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THE RIVER LANDING E-NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2021





RIVER LANDING REAL ESTATE





	Sales March 25, 2020 - March 25, 2021	7		Currently Under Contract
Homes	44		Homes	6
Lots	23		Lots	1

2021 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

As of April 1, 2021 New Homes Approved = 3 New Homes Completed = 3 Homes Currently Under Construction = 4

Total Completed Homes In River Landing = 475

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ON THE COVER

Weather is warming up, flowers are blooming, and spring is in the air at the River Landing Clubhouse.



TOP 100 GOLF COURSES NC



There is no doubt we all have a sense of pride in River Landing. That's why we are excited to announce that the 2021 North Carolina Golf Panel Rankings have been released, and both our River and Landing Courses have moved up among the top 100. The River Course is ranked #21 in the state, and the Landing Course moved up to #37. On top of that, the courses are ranked #1 and #2, respectively, in the East Region. To see a full list of the rankings, visit the North Carolina Golf Panel website, or the April 2021 issue of Business North Carolina Magazine.

I've been with River Landing for 18 years and we have continually moved up the rankings. I credit three things: 1) The Murphy Family's continued support and love for River Landing. 2) The dedication of our superintendents, Chris Humphrey of the River Course and Chris Futral of the Landing Course, along with their dedicated staffs. 3) And, of course, every member who demonstrates their pride in River Landing. You make our community truly great - thank you all!

- Larry George, Director of Golf & Hospitality



SPRING TIME BRINGS NEW BEGINNINGS FOR AN OLD FRIEND

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I know I've said it before, but this is my favorite time of the year! Easter, warmer temperatures, DST (Daylight Saving Time) - not to be confused with DSP (Dead Solid Perfect) a favorite saying of Member Leon Wells. Spring also brings March Madness, The Final Four, and The Masters. The RLGALS, RLMGA, and Thursday Night Shootout seasons have all started, while the River Landing tournament Member-Member is just around the corner. The golf courses are turning green, the fairways are drying out, the range and walking trails are packed, and the most prevalent thing in the air is pollen! All great things!



HOLES-IN-ONE

To end 2020 on a good note **Ron Pettit** had a hole-in-one on Hole #10 of the River course on December 20th. He used his 8 iron from 125 yards to make his ace!

Congratulations on our first hole-in-one of the year! **Suzie Zalar** had her hole-inone on January 10th. She used an 8 iron from 78 yards to make her ace on Hole #5 Landing.

Another big congratulations to **Mike Vandiver** on his hole-in-one on March 20th. His ace happened on Hole #10 of the River course with his pitching wedge from 107 yards.

River Landing is a wonderful place to live; you know it as soon as you drive into the community. The Club's assets are fantastic and there are many other things which make River Landing special. One of the best is, unfortunately, leaving us at the end of the month. After 15 years with Golf Shop River Landing, Danny Assistant Barnett. who everyone refers to as a friend, is moving back to Indiana. I promise it wasn't anything that I or anyone else did - with the exception of his wife, Karen. They want to be closer to their family, which we can all understand. So we send Danny, Karen, and their grandson Cole, who works as a golf cart attendant, off at the end of the month.

If you've played golf over the past 15 years I'm certain you have been greeted by Danny.

There are no two greetings alike because, according to Danny, "If I was any better there'd be two of me." You've also probably heard the worst version of Happy Birthday sung too many times over the years, but now I only know how to sing it "Danny's way" - which is the worst, but that's the idea! "Let me say this about that," or "There you go working without tools again," or "If I was any happier I would have to sit on my hands to stop clapping," are just a few of the many sayings you might hear on a regular basis. And to think that for the first few weeks he worked with us, I told my wife Patty I didn't think Danny was going to make it. What was I thinking? He not only made it, he's become the MVP of the golf staff.

Danny will be missed by all, but I'm not sure anyone will miss him more than me. Please take the opportunity to stop by and hug his neck, say thank you, say goodbye, or do what he does best, laugh. Danny is part of our family and always will be. We certainly hope he will come and visit River Landing, his home away from home, in the future.



THANK YOU, Danny Barnett!!!



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April is here, along with spring, and we all know that means: great golfing weather and thicker rough on the courses. Many of you dread playing out of the rough during a round. The main concern is the thickness of the rough, which causes many players to have a hard time advancing the golf ball.

I know a shot from thick rough can be a challenge, but I believe with a few simple adjustments you can build confidence for when this shot presents itself. The adjustments will hopefully generate more power during the shot and eliminate the mishits. Here are a few pointers that may help you become a better player out of the rough.

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SELECT THE RIGHT CLUB: One of the most common mistakes players make is choosing the wrong club. You should make your club selection based on the shot you are trying to hit. First, analyze certain carries and how far you want to hit the ball, then select your club. You may need a club with more loft to get the ball to launch at a higher trajectory, or you may need a club with a little less loft for increased distance. Selecting one more club does not hurt your chances of achieving the shot you want to hit.

CHOKE DOWN ON THE CLUB: At times, the club will tend to get caught in the grass and turn the clubface closed, which could cause the ball to react in a way that you were not expecting. Choking down will give you more control over the club as the ball is coming out of the rough, and will also give you more power.

PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR BALL POSITION: Move the ball towards the center of your stance at set up. Placing the ball in the center of your stance will allow a descending angle of attack which pinches the ball, creating an upward movement of the golf ball. This adjustment in ball position helps with your balance and may allow for an increase in swing speed.

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR BACKSWING AND WEIGHT TRANSFER: As you're swinging the club, try not to shift too much weight on the back foot. If you leave a little more weight on your front foot it helps create more of a V shape in the swing, which gets the ball up and out. We never want our weight to shift back, because this will cause a thin shot resulting in a loss of distance.

Save The Date

Member-Member | April 24th & April 25th Ladies Interclub | May 27th Battle of the Sexes | June 6th Member-Guest | June 11th – June 13th Twilight Golf & Social | June 18th

REMINDER8

SAFETY FIRST

Please wait for the golfers ahead of you to clear the landing area before you hit your next shot. It only takes one 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 two 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.

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.

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 products 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.



The 2021 RLGALS season is officially off and running! This year's opening day slated for Saturday, March 20th was canceled due to weather, but luckily our play days kicked off on Wednesday, March 24th without a hitch. We plan to "reboot" our opening day celebration Cinco de Mayo style on May 5th. Our season-long match play is set to start at the beginning of April and we have many opportunities for play with the Coastal Senior Women's Golf League, Tar Heels, and Interclub all being back on our calendar this year!

A few RLGALS upcoming dates to remember

June 3 & 4 _____ Scratch Challenge

June 14 9 & Wine

September 29 & 30 Invitational

October 15, 16 & 17 Swing for the Cure

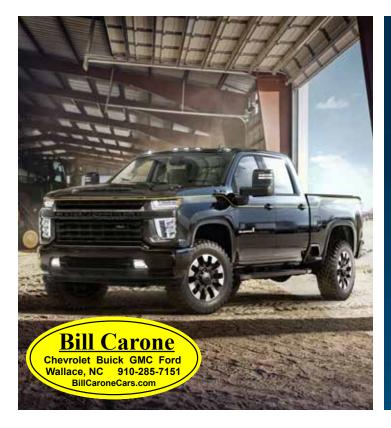
We're looking forward to a season full of good times,

great friends, and of course wonderful golf!

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WATCH FOR NE - NC (***) Your Safety is Our Priority

Some residents of River Landing may be feeling a little safer on two wheels these days, thanks to a recent bicycle safety equipment giveaway. The event was made possible through a partnership between River Landing, the Warsaw Police Department, and Watch for Me NC.

On Friday, March 12th, Gatehouse Operations Manager Bobby Davenport handed out reflective arm and leg bands, bike lights, and 25 Bell safety helmets in the parking lot of the Fitness Center. The turnout was impressive, making the project a huge success. According to Bobby, "People were lined up before I could even have the equipment set up and I hope we can bring the event back again soon."

Watch for Me NC is a comprehensive program run by the North Carolina Department



Bobby

Davenport Gatehouse Manager of Transportation (NCDOT), along with local communities. It is aimed at reducing the number of pedestrians and bicyclists hit and injured in crashes

with vehicles. Local communities and Public Safety/Police agencies apply each year for grants to receive and distribute the safety equipment. Thanks to Bobby for organizing this event, and for always making safety within our River Landing community a top priority! RIVER LANDING RESIDENT FEATURED IN LOCAL NEWS

One of our own River Landing residents. Darvl Steinbraker. was recently WWAY TV for featured on Women's History Month! She has been an American Red Cross Volunteer for 15 years as a disaster action team member for Duplin and Pender counties. We're proud to have her as a part of our community!



If you would like to watch please visit: www.wwaytv3. com/2021/03/09/localred-cross-volunteer-goesabove-and-beyond/

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

From the Founding Family

WHERE WE STARTED...

The idea of River Landing came about because of my family's need to support our growing farm business. Murphy Farms was rapidly expanding, and it was necessary to attract top experts in genetics and animal science from across the United States. Many candidates loved the beauty and quaintness of Duplin County, but there was a lack of sufficient housing and amenities to convince some to make the move. My brother Wendell suggested the idea of building a quality community with top of the line amenities that would appeal to potential employees and executives. I was designated to be in charge of making it happen, and that was the beginning of River Landing.

My wife Lynn and I took responsibility to develop River Landing and we poured our heart and soul into every aspect of the project. We wanted more than just nice homes. We wanted a community that complimented the beauty of its natural surroundings.

The first amenities to open were the original River Course and the Outdoor Pool. Although many communities were no longer building clubhouses, we knew we wanted one that would be our crown jewel. Until that time, we focused on building Mad Boar, which could serve our residents, members, and the local community. Lynn and I were involved in every design decision. We commissioned artists and interior decorators from Ireland, and much of the interior was custom designed and built in Denmark. In the years since, and with the support of the entire Murphy family, so much more has been completed - including both golf courses, the Sports and Fitness Complex, and our beautiful Clubhouse.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of River Landing, on behalf of the family I would like to thank all of the property owners, residents, and members for their continued support. We want to keep expanding and attracting new residents to our community, and fulfilling the lifestyle of their dreams. We hope we have delivered on our promises, and we will strive to keep doing so in the years to come.

- HARRY D. "PETE" MURPHY



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May 1997 First Property Opening Red Fox Run



July 1998 Grand Opening Outdoor Pool and Sports Complex

Sep. 1999 Opening of • Holiday Inn Express • Landing Course 9 Holes • Playground and Basketball Court

t has been 25 years since the opening of River Landing; yet it seems like only a couple of years since we met on the bridge for our grand ribbon cutting ceremony. Some of the finest people on earth have chosen River Landing to be their home, and the Murphy family has done everything possible to make sure that River Landing maintains the very highest standards. With two 18-hole golf courses consistently ranked in the top 40 out of approximately 600 golf courses in North Carolina, a Clubhouse unmatched in eastern North Carolina, a first class Fitness Center with both Indoor and Olympic sized Outdoor pools, as well as tennis courts and the River Lodge, we have made every effort to make River Landing a world class residential community. I want to thank my brother Pete and his wife Lynn for all their efforts in developing River Landing. I also want to thank all the property owners, residents, and members for choosing River Landing, and for your continued support.

> As we look forward to the next 25 years, I wish for all to continue to appreciate, love and enjoy River Landing.

> > - WENDELL H. MURPHY



am extremely proud of River Landing and its silver anniversary. 25 years is almost half of my life. It seems like yesterday when we broke ground and subsequently welcomed so many wonderful families into our lives - from our residents and members, to our amazing employee family. During these 25 years, many developers abandoned golf courses and clubs, but not my family. We have continued to invest in this special place, and I am especially thankful for our entire extended Murphy family and their unwavering commitment to River Landing.

River Landing is the true hidden gem nestled away here in Wallace right between Wilmington, the beautiful North Carolina beaches, and the metropolitan areas of Raleigh and the Research Triangle Park to our west. I am thrilled to celebrate this major milestone in our community, and I look forward to our golden anniversary in another 2 5 years!

- WENDELL H. "DELL" MURPHY JR.



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Ayden Fussell (far right), along with seven of his fellow scouts, earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Wallace Boy Scout Troop 35. Only 5-10 percent of all scouts nationwide earn this prestigious rank.

Ayden Fussell, son of River Landing residents Jonathan and Leah Fussell, received the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony held at the outdoor entertainment complex at Duplin Winery on November 15, 2020. He and five other young men completed their Eagle Scout projects during the summer of 2019 under the leadership of Scout Master Jay Lennon of Troupe #35. With the help of fellow Boy Scouts,

Avden planned and constructed а children's reading and walking trail at Clement Park in Wallace. Ayden's interest in books and importance of the reading started in early childhood, which gave him the inspiration help to provide opportunity for an children in Wallace to read while having fun. Ayden says, "Through being involved in



Ayden Fussell

Scouts since age 6, I have learned that with teamwork and strong leadership, any task can be accomplished." The years he and his fellow Eagle Scouts have invested in the Boy Scout organization have greatly impacted their growth in both their schools and communities.

Ayden is a Junior at Harrells Christian Academy. He is involved in his school's Senior Beta Club, the Spanish Honor Society, plays Varsity football and baseball, and enjoys playing golf in his beautiful community during his spare time. He plans to attend a 4 year university after graduating next year. Ayden has lived in River Landing for 17 years.

Congratulations to Ayden and his team for achieving scouting's highest honor!





The spring season kicked off on Sunday, April 4th, with River Landing's Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of the community. Accompanied by beautiful weather, over 70 children hopped around in their Easter outfits searching for eggs filled with candy. In addition, prizes were awarded to the three children who found the special hidden golf balls! Once their baskets were full, they were treated to snacks provided by River Landing. The Easter Bunny even made an appearance for families to have their photos taken with him. An "Eggcellent" time was had by all!







UPCOMING EVENTS



NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH

Join us for an event that's fun for the whole family!

RIVER LANDING GARDEN TOUR April 15th - 18th

KID'S FAIRY GARDEN WORKSHOP April 17th

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING CLASS April 30th APRIL Pro Am Wednesday, April 14 -Thursday, April 15

Member-Member Saturday, April 24 -Sunday, April 25

MAY Memorial Day Cookout Monday, May 31

JUNE Battle of the Sexes Sunday, June 6

Member-Guest Friday, June 11 -Sunday, June 13

Twilight Golf & Social Friday, June 18

Adventure Camp #1 Monday, June 21 -Friday, June 25

RLMGA Murphy Cup Saturday, June 26 SPRING-SUMMER 2021

JULY 4th of July Cookout & Golf Cart Parade Sunday, July 4

RLMGA Summer Classic Saturday, July 24

Adventure Camp #2 Monday, July 26 -Friday, July 30

AUGUST Hope for the Warriors Tournament Monday, August 16

Twilight Golf & Social Friday, August 20

Club Championship Match Play Finals

Saturday, August 28

For more information on upcoming events please see the Community Calendar at www.RIVERLANDING.com ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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