



# River Vista RV

A COVE RIVERFRONT PARK

2206 Chaney Drive

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Over The Rainbow



# Manager's Corner - Karen Walker

## Greetings from your Operating Team at River Vista RV.

### 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

### Park updates –

This does Not include the infrastructure projects that will be going on behind the scenes.

1. AC completed in Bathhouse/Mail center

2. We will be purchasing and installing more solar lights throughout the park.

Waiting approvals.

3. Seal Coating the streets and adding speed humps. This started 7/23.

**WWTP** – Operator will continue to sample and monitor so this issue does not happen again during season. The operator is still unclear as to why we are having these issues since all samples have come back with no alarming results. The operator along with Leadership and our Team will continue to monitor the Plant and will update you when needed.

The plant has been at 100% since early May this year. Only concern for this winter is if we experience another kill from the toxins that are put into their gray tanks to control smell.

There are no pretreatments that our operator can find, nor has he been able to locate any other plant that experiences this kill that has used any treatment successfully.

### Friendly reminders

Please refrain from throwing lit cigarettes anywhere in the park. One little spark can and will set the grass on fire.

If you have concerns about the lawn mowing company, please call, email or come to the office and voice your concerns. Our grass here is not the finest, weeds and dirt, but we do need to keep it trimmed. Complaining on social media does not fix the issue.

Any questions or concerns, please email, call or come to the office. Facebook is not the way to receive answers.

### Sales -

If you are looking to upgrade or have a friend/family member that is looking to purchase here at River Vista, have them call the office to set up a time to view the unit or I can do a video walk through with them. Cove Home Sales has many incentives to purchase one of their new Park Models. Incentive for August – Free site rent until end of September 2026.

If you are selling your unit, please call the office and let them know. We want to make sure your unit is up to the Park's standards such as proper skirting, one shed. Also, we have many people stop at the office asking if any units are for sale in the park and if we have updated information, we can easily send them your way.

RV sites – we do have first time visitor discounts if you have friends that would like to try camping at River Vista. 15% off a 28- night stay.

Safe travels and see you soon!

River Vista Team

## 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! ☀️

Can you believe it's already August? Children are heading back to school, family vacations are coming to an end, and we still have plenty of hot, sunny Florida days ahead.

Living in Florida means one thing—you can always count on the heat! Fortunately, we've planned plenty of COOL activities this month to help you beat it while enjoying time with your neighbors. Along with our weekly favorites like card and game nights, Ladies Pool, Trivia, and Breakfast BINGO, we've got an exciting lineup of special events you won't want to miss!

- 🌴 August Special Events
- 🍪 August 4 – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- 🥞 August 6 – Breakfast BINGO ~ Pastries
- 🦈 August 8 – Shark Attack Pool Party
- 🧠 August 11 – Summer Trivia ~ Logos
- 🍹 August 13 – Shark Attack Happy Hour
- 🌮 August 18 – Ladies Lunch Outing ~ Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant
- 🍩 August 20 – Breakfast BINGO ~ English Muffins
- 🎵 August 22 – Music BINGO
- 🍷 August 28 – The Soda Fountain Ice Cream Social

Whether you're looking to test your trivia skills, cool off by the pool, enjoy great food with friends, or indulge in a sweet treat, there's something for everyone this month.

We look forward to seeing you at our August events. Stay cool, stay hydrated, and make the most of the final weeks of summer!

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

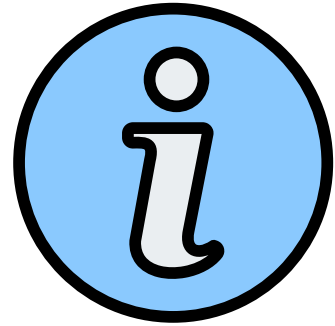
Thank you for making River Vista Riverfront Park your home or home away from home.

Delilah  
The Park with A Heart ❤️

# Information Corner

## WELCOME CENTER/REGISTRATION

Karen Walker, Community Manager  
Lori Rankin, Senior Office Assistant  
Sabrina O'Dell, Front Desk Clerk  
Email: [rivervista@covecommunities.com](mailto:rivervista@covecommunities.com)  
Telephone: 813-645-6037



### OFFICE HOURS -

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

## MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

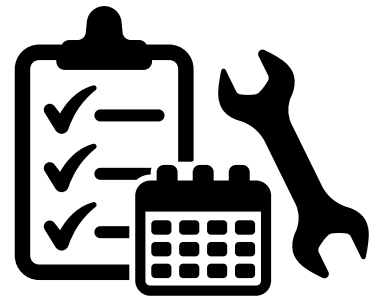
CJ Walker - Maintenance Manager  
Bruce Rankin, Maintenance Tech  
Butch Grice, Maintenance Tech

### 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, Lifestyle Coordinator Email:  
([dlofton@covecommunities.com](mailto: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

## 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

Monday-Sunday 7am-9pm

## BATHHOUSE

Monday-Sunday 7am-9pm

## 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.

## 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



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.



## **Sign up to receive the monthly River Vista newsletter directly to your email.**

### Sign up for email Newsletter Instructions:

- Go to [covecommunities.com](http://covecommunities.com) 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.



# \* River Vista \*

## Stay In 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**

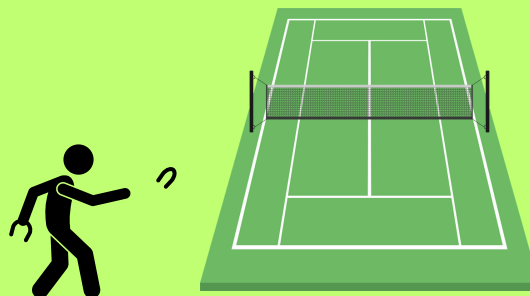
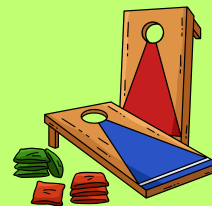
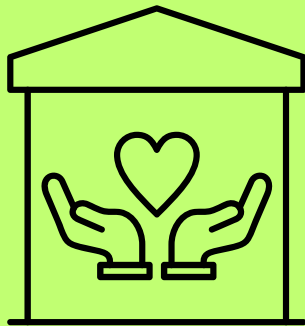
**Outdoor pool**

**Kayak Launch**

**Fishing Docks**  
**Boat Launch**

**Fire Pits**

**Picnic Area**





## **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)



# UNDERSTANDING HEAT RELATED RISK



Heat can be dangerous for anyone.  
Know the risks. Take action. Stay safe.

## WHO IS MOST AT RISK?



Older adults



Young children



People with chronic conditions



Those taking certain medications



People who work or exercise outdoors

## POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS



### HEAT CRAMPS

Heavy sweating, muscle pain or spasms.



### HEAT EXHAUSTION

Heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea, headache, cold & clammy skin.



### HEAT STROKE

High body temperature, confusion, rapid pulse, hot, dry skin, loss of consciousness.

**HEAT STROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.  
CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**

## SIGNS TO LOOK FOR



Headache



Dizziness



Nausea



Rapid heartbeat



Confusion

*Act early. Recognize the signs.  
Your awareness can save a life.*

## HOW TO STAY SAFE



### STAY HYDRATED

Drink plenty of water throughout the day.



### STAY COOL

Seek shade or air-conditioned places when possible.



### DRESS SMART

Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.



### PLAN AHEAD

Limit time outdoors during the hottest part of the day (10 AM – 4 PM).



### CHECK ON OTHERS

Look out for family, friends and neighbors.



## REMEMBER

Heat risk is real,  
but it's preventable.

**STAY INFORMED.  
STAY SAFE.**





# Florida Fishing License Requirements

## License Types & Fees

- Florida Residents: \$17.00 for an annual freshwater or saltwater license. Annual combo packages are \$32.50.
- Non-Residents: \$47.00 for an annual freshwater or saltwater license. Short-term options include 3-day (\$17.00) and 7-day (\$30.00) licenses.
- Saltwater Shoreline Only: Free for residents, but a license is still required if fishing from a beach or pier. [1, 2, 3]

## You do not need a license if you are:

- Under 16 years of age.
- A Florida resident 65 or older (requires carrying proof of residency/age).
- Fishing from a for-hire charter vessel or a licensed fishing pier.
- A Florida resident actively serving in the U.S. Military who is home on leave for 30 days or less (must carry orders).
- A resident totally and permanently disabled (requires an exemption card). [1, 2]

## Required Permits & Endorsements

Certain species and locations require additional permits (which apply to both residents and non-residents):

- Snook & Tarpon: Required when targeting or possessing these species.
- Reef Fish: Required when harvesting bottom-dwelling species (e.g., grouper, snapper).
- Spiny Lobster: Required when harvesting lobster.
- Shore-Based Shark Fishing: Mandatory educational permit required if shark fishing from the shoreline.

## Florida Saltwater Fish

Common Species and Their Basic Regulations\*



**BLACK DRUM**

Size: 14"- 24" TL slot.  
Bag: 5, 1 over 24" allowed.



**YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER**

Size: 12" TL min.  
Bag: 10.



**BLUEFISH**

Size: 12" FL min.  
Bag: Atl 3, Gulf 10.



**LADYFISH**

Size: None specified.  
Bag: 100 lbs.



**SHEEPSHEAD**

Size: 12" TL min.  
Bag: 8, 50 / vs! in Mar & Apr.



**MANGROVE SNAPPER**

Size: 10" TL min.  
Bag: 5.



**LANE SNAPPER**

Size: Atl 8" TL, **Gulf 10" TL**.  
Bag: Atl 10, **Gulf 20**.



**MUTTON SNAPPER**

Size: 18" TL min.  
Bag: 5.



**GOLIATH GROUPE**

**PROHIBITED.**  
**Release immediately.**



**RED GROUPE**

Size: 20" TL.  
Bag: Atl 3, Gulf 2.  
Scan the QR code for seasons.



**GAG**

Size: 24" TL.  
Bag: Atl 1, **2 / vs!**, Gulf 2.  
Scan the QR code for seasons.



**FLOUNDER**

Size: 14" TL min.  
Bag: 5.  
Closed Oct 15-Nov 30.

\*FWC Size and Daily Recreational Bag Limits for Atlantic and Gulf State Waters April 2026 Scan this QR code for Complete FWC Rules



# AREA

## EVENTS



### **Tampa Theatre CatVideoFest 2026**

**August 7 - 13**

CatVideoFest returns to Tampa Theatre with a family-friendly compilation of the internet's funniest and cutest cat videos, all while supporting cats in need. A portion of ticket proceeds benefits the Humane Society of Tampa Bay.



### **Busch Gardens® Tampa Bay Summer Nights**

**Select dates now - August 9**

Summer Nights at Busch Gardens runs select dates from May 22 to August 9. After sundown, enjoy extended hours with world-class coasters, live entertainment, the Boom Box Dance Party in Stanleyville, and Beach Bash in Gwazi Plaza. During the day, cool off with the Rhythm of Nature ice show and Icons indoor performance. Plus, summer photo ops and seasonal food, all included with park admission.



### **Florida State Fairgrounds**

#### **FitFest Tampa Bay**

**August 15 - 16**

FitFest is a high-energy weekend celebrating strength, wellness, and community with something for every fitness level. Watch elite athletes compete in CrossFit, Strongman, Powerlifting, Jiu-Jitsu, Weightlifting, and more, then explore an expo packed with the latest fitness gear, wellness brands, and recovery technology. Round out your day with expert-led classes, special guest appearances, food trucks, live music, and family-friendly activities everyone can enjoy.



# 250 YEARS 4th of July





# The Park With a







# AUGUST 2026



## MONDAY

- LADIES POOL TIME
- GAME NIGHT

## Tuesday

- LADIES POOL TIME
- CORNHOLE

## Wednesday

- LADIES POOL TIME
- BUNCO
- GAME NIGHT

## THURSDAY

- LADIES POOL TIME
- CORNHOLE

## FRIDAY

- MEN'S BIBLE CLASS
- LADIES POOL TIME

## Saturday

- SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



## Sunday

- 5 CROWNS CARD GAME

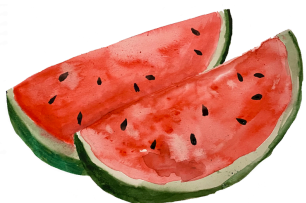
- 8/04 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY
- 8/06 BREAKFAST BINGO ~ PASTRIES
- 8/08 SHARK ATTACK POOL PARTY
- 8/11 SUMMER TRIVIA ~ LOGOS
- 8/13 SHARK ATTACK HAPPY HOUR
- 8/18 LADIES LUNCH OUTING ~ MI CASA MEXICAN
- 8/20 BREAKFAST BINGO ~ ENGLISH MUFFINS
- 8/22 MUSIC BINGO
- 8/28 THE SODA FOUNTAIN ICE CREAM SOCIAL



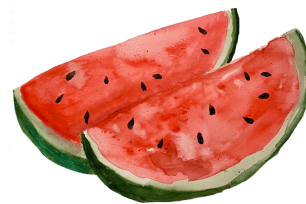
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\*Schedule subject to change





# SEPTEMBER 2026



## MONDAY

- LADIES POOL TIME
- GAME NIGHT

## TUESDAY

- LADIES POOL TIME
- CORNHOLE

## Wednesday

- LADIES POOL TIME
- BUNCO
- GAME NIGHT

## THURSDAY

- LADIES POOL TIME
- CORNHOLE

## FRIDAY

- MEN'S BIBLE CLASS
- LADIES POOL TIME

## Saturday

- SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Sunday

- 5 CROWNS CARD GAME
- TRIPOLY CARD GAME



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- 9/03 BREAKFAST BINGO~ BAGELS
- 9/04 MUSIC BINGO
- 9/07 LABOR DAY CELEBRATION ~BBQ PORK PLATE
- 9/10 LADIES LUNCH OUTING ~
- 9/12 CAMPFIRE & COCKTAILS HAPPY HOUR
- 9/15 WHATS THE SCOOP ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- 9/17 BREAKFAST BINGO~ MUFFINS
- 9/26 END OF SUMMER COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY



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# OCTOBER 2026



## MONDAY

- LADIES POOL TIME
- GAME NIGHT

## TUESDAY

- LADIES POOL TIME
- CORNHOLE

## Wednesday

- LADIES POOL TIME
- BUNCO
- GAME NIGHT

## THURSDAY

- LADIES POOL TIME
- CORNHOLE

## FRIDAY

- MEN'S BIBLE CLASS
- LADIES POOL TIME
- MUSIC BINGO
- KARAOKE

## Saturday

- SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Sunday

- 5 CROWNS CARD GAME
- TRIPOLY CARD GAME



- 10/01 BREAKFAST BINGO- BAGELS
- 10/03 FALL SOUP KITCHEN
- 10/06 NATIONAL TACO DAY
- 10/08 HARVEST HAPPY HOUR
- 10/13 TRIVIA ~ SPPOKY NEW ENGLAND
- 10/17 BRINNER ~ BREAKFAST AFTER DARK
- 10/19 BEADING WITH DEBBIE ~ SPIDERS
- 10/23 1<sup>ST</sup> KARAOKE OF THE NEW SEASON
- 10/31 ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

