

# hello OCTOBER 2024



**River Vista RV**  
A COVE RIVERFRONT PARK

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River Vista RV.

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@covecommunities  
@rivervistarv



HELLO FALL!



# From the Manager's Desk - Karen Walker

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Office Telephone (813)  
645-6037

After Hours Telephone  
(813)-613-6296

Hillsborough County  
Sheriff Office (813) 247-  
0455

Hillsborough Non-  
Emergency (813)-247-  
8200

## OFFICE HOURS -

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM  
to 3:30 PM

Saturday- Closed

Sunday- Closed

## OUR CORE VALUES

HOSPITALITY – We love  
what we do, and it  
shows

EXCELLENCE – We  
raise the bar

PASSION – We make  
every moment count

TRUSTWORTHY - We  
consistently do the right  
thing

STEWARDSHIP– We  
value the world and care  
for it

KINDNESS – We follow  
the golden rule

Happy Fall. I am sure it is starting to cool down where you are, but it is still summer here in Florida.

September and October is the prime time for a Hurricane. Please always be prepared. Follow the local weather alerts and/or NOAA warnings and review the suggestions we put in the newsletter to ensure you have a plan. If you need to evacuate. Please do so. We do not have a designated hurricane safe shelter on property. If you decide to stay, make sure you have plenty of water and food for everyone in your unit including your pet. When a storm approaches, if you need assistance, be sure to connect with a neighbor or call the office. We can help direct you the best way we can by giving you the phone number and address of a local shelter. Shelters are not known until a storm is announced and evacuations are in place. Normally it is a nearby school.

The last storm Helene devastated Florida and States above us. We were very lucky here at River Vista with a few large branches down in the roads and on a few RV sites. We did not receive the home flooding like the rest of the west coast. Our docks and boat slips with the brutal high water and current were again damaged. We have scheduled a professional dock contractor to review the docks to make sure they are rentable for this season.

The clubhouse is open along with the fitness center. We do have one machine out of order that should be fixed before the snowbirds return.

We started the installation of the new freshwater tank. This project will take a while to complete so I do not have a completion date.

Sales – we currently have 4 units for sale. If you are interested in viewing the units, please give the office a call and we can get you in contact with a sales representative.

Have a great rest of your summer and we will see you soon!

# A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

## Speed Limit

The speed limit within the park is 5MPH along the water and 10MPH throughout the park. All vehicles and operators must be properly licensed and insured. All golf cart operators must possess a valid drivers license. Children 16 years or younger on golf cart must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

## Parking

Two vehicles per site. No overnight parking in the sports court or clubhouse parking lots. Do not park on other resident/guest lots without written permission from the office. Do not park on unoccupied lots. If you need to park your vehicle or boat for longer than 12 hours in an unauthorized spot, please let the office know so we do not bother you to move it or call a towing service. Please contact the office if you need additional parking. Parking on the street is not allowed per 911.

Quiet Time is between 10PM and 7:30AM.

Discharge of firearms or fireworks is prohibited. Disorderly conduct, intoxication, profanity or excessive noise will not be tolerated. Any person causing a disturbance will be required to vacate.

River Vista assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items or for damages due to routine maintenance, or acts of God. River Vista assumes no responsibility for swimmers, skiers, boaters, kayakers or other water related activities.

Garbage & Dumping: Garbage compactor is located in front of the maintenance yard. Only place household garbage in compactor. Dumping of construction materials, paint, electronics, furniture, mattresses, grills, or appliances is a violation and subject to a fine.

Boat Ramp and Fishing Docks: Please be respectful and clean up after use. Turn off water and place trash in cans provided. No parking on the picnic/firepit side of the boat ramp.

Fitness Center: You must be 18 years and over to use the fitness equipment. No exceptions.

Firepits: Small firepits located in boat ramp area are for personal use weather permitting. Use caution when lighting and be sure the fire is completely out prior to leaving the area. No firepits or open fires allowed on sites.

Guests: Any daytime or overnight guests are required to be registered to the main office. Homeowner/Tenant must accompany guests when using building facilities, including gym, pool, sports courts etc.

Pool: Pool hours are 8am- dusk. No Lifeguard, Swim at your own risk. Children 16 years or younger must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult to amenities and all recreational areas. Please be sure to RINSE before entering pool and spa. For safety, Pool will be closed during severe weather conditions, including heavy rainfall, strong wind gusts and lightning.

Pets: Maximum of 2 registered pets per site. All pet must be walked on a leash. Be respectful, do not walk your pet on others sites. You must clean up after your pet, and dispose of waste properly. Poop stations are located in several areas of the park. No tying or chaining or unattended pets outside. No pets are allowed in amenity areas including sports courts, clubhouse, welcome center, mail center, laundry and bathhouse.



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Office.....813-645-6037  
Ruskin Fire & Police Emergency.....911  
After hours emergency - 813-613-6296

## HOURS OF OPERATION

OFFICE: Monday - Friday 9AM - 3:30 PM  
Closed Saturday and Sunday  
POOL: Monday-Sunday 8AM-to dusk  
CLUBHOUSE: Monday-Sunday 7:30AM- 9:00PM  
FITNESS CENTER: Monday-Sunday 7:30AM- 9:00PM  
LAUNDRY: Monday-Sunday 7:00AM- 9:00PM  
BATH HOUSES: Monday-Sunday 7:00AM- 9:00PM  
MAIL ROOM: Monday- Sunday 7:00AM- 9:00PM



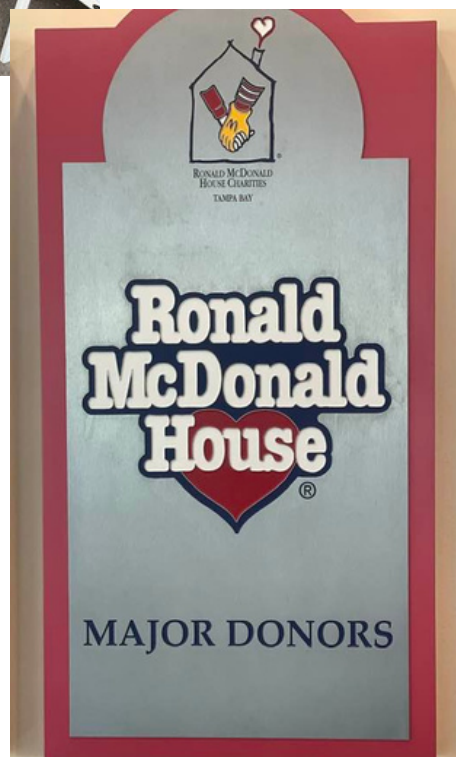
# From your Lifestyle Coordinator

Hello Fall Ya'll. Coming from the south Fall is my favorite time of the year. What's not to love about beautiful colors of nature, pumpkin everything, smells of comfort foods and fall holidays, Octoberfest, Halloween, and Thanksgiving

I love Pumpkin everything so let me enjoy this short time before Christmas arrives. September brought many activities and an event. With the close of our clubhouse to to construction, most were outside. One highlight of September was going tot he Ronald McDonald House in St. Pete and donating all the tabs that were collected by the residents. It was very heartwarming and emotional to actually see a place that does so much for the local community. We are planning to cook a meal for them soon, stay tuned for the announcement.

At River Vista 4th quarter is filled a variety of activities and events to keep everyone busy and having fun. Look for the flyers and Save the Date pages below

Delilah







## **RESIDENT HURRICANE READINESS GUIDE**

Living in a recreational vehicle, park model or manufactured home is a great lifestyle, but when storms head our way, RV's, 5th wheels, travel trailers, park models and manufactured homes should not be considered a place of shelter. Our clubhouse is not rated as a shelter either – so in these few pages we will try and provide some information for you regarding how to get ready for stormy weather when an evacuation is ordered. We are fortunate to live in a county where there is plenty of helpful information and lots of shelters including pet friendly ones. We hope we don't have to "buckle up for a bumpy ride" this year, but it certainly never hurts to be prepared.

Remember, you can always evacuate before an evacuation order is given. Doing so will help ensure you arrive at your storm-safe location without delay. Make sure your Community Manager has your current email and phone information so they can provide community updates.

### **DURING THE HURRICANE WATCH**

1. Plug-in/charge all battery-operated devices.
2. Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when necessary.
3. Withdraw cash for one week of expenses.
4. Place valuables in a safety deposit box.
5. Restock emergency kit with flashlight, batteries, cash and first aid supplies.
6. Fill your car's gas tank and refill propane tanks.
7. Stock up on drinking water.
8. Refill prescription drugs and obtain special medications.
9. Outline emergency plans with your family.
10. Arrange for the safety of your pets. Ensure your pets have current vaccinations and you have their paperwork.
11. Gather things you will need if you go to a shelter. Ensure your hurricane survival kit is packed and ready to go at a moment's notice.
12. Stay tuned to radio and TV stations for weather reports.

## **DURING THE HURRICANE WARNING**

- 1 Protect windows by lowering awnings or installing window protection.
- 2 Bring in outdoor furniture and clear yard of loose objects.
- 3 Lower your television antenna, be careful not to touch power lines.
- 4 Plan to evacuate, if ordered.

## **EVACUATION**

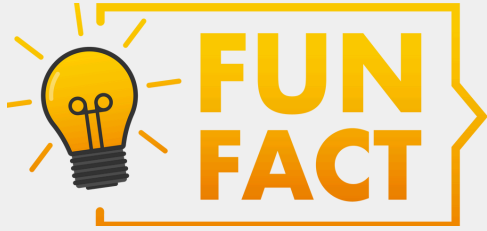
If an evacuation order is issued for our area, make sure your home is secure and then leave immediately. All residents of Manufactured Home and RV Communities are required by law to leave if an evacuation order has been given for the area.

1. Turn off water, gas, and electricity.
2. Unplug and secure high-value electronics equipment.
3. Take important papers with you, including insurance papers and identification with your local address.
4. Store water in bathtubs, barrels, jugs, and other containers. Use this water for bathing and sanitary purpose. (Not suitable for drinking).
5. Let relatives and the community office know where you are going.
6. Evacuate to a designated shelter!

## **RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR A HURRICANE KIT FOR A SHELTER**

1. Medication for 30 days / personal first aid kit
2. Bedding material (sleeping bag) and pillow / lounge chair / extra clothes
3. Personal hygiene items / eye mask for sleeping / towel & wash cloth
4. Personal phone book (email addresses)
5. Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day)
6. Non-perishable food and snacks for 1 week
7. Manual can opener / utility knife / plastic eating utensils
8. Battery operated radio with headset (extra batteries)
9. Flashlights (1 per person) / butane lighter
10. Playing cards / magazines & books / puzzles
11. Copies of important documents (deeds, titles, wills, insurance policies, medical records, passport, birth certificate, billing statements for credits cards and loans)





## GET CONNECTED

Campers App: Are you missing out on events & Activities? It is the best way to follow everything going on at River Vista RV. It will also send you a phone notification as a reminder so you will not miss out on the fun.

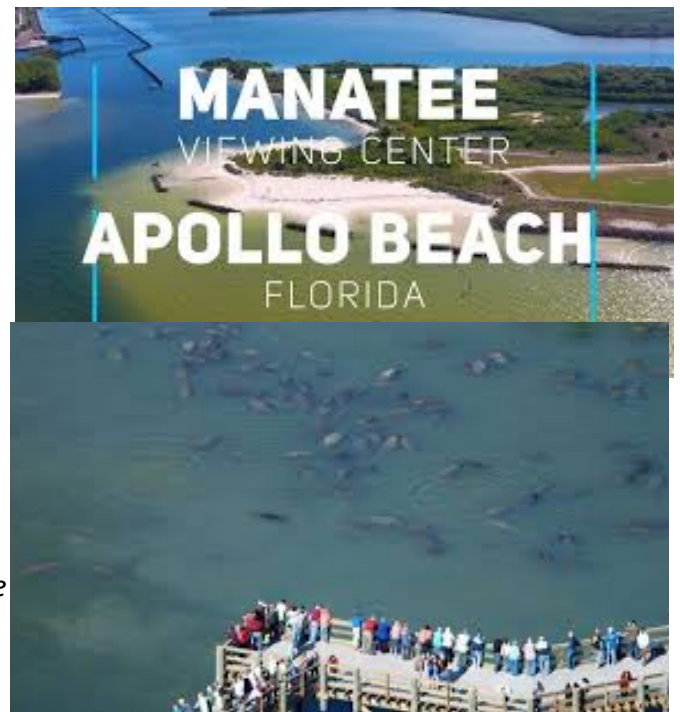
Stop by the Lifestyle Office for assistance with setting you up.



# Get Out and Explore

## Manatee Viewing Center

*Location: 6990 Dickman Rd., Apollo Beach, FL 33572*  
*Hours: Open daily from November 1 - April 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trails close at 4 p.m. We are closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and Easter. Closed Christmas Eve at 3 p.m. Have questions? Call us at 813-228-4289. .Free parking and admission to all who visit! NO PETS allowed, service animals are welcome*



## Ruskin Drive-In Theatre

*What could be better than a classic drive-in movie theatre if you're after a simple but fun activity to fill your evening? Ruskin's Family Drive-In will let you enjoy movies from the comfort of your own car, and often shows all the latest Hollywood blockbusters. For the traditional experience, you can pick up hotdogs, burgers and drinks from their on-site snack bar before the film starts rolling. The best part is it's only \$6 per ticket, which is valid for two movies, and the drive-in is open year-round, come rain or shine. Ruskin Drive-In Theatre is at 5011 US-41, Ruskin, FL 33572.*

## The Ringling Museum

*Each member of your family or group is likely to find something amazing in this experience. As you visit, the life history of an amazing business entrepreneur unfolds as you witness: beautiful expanses of gardens, a 30,000 sq. ft. mansion on Sarasota Bay, a museum with astounding artworks from around the world, a circus museum with incredible stories and memorable circus artifacts, an amazing room sized miniature replication of the traveling Ringling circus. See The Ringling Museum a summer family get away adventure near Fisherman's Cove Waterfront R*  
*Location: 5401 Bay Shore Road Sarasota, FL 34243*  
*Phone: 941-359-5700 website: www.Ringling.org*





# RIVER VISTA RV

## LIFESTYLE CALENDAR 2024

Delilah Lofton, Lifestyle Coordinator  
Karen Walker, Community Manager

### DAILY/WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Daily: Ladies Water Aerobics, Coffee & Conversation, Pickleball

Weekly: Step Aerobics, Chair Yoga, Bunco, Dulcimers, Last Man Standing Pool. Line Dancing, Euchre, Card Games, Domino's, Texas Hold Em Poker, BINGO, Mixed Cornhole, Kayaking, Trivia, Bridge, Quilting, Hot Shot, Karaoke, Shuffleboard, Music BINGO, Bowling, Tripoly Cards, 5 Crowns Card Game

Monthly: Guy's Gathering, Ladies That Lunch Outing, Manager Q&A,

## October



- 10/2 Game Night
- 10/4 Summer Karaoke
- 10/4 Root Beer Float Day
- 10/5 All U Can Eat Pancake Breakfast
- 10/6 Tripoly & 5 Crowns Game
- 10/7 Line Dancing
- 10/8 Love & Marriage Game
- 10/9 Ambassador Meeting
- 10/9 Game Night
- 10/10 Kayak Outing
- 10/10 Ladies Lunch - Tiki Docks
- 10/12 Pumpkin Patch Photo Scavenger Hun
- 10/12 The Great Pumpkin Carving/Painting
- 10/13 Tripoly & 5 Crowns Game
- 10/15 S&S Spuds and Salad
- 10/15 Line Dancing
- 10/16 Game Night
- 10/17 BINGO
- 10/18 Summer Karaoke
- 10/19 Jamaica Me Happy Party
- 10/20 Tripoly & 5 Crowns Game
- 10/21 National Apple Day
- 10/21 Game Night
- 10/23 Line Dancing
- 10/23 Game Night
- 10/24 Kayak Outing
- 10/24 BINGO
- 10/26 All Hallows Eve Halloween Party- Prom
- 10/27 Tripoly ~ 5 Crowns Game
- 10/30 Game Night
- 10/30 Line Dancing
- 10/31 Kayak Outing

## November



- 11/1 Karaoke
- 11/2 Family Feud Game
- 11/3 Tripoly- 5 Crowns Cards
- 11/4 Line Dancing
- 11/4 Game Night
- 11/5 Men's Lunch - Stromboli
- 11/6 Ambassador Meeting
- 11/6 Cards- Golf
- 11/7 Kayak Outing
- 11/7 BINGO
- 11/8 Music Bingo
- 11/9 Welcome Back Fall Fest
- 11/10 Tripoly- 5 Crowns Cards
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Celebration
- 11/12 Paint & Sip with Shelly
- 11/13 Cards- Golf
- 11/14 Ladies That Lunch- Farm to Table
- 11/14 Kayak Outing
- 11/14 BINGO
- 11/15 Karaoke
- 11/16 34th Annual Ruskin Seafood & Arts Festival
- 11/16 Soulful Soup Kitchen
- 11/17 Tripoly- 5 Crowns Cards
- 11/18 Line Dancing
- 11/18 Game Night
- 11/20 Bracelet Making Class with Debbie
- 11/20 Cards- Golf
- 11/21 Kayak Outing
- 11/21 BINGO
- 11/22 Music Bingo
- 11/24 Tripoly- 5 Crowns Cards
- 11/25 Line Dancing
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Dinner Prep
- 11/27 Cards- Golf
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day Dinner**
- 11/29 Karaoke
- 11/30 Football Tailgate- Michigan vs Ohio State

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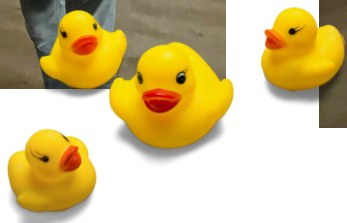
- 12/1 Poppy The Elf Arrives
- 12/2 Line Dancing
- 12/2 Game Night
- 12/3 Bracelet Making with Debbie
- 12/4 Cards- Golf
- 12/5 Kayak Trip
- 12/5 BINGO
- 12/6 Music Bingo
- 12/7 Holiday Craft Fair
- 12/8 Tripoly-5 Crowns Cards
- 12/9 Line Dancing
- 12/9 Paint & Sip with Shelly
- 12/11 Cards - Golf
- 12/12 Kayak Trip
- 12/12 Jammers
- 12/12 BINGO
- 12/13 Karoke
- 12/14 Mixed Cornhole Tournament
- 12/14 Hamburger Day - DAV
- 12/15 Tripoly- 5 Crowns Cards
- 12/16 Line Dancing
- 12/17 White Elephant Christmas Party
- 12/18 Annual Cookie Exchange
- 12/18 Annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade
- 12/18 Cookies & Hot Chocolate
- 12/18 Cards- Golf
- 12/19 Kayak Trip
- 12/19 BINGO
- 12/20 Christmas Dinner Prep
- 12/20 Music Bingo
- 12/21 Christmas Day Dinner
- 12/21 Christmas Music & Sing-A-Long
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Adult Cocktail Party
- 12/25 Christmas Day**
- 12/26 Kayak Trip
- 12/26 Jammers
- 12/26 BINGO
- 12/27 Music Bingo
- 12/30 NYE Decoration
- 12/31 NYE 2025 Party- Footloose





# September Highlights

SO MUCH FUN



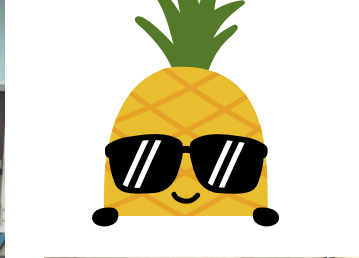
Our River Vista Lucky Ducks have been on the move. I received amazing pictures of Ducks in 16 states, Costa Rica and Victoria, BC. Our Ducks Will Travel winner for September Rozanne Howland, she has local pictures every where she goes.

Congratulations Roxanne! Keep posting we love all the pictures. I have a map posted in the clubhouse with pins of all the travels. To Date a total of 66,000+ miles, unbelievable.

I introduced the Ducks Will Travel at our 100 Days of Summer Rubber Ducky weekend. We want to see how far RV Lucky Duck can travel. When you travel, take a picture with you and your Duck so the River Vista logo is shown, post on River Vista RV or Activities at River Vista RV page to be entered in a monthly drawing for a gift card. There are opportunities to win a Duck by attending an activity or event. You can also purchase a Duck for \$2, limit 1 per lot please. The ducks are a limited edition so get one before they sell out, So get your Duck going!!!



# September Highlights







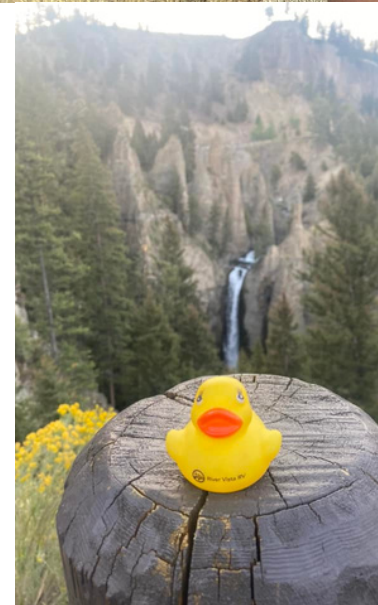
# Ford's Garage & Friends

## Ladies That Lunch Sakura Japanese





# HAVE DUCKS WILL TRAVEL





Life is good

# HALLOWEEN CALENDAR

**OCT. 12** PUMPKIN PATCH PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT 10AM

**OCT. 12** PUMPKIN CARVING/ PAINTING CONTEST 10AM

**OCT. 26** HALLOWEEN ZOMBIE PROM 7 PM - 10PM

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## All U Can Eat PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage Patties, OJ & Coffee

**\$6.00** Saturday, 10/5 ~ 9:00am  
Sign up in Clubhouse

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## Ladie's Lunch

October 10th ~ Tiki Dock's - Riverview

OCTOBER MONTHLY LADIES LUNCH OUTING

THE DAY OF, MEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE 11:30 AM TO CARPOOL TO THE RESTAURANT. SIGN UP IS REQUIRED TO MAKE THE RESERVATION. EACH PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN LUNCH. A GAME WILL BE PLAYED IF ALLOWED BY THE RESTAURANT.

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## ZOMBIE PROM

26 OCT 2024

DYING TO PARTY?

COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST ZOMBIE PROM OUTFIT OR COSTUME OF YOUR CHOICE AND PARTY WITH THE BEST WALKING DEAD.

DANCE TILL YOU DECAY TO MUSIC BY DJ BEANER. CROWNING OF THE PROM KING & QUEEN AT 9:30PM.

BASKET RAFFLE & 50/50 DRAWING. \$10.00 PER PERSON. ADVANCE PREPAY REQUIRED FOR WRISTBAND. SIGN UP IN THE CLUBHOUSE LIMITED SEATING.

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# Save The Date

## Farm to Table

### Ladies Lunch



FRESH LOCAL MEAT

OFF THE FARM SEASONAL PRODUCE

FRESH BAKED BREAD

A family style lunch featuring a menu of fresh locally sourced foods. Local meats, seasonal vegetables and salad served family style. \$10.00 per person sign up and advance ticket required.

12 PM | 13 NOVEMBER | CLUBHOUSE

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## Welcome Back

# FALL FEST

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**  
4:00 pm - 7:00 PM

Welcome back old friends returning and meet new friends here for the first time.

BAKE SALE | CAKE WALK | CHILI COOKOFF  
| DELICIOUS CHILI \$3 BOWL | BASKET  
RAFFLE | 50/50

Free admission  
Sign up and Advance ticket required.

**River Vista RV Village**  
A COVE RESORT

## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

- HANDCRAFTERS
- WOOD CRAFTERS
- JEWELRY
- BAKED GOODS
- CHOCOLATE
- POTTERY
- HANDMADE CUPS
- HANDBAGS
- PLANTS, HANGING BASKETS

OPEN TO PUBLIC

**DECEMBER**  
**7th**  
**10:00AM - 1:00 PM**  
**CLUBHOUSE**

2206 CHANEY DRIVE  
RUSKIN, FL 33570  
CONTACT DEBBIE BERNADINE  
LOT 579

# GET READY