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THE RIVER LANDING  
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January 1, 2020 - December 16, 2020

	Sales	Under Contract
<b>Homes</b>	46	4
<b>Lots</b>	26	3

### 2020 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

New homes approved = 2

New homes completed = 3

Homes currently under construction = 2

Total completed homes in River Landing = 475

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# GOLF CORNER

**‘TIS THE  
SEASON  
TO BE  
THANKFUL**

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This is the time of year when everyone - society, TV, radio, phone, social media - reminds us to be thankful. That may be true, but I believe it's a year-long project. The best time to be thankful is when things haven't been that great. We all deal with or face things that aren't good, like a pandemic, riots, flooding, or even a bad round of golf. Many of us have also lost family, staff, and friends recently. In these times it's especially important to be thankful, and I think it starts when we come through the gates of River Landing. Thankful for being here in Wallace, NC! Thankful to have

family, friends and neighbors all in the same community who are generous in so many ways. Just look around, it's not like this everywhere.

I think back to Hurricane Florence in 2018 and how devastated our community was with the loss of property, but thankfully no loss of life. In 2019 we were rebuilding our community and Club, yet thankfully we still won the NC Golf Course of the year! I think about September of this year when we hosted the NC Golf Panel. Some members of the panel were new and some were extremely experienced, but all possessed a vast knowledge of golf courses and golf course operations. Afterwards, we received numerous thank you notes praising our courses and the great shape they were in! Panelists commented on how relaxing it is from the moment you

enter the community, as well as the hospitality shown by all. Let's be grateful and not forget that's an experience we get to enjoy every day, and we can't wait to welcome those of you who are planning to come join us.

During these unprecedented times, I think of the pandemic and how many lives have been affected, and I'm thankful I'm right here in River Landing. I think about the loss of lives we have seen, not just from Covid-19, but also those from other illnesses and injury. Our Membership has reached in their hearts many times over and pulled out a hug, a tear, a prayer, a card, money, or many other things which help to heal. It's not always easy to be thankful, especially when negative things happen, but I'm here to tell you - the people in River Landing certainly come

through in a multitude of ways that remind us to give thanks.

So during this season, which I choose to define as the rest of my life, I plan to be thankful each day. Thankful to be here safely in the River Landing community and The Club. Thankful for God, for a great wife, for the ownership of River Landing, for the caring Membership and the awesome staff, for family, health, the golf courses, the dining operations, the weather etc., the list goes on and on! I'm grateful to everyone who has shown such love and compassion to me, to Patty, to the entire staff, and to many other members who have suffered loss. Through thick and through thin, we all make up this great River Landing Family. For that, I am forever thankful.



# Thank You



2020 has definitely been a year that we will never forget, however, our River Landing family has remained strong and worked together to stay safe. On behalf of the golf staff, I would like to say thank you! Each and every one of you have done your part to support the Club, whether it be playing golf, buying items in the golf shop, or dining in the Clubhouse restaurant. Our year in the golf department has truly been amazing with the number of rounds played on a daily basis and the tournament participation, which have both been extraordinary! My hope is that we all finish 2020 off in a healthy manner and move towards a positive 2021, bringing with it a whole new year of excitement!

Marshall Stott, Head Pro & the River Landing Golf Staff

# River Landing

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's Club Championship was one for the ages! Three months of matches came down to the final hole, just missed putts, and dramatic extra hole wins by each flight winner and overall champions.

The number of participants this year was fantastic, totaling 58 players. There were a total of 7 flights and each flight had some incredible play throughout the summer. The final two matches for the Men's and Women's Club Championship, did not disappoint.

In the Ladies Championship match the two Cheryl's (Cheryl Nichols and Cheryl Stamp) went head to head in an 18-hole duel. The match was back and forth with great shots the entire way. Cheryl Stamp made a nice putt on #18 to halve the hole and move the match into extra holes. On the final hole Cheryl Nichols found some trouble off the tee, while Cheryl Stamp found the fairway giving her the advantage. Needing to make a two-foot putt to win the hole, Cheryl Stamp was able to get the ball in the hole and win 1up on the 19th hole to become the 2020 Overall Ladies Club Champion.

The Men's Championship was between Mark Scronce and Jim Harless. This 36 hole final was definitely up and down for both players. After the first 18 holes Mark had built a nice 3up lead going into the afternoon match. As the afternoon match began, it was clear that Jim came to play as he started gaining momentum through the first couple of holes. By the 24th hole, Jim had erased the 3 hole deficit and was now 2up. Mark fought back quickly and by the end of the 27th hole had tied the match once again. Mark regained the lead, winning the next two holes and going 2up. The match stayed tight through the next few holes. Jim won the 35th hole which put him within 1 going in to the final hole. After both players missed the fairway on the last hole, Jim was able to get the ball on the green while Mark left his approach in the front bunker. Jim's putt came up a little short and Mark was able to get his ball about 3 feet from the hole out of the bunker. Jim just missed his par chance and Mark was able to sink his putt to win 1up and become the 2020 Men's Club Champion.

## FLIGHTS & RESULTS



Club Champion | Cheryl Stamp

Sorensen Flight | 2020 Overall



Club Champion | Mark Scronce

Nicklaus Flight | 2020 Overall

### Hogan Flight

Champion | Charlie Steinbraker  
Runner Up | Ed Dillard

### Snead Flight

Champion | Skip Romanet  
Runner Up | Jim Bodine

### Palmer Flight

Champion | Mike Couch  
Runner Up | Joe Phaneuf

### Player Flight

Champion | Rick Zeranski  
Runner Up | Keith Saylor

### Sarazen Flight

Champion | Ed Yates  
Runner Up | Dale Schweinsburg

# SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Senior Club Championship brought a great turnout for a weekend of exciting competition. Fall definitely arrived with cool temperatures and windy conditions during the tournament.

The championship offered four divisions; Senior Men, Senior Women, Super Senior Men and Super Senior Women. The players in each division played outstanding golf and gave it their all throughout the weekend. In the Senior Men's division, the Overall Champion was Eric Brown. Eric was able to put together two great rounds of golf and hold off the other competitors on Sunday. The Super Senior Men's division took a little more work on Sunday between Lenny Ward and Charlie Steinbraker. They had a playoff on the 18th hole and Lenny came out on top making him the Super Senior Champion of the year.

In the two women's divisions, there was some great golf and fierce competition. Maureen McCarthy defended her championship in the Senior Women's division by playing consistent golf all weekend long. She was able to gain control of the championship on

the first day with a solid round and followed up that round with steady play on Sunday to win the Senior Championship.

Sheila Bertoldi played great all weekend to finish the tournament as the Super Senior Women's Champion.

## SENIOR MENS RESULTS

1st Gross	Eric Brown
2nd Gross	Mark Bertoldi
1st Net	David Fussell
2nd Net	Kevin Elder

## SENIOR WOMENS RESULTS

1st Gross	Maureen McCarthy
2nd Gross	Cheryl Stamp
1st Net	Cathy Harless
2nd Net	Liz Peterson

## SUPER SENIOR MENS RESULTS

1st Gross	Lenny Ward
2nd Gross	Charlie Steinbraker
3rd Gross	Ed Dillard
1st Net	Jim Gantz
2nd Net	Mike Vandiver
3rd Net	Guy White

## SUPER SENIOR WOMENS RESULTS

1st Gross	Sheila Bertoldi
2nd Gross	Helene Zupko
1st Net	Carol Romanet
2nd Net	Suzie Zalar

# MEMBER 3 GUEST

Member 3 Guest did not disappoint this year. With a field full of 32 teams, it was the largest number of teams in some time. The River Landing Banquet Team did a phenomenal job with meals over the three-day tournament and the golf was absolutely fantastic! A great time was had by all. The shootout turned out to be a good one, as it usually is with the pressure of the format (alternate shot) and the number of people watching. The final hole came down to the two teams

of the Tom Watson Flight (Eric Brown's team) and the Seve Ballesteros Flight (Jason Johnson's team). After solid golf shots by both teams, and both teams tying the hole, the competition moved to a shootout for the overall champion. The eventual champion was the team of Eric Brown, Jody Roach, Andy Price, and Luke Sampson. Congratulations to the flight winners and thank you to all the participants!

## TOM WATSON FLIGHT

1st Place	Team Eric Brown
2nd Place	Team Duane Batts
3rd Place	Team Guy White

## RAYMOND FLOYD FLIGHT

1st Place	Team Kevin Elder
2nd Place	Team David Fussell
3rd Place	Team Gregory Seybold

## SEVE BALLESTEROS FLIGHT

1st Place	Team Jason Johnson
2nd Place	Team Justin Hunter
3rd Place	Team Don Cmar

## NICK FALDO FLIGHT

1st Place	Team Jonathan Fussell
2nd Place	Team Bradley Cottle
3rd Place	Team Steven Paylor

# MEMBER 4

It was a wonderful couple of days for this year's Member 4 event, and players even made it through some difficult weather during the start of round 2. The field was broken into three flights and scores were competitive in each. Competitors enjoyed lunch after Saturday's round and gathered again for an awards meal after the final round on Sunday. A big thank you goes to Chef Jake and the banquet staff for both meals, and to the competitors themselves for another fine turnout! The results were as follows.

## FLIGHT 1

3-way tie for 1st

Charlie Steinbraker | Jim Harless  
Joey Stone | Steve Godwin  
Mark Scronce | Duanne Batts  
Glenn Batten | David Sutton  
Tom Castellino | Charles Biernetzky  
Cheryl Stamp | Maureen McCarthy

## FLIGHT 2

1st Billy and Elizabeth Peterson & Kevin and Bonnie Elder  
2nd Rich Phaneuf, Joe Phaneuf, Steven Paylor, & Shane Kennedy

## FLIGHT 3

1st Greg and Bonnie Seybold & Joe and Diane Elko  
2nd Dale Schweinsberg, Randy Weston, Helene Zupko, and Graeme Shaw



# LET'S BEAT IT



On October 17th and 18th, the RLGALS held their annual Swing for the Cure events benefiting Vidant Cancer Center. "Let's Beat It" was this year's theme as 69 players participated in the golf tournament and luncheon, along with special guest, Varessa Wall, Vidant Health Foundation's, Director of Development.

Sunday's Helicopter Ball Drop saw 1,347 golf balls descend from the sky raising \$7,097 towards the fundraising total. The remaining portion was split evenly between 50/50 winners Gayle Godwin (3rd place), Rick Batchelor (2nd place) and Skip & Carol Romanet (1st place). Helicopter sponsors were Billy's Pork & Beef Center, Wallace Variety, Duplin Golf Carts,



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River Landing supported the RLGALS Swing for the Cure event by crafting and selling a special pink drink aptly named the "Sweet Tart Tini." \$1 from every Sweet Tart Tini sold directly benefited the Vidant Cancer Center in Greenville, NC. Made with raspberry vodka, raspberry schnapps, Triple Sec, and cranberry juice, shaken and served with a sweet-tart rim and raspberry garnish, the beautifully bold drink was an instant success for Clubhouse guests! Additionally, there was a beer special for the month that also contributed to the donations. A special thanks to Clubhouse Manager Susan Wolfe-Hill and bartenders Jordan Luman-Miller and Jordan Henderson for their creative bartending talents and for serving up multiple aperitifs.



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Edwards & Associates Physical Therapy, The Blend, River Landing, and the Murphy Family.

As seen in past years, the hallway leading into the Clubhouse ballroom was set up with beautiful raffle prizes donated by local merchants and RL Members alike. The Pink Raffle brought in over \$1,300!

The ever-popular BINGO game was incredibly fun and preceded by a wonderful meal. The Rock N’ Roll BINGO game raised over \$1,100 that evening.

“The weekend could not have run smoother thanks to Activites Director Sabrina Lewis, Marketing Manager Regan Murphy, former Marketing Manager Meredith Horne, Marketing Specialist Jillian Williams, Sales Manager Carrie Bromelle, and the entire River Landing Golf Shop staff,” said event director Cathy Harless. Special thanks goes out to RLGALS committee members Donna Samper, Peg Bodine, Jan Zoesch, RuthAnne Lavis, Maureen Goodwin, Jo Maggio, Sheila Bertoldi, and Gayle Godwin for their dedication to this important event.

The fundraising didn’t stop there, as local merchant, “The Glass Slipper,” owned by Cindy Merritt, donated 10% of its sales for the month of October to the cause! On top of that, several individuals also made additional generous donations. At the end of the night, the RLGALS raised \$14,100 for Vidant Cancer Center!







## “WHERE RIVER LANDING MEN MEET TO SHARE A LAUGH, A BEER, AND SOME GOLF”

The final quarter (September through November) of the 2020 season continued with some better weather as the extreme heat of the summer subsided. We completed 20 Play Days with 2 Play Day rainouts and conducted 2 tournaments.

The Fall Classic attracted 64 players; a good turnout that paid out \$634 in prize

money. The Closing Day tournament had 72 players paying out \$600 in prizes. For these two tournaments, the 50/50 drawings brought in approximately \$700 to the budget while paying the same amount to the winners! The meal service was exceptional as always. Everyone enjoyed the deli buffet at the Fall Classic and the Closing Day brunch

menu is always a favorite.

Regarding Play Days this final quarter, of the 18 dates played, we averaged 42 players; a little below normal. We continue to have more players on Tuesdays than Thursdays and are trying to find ways to increase the Thursday participation. For the total 2020 season, we finished with 2,496 rounds played with an average of 45 players per day, while the seven tournaments totaled 509 players averaging 72 per tournament. Membership closed the year at 118 players, an increase from last year's number of 113.

The second and final Pot of Gold Play Day tournament was held on November 5th and was a great success! For this tournament, extra money that had been set aside from each Play Day is paid out as extra winnings. We had 59 players participate for a total purse of \$911. Everyone was a winner with individual payouts ranging from \$30 to a minimum of \$10. The playing format was very popular and enjoyed by everyone – 1 best gross score plus 2 best net scores (could not be the same ball). The format kept everyone involved in each hole and was certainly challenging.

Some notable good golf has continued since the last update, with one additional ACE being reported by Billy Peterson on the very difficult Landing 8th hole, while seven more eagles were posted by Frank Wood, Joe Elko, Billy Peterson (2),

Jim Harless, Dick White and Randy Weston. Also, career best rounds were carded by Jim Frater (76) and Harry MacLaughlin (74) during this period. Great playing guys!

The big event of the quarter was the annual election for open positions on the Executive Board. The election was held during the last two weeks of the season and the results are as follows. Jim Frater completed his term as President, transitioning to the 'ex-officio' position. He is succeeded by VP Randy Weston as the new President. Mike Orłowski was elected as Vice President serving two years as VP, after which he

will transition to President in 2022. Harry MacLaughlin was re-elected to a second term as Secretary; Don Thomas was elected as Tournament Director, replacing Bob Miller; and Jim Bodine was elected as Member at Large, replacing Rick Zeranski. The position of Vice Tournament Director remains open as there were no candidates seeking that post.

Congratulations to the new board members and we extend our sincere thanks to the exiting board members. Thank you Jim, Bob and Rick for your service; it is much appreciated!

Our next major event will be the Annual Meeting to kick off

the 2021 season. It will be held in February; the exact date to be announced later.

Remember to visit the website: [RLMGA.INFO](http://RLMGA.INFO) for any information you need concerning RLMGA activities and results. If you are reading this and are not an RLMGA member, but would like to be, you can find application forms in the Golf Shop, and on the website: [RLMGA.INFO](http://RLMGA.INFO). We would love to have you join us!

Harry MacLaughlin  
RLMGA SECRETARY

## RIVER LANDING GOLF

### REMINDEES

**Safety First** – Please wait for the golfers ahead of you to clear the landing area before you hit your next shot. It only takes 1 errant shot to change our community. Are you really impatient enough to jeopardize someone's life? If you are, think about someone doing the same thing to your spouse, child or best friend. It's just a game!

**Practice Range Mats** – When the balls are set to hit on the range mats, you must only hit on the mats. They are intended to protect and prolong the natural grass tee for all golfers.

**Golf Cart Pairing** – You must pair up when leaving the 1st Tee and make sure there

are 2 riders in each cart. It is careless and adds age to our cart fleet if you do not! Ask the Golf Shop about COVID-19 cart accommodations.

**Back Driving Range** – Please keep golf cart traffic limited to the cart path or beside the south practice tee. Our maintenance staff is trying to improve and beautify our practice area and the traffic elimination will help substantially.

**Native Grasses & No Mow Areas** – You must not drive golf carts or push carts through the native areas. There should never be any vehicles in the grass, this will not be tolerated.

**Golf Shop Vendors** – Please know that just because you don't see it in the Golf Shop doesn't mean we can't order it! We can compete with and usually offer a better price on new product than most golf stores. Please ask a member of the golf staff for a price if you don't see it in the golf shop.

**Cigarette Butts & Trash** – Please keep River Landing Green & Clean “No butts about it!”

**Golf Course Cart Towels** – Please, please, please return any cart towels you may have accidentally left in the trunk of your vehicle.





## CHP BUILDER SHOWCASE

Even with COVID-19 dominating the headlines for most of 2020, the demand for single family housing has remained strong. That's just one of the reasons eight couples came to River Landing in October, fostering a dream of turning their home site into a custom home. River Landing is known for providing affordable, luxury housing and these couples were eager to experience it for themselves during the October 2020 Custom Home Program Builder Showcase. On the first evening, the



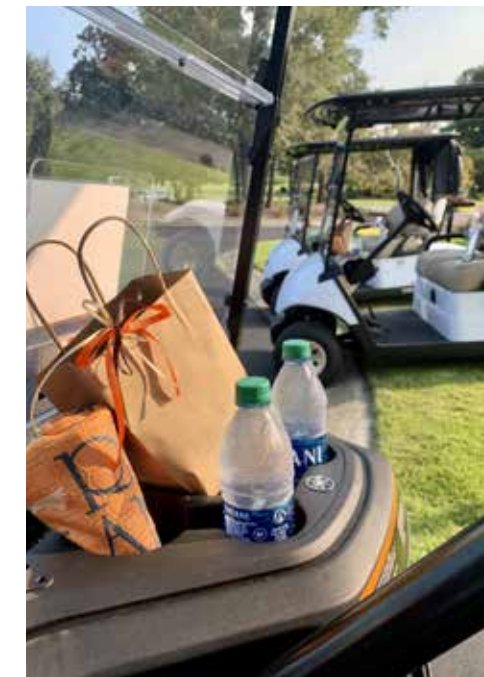
couples met up with CHP Preferred Builders, Allied Partners, River Landing team members, and current River Landing residents to enjoy a night at the River Lodge. While getting to know each other, guests enjoyed incredible food by the River Landing Banquet and Events staff, great music by local singer/songwriter John Jones, intros to the builders and partners, and more! For over two hours, the area alongside the beautiful Northeast Cape Fear River was filled with conversation and laughter.

The next morning, the couples reconvened in the River Room at the Clubhouse for breakfast, followed by a tour of the Clubhouse Suites, the first floor dining rooms, the Golf Shop, and the golf course area around the Clubhouse. The highlight of the overall event wasn't truly recognized until each of the couples took off in their own personalized club golf cart to tour a total of seven River Landing homes, each in a different phase of construction, through completion. Beginning with just a cleared home site and stacks of foundation bricks, then moving on to nearly finished, and finally, beautifully completed homes, the group visited the Maple Creek, River Ridge, Cedar Point, Legacy Oaks, and River Village Square neighborhoods. They were greeted by a mix of builders, project managers, and residents, who were all thrilled to share their experiences and knowledge. It was a feast for the eyes

with plenty of information for property owners to see just how easy it can be to convert dirt into a dream home!

If you are interested in building a custom home in beautiful Eastern North Carolina, featuring two championship golf courses and a multitude of amenities, as well as beautiful views and friendly neighbors, consider our current property listings. Or better yet, visit River Landing today!

<https://riverlanding.com/realestate>







Noted journalist Clare Ansberry once wrote, “Gardens and flowers have a way of bringing people together, drawing them from their homes,” and on November 5th they did just that.

Better weather couldn’t have been ordered had it been on a celestial menu. The sun shone brightly overhead and the temperature hovered near 75° with clear, blue skies, as 24 residents of River Landing met at Johnson Nursery in Willard, NC (just up I-40 toward Wilmington) for le Tour de Plants, a tour of the garden center’s 1,400 varieties of annuals, perennials, shrubs, tropicals, vines, and grasses. The group split up into

three smaller parties, alternating between a short walking tour and two different wagon tours. One group explored the future water feature with founder and president of the nursery, David Johnson, while the second group set out to see the five acres of Belgian Mums® the nursery has become popular for. The third group stayed right around the garden center and front entrance and learned more about potted plants and annuals with David’s wife, Jill.

An Allied Partner of the Custom Home Program, Johnson Nursery, has hosted River Landing residents in the past, each time more popular than



the last. Running a 125-acre nursery is no easy task, and everyone on the tour enjoyed learning more about the huge diversity of plant material available at the nursery.

Lunch was catered by the River Landing banquet team and allowed for a perfect intermission to the outing.

As David prepared to take the groups out, he offered words that remind us all of the vision that brought Johnson Nursery to fruition in 1981 - “Our mission at Johnson Nursery is to improve lives with the Lord’s guidance by providing the highest quality plant experience.” And improve the lives of 24 individuals it did!





# FOOD DRIVE

The 15th annual River Landing Food Drive on Monday, November 9th, was a resounding success thanks to the generosity of our Members and Residents. Despite the unexpected rain showers, we received a flood of bags, boxes, and cases of food benefiting The Helping Hands Food Pantry.

The more than 400 donations of non-perishable items exceeded last year's Food Drive by over 100, making this year one of the best we have had in the 15 years that River Landing has sponsored this event. The monetary donations received will allow the program to fill those extra needs that are sure to pop up throughout the coming year.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all who contributed this year!



The success of our annual Food Drive could not be accomplished without the generous support of our many volunteers. Thank you to all the ladies who prepared and distributed over 400 bags to our community residents to fill with food, as well as the people who helped with collecting and delivering donations for the shelves at the pantry. It was truly a team effort, with many hands helping to make (not so) light work of a very big job. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Helping Hands Food Pantry, which is located at the Wallace Presbyterian Church, has been able to assist an average of 50 families each month during 2020. For those who may be new to River Landing, the pantry assists area residents who are referred by the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministry, Social Services, school guidance counselors, and church pastors.

This has been a very challenging year to say the least, but it is events like this that show the generosity of time, talents, and resources that make River Landing the amazing community it is. We can't thank you enough!

Wishing all of you a Happy Healthy Holiday!

God Bless,

*Charlie and Barbara Swetits,  
Patsy Ludlum and the Helping  
Hands Food Pantry Volunteer  
Team*





# RIVER LANDING

## Gardening Committee



“Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.”

– Luther Burbank, American botanist

One of the most noticeable aspects of River Landing is the stunning landscaping, from the manicured trees to the flowers in bloom. Adding to that beauty is the work of the River Landing Residents Gardening Committee. Members Barbara Kukoski, Julie Couch, Nancy Mercure, Jim Brostowin and Diane Brostowin, work together with the POA and Landscaping Department to improve designated areas, as well as making recommendations for parts of the common areas. The committee has but one mission in mind – to enhance the look and beauty of River Landing.

Each year the committee assembles the large planters at the Outdoor Pool, decorates the wheelbarrow and puts up the wreath at the smokehouse on Paddlewheel Drive in the spring and fall, and adds seasonal color to the Memory Garden located at the River Landing Post Office. In addition, the committee maintains the Memory Garden with pruning and deadheading of the plants, as needed.

River Landing is so grateful for the commitment of time and expertise shown by the Residents Gardening Committee.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### DECEMBER

**Christmas Eve Brunch**  
Thursday, December 24

**New Year's Eve Prix Fixe Dinner**  
Thursday, December 31

**JANUARY**  
**River Landing Wine Dinner**  
Tuesday, January 12

**River Landing Prime Rib Dinner**  
Wednesday, January 27

**MARCH**  
**St. Patty's Test Your Luck**  
Friday, March 12

**Twilight Golf & Social**  
Friday, March 26

For more information on upcoming events please see **Community Calendar** at [riverlanding.com](http://riverlanding.com)

*\*Events are subject to change*

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River Landing Residents and Members celebrated the scariest night of the year with a frightfully festive Howl-O-Ween Hoopla! Held at the Fitness Center, the night began with a scavenger hunt which started at the Outdoor Pool area and carried on through the playground and tennis courts. With two separate challenge levels, the hunts were a blast for all involved. As day turned into night, everyone gathered for a costume contest, where prizes were given out to the best child costume and the best adult costume. Of course no event is complete without delicious food from the River Landing Banquet Team! The Hoopla delivered with hot dogs, kielbasa, and other Oktoberfest delights. It was truly a spooktacular night!



# Trick or Treat

In addition to the main event, a big shout-out goes to River Landing resident Emily Ludlum for organizing a neighborhood trick-or-treat for the kids prior to the Hoopla. More than 40 homes participated, complete with spooky decorations, jack-o'-lanterns, and plenty of (socially distant) sweet treats. Residents were creative with their displays, and the children were scary (okay, adorable) in their costumes. What a great way for a community to come together!







Ordering a Thanksgiving meal may not be traditional, but this year it was a trend that many families got behind. While deep frying a turkey and preparing all the sides is an activity most Americans participate in on the Thanksgiving holiday, this year there were several factors that made bringing in a pre-made meal a great way to scale things back-without losing the flavor we have come to know and love each November. For Residents and Members of River Landing, the to-go menu offered by Clubhouse dining fit the bill just right in terms of taste and affordability.

The River Landing team developed a Thanksgiving To-Go meal this holiday season, with options that allowed for complete take and heat meals for the whole family. It was the comfort of a homecooked meal without all the fuss.

Each easy-to-carry box fed 4-6 people and was filled with either honey baked ham, roasted turkey breast, or roasted pork loin, as well as side dishes such as red skin mashed potatoes, sage sausage stuffing, and the all-important green bean casserole. Dessert was either pumpkin or pecan pie.



Said RL resident Barbara Kukoski, "We ordered the Thanksgiving meal and it was delicious, good quality and plentiful. I hope they do this every year." There was also a portion for 2 people, which RL resident Tom Whalen and his wife Carol treated themselves to. "It was delicious. Thank you

River Landing. Helped make this a special Thanksgiving for just the two of us."

Thanksgiving this year was a wonderful time for all around River Landing. It remained a time to be thankful for good food and great friends!



Despite the cold temperatures on the night of December 1st, River Landing Residents and Members gathered at the Clubhouse for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration. The evening opened with clogging by Dancers Corner Studio of Wallace, NC, followed by a special song selection from RL pool attendant Daryn Casteen, who was accompanied by her father David Farrior on guitar. Throughout the night, holiday revelers were treated to music and other fun entertainment, including a serenade of Silent Night by River Landing's own Gatehouse Manager, Bobby Davenport. Of course the highlight of the evening was a visit from 'ole Saint Nick himself, escorted by the Duplin County Sheriff's Department.

Santa led the countdown to the lighting of the Christmas trees in the Clubhouse Circle. What a beautiful sight!

In addition to entertainment, Residents and Members were treated to hot cocoa and coffee stations in the golf cart area, as well as s'mores over an open fire. The evening continued inside the Clubhouse with a delicious spread of hot dogs, smoked sausage, and all the trimmings!

Thank you River Landing staff for your hard work, and for making this celebration so special for all. The evening was a perfect way to usher in the holiday season at River Landing, focusing on health, wellness, family, and friends.





# Cookie Decorating Class

River Landing baked up a fun and festive-filled afternoon for Members and Residents during the annual Christmas cookie decorating class at the Clubhouse! The afternoon started off with a quick decorating lesson led by Clubhouse Manager Susan Wolfe-Hill, then attendees started rolling out and cutting the dough into all kinds of Christmas themed shapes and sizes. Once the cookies came out of the oven, the decorating excitement began! A dash of creativity, combined with icing, sprinkles, and candies cooked up some truly beautiful confections. Not just pretty, the cookies were also delicious as some didn't even make it out of the door for later enjoyment. Festive cocktails, appetizers, and treats were provided by the River Landing Banquet team while everyone decorated their goodies and enjoyed each other's company. It's events like these that remind us what the Holidays are all about – being together and enjoying something as simple as a cookie!



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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