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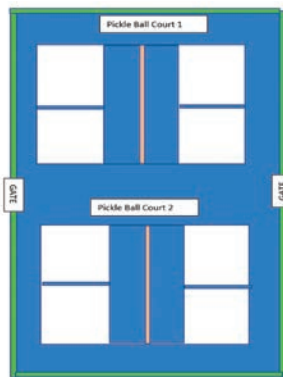
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

PICKLEBALL COURTS

The courts are open for play, however PLEASE use only one court at a time. It has been brought to our attention that a fence or net structure is needed between the courts. This work is being planned and will be completed soon.



NEW NEIGHBOR SOCIAL

March 10th 5:30pm- 6:00pm

If you are new to the community and would like to meet the board, please stop by the office. We will be available to answer your questions or to just say welcome. Please rsvp before 3 Mar by calling the office @ 352-596-0740

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

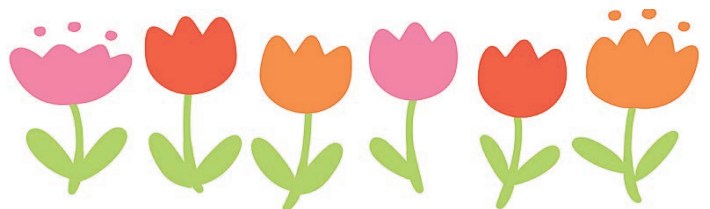
DESPICABLE ME 4 (2024) - is postponed

The constructions plans have been delayed therefore MOVIE NIGHT for MARCH is being postponed. We have to prioritize our efforts with limited manpower. Stand by for more information via our FB page.



SPRING FESTIVAL - APRIL 2025

Due to no feedback form the community there will not be a SPRING festival. Will try again for the FALL Festival. If you're interested in assisting with the planning and the organization of the FALL festival, please let us know. Volunteers needed for this event to take place. Please reach out if interested.



MESSAGE *from the* BOARD

Hey neighbors, not a lot of new information this month, however there is **one very important fact that you all should be aware of.** We have been asking for volunteers to serve on the board and to help with projects within our community and the results have been underwhelming. 480 homes and 6 volunteers, pretty sad if I say so myself.

We are at a critical point in the fate of RIVER COUNTRY operating in the manner that you have seen over the past 2 years. The small number of people that have been carrying the weight of the entire community have reached a breaking point. We need people with positive attitudes that are willing to dedicate time to serve the community in which you live. Its our community, and we all should pitch in in some form to contribute. We understand that everyone is not cut out to be a board member or are physically able to perform manual labor in the park but there are plenty of homeowners that are able and choose not to participate. It's your neighborhood, your community, and it's your home value that can be effected if the association is not sufficiently staffed. **I will explain in more detail at the April general meeting, but don't wait until then to step up to the plate.**

If you have questions for us, you can call the office and one of the board members will reach out to you.

Collin Nole and RCEOA Board
RCEOA President

RIVER COUNTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

River Country HOA.....352-596-0740
 e-mailrivercountry79@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 - Collin Nole
 Vice-President -Matthew Wise
 Treasurer - Marissa White
 Secretary -Virginia (Ginny) VanDerKelen
 Director -Mike Kunz

*Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 4 PM -
 5331 Commercial Way, Suite 106, Spring Hill FL 34606*

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Hernando County Sheriff Police352-754-6830
 (Emergency Only).....911
 Emergency Info/General Info.....352-754-4083
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 Hernando County Health Department352-540-6800
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MARCH 10TH BOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM. 4pm. Must log on between 3:30 and 3:45 to get verified. Zoom waiting room will be closed at 3:45

Meeting Link is posted on the River Country web site. WWW.RIVERCOUNTRYESTATESFL.COM

River Country HOA - BOARD MEETING ZOOM REQUIREMENTS are located on the web page.

APRIL - HOMEOWNERS GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting is scheduled for
21st April @ Regency Oaks Club House.
4445 Breakwater Blvd, Spring Hill-
Doors open at 6pm Meeting will start at 6:15

Important meeting information and voting documentation will be mailed to each River Country Owner very soon. Please plan to attend this informative meeting. The October 10th, 2024 general meeting minutes will be posted on the website for your review.

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

PARK MAINTENANCE/REPAIR:

Help with basic repairs and upkeep of our park! All skill levels from light construction, painting, lending a hand or even passing out refreshments etc. All Volunteers are a plus with this group.

ACTIVITIES:

Brainstorm, establish and help coordinate activities during the cooler months

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Would greet the new residents and welcome them to our Community

NEWSLETTER:

We are always looking for content for this newsletter! (Pictures, recipes, events, neighbor recognitions, student achievements, etc.) If you have anything you would like to see in here email it to rivercountrynewsletter@gmail.com, text it (352) 600-1064, or drop it by the RCEOA office!

DEED RESTRICTIONS REVISIONS

Next big community project is the *DEED RESTRICTIONS REVISION*. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN PLACED ON HOLD.

LATE ASSESSMENTS

Certified letters have been sent out to those who have not paid their 2025 assessment. Those that did not reply with payment, voting rights have been suspended.

As of 1 Jan 2025, any homeowner who has not paid their 2025 assessment of \$125.00 will be charged an administrative late fee of \$25.00. As you know the assessments are due 1 Oct. If you have not paid, please stop by the office to pay by check or cash; it's recommended that you get a receipt. You may also call the office to inquire about an electronic payment.

Thanks for those who are in good standing and appreciate the community that you live in.



DEED RESTRICTION (DRAC)

This group would drive around looking for violations of the Deed restrictions - making a photo and help do a follow-up with our neighbors to correct any infractions. Looking for personable, patient, and kind people that want to build relationships with our residents.

CRIME WATCH:

This group is part of the Hernando County Sheriff's Dept. and patrols our community, but is not a committee of the River Country Estates Home Owners Association. If interested in please contact Mike Lutman 352-200-5262



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NATIONAL PUPPY DAY March 23

Established in 2006 and observed each year on March 23rd, National Puppy Day celebrates the unconditional love and affection puppies bring to our lives. Their cuddles and wiggles make us smile and without a doubt, there are squeals of delight when there are puppies around!

The day also brings awareness to the need for care of and homes for orphaned pups as well as to educate people

about the horrors of puppy mills across the country. Puppies are a big responsibility. Be sure to consider everything involved and adopt from a shelter. The puppies there need love and a home just as much as any other and they grow into loyal pets, too!

By the Numbers

- 15-20 – the number of hours puppies spend sleeping.
- 1 – the age at which puppies become ‘adults.’
- 24 – the largest litter born to a mastiff breed dog.
- 2-4 weeks – the age at which puppies start teething.
- 10,000 – the number of puppy mills in the U.S
- 9.4 – the estimated number of puppies per breeding female per year.
- 2005 – the year when the world’s first canine was cloned.
- 17 tons – the weight of the giant puppy sculpture in Bilbao, Spain.
- 38,000 – the number of flowers covering the giant puppy sculpture in Bilbao, Spain.
- 165,474 – the estimated number of dogs kept solely for breeding purposes in USDA licensed facilities.
- 1,011,046 – the estimated number of puppies produced by USDA licensed facilities every year.



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