# February 2025



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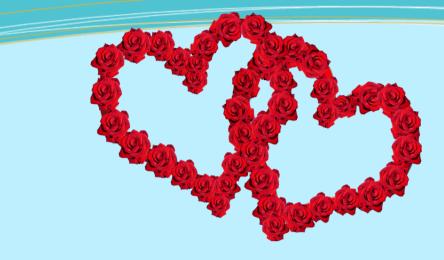
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## facebook

Facebook pages: Activities At River Vista RV Village

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## instagram

@covecommunities @rivervistarv



### 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 9AM- 1PM

#### **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

#### Baby it's cold outside!

Starting in February the office will be performing a quarterly 360 inspection of the sites and your units. This is the time to make sure your site and unit is looking its best. Some of the items of the 360 inspections will be-

Unit needing power washed

Do you have weeds growing around your unit?

Skirting - is the skirting missing, broken, or needs updating?

A full list of what will be inspected will be mailed out before inspections start. We understand some are cleaning up from the Hurricanes, and this will be taken into consideration. Some will have longer to correct the violation than others. Just let us know so we can mark your file with a completion date.

The 2025 park directory will be available for purchase in February, keep an eye on Facebook as to when they will be available. When they are available, you can purchase them in the Welcome Center/Office.

To our annual guests, new reservations for the upcoming year May 1, 2025- April 31, 2026 will be printed and placed in your mailbox by the end of February. PLEASE sign and return to the office on or before May 1, 2025. If we do not receive your signed registration card, we will assume that you will be removing your unit and leaving the park.

Office hours are M-F 9am-3:30pm. Saturday hours, 9am -1pm. Emergency after hour phone number is 813-613-6296 Facebook – River Vista RV Village and Activities at River Vista Email - rivervista@covecommunities.com

#### Sales-

If you have family or friends that would like to purchase one and live in our beautiful community, you and the buyer will receive an extra \$1,000. In your pocket. We currently have 1 unit for sale. One bedroom/one bath.

If you are planning to sell your unit, you must let the office know before putting a sign in your window.

The boat ramp and firepits are open. Please remember to clean up after each use which includes putting out the campfire and cleaning up the ring. Please only use natural wood in the firepits. No treated wood or pallets. Please if you are using the fishing pier down at the boat launch, do not leave your vehicle or golf cart parked on the concrete. Use the grass on the east side of the boat launch.

For those of you who have a concrete driveway or carport, please use that for parking and do not park on the grass.

BIG REMINDER – PLEASE do not put anything down your toilet other than toilet paper. Our sewer system cannot handle wipes, flushable or not.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET! THERE ARE PLENTY OF DOGGIE DEPOT AREAS AROUND THE PARK. This is not only a park rule it is also a Hillsborough county rule! All pets MUST be on a leash, no longer than 6ft, when outside your home or RV. No unattended tying/caging and NO electric fences.

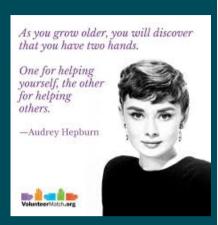
Speed limit inside the community is 10mph.

Quite time is between 10pm and 7:30 am – this includes sports court Pool – swim at your own risk (NO LIFEGUARD), pool closed at dusk, NO night swimming and NO glass, No food and No Pets in the pool area, amenities/sports courts. No smoking or the use of electronic cigarettes in the Clubhouse or in any other amenity buildings.

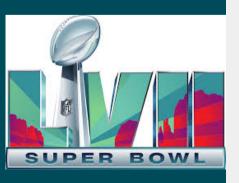
Please while traveling the streets at night, wear a flashlight while walking or biking and all golf carts MUST keep their lights on.

If you hear rumors – come to the office and ask. Do not assume you are receiving the correct information.

# From your Lifestyle Coordinator







## February...

It's already the 2nd month of the year, January was a month of Pirates with our annual Gasparilla Dance Party, Golf Cart Parade, Pickleball Tournament, Cornhole Tournament, Crafting with Debbie, Jamaica Me Happy Hour, BIG 10 Breakfast, Jammers, Shuffleboard and 1st Shuffleboard tournament, BINGO, Music Bingo, Pool Tournament, Bunco, Poker, Trivia, HOT SHOT, D.A.V. fundraising, Dessert Auction, Cheeseburger Day, and much more.

Although February is the shortest month of the year we are full steam ahead. This month in addition to our weekly scheduled activities there is a Cornhole Tournament, Community Yard Sale, Valentines Day Dinner & A Show, Ladies Lunch Chinatown, Guy's Gathering BBQ, John Russell Magic Show, Classic Rock Dance Party, Annual Poker Run, Beading with Debbie Suncatchers, various D.A.V. fundraisers, and much much more.

Our community Disabled Veterans of America fundraising is ongoing. Very happy to announce through your generosity \$2144.00 is raised to date. More fundraising activities is scheduled with the Silent Auction scheduled March 1st. DAV fund raising events will include the annual raffle of a <a href="YETI Package">YETI Package</a> which includes a 24 can cooler, cooler net, 2 Yeti 35oz. Rambler cups and a \$50 ABC Fine Spirits gift card, a \$425 value. Perfect for camping, boating, the beach, pool, picnics and fishing. Tickets are \$5 each and on sale now see Rose Williams, Linda Snyder or Barb Lavier.

We need your support, donations, get creative, nothing is too small. Let's raise the bar this year and exceed last's year donation I will be recruiting as much help as possible for the silent auction. See me in the clubhouse to become a part of the leadership committee. Remember monies raised are donated in the name of Residents of River Vista.

Excited to see so many residents and guests coming out and enjoying themselves. Pickleball, Cornhole and Shuffleboard courts are all super busy and looking forward to more outdoor fun.

March the beat goes on with more exciting events and activities including Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Party

March 4th.

Look for the flyers and Save the Date pages below for upcoming activities and events.

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# Valentines Day

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine is celebrated every year on the 14th of February.

Valentine's Day originates from the Western Christian feast day honouring Saints named Valentinus. There are numerous stories, with various Valentines, linked to February 14th, but perhaps the one commonly known is of Saint Valentine himself.

The Roman priest was imprisoned and sentenced to death for performing weddings for soldiers who weren't allowed to get married. Emperor Claudius II believed single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families and forbid them to marry. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the order, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. Other stories suggest that Saint Valentine was imprisoned for helping Christians escape the Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured.

Whilst in prison, Saint Valentine fell in love with his guard's blind daughter, who often visited him during his confinement. Valentine wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution. The term which is still commonly used now.

It's said that Valentine celebrations come from Lupercalia, a Romanpagan holiday for fertility. However, there is no evidence that's actually true.

Valentine's Day first became associated with romantic love in the 14th century, but it wasn't until the 18th-century England that it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, chocolates, and sending greeting cards.

# February Monthly Awareness

#### **Black History Month**

Black History Month honors the achievements and struggles of the Black community. This month hopes to educate the world about many of their overlooked contributions and the social injustices that still exist in society.

#### **American Heart Month**

The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement works to help women beat heart disease, the number one killer of women in America. First celebrated in 1964, it is essential as it is a leading cause of death for both men and women globally.



Americans celebrate Valentine's Day each year on February 14th by sending cards or letters, giving gifts such as chocolate or flowers, and having meals in restaurants.

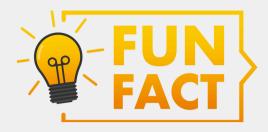


Super Bowl Sunday: February 9th 6pm with the Philadelphia Eagles vs. Kansas City Chiefs.





## Get Connected to What's Happening

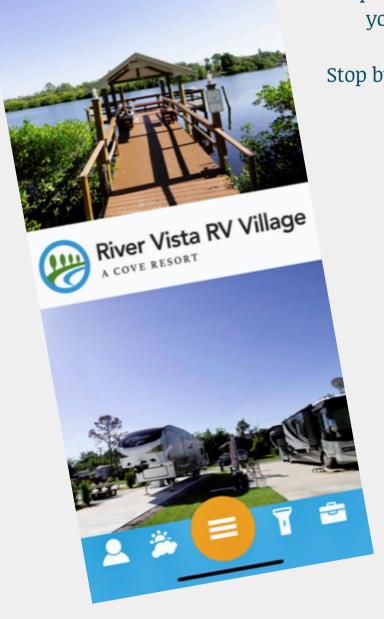


# GET CONNECTED

Campers App: Are you missing out on events & Activities? It is the best way to follow everything going on at River Vista RV Resort. 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.





## **JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS**

# BIG 10 HUNTERS BREAKFAST









# **Guys Gathering**













# FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS







EVENT INCLUDES DINNER OF ROASTED PORK LOIN, MARRY ME CHICKEN,PARSLEY POTATOES, ASPARAGUS, TOSSED GREEN SALAD, PARKER HOUSE ROLLS AND KILLER CHOCOLATE CAKE.

\$12.00 PER PERSON, ADVANCE TICKET REQUIRED, LIMITED SEATING. SEE DELILAH FOR TICKET. ADULTS ONLY, NO REFUNDS.

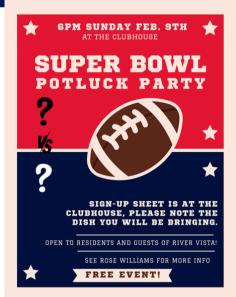
River Vista RV

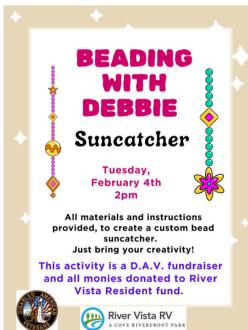


purchase a ticket.

River Vista RV













7:00 PM

\$1 Per Line - 3 Lines Max 10 Games Total

Easy & Fun Game to Play! Bring a drink and treat to share with neighbors!

Hosted by Mike & Deb Hyneman















We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Silent Auction event benefitting the Disabled American Veterans.

# SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025 BIDDING STARTS AT 10AM BIDDING ENDS AT 1PM SHARP

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Enjoy a Hotdog plate, \$5 all
proceeds donated to DAV,
while you browse the large
selection of items up for bid.
DAV Yeti raffle will be
available and register for a
door prize (You do not need to
be present to win).

#### ITEMS FOR AUCTION

Yard ornaments
Campfire Basket
Lottery & Gift Card Tree
Pina Colada Basket
Fireball Basket
Handmade Quilts
Breakfast Basket
Spa Basket
Beach Items
Lemonade Basket
Cancer Basket

HOTDOG PLATES INCLUDE A HOTDOG, CHIPS AND A DRINK \$5 EXTRA HOTDOG IS \$2. ADVANCE TICKET REQUIRED.







# COMING SOON

