## September 2025



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@covecommunities @rivervistary







#### 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 Everyone and Happy September! 2025

#### From the office -

Pickleball court is being resurfaced this month and will be open once completed. New water plant will be turned over to our operator NES this month.

The Wastewater treatment plant has been monitored all summer, and we have had no issues.

Please remember do not dump chemicals down your drains.

Perimeter privacy on south side of park has been completed.

Boat ramp upgrade – start date has changed. I will keep you posted as to when this work begins.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Please no bullying and be respectful to each other. The office is not associated with the Facebook page "River Vista Folks" This Facebook page is resident owned. If you have a question or concern, please contact the office via email or phone call.

Sales – if you would like to sell your unit, there may be some conditions that need to be done before you list your unit. All sales must be reported to the Community manager. 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

#### River Vista Riverfront Park

#### From your Lifestyle Coordinator



"It was the worst day we have ever seen, but it brought out the best in all of us." —Senator John Kerry

## **Hospitality**

We love what we do, and it shows.

#### **Excellence**

We raise the bar.

#### **Passion**

We make every

moment count.

#### **Trustworthiness**

We value the world and care for it.

#### Stewardship

We value the world and care for it.

September already? Time flies when you are having fun. Hoping the rain subsides so we can get out and enjoy more outside activities and events. September's special events begin a Labor Day BBQ and on to an all you can eat pancake breakfast, a county fair, ice cream social, breakfast BINGO, boot, scoot and boogie dance, ladies lunch outing to Anna Maria Oyster Bar, and guy's gathering slider lunch.

Weekly activities include card night, game night, puzzles, swimming, cornhole, pool,

Look for sign up sheets and ticket to purchase. Be sure and download the Campers App to stay up to date .

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





### **Kindness**

We follow the golden rule.



















"Here's to Labor Day, a holiday born from the hard work and sacrifices of everyday people who built this country.

Today we celebrate not just the end of summer, but the dignity of work and the people who make out communities strong.

Cheers to us! Happy Labor Day!"

#### LABOR DAY FUN FACTS

It started in the 1800s – The first U.S. Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City by the Central Labor Union.

- It became a federal holiday in 1894 After workers went on strike (like the Pullman Strike), Congress quickly passed a law making Labor Day a national holiday.
- Canada did it first Canada actually celebrated Labor Day before the U.S. in the 1870s, inspiring American labor groups.
- It's the unofficial end of summer Many people see it as the last chance for summer barbecues, beach trips, and pool parties before fall begins.
  - Fashion rule: "No white after Labor Day" This old saying came from the late 19th century, when white clothing was seen as summer wear for the wealthy.
- Travel holiday It's one of the busiest travel weekends of the year, as families take advantage of the long weekend.
  - Parades and picnics Traditional Labor Day celebrations often include parades honoring workers, plus picnics, cookouts, and fireworks.
- Football season kickoff College football often begins around Labor Day weekend, and the NFL follows soon after.
- Work-free origins The original idea was for workers to have a day off to rest, celebrate, and recognize the contributions of labor.

A global idea – While the U.S. and Canada celebrate in September, most other countries observe "International Workers' Day" on May 1st (May Day).

#### 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

#### <u>PETS</u>

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

Monday-Sunday 7am-9pm

#### **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.





#### **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)



## \* River Vista \* Get Out and Explore

**Clubhouse** 

**Fitness Center** 

**Pickleball Courts Shuffleboard Courts Horseshoes** Cornhole **Bocce Ball** 

The library: **Books, Games,** Cards, CDs, DVDs, **Puzzles** 

**Pool Table** 

TV

**Card Room** 

**Riverfront Deck** 

**Outdoor pool** 

**Kayak Launch** 

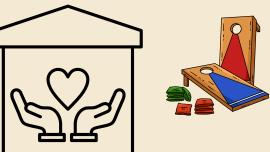
**Fishing Docks Boat Launch** 

**Fire Pits** 

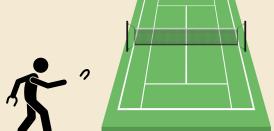
**Picnic Area** 

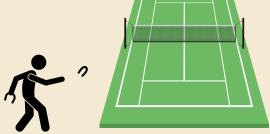


























## I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO

Here we are in September and our seasonal residents and guests are wondering what to bring south for the winter season events!

The list of costumes /or items to dress for events and dances so far is:



#### SEPTEMBER

• Boot, Scoot & Boogie Dance



- Fall Cake Walk
- Halloween Trunk or Treat



- Ladies Lunch Adventure ~ Farm to Table
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Thanksgiving Dinner



#### **DECEMBER**

- Holiday Craft Fair
- Grinchmas White Elephant Gift Party
- Annual Cookie Exchange
- Christmas Dinner
- New Year Eve Celebration

#### **JANUARY**

- Ladies Lunch Adventure ~ Egyptian
- Survivor
- Jamaica Me Happy Hour
- Gasparilla Party

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#### **FEBRUARY**

- Ladies Lunch Adventure ~ Cruise
- Valentines Dinner & Show
- Annual Poker Run
- Elegance Dinner

#### **MARCH**

- Ladies Lunch Adventure ~ Let's Make A Deal
- · St. Patrick's Day Party
- End of Season Bash

#### **APRIL**

• Ladies Lunch Adventure ~ State Fair













#### LADIES LUNCH OUTING

## MANDOLA'S

≡ ITALIAN KITCHEN ≡



AUGUST LADIES LUNCH OUTING WAS AT MANDOLA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN IN RIVERVIEW. GREAT FOOD, BUSTLING ATMOSPHERE, AND WARM HOSPITALITY.

WE PLAYED "WHAT'S IN THE RECIPE" IN TEAMS.

THE WINNING TEAM RECEIVING BEAUTIFUL PURSE CHARM.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT JOINED.

NEXT MONTHS LUNCH IS SEPTEMBER  $17^{\text{TH}}$  AT ANNA MARIA OYSTER BAR IN ELLINGTON. SIGN UP IN THE CLUBHOUSE.







Put the lime in the coconut and drink it all up! BYOD and an island snack to share.

Sign up in the clubhouse.







# let the Good Times FLOW







Save The Date









#### HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT



#### OCTOBER 31ST

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







#### PUMPKIN PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

STEP OUTSIDE AND UNRAVEL THE SPOOKINESS OF HALLOWEEN

























- When you find a pumpkin, take a selfle with it. The first 3 people to fir 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.





River Vista RV

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.











12 PM | 12 NOVEMBER | CLUBHOUSE River Vista RV







OFF THE FARM SEASONAL PRODUCE

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















Gather your teams and lets play! Each team gets an Board', however, if all the answers are not revealed, other teams get a chance to steal. See if your team has what it takes to be crowned the Friendly Feud Champions!

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Saturday, October 4th 7:00 pm

TICKETS: \$5







## 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

#### SEPTEMBER 2025



#### OCTOBER 2025



- 9/1 Labor Day Smoked BBQ Pork
- 9/1 Game Night9/3 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 Fall Trivia
- 9/11 Breakfast Bingo- Muffins
- 9/10 Card Night
- 9/12 Karaoke
- 9/13 Music Bingo
- 9/14 Clubhouse Reserved Afternoon
- 9/14 Crowns Cards
- 9/15 Game Night
- 9/17 Ladies Lunch Outing ~ Anna Maria
- Oyster Bar
- 9/17 Card Night
- 9/18 Guys Gathering Lunch
- 9/20 County Fair Carnival
- 9/21 5 Crowns Cards
- 9/22 Game Night
- 9/23 Fall 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

- 10/1 Card Night
- 10/4 Friendly Feud Game10/5 5 Crowns Card Game
- 10/6 Game Night
- 10/7 Fall 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
- 10/17 Halloween Music Bingo
- 10/18 Pumpkin Photo Scavenger Hunt
- 10/18 Fall Fest Cake Walk & Pumpkin Contest
- 10/19 5 Crowns Card Game
- 10/20 Game Night
- 10/21 Fall 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

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

#### 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

#### 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
- 11/14 Music Bingo
- 11/15 "Hello" Fall Festival
- 11/16 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 11/17 Game Night
- 11/19 Happy Crafters
- 11/19 Game Night
- 11/20 Kayak Outing
- 11/20 BINGO
- 11/21 Karaoke
- 11/23 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 11/24 Game Night
- 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

#### **DECEMBER 2025**



- 12/1 Game Night
- 12/3 Card Night
- 12/4 Kayak Outing
- **12/4 BINGO**
- 12/5 Karaoke
- 12/7 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 12/8 Game Night
- 12/9 Dessert Auction
- 12/10 Card Night
- 12/11 Kayak Outing
- 12/11 BINGO
- 12/12 Music Bingo
- 12/13 Grinchmas Party & Gift Exchange
- 12/14 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 12/15 Open Mic Monday
- 12/16 Music Bingo
- 12/17 Card Night
- 12/18 Kayak Outing
- 12/18 BINGO
- 12/19 Karaoke
- 12/20 Christmas Dinner
- 12/21 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 12/22 Game Night
- 12/24 Card Night
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/28 Game Night
- 12/28 5 Crowns Card Game & Tripoly
- 12/31 New Year's Eve