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MESSAGE *from the* BOARD

The October general meeting location has changed. We will be meeting at Christian Church in the wildwood. Address is 10051 County Road, Weeki Wachee, FL – Building D. If you have never attended a general meeting please reconsider and attend. We will discuss the business of the community, (upcoming projects, financial reports, board elections and the opportunity for you to ask questions.

As I stated last month, In September all homeowners will receive a mailing from the association. It will contain the voting ballot, the biographies of the candidates, assessment notice, deed restriction modification ballot and proxy. All of these are important and are needed to move the community forward. Please return the documents to the office in a timely manner.

Lastly, I want to talk about ARC reviews. 99 percent of the ARC reviews we receive are requesting changes that are within the guidelines and are approved by the board. There are some request that require modifications to be HOA legal. The homeowner makes the modification to the request and then its approved. The other caveat is a VARIANCE, whereby the owner is asking us to consider bypassing the current guideline due to a special circumstance. Acceptable reasons maybe based on hardship or mitigating circumstances. Variances are not approved just because the homeowner wants to do something that is outside of the community guidelines.

In closing, River country belongs to us all. Let's continue to work together to make this a better place to live.

Thanks,

Collin Nole and RCEOA Board, RCEOA President

SEPT 8TH BOARD MEETING



VIA ZOOM. 4 pm. Must log on between 3:30 and 3:45 to get verified. The Zoom waiting room will be closed at 3:45 The Meeting Link is posted on the River Country website. WWW.RIVERCOUNTRYESTATESFL.COM

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



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RIVER COUNTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

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River Country Estates has a new website
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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
Director -Randy Jackson
Director -Cliff Moody

*Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 4 PM -
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Saturday, October 4th at 8:00 PM in the Park

The movie will be shown next to the pickleball courts. Please bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets. POPCORN and NACHOS are being served free of charge.

This month's FEATURE is going to be Hocus Pocus 2. Looking forward to seeing everyone that evening!





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removed on the 9th.



COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

**November 15th, 2025
12 pm (noon) to 4 pm in the Park**

Are there vendors interested in participating in the 2nd Annual Fall Festival? The vendor fees have been waived, THIS YEAR. The vendor contract is available in the office. Food vendors and kids' activities are being planned. Stay tuned for more info.



OCTOBER 2025 GENERAL MEETING ELECTION

CLIFF MOODY

My name is Cliff Moody. I reside in River Country Estates with my wife Joyce at 8559 Delaware Drive since Oct 2020. I was a NY/Long Islander resident for over 60 years. Business owner over 30 years in the Environmental Industry. I had negotiated contracts, purchased orders, Union Issues and delegated authority in the Construction Industries. Under the leadership with Collin Nole and present Board Members, we will have/make a strong team which we can all come together and make improvements to solve issues. I look forward to working with everyone. Let's keep River Country Estates a clean and safe living community. We must all follow the HOA Bylaws that was signed when we moved herein order to keep our community clean. Thank you.

JAMES JACKSON

Hello all, My Name is James Jackson My wife and I have been owner occupants in River Country Estates since 1996, I traveled my entire career and did not have the time or desire to be involved with the day-to-day workings of an HOA. My employment status has now changed and I now have the time to invest in our community, I am currently filling a vacant spot on the board until the general meeting, If voted onto the board in OCT I will work with the other members to promote and provide transparency , consistency ,and unity within River country estates HOA Thank you

KELLY CRANK-SOWKA

Hello Neighbors, My name is Kelly Crank-Sowka. My family and I have only lived in this beautiful community since August of last year. I have recently signed up to volunteer with the social committee and to assist with the community newsletter. My experience in business management and reception work should enhance my ability to qualify for a position on the board, as well as serve as your community secretary. I am currently pursuing a master's degree in history and working as an online tutor. Some of the skills I have acquired over the years include, but are not limited to, customer service, reading, writing, research, computer skills such as Google and Word documents, and Excel, along with other programs. I am open to learning new skills and adapting to the needs of our community. These are some of the things I hope to offer, and I look forward to meeting all of you!

*MICHAEL KUNZ

Hello everyone. I have lived in River Country since 2015. I have been on the board of directors for the past 8 years providing support to all the work that it takes to make River Country Estates a great place to live. I would like to continue this journey as it is rewarding to see the community grow and finally come together to work as one. Thank you.

*INCUMBENT

LABOR DAY

The Labor Day Hurricane of 1935

Labor Day arrives during the peak of hurricane season, and there have been a number of memorable storms on or around Labor Day weekend, including 2005's Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane David in 1979.

Among the most destructive was the unnamed hurricane of 1935 which hit the Florida Keys as the first-recorded Category 5 storm in U.S. history, leaving near total destruction in its wake. With winds of 185 mph and an estimated storm surge of 18 feet, the Labor Day hurricane claimed nearly 500 lives. It goes down as one of the worst hurricanes to ever make landfall in the contiguous United States.

www.today.com Labor Day Facts and Trivia for 2025
Sarah Lemire (reporter) & Shelby Deering July 22nd 2025
& Labor Day 2025: Facts, Meaning & Founding | HISTORY

LABOR DAY FUN FACTS:

- Created by the Labor movement in the 19th century to celebrate workers and their achievements.
- Labor Day was declared a national holiday by President Grover Cleveland in 1894.
- President Lyndon B. Johnson declared the holiday would always be celebrated on a Monday.
- Labor Day is celebrated on the 1st Monday in September.
- The actual founder of Labor Day is unknown even today.
- New Jersey is home to the American Labor Museum.
- Other countries celebrate a form of Labor Day, known by different names, such as May Day, Labour Day, and International Workers' Day.
- There is still a Labor Day Parade in New York City.
- Labor Day occurs at the peak of hurricane season.
- Several major storms have occurred on or around Labor Day weekend, including Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane David, & the unnamed hurricane of 1935 that hit the Florida Keys on Labor Day as a Category five hurricane.



Word Search

See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.



1. LABOR
2. DAY
3. HOLIDAY
4. SEPTEMBER
5. WORK
6. LONG
7. WEEKEND
8. ENDING
9. SUMMER
10. NATIONAL
11. USA
12. TRAVEL
13. AMERICAN
14. MONDAY
15. DAY
16. OFF

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*River Country Estates - Community Park -
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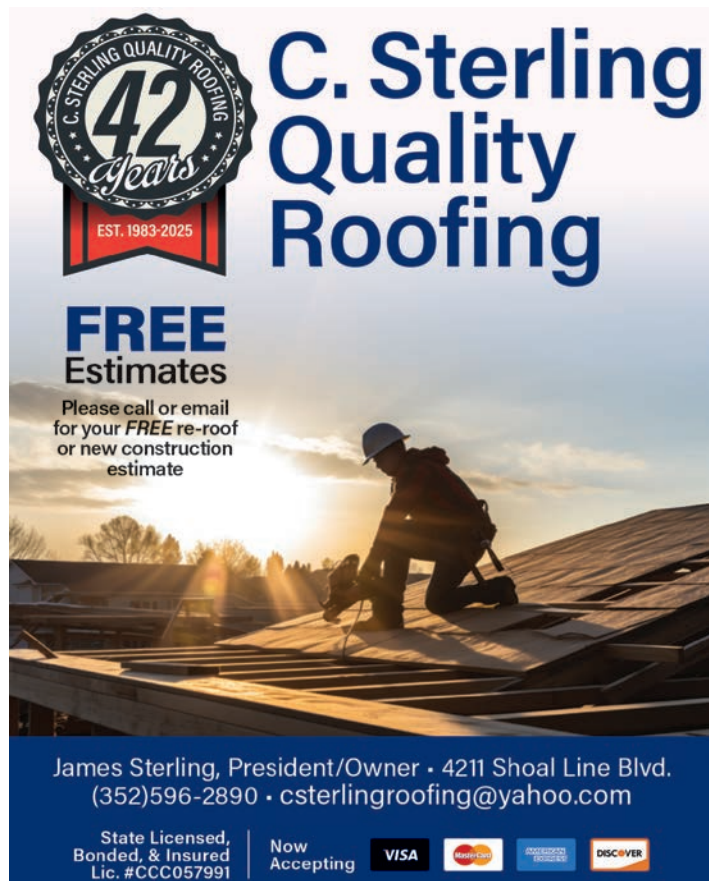
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CRIME WATCH REPORT

by Nancy Jones, Crime Watch Volunteer

Solicitors' vs Lead Person

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Per the Sheriff's Department: if you want to keep a solicitor or lead from your property, post a "no trespassing sign" at your door. Then, if they do go onto your property, the deputy can give them a warning and escort them out of our community. Personally, as I was at my neighbor across from my house, I witnessed this same young man, turn into my driveway, saw the sign and backed out.



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The ordinance applies to all sources of water, public supplied, and from wells, rivers, lakes or other bodies of water. Hernando County's current one day a week watering schedule has been in place since July of 2010.

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***More info can be found at www.HernandoCounty.us/HCUDConservation

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