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MESSAGE *from the* BOARD

Hello Neighbors,

****2023**** Another Year has seemed to quickly pass us by and the Holiday Season is once again upon us! As we spend time with Family and Friends enjoying each other's company, making new memories, celebrating old and new traditions let's not forget those neighbors who may be alone. Let's continue to work together to build a community of peace and friendship. We wish everyone in River Country a very Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!

—RCEOA Board

RIVER COUNTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

River Country HOA 352-596-0740
 e-mail rivercountry79@gmail.com
 River Country Estates has a new website
 www.RiverCountryEstatesFL.com
 New Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 PM
 and Saturday 9:00 to 12:00 PM

RIVER COUNTRY ESTATES BOARD of DIRECTORS

President - Steve Reinhardt
 Vice-President - Collin Nole
 Treasurer - Marissa White
 Secretary - Virginia (Ginny) VanDerKelen
 Director - Mike Kunz
 Director - Cindy Dean
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Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 4 PM -
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RCEOA VOTING RESULTS 2023-24

October General Meeting Board Voting Results;

Virginia (Ginny) VanDerKelen 138
 Mike Kunz 133
 Paul Grochowski 114
 Andrea Fusco 66
 David Bonomo 2
 Mike Lutman 3

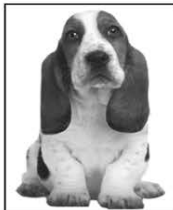
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

• Let's Light Up River Country

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• Hernando Beach Christmas Boat Parade

Sponsored: Hernando Beach Yacht Club
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When: Saturday December 02, 2023 5-7pm

Where: Hernando Beach

Why: Christmas Boat Parade Toys for Tots
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - SAFETY

As we adjust to the change in time here there are some essential safety tips to keep in mind:

Stay alert: Be aware of the increased risk of accidents in the weeks following the time change. Avoid accumulating a sleep debt in the days leading up to it.

Check alarms: When you set your clock back, use it as a reminder to check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Test them to make sure they're working correctly—especially with the increased use of gas-fired furnaces and fireplaces during colder months.

Prepare an emergency kit: Put together a winter emergency kit for your car. This kit should include warm clothes, a blanket, a flashlight, batteries, water, non-perishable snacks, a shovel, flares, reflective hazard triangles, jumper cables, cat litter or sand for traction, a ski hat, and gloves.

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PET DIRECTORY

Do you Love your Pet? Cats - Dogs - Birds - Rabbits etc. Get them logged onto the Community Pet Directory which was created to I.D. your pet should they get out unexpectedly or you notice a lost pet. This Facebook site is monitored by community volunteers and has seen the safe return of loved ones pets; this works by having a quick way to get info out with a picture and a location of a missing or found pet. You can log onto Face Book, search "River Country Estates Pet Directory" request to join (No Cost). You can also contact the RCEOA (352)596-0740 and request a Pet Directory Administrator to help assist you safely securing your pet onto the directory. Let's keep our pets safe!

OPEN INFRA INTERNET - UPDATE

Did Open Infra damage your waterline or sprinkler system during the FIBER Install?

If the answer is yes, please send an email to Mr. Sterling Waterman - STERLING.WATERMAN@OPENINFRA.COM. He is our single point of contact. Pls include pictures if possible. (Add rivercountry79@gmail.com as a CC to the email.) Waterline or sprinkler issues will be dealt with expeditiously. Those whom have grass or lawn damage, Open Infra plans to repair all lawns once the project nears completion. Please be patient. The issue of workers leaving trash in yards has also been addressed with Open infra management. They are working to fix the issues, lets give them a chance before creating a uprising. We are working with Open Infra to ensure every residents issues are resolved

SHED VOTES

Reminder - It's not too late! As a community you wanted to have the Sheds and Leasing agreement changed in your Deed Restrictions. Now is the Time! If you still haven't or are unsure if you voted for the Shed/Leasing agreement the time is Now to Act! Community Volunteers have been actively meeting with homeowners to collect votes. Contact the RCEOA Office (352)596-0740 and request to meet with a community volunteer to Vote. Deadline: 9 Dec.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE:

Electronic versions (previous months only) of the newsletter are now posted on the community website. This is a more efficient way to share vice using email as previous discussed.

COMMUNITY SURVEY- RESULTS

Complete Survey results can be found on the community web site (rivercountryestatesfl.com).

NO SOLICITATION

Signage is Posted - Is it Actually Enforceable? Many associations, whether gated or not, post "No Solicitation" signs at the entrance(s) or throughout the community. However, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes, if any):

- CANDY CANE
- CAROL
- CHRISTMAS TREE
- ~~GIFTS~~
- GINGER MAN
- GREETING CARDS
- ORNAMENTS
- REINDEER
- SANTA CLAUS
- STAR
- STOCKINGS
- WREATH



This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

Grid size:
10 x 10 squares,
10 x 10 letters,
90 x 90 mm.

Square size:
9 x 9 mm.

ANSWER:

A	N	S	T	A	R	N	A	N	A
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Can you find 10 differences between the two pictures?



Tasty Temptations

CHOCOLATE CRINKLE COOKIES

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 oz. bittersweet chocolate
- 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 c. unsweetened cocoa
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1/2 c. unsalted butter
- 1 c. firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 c. confectioners' sugar



DIRECTIONS:

Step 1

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Melt the chocolate according to package directions; let cool. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt.

Step 2

Using an electric mixer, beat the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the eggs and vanilla, then the cooled chocolate.

Step 3

Reduce the mixer speed to low and gradually add the flour mixture, mixing just until incorporated.

Step 4

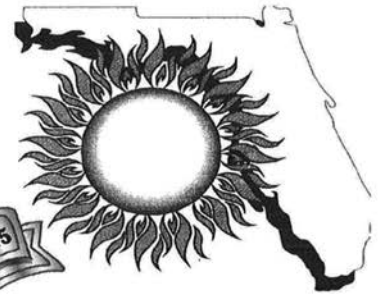
Place the confectioners' sugar in a small bowl. Drop a slightly heaping tablespoon of dough into the confectioners' sugar (the dough will be soft) and roll to coat and form into a ball; repeat with remaining dough. Place the dough balls on a prepared baking sheet and refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes and up to 4 days.

Step 5

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly toss the chilled cookie dough balls in confectioners' sugar and arrange on the prepared baking sheets, spacing them 2 inches apart. Bake, rotating the position of the pans halfway through, until the cookies are puffed, cracked, and just set around the edges, 9 to 11 minutes. Let cool on the sheets for 3 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

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