.

### **3. RESEARCH AND ACTION ON THE LAKE**

The Board is researching the issues with the lake and exploring options and costs to clean it.



## **One Big Rock!**

Massive diamonds are hard to find. The last enormous diamond was unearthed more than a century ago.

But in August, miners in Botswana finally hit pay dirt. Miners for Lucara Diamond Corp uncovered a one-pound, 2,492-carat diamond from a mine, located about 300 miles north of the Botswana capital of Gaborone.

The find is second only to the 3,106-carat Cullinan diamond, found in South Africa in 1905. Another diamond from the same mine, the 813-carat Constellation diamond, sold for \$63 million in 2016.

**HURRICANE HELENE:** Time to clean up and get rid of all the debris. We are so sorry to hear of those who have lost so much during this trying time.

**HURRICANE MILTON:** This is the most powerful and extensive storm to hit Florida in 100 years. Please listen to evacuation orders. Please stay safe. Stay with a friend or family member or go to a shelter (with your animals too). Prayers for everyone impacted by this monster storm.

## **Sheriff's Office:**

Emergencies: **911**

Non-emergencies:

**813-247-8200**

**Shelters:** Steinbrenner HS  
5575 W. Lutz Lake Fern Rd  
Sickles HS, 7950 Gunn Hwy