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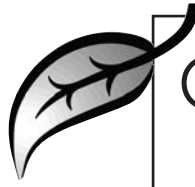
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# MESSAGE from the BOARD



## A few notes:

**Hurricane-** As we transition to the cooler months, please be reminded that we are still in hurricane season until the end of November. Please be prepared, have a plan and evacuate if needed. Look out for your neighbor, help them store outdoor furniture or just check on them after the storm has passed.

**Park Projects-** If you have been in the park lately, you have seen the beginnings of the new children's swing set area. We have purchased two play sets for the younger children to play on. (under 12) The project is scheduled to be completed before 20 October. We want to thank the River Country owners who made donations to this project. We have a few other community projects in the planning stages, which will be discussed at the general meeting.

**Deed restrictions-** We are still in need of two volunteers to help with DEED RESTRICTIONS. Currently the board members are doing double duty. This function is designed to be run by a committee not the board members themselves. For the most part, we do not have a lot of violations however, there are some that don't follow the rules set forth by our deed restrictions and need reminders. One violation that is seen regularly is YARD SIGNS. NO advertising signs are allowed. Please do not allow the vendor to leave them in your yard. We are working together with the community to maintain the beauty of River Country. If violations are not corrected it affects everyone's property value. Please do your part and follow the rules. A copy of the deed restrictions can be downloaded from our web page. Please ask a question if you're not sure.

**General meeting –** Please join us to hear about the business of your community and get the opportunity to ask your questions, however if you can't attend please return the voting ballot and proxy forms.

**Fall festival-** We hope to see everyone out at the 2 nd Annual Fall Festival. The committee has been working hard to ensure a great family event.

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

## ASSESSMENT REMINDER:

We want to thank all the members who have paid and are now current with their assessments. Reminder – 2025 assessments are due in Oct. 2025 in the amount \$125 per lot owned. Checks can be dropped off at the annual meeting or the office during normal operating hours.

## COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

### 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 - ..... 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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(Emergency Only).....911  
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Withlacoochee River Electric.....352-596-4000  
Florida – Highway Patrol ..... 352-754-6767  
Hernando County Fire Rescue .....352-540-4353  
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Hernando County Health Department.....352-540-6800  
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- Movie in the Park, October 4th, 2025, at 8 pm, Location: River Country Estates pickleball area
- Halloween Howl and Safety Fun Fest 2025 Saturday, October 25th, 2025, 4-8 pm Location: Brooksville Main Street
- Wild & Wicked Nights Friday & Saturday Oct. 17th-18th & 24th-25th 2025 Location: Weeki Wachee State Park
- Crystal River Scarecrow Festival, October 11th, 2025, 10 am - 5 pm Location: 657 N Citrus Avenue, Crystal River, FL, 34428
- Check out the May-Stringer House - Book online and early for a haunted tour!
- Check out the Florida Haunted Houses website for a list of haunted houses in Florida!
- Check out the fun 4 nature coast kids: Fall Festivals for a list of Festivals, Carnivals, and much more going on during October!
- Trick or Treating is Friday, October 31st, 2025. Be sure to watch out for all the little ghouls and goblins running about on this night.



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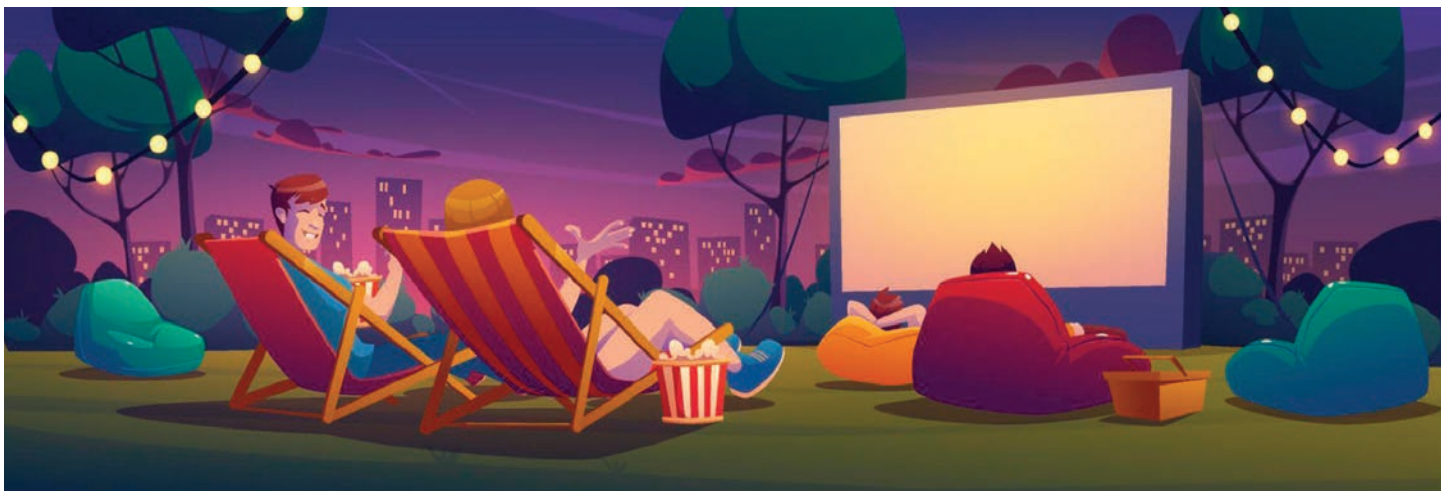
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# MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

*You asked and as promised, MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!  
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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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## 2nd Annual Fall Festival

**When: 12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM** **Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**Local Vendors - Food Truck - FREE Face Painting**



For more information:  
<https://rivercountryestatesfl.com> OR  
[RiverCountry79@gmail.com](mailto:RiverCountry79@gmail.com)

The date is set for our second annual

## COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL • NOV 15TH



12 pm (noon) to 4 pm in the Park

Food truck, vendors, face and pumpkin painting, bounce house, lemonade stand, and much more!

Calling all 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 and must be returned via email or in person by November 1, 2025, with Attention to Matthew Wise.

Calling our community car collectors!!! Do you have a classic or antique vehicle you would like to show off at our 2nd Annual Fall Festival? If so, please contact the River Country Estates office via email or in person to provide your information. The information should include your name, street address, phone number, & vehicle type. Please address it to the attention of Matthew Wise.

We hope to see everyone there!!!



## ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE • NOV 7-8-9

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## OCTOBER 13TH, 2025 BOARD MEETING

Will not be available via Zoom because the general meeting is the following week. Please attend the general meeting.

## OCTOBER 20TH, 2025 GENERAL MEETING LOCATION .....

Location: Christian Church in the Wildwood. Address is 10051 County Road, Weeki Wachee, Fl – Building D @ 6 PM

## OCTOBER 20TH, 2025 GENERAL MEETING ELECTION .....

Voting ballots will be mailed soon. Candidates for the board of directors. (4 seats are up for election)

## ROSTER OF CANDIDATES: .....

### 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 were signed when we moved here in 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 October, I will work with the other members to promote and provide transparency, consistency, and unity within River Country Estates HOA. Thank you

## GENERAL MEETING RULES & AGENDA

### Rules

- Each homeowner must check in at registration table prior to meeting.
- If you wish to speak, raise your flag and wait to be acknowledged by chairperson.
- Each homeowner is allowed only 2 questions/ comments per topic.
- Comments will be limited to 3 minutes.
- Professional meeting etiquette is required. No interrupting another person or calling out. No sidebar conversations.

### Agenda

- Meeting Called to Order
- Quorum Established
- Introduction of Board Members
- Welcome by President
- Reading of Previous Minutes
- Secretary Report
- Treasurer Report
- Community Improvement Projects Report
- DRAC Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Open Discussion
- Adjourn Meeting

### 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



## 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.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Brainstorm, establish and help coordinate activities during the cooler months

## NEWSLETTER:

We are always looking for content for this newsletter! (Pictures, recipes, events, neighbor recognition, student achievements, etc.) If you have anything you would like to see in here, email it to the RCEOA, attention Kelly or Collin, or bring it in to the office.

## DEED RESTRICTION (DRAC)

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

## CRIME WATCH:

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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.

If you are having your lawn replaced or partially replaced call the Hernando County Utilities Department beforehand: (352) 754-4037 for a water allowance and they will inform you of the particular allowance for your lawn.



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\*\*\*More info can be found at [www.HernandoCounty.us/HCUDConservation](http://www.HernandoCounty.us/HCUDConservation)

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