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River Vista RV

A COVE RIVERFRONT PARK

2206 Chaney Drive Ruskin, FL 33570



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## 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

Hello everyone.

As our season winds down, we are still very active. Check the calendar for events.

The activities planned this season so far have been enjoyed by everyone.

A big thank you to all that were involved and especially Delilah.

All activities are sponsored by your neighbors. We need activities to keep the park

alive so please come out and support when you can.

Resident Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for March 29th. This is for all residents that have a reservation with us. Please sign up in the office by March 3th. This is

a catered event, so we need an exact count. If you signed up and are unable to attend, let the office know as soon as possible. This is a free event for all our guests staying here at River Vista. Please wear your wristband for this event. Annual resident directories are now available. You can purchase one at the welcome center/office.

Office hours are Monday – Friday 9am-3:30pm. Saturday hours, 9am -1pm.

Summer hours are M-F 9am-3pm Closed Saturday and Sunday. Emergency after hour phone

number is 813-613-6296 Facebook – River Vista RV Village and Activities at River Vista Email - rivervista@covecommunities.com

For those of you who have a concrete driveway or carport, please use that for parking of vehicle and/or golfcart. Do not park on the grass or on an RV site.

**BIG REMINDER – PLEASE** do not put anything down your toilet other than toilet paper.

Our sewer system cannot handle wipes, flushable or not. Please do not put chemicals down your toilet as well. Certain chemicals that are used to clear black water tanks contain bacteria killing agents that also kill the organisms that help our wastewater treatment plant.

**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 6' long) when outside your home or RV.

No unattended tying/caging and **NO** electric fences.

Speed limit inside the community is 10mph.

Quiet time is between 10pm and 7:30 am

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.

No smoking or the use of electronic cigarettes in the Clubhouse or in any other amenity buildings.

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

Karen Walker

Community Manager  
River Vista RV Village

# From your Lifestyle Coordinator



## March..

Although February is the shortest month of the year we were super busy with our daily and weekly activities.

February coming to a close, and the Lucky month of March is here. February was a month of food, fun and friendship. Our annual Dinner & A Show was awesome and our talented residents kept us laughing. Other highlights were Chinatown ladies lunch, Guys Gathering BBQ, Cornhole Tournament, a magic show, Spring craft show, Suncatchers, Taco salads, D.A.V Fundraising, music bingo and more.

March is just as busy featuring our D.A.V. Silent Auction, Hot Dog plates, Mardi Gras Dance, Spaghetti Dinner, Wine & Dine Elegance Dinner, Cornhole tournament, Cheeseburgers, Community Yard Sale, Hippie 70's Ladies Lunch and ending the month with our annual Farewell party.



Our community Disabled Veterans of America fundraising is ongoing. I am very happy to announce through your generosity \$2559.00 has been 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 YETI Package 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. The Poker Run will generate a donation as will Hot dogs at the silent auction and cheeseburgers.

Let's raise the bar this year and exceed last's year donation. 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. April showers bring May flowers, looking forward to beautiful weather and more exciting events and activities planned in April.

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

Delilah





## Fun facts about Ireland

Ireland's nickname is the Emerald Isle.

There are around 30,000 castles in Ireland.

Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way is the longest coastal driving route in the world.

One of the oldest lighthouses in the world is located in Wexford.

Halloween originated in Ireland.

The shamrock is not the national symbol.

Dracula's writer was Irish. ...

Dublin was founded by Vikings. ...

The average Irishman drinks around 100 liters of beer a year.



Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun? Cos they're always a little short.

### DIRECTIONS...

A tourist asks Pat for directions,

“Excuse me, what's the quickest way to Dublin?”

Pat says, “Are you on foot or in the car?”

The tourist says “In the car.”

Pat replies “That's the quickest!”

[irelandcalling.ie](http://irelandcalling.ie)

What do you call an Irishman who keeps bouncing off of walls?

**Rick O' Shea!**

Ireland Calling

## Things You Didn't Know About the History of



Mardi Gras—the French term for 'Fat Tuesday'—lasts from January 6 until February 13. Carnival kicks off after Christmas on January 6 (otherwise known as Twelfth Night) and continues until Fat Tuesday (the evening before Ash Wednesday.) It's a period filled with celebrations, parades, balls, and parties, all of which culminate on Mardi Gras.

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The traditional colors are purple, green, and gold.

It has been rumored that when Grand Duke Alexis visited in 1872, his welcoming committee handed out purple, green, and gold beads to the party-goers that year, as they were the colors of his home. The trio of shades came to symbolize the festivities and were later given meanings: purple for justice, gold for power, and green for faith.

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The first North American Mardi Gras was celebrated in Alabama—not Louisiana. French-Canadian explorer Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville arrived in what is now modern day Mobile, Alabama on Fat Tuesday, 1699. He named the location Point du Mardi Gras and threw a little party. In the years that followed, French travelers would come to the spot explicitly for Fat Tuesday celebrations. To this day, Mobile, Alabama claims to hold the oldest Mardi Gras celebrations in the country.

Mardi Gras became the celebration we know today because of a secret society.

Since its first impromptu celebrations in the early 1700's, Mardi Gras was regularly cancelled or banned for its destructive drunken parties—that is until 1837, when a secret society known as the Mistik Krewe of Comus aimed to elevate the chaotic experience, replacing the debauchery with lavish balls and parades. Eventually, the "Fat Tuesday" celebrations of New Orleans garnered much support and enthusiasm, later establishing itself as the Mardi Gras capital of the country.

The story of these glazed and frosted pastries dates back to the Medieval Times, when French, Belgian, and Spanish cultures commemorated the 12th day of Christmas with gifts and sweets. Biblically, the kings during this time would have been visiting the newborn baby Jesus, bringing gifts and sweets of their own. That's where the "king" in king cake comes from. Today, the cakes are fried and doughy, glazed and frosted, typically in the Mardi Gras colors. They're usually circular and braided, to resemble a King's crown. Most cakes are baked with a tiny baby figurine on the inside, and whomever finds the toy, as tradition holds, must host the next big party.



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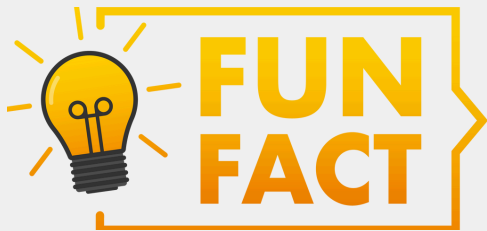
Each year, one ruler is anointed as "The King of Carnival."

The king is selected by the Krewe of Rex, founded in 1872 to honor Grand Duke Alexis Romanov Alexandrovich's arrival to New Orleans. The society has chosen a person of distinction every year since, and today, the mayor presents the King of Rex with a symbolic key to the city.

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It is illegal to wear masks in New Orleans except on Mardi Gras.

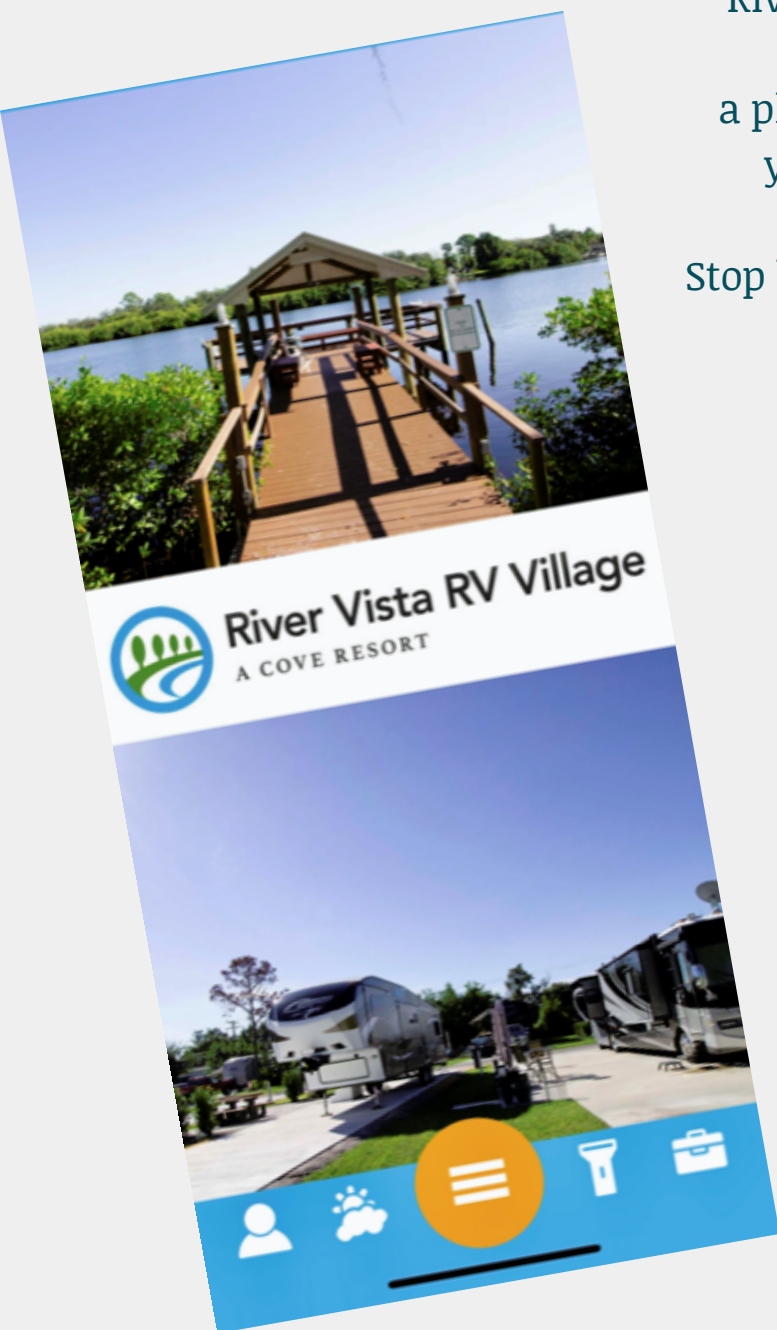
The masquerade is an enduring tradition of the Mardi Gras festivities as an opportunity for people to shed their inhibitions and fully imbibe in the party-spirit. A New Orleans city ordinance prohibits the wearing of masks on any other day, and on Mardi Gras masks must be removed by 6:00 p.m.



## GET CONNECTED

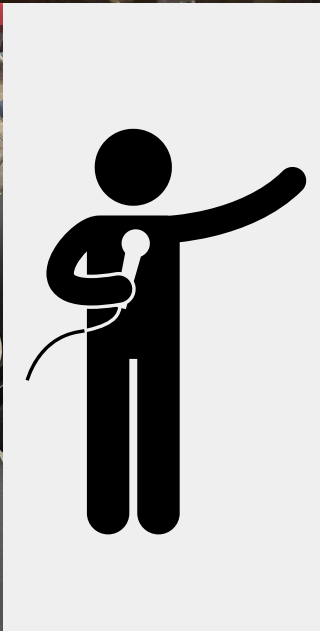
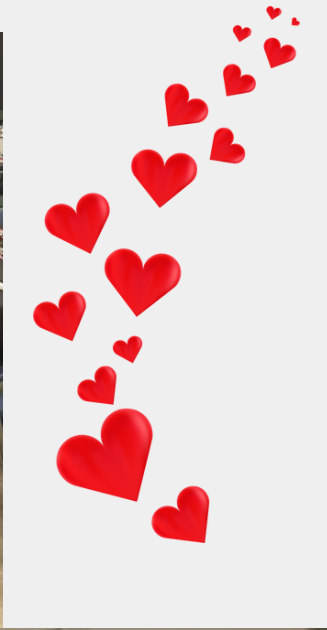
Campers App: Are you missing out on events & Activities? It is the best way to follow everything going on at River Vista RV Resort. It will also send you a phone notification as a reminder so you will not miss out on the fun.

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



# FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

## VALENTINE'S DINNER & A SHOW



And the Winner is...



Let's Feast







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# MARCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## MIXED CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 8th

10:00 AM

9:00 am registration - 9:30 Round Robin



ed Cornhole Tournament - Round Robin, Double Elimination  
 Draw at 9am- Tournament starts at 10am sharp.  
 \$5 entry. Sign up in clubhouse.  
 \$5 Air Mail Challenge.  
 A.V. Cheeseburger Plate on sale 10:30am. \$7.00 - must purchase a ticket.



## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, March 15th

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Located all throughout the community

Community Yard Sale on Saturday, March 15th 9am-2pm. Every resident is welcome to participate by selling items in their driveway. Do not block driveways or streets. Long tables that belong to RVP are not available for loan. No dumping is allowed in dumpster or dumpster area of items you did not sell.



## ANNUAL Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 15th  
5pm



Keeping with tradition- A Spaghetti Supper includes Special recipe Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert.  
 \$10.00 pp- sign up and ticket required- Basket raffle with proceeds donated to DAV fund.



## MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

MARCH 4TH 7PM

It's Mardi Gras - We are not in New Orleans but can still celebrate Mardi Gras with the best of them.  
 Music by Firewoman! \$10.00 Advance wristband required.  
 Basket Raffle. Share the Wealth

## Wine & Dine Elegant Dinner

HORS D'OEUVRES DINNER & WINE

MARCH 9, 2025  
5:30 PM

\$20.00 PER PERSON

MENU FEATURING  
 STUFFED PEPPER SOUP  
 LASAGNA W/ GARLIC KNOT  
 PORK TENDERLOIN MEDALLION W/  
 ROASTED POTATOES  
 DECADENT BROWNIE

LIMITED SEATING TO 60  
 FOR TICKETS CONTACT  
 LISA HAINS LOT 517  
 DEB MADDISON LOT 114  
 COLLEEN LOVE LOT 558

## LADIES LUNCH

PEACE LOVE

Flower Power

MAKE LOVE NOT WAR

### THE HIPPIE 70'S

Thursday, March 13th  
12pm

last from the past Hippie 70's Lunch. Come dressed in clothes you wore in the day or Serving a TV dinner of Mississippi Pot Roast, potatoes, carrots, corn casserole, bread and Sock-It-To-Me poke cake. \$10.00 advance ticket required.

As part of the lunch, there will be a FREE Tie Dye activity  
 Wednesday, March 5th, 11am- bring in your item, a t-shirt, bandana, hat, or other item and tie dye away.



## SILENT AUCTION

ATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

BIDDING STARTS AT 10AM  
 BIDDING ENDS AT 1PM SHARP

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

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

## LUNCH Cruise

\$48 PER PERSON

THURSDAY, 06 MARCH, 2025  
12:00P-2P

THE LUNCH TOUR INVITES YOU TO NOT ONLY ENJOY THE STUNNING VIEWS OF THE SARASOTA BAY BUT ALSO A DELICIOUS LUNCH WHILE ABOARD THE MARINA JACK II.  
 THE CAPTAIN SHARES INFORMATIVE DETAILS ABOUT THE SIGHTS, THE HISTORY OF THE REGION, AND THE LOCATION OF INTERESTING LANDMARKS ALONG THE WAY.

SEE PAT MOSHER LOT #232 TO SIGN UP AND PAY.

## Hot Dog Plate

Hotdog, bag of chips, and Drink \$5.00 plate  
 Extra Hot dog \$2.00

Advance Ticket Required

Saturday, March 1st  
11:00am - 12:30pm

## Ladies Lunch Tie Dye Activity

# TIE DYE

FREE Activity w/ purchase of a Hippie 70's Ladies Lunch

Wednesday, March 5th  
11:00 am

Tie Dye Day- bring a t-shirt, socks, bandana or any item you choose.  
 100% cotton works best.  
 Dyes and instructions provided.  
 You must purchase a Hippie 70's Ladies Lunch ticket to attend.

## FAREWELL PARTY!

Saturday, March 29, 2025  
 Doors open 5:00 pm  
 (For Residents & Guests)  
 Reservations  
 Sign up sheet at the Office!

Barbeque Dinner  
 FEATURING  
 SUBBAGUE'S PULLED CHICKEN  
 BAKED BEANS, COLE SLAW & DINNER ROLL

Dinner Served 5 - 6pm  
 (No Takeouts)  
 Bring your own drink

MUSIC FROM 6 - 9PM  
 Join us to celebrate another great season at River Vista RV!

SIGN UP Required!

There will be seating both inside and outside!

## 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, Sequence, BINGO, Mixed Cornhole, Kayaking, Trivia, Bridge, Quilting, Hot Shot, Men's Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study & Lunch, Karaoke, Shuffleboard, Bowling, Tripoly Cards, Sunday Church Service, Hymn Singing.

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

### MARCH 2025

- 3/1 DAV Silent Auction
- 3/1 Hot Dog Plate- DAV
- 3/2 Hot Shot \$
- 3/4 Mardi Gras Dance Party
- 3/5 Tie Dye for Hippie Lunch
- 3/6 Marina Jack II Lunch Cruise
- 3/7 Jammers
- 3/8 Mixed Cornhole Tournament
- 3/8 Rock The House Party
- 3/9 Spring Craft Show
- 3/9 Elegant Dinner
- 3/10 One Blood Mobile
- 3/13 Ladies Lunch - Hippie
- 3/15 Community Yard Sale
- 3/15 Annual Spaghetti Dinner
- 3/20 Shuffleboard Banquet
- 3/23 Private Party
- 3/26 CGT Final Competition
- 3/29 Farewell Party

### APRIL 2025

- 4/1 April Fools Day
- 4/5 Pancake Breakfast
- 4/6 BBQ
- 4/9 Trivia
- 4/12 Flip Flops & Flamingos Party
- 4/13 Battle of the Sexes Waterfight
- 4/16 Pizza Night
- 4/18 Ladies Lunch Outing
- 4/21 EOS Ambassador Lunch
- 4/26 Sandals & Sangria Party
- 4/30 Movie Night

### MAY 2025

- 5/5 Cinco De Mayo
- 5/7 Pie & Ice Cream Day
- 5/10 Mothers Day Luncheon
- 5/11 Margaritaville Party
- 5/14 Hot Dog Day
- 5/17 Luau
- 5/24 Rubber Ducky Party
- 5/26 Memorial Day BBQ

