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## What Does the Fourth of July Mean to Carrollwood Residents?

Business and residents respond to what the day means to them

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The Fourth of July means different things to different people.

It's a time for BBQs, family gatherings and fireworks. But more than that, it's an opportunity to appreciate those who sacrifice their freedom on foreign soil so we can continue to enjoy our lives back home.

A poll of local Carrollwood residents and business in this community of 35,000 people revealed the following responses to the question:

### “What does the Fourth of July mean to you?”

- “A time of gathering, a celebration for this wonderful country, having a good time with good friends, barbecuing and setting off some fireworks.” - *George Panagiotopoulos, General Manager of Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza*
- “Fireworks and spending time with my family.” - *Carrollwood resident Destiny Newsome, an eighth grader at Walker Middle School*
- “A day off.” - *Franni Scaglione, manager of McNatt's Cleaners*
- “The Fourth of July is a time of celebration, recognizing the men and women who are fighting for our freedom, so that we may keep living this lifestyle.” - *Paula Jager, owner of CrossFit Jaguar, 11730 N. Dale Mabry Highway, who took a moment from fitness training to respond*
- “Celebrating what our soldiers do for us every day, and most importantly, spending quality time with friends and family.” - *Michelle MacKinnon, a CrossFit Jaguar member*
- “Fun, family and fireworks!” - *Sharon Leigh, owner of Cookies by Design*

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