# August 2025

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### instagram

@covecommunities @rivervistarv







## Manager's Corner - 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

#### **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 August 2025**

From the office -

Summer Office hours M-F 9am-3:30pm. Office hours may change from time to time.

Closed Saturday & Sunday

Office # 813-645-6037

After hour emergency # 813-613-6296

Email address rivervista@CoveCommunities.com
Facebook – Activities at River Vista RV –The Activities at River Vista RV will give you important information of activities, and items you need to know about the park.

The summer temperatures are here! Be sure to stay hydrated, take frequent breaks and move into the shade any time you can. Watch out for your neighbors and call 911 immediately, if you suspect that someone is suffering from heat stroke.

Hurricane season is upon us, please be prepared. If you decide to stay, make sure you have your hurricane supplies ready. If our park is put in an evacuation status, the water and sewer system will be shut off and will resume after the storm has passed and it is safe to return. Reminder – The buildings in this park are NOT shelters!

Buildings will be locked until inspected and safely reopen.

The hurricane preparedness packet is in this newsletter.

Boat ramp upgrade – start date has changed. I will keep you posted as to when this work begins. New maintenance building and fence are underway.

We are waiting for permits to be submitted and approved.

Please do not park your vehicle on any other site than your own!! Be courteous to your neighbors and don't block or park in their driveway. Motor vehicles and golf carts must be parked in your driveway. Please do not park on the street.

Please lets all be good neighbors. If someone is away from their site, whether they are snowbirds or away taking care of some medical issues, DO NOT take anything off their site unless you have permission from that resident!

Sales – All sales must be reported to the Community manager. If you would like to sell your unit, there may be some conditions that need to be done before you list your unit. You must have a manager sign a "No conditions approval form". If you are planning on painting your unit, the paint color MUST be approved by manager. Approved colors are white, tan, and certain colors of blue, grey and yellow. Anything you do to your unit on the outside or in your yard must be approved by management.

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

Thank you for making River Vista RV the caring community that we can all be proud of.

River Vista Team

## From your Lifestyle Coordinator



Hello August! Children starting back to school, family vacations coming to an end and more hot days ahead.

This is Florida and it's going to be hot but there are some COOL activities planned to help beat the heat. In August we continue weekly card and game nights, Friday night karaoke and music bingo, have logo and movie trivia planned, ladies lunch at Circles on the Bay, a guy's gathering cheeseburger in paradise lunch, tiki pool party, and something brand new, Introduction to AI.

Look for sign up sheets and ticket purchase. To keep up be sure and download the CampersApp.

For more exciting activities and events check ou the "Save The Date" page.



### Information Corner

#### WELCOME CENTER/REGISTRATION

Karen Walker, Community Manager Lori Rankin, Senior Office Assistant Sabrina O'Dell, Front Desk Clerk

Email: rivervista@covecommunities.com

Telephone: 813-645-6037

**OFFICE HOURS -**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Closed Saturday & Sunday

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

CJ Walker - Maintenance Manager Bruce Rankin, Maintenance Tech Butch Grice, Maintenance Tech

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 7:00am-2:30pm

Phone: 813-645-6296

After Hours Phone: 813-613-6296

#### Reminders:

- ONLY employees are allowed in the Maintenance Department shop/area.
- Please put yard waste in front of your unit near the street. Yard waste pick is on Thursday's.
- Compactor is for household garbage only. Please cut down cardboard before placing in compactor.
- No dumping allowed in compactor area. All large items must be taken to county dump at owner's expense.
- Pets are NOT allowed in any community building, this includes Welcome Center, Clubhouse, Mailroom, Laundry Room, Bathhouses, Sports Courts and surrounding area.
- Propane fill: Monday-Friday 9:00am 2:00pm ~ 20lb & 30lb cylinders only

### **CLUBHOUSE**

Delilah Lofton

(dlofton@covecommunities.com)

telephone: 813-955-2492

Tuesday-Friday 10:00am -2:00 pm

Facebook - Activities at River Vista RV

WIFI: RiverVista\_sales\_guest WIFI passcode: coveguest

#### **PETS**

To ensure the well being of both our beloved pets, residents and guests, all pets must remain on leash while outside your unit. Leads and leashes stay a maximum of 6'. Limit 2 pets per site. Pet owners MUST clean up after pet and dispose of waste properly. No pets can be left outside unattended. No pens or invisible fences allowed.

### MAIL ROOM

Monday-Sunday 7am-9pm

- All mail and packages should include correct site number
- Please pick up mail and packages on a daily basis. Space is limited in the Mail Room.

LAUNDRY

**BATHHOUSE** 

Monday-Sunday 7am-9pm

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#### **GOLF CARTS**

Golf cart drivers must hold a valid driver's license and be at least 16 years old. For safety reasons, please refrain from allowing younger individuals to operate the carts.

Speed limit in our community is 10 mph. Thank you for driving responsibly.

## 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 up.



# <u>Sign up to receive the monthly</u> <u>River Vista newsletter directly to your email.</u>

Sign up for email Newsletter Instructions:

- Go to <u>covecommunities.com</u> and click the 3 green bars at the top righthand corner of your screen.
- Then go to the 'All destinations Tab' and select, "Florida"
- Under the 'Florida' tab select 'Gulf Coast" then click on "River Vista RV Park"
- Once to the River Vista page click on the green "Menu" button in the top right corner
- Next you're going to click on "Specials" in the upper right hand corner
- Click on "Newsletter"
- Look for the "published newsletter in your email" and sign up.





## Managing Your Risk

playing it safe

Safety and health tips for your work, home, and life—brought to you by the insurance and risk control specialists at USI Insurance Services.

# Beating the Summer Heat Tips for staying cool when summer heats up

Summer heat can be more than uncomfortable; it can be DEADLY. Every year thousands of workers become sick or worse from heat exposure. Heat illness is preventable. Let's explore the causes and how to prevent heat-related illness.

#### **Heat-Related Illness**

The body normally cools itself by sweating. However, during hot weather, especially with high humidity, sweating isn't enough. Heat illness occurs when a person is not capable of maintaining normal body temperature. A combination of factors can contribute to this condition: poor hydration, heat load from the temperature, and high relative humidity. Heat exhaustion develops when a person is playing, working, or exercising outside in extreme heat.

Symptoms vary in intensity but can include:

- Dizziness, weakness, nausea, headache, and possibly vomiting
- Blurry vision
- Body temperature rising between 100 to 104.9°F
- Sweaty skin
- Feeling hot and thirsty
- Difficulty speaking

A person with heat exhaustion symptoms must move to a cool place and drink plenty of water.

#### **Heat Stroke**

Heat stroke is the result of untreated heat exhaustion.

Symptoms include:

- Cessation of sweating
- Body temperature rising rapidly to above 104.9°F
- · Confusion or delirium
- Loss of consciousness, seizure, or death may result

Call 911 or seek medical professionals. Keep the person cool until help arrives. Place a cold compress on the neck, armpits and groin (where blood vessels run close to the skin). If the person is awake and able to swallow, administer fluids.

Heat stroke requires **immediate medical attention** and can result in **death**.

#### **Tips for Staying Cool**

- Drink plenty of water. The average adult needs eight 8ounce glasses of water a day, and even more during the summer or during outdoor activity.
- Dress for the weather. When outside, wear lightweight clothing of natural fabric and a well-ventilated hat.
- Stay inside whenever possible. Run errands and do outside chores in the morning or late in the day.
- Eat light. Replace heavy or hot meals with light refreshing foods (e.g., fruit) that have a high water content.
- Think cool! Apply a cold compress on your pulse points. Or, visit an airconditioned mall or movie theater.

#### When the mercury rises... H.E.A.T

Hydrate

Educate yourself

Act quickly if you or someone else begins to show signs of heat-related illness.

Take it easy

Drink water before, during, and after outdoor activity. Thirst is a poor indicator of your body's need for fluid. Sports drinks can help replace salts.



#### **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**

Protect windows by lowering awnings or installing window protection. Bring in outdoor furniture and clear yard of loose objects. Lower your television antenna, be careful not to touch power lines. 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)







As the sun goes down, the party heats up at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay during Summer Nights! Enjoy world-class coasters, electrifying entertainment and so much more during extended summer hours.

Enjoy extreme fun with our all-new, action-packed freestyle stunt show, Moto Motion! Cool off during the day with our dynamic ice show, Rhythm of Nature, as well as the iconic indoor performance, Icons. Stick around for nightly excitement at the Boom Box Dance Party in Stanleyville, and rock out with Gwazi Rocks in Gwazi Plaza. Capture the moment with fun summer photo ops and savor delicious seasonal bites all night long. Best of all, this entire event is Included with park admission!





Raise a Glass to Flavor and Thrills at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay!

Park guests can sip delicious brews and soar on epic coasters during Bier Fest Brews & BBQ, Busch

Gardens' beer-inspired food festival.

ALL-NEW this year, Bier Fest Brews & BBQ runs Fridays through Sundays, July 25 – September 1, including Labor Day. Enjoy bold BBQ flavors, refreshing craft brews, and lively tunes in a festive atmosphere. Each weekend features a rotating selection of 30 to 40 craft beers, handpicked from over 40 breweries offering a variety of flavors and styles to explore throughout the festival!

Bier Fest Brews & BBQ is included with park admission.

## THE RINGLING

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Run away to the circus! Immerse yourself in circus history, be wowed by incredible human and animal feats, study the amazing logistics of circus management, or try your hand at walking the wire. The Circus Museum's vast and varied collections are on view throughout two different buildings: the Historic Circus Galleries and the Tibbals Learning Center.

Now Open! The Greatest Show On Earth® Gallery

Be sure to visit our newest exhibit, The Greatest Show On Earth® Gallery! This permanent exhibit continues the story found throughout the Circus Museum, of how Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® grew to become one of the most well-recognized brands in the world.



## LADIES LUNCH OUTING CRACKER BARREL











LADIES LUNCH GROUP AT CRACKER BARREL. COMFORT FOOD, FRENDSHIP AND PLAYED CRACKER BARREL TRIVIA WITH MARYANN MASTEN THE BIG WINNER OF A \$25 GIFT CARD.

THE GIBSONTON CRACKER BARREL MANAGER AND SERVERS WERE SO EXCITED WITH OUR ACTIVITY, MARYANN RECEIVED HER LUNCH AT NO CHARGE AND A SPECIAL CB CUP. AFTER LUNCH, OF COURSE WE SHOPPED. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT JOINED.

NEXT MONTHS LUNCH IS AUGUST  $13^{\mathrm{TH}}$  AT CIRCLES ON THE WATER. SIGN UP IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

















MUSIC BINGO IS A FUN AND EXCITING TAKE ON THE CLASSIC GAME OF BINGO. WITH SONGS REPLACING THE NUMBERS ON A BINGO CARD. \$2.00 GETS YOU 1 CARD PER GAME, PLAYING 10 GAMES. CASH PAYOUT . BYOB + FREE POPCORN.









(No technology background needed!)



Find out what many people (Including our Kids and Grandkids) & Media are talking about.... Surprise them!!

- hat Will Be Covered:

  Lean What All

  See Examples of What Al Can Do and Learn How It Can Help YOU!

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  Experience "Hands On" Interaction with Al-Bring your Smartphone, Tablet or Laptop
  and sign on from the clubhouse... ALL FOR FREEL You won't need to share your name, any
  personal data or credit card information!!

#### Who Should Come?

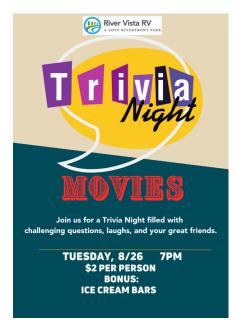
- Adults in our Community who are Curious but don't know where to start
- People who believe you're never too old to learn something new!
   Anyone who has ever said, "What the heck is Al and what's the big deal?"

#### Come for the curiosity - Stay for the fun!!

WHERE: River Vista Village Clubhouse
WHEN: August 6, 2025
TIME: 1 – 3PM
SEMINAR FACILITATOR: Susan Bellis
Seminar Assistant: "Curio"















Save The Date













TRUNK OR TREAT IS NOT ONLY FOR KIDS! RIVER VISTA WILL HOST A NON TRADITIONAL TRUNK OR TREAT POT LUCK IN THE CORNHOLE & POOL AREA PARKING LOT. WEREWOLVES WILL HOWL, WITCHES WILL BREW. VAMPIRES WILL BITE! CRAWL, FLY OR CREEP IN. DECORATE YOUR GOLF CART, DRESS IN YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME AND BRING A HALLOWEEN TREAT TO SHARE. PRIZES AWARDED FOR MOST CREATIVE & BEST DECORATED GOLF CART, BEST MEN COSTUME & BEST WOMEN COSTUME. BEST DRESSED & PRIZES. BASKET RAFFLE. SIGN UP IN THE CLUBHOUSE.









SCAVENGER HUNT SATURDAY | OCT 18TH |3PM

RIVER VISTA BECOMES A PUMPKIN PATCH FOR THE DAY, LINE UP IN YOUR GOLF CART, BIKE SCOOTER OR BROOM! PUMPKINS ARE HIDDEN THROUGH THE PARK. EACH PUMPKIN WILL BE MARKED

WITH IDENTIFICATION. A SCAVENGER HUNT SHEET WILL BE PROVIDED TO FIND EACH ONE AND TAKE A PHOTO. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON QUANTITY FOUND AND PICTURES TAKEN. HAPPY HUNTING. FREE ACTIVITY.































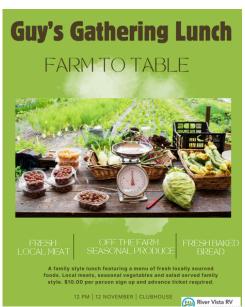




TUESDAY, 10/29 10A-12P

When you find a pumpkin, take a selfle with it. The first 3 people to find all pumpkins win a prize. person to picture of it a phot of you with No pumpkins will be on personal lots. Avoid areas that are roped off, avoid any metal, debris, dock areas, and retain wall.











Put the lime in the coconut

and drink it all up!

BYOD and an island snack to share.

Music, tropical attire, love to party and of course parrots.

Sign up in the clubhouse.







## RIVER VISTA RV LIFESTYLE CALENDAR 2025

#### DAILY/WEEKLY/MONTHLY

<u>Daily:</u> Ladies Water Aerobics, Coffee & Conversation, Pickleball

<u>Weekly:</u> 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, Music
Bingo, Trivia, Crafting, Hot Shot, Men's Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Karaoke, Shuffleboard,
Bowling, Tripoly Cards,

Monthly: Guy's Gathering, Ladies That Lunch, Mixed Cornhole Tournaments

#### **AUGUST 2025**



#### SEPTEMBER 2025



8/1 Karaoke

8/3 5 Crowns Cards

8/4 Game Night

8/5 Summer Trivia ~ Logos

8/6 Introduction to Al

8/6 Card Night

8/7 Guy's Gathering Cheeseburgers

8/9 Music Bingo

8/10 5 Crowns Cards

8/11 Game Night

8/12 Guys Gathering Breakfast ~ Farm To Table

8/13 Ladies Lunch Outing ~ Circles

8/13 Card Night

8/14 Movie Night ~ Stir of Echo's

8/15 Karaoke

8/16 Tiki Time Pool Party

8/17 5 Crowns Cards

8/18 Game Night

8/20 Card Night

8/23 Friendly Feud

8/24 5 Crowns Cards

8/25 Game Night

8/26 Summer Trivia ~ Movies

8/27 Card Night

8/29 Summer Karaoke

8/30 Music Bingo

8/31 5 Crowns Card Game

9/1 Labor Day Smoked BBQ Pork

9/1 Labor Day Golf Cart Parade

9/1 Game Night

9/3 Card Night

9/4 Parrot Head Happy Hour

9/6 All U can Eat Pancake Breakfast

9/7 5 Crowns Cards

9/8 Game Night

9/9 Summer Trivia

9/11 Breakfast Bingo

9/10 Card Night

9/12 Karaoke

9/13 Music Bingo

9/14 Crowns Cards

9/15 Game Night

9/16 Guys Gathering Lunch

9/17 Ladies Lunch Outing ~ Old Castle

9/17 Card Night

9/20 County Fair Carnival

9/21 5 Crowns Cards

9/22 Game Night

9/23 Summer Trivia

9/24 Ice Cream Social~ Bowls

9/24 Game Night

9/26 Karaoke

9/27 Boot, Scoot & Boogie Dance

9/28 5 Crowns Cards

9/29 Game Night

## RIVER VISTA RV **LIFESTYLE CALENDAR 2025 CONT.**

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#### OCTOBER 2025



### Card Night

- 10/4 Friendly Feud Game
- 10/5 5 Crowns Card Game
- 10/6 Game Night

10/1

- 10/7 Summer Trivia
- 10/8 Ladies Lunch Outing ~ The Old Castle
- 10/8 Card Night
- 10/9 Kayak Outing
- 10/10 Karaoke
- 10/11 Sip & Paint ~ No Spill Glasses (DAV)
- 10/12 5 Crowns Card Game
- 10/13 Game Night
- 10/15 Guys Gathering Lunch
- 10/15 Card Night
- 10/16 Kayak Outing
- 10/16 Movie Night ~ The Secret Life of Bee's
- 10/18 Fall Fest Cake Walk & Pumpkin Contest
- 10/19 5 Crowns Card Game
- 10/20 Game Night
- 10/21 Summer Trivia
- 10/22 Card Night
- 10/23 Kayak Outing
- 10/23 BINGO
- 10/24 Karaoke
- 10/25 Music Bingo
- 10/26 5 Crowns Card Game
- 10/27 Game Night
- 10/29 Card Night
- 10/30 Kayak Outing
- 10/30 BINGO
- 10/31 Halloween Trunk or Treat Pot Luck

## NOVEMBER 2025



- 11/1 Cornhole Tournament & Burgers (DAV)
- 11/2 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 11/3 Card Night
- 11/5 Game Night
- 11/6 Kayak Outing
- 11/6 BINGO
- 11/7 Karaoke
- 11/9 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 11/10 Card Night
- 11/11 Veterans Day Celebration
- 11/12 Guy's Gathering Lunch ~ Farm to Table
- 11/12 Game Night
- 11/13 Kayak Outing
- 11/13 Ladies That Lunch ~ Farm to Table
- 11/13 BINGO
- 11/15 "Hello" Fall Festival
- 11/16 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 11/19 Happy Crafters
- 11/19 Game Night
- 11/20 Kayak Outing
- 11/21 Karaoke
- 11/20 BINGO
- 11/23 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 11/25 Music Bingo
- 11/26 Thanksgiving Dinner Prep
- 11/26 Game Night
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 11/28 Music Bingo
- 11/30 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly