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THE RIVER LANDING E-NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2022



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RIVER LANDING REAL ESTATE



	Sales December 2020 - December 2021
Homes	50
Lots	22

	Currently Under Contract
Homes	3
Lots	1

2021 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

As of January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

New Homes Approved = 9

New Homes Completed = 0

Homes Currently Under Construction = 10

Total Completed Homes In River Landing = 475

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ON THE COVER

River Landing Annual Turkey Trot

The Gift That Keeps Giving

In 2018 Dell Murphy asked the Creative Quilt Enthusiasts of RL to make him a quilt. He was so impressed with the work he wanted to show it off so it is displayed in the Clubhouse for everyone to appreciate. Since Dell didn't have one he could actually use, the group made him another one!



Standing - L to R: Lora Albanese, Donna Schulz, RuthAnne Lavis, Jan Zoesch, Jennifer Ciuccoli, and Susan Cargino. Seated: Dianne Paskow, Dell Murphy, and Judi Davis - Organizer

NEW YEAR FRESH START



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As 2021 comes to a close, the golf staff would like to present an exciting new opportunity to learn the game of golf. In an effort to do so we are introducing a fantastic program out of the PGA of America called Operation 36.

Operation 36 is a phenomenal way to learn, grow, and sustain this great game that we all love. It doesn't matter if you are new to golf or have been playing for some time and simply want to improve different aspects of your game. Operation 36 could be the answer to keeping practice fun, easy, at your own pace, and participation in this program will likely lead to better scores!

So how does it work? The golf staff will be offering sessions throughout the year that anyone can sign up for. The program is 8 weeks in length and provides clinics on areas of the game, weekly playing opportunities, and access to

the Operation 36 app which allows players to track their progress.

Operation 36 has the same goal whether you are a junior golfer or an adult golfer, and it is pretty simple. We want you to improve your game and have more confidence while out on the course. For the junior golfer it provides a way to track development, helps parents give motivation of continuing progress, and allows the coaches to see progression and lay the plan needed to lower handicaps. For adults it introduces a clear path to better your game, hone your skills, and become more confident. The program lays out avenues for both beginning golfers and those who have been playing for some time. Adults are supplied with a game plan that mirrors that of the juniors with the ultimate goal being to shoot a score of 36 on 9 holes!

MEMBER 4

The Member 4 continues its success as one of our favorite tournaments of the year by the members and staff! This year all the flights remained close both days and we had all the teams play hard the second round to make a run at the championship. In the end, the overall champions were Jim Harless, Joey Stone, Steve Godwin and Chip Blalock with a two day total of 187. Congratulations to all the winners! We are looking forward to the 2022 tournament season!

MEMBER 4 RESULTS:

OVERALL CHAMPIONS:

First Place (187)

Jim Harless
Joey Stone
Steve Godwin
Chip Blalock

FLIGHT 1:

First Place (190)

Jeff Ferrell
Trent Ganey
Blake Peterson
Hayes Ludlum

Second Place (193)

Joe Ingle
Jared Tyndall
Chris Jernigan
Tyler Sholar

FLIGHT 2:

First Place (189)

Travis White
Chris Davis
Raymond Spell
Jonathan Fussell

Second Place (198)

John Nemeth
Rick Gilliland
Tom Brown
Rich Peters

Second Place (198)

Rich Phaneuf
Colby Phaneuf
Shane Kennedy
Steven Paylor

FLIGHT 3:

First Place (198)

Graeme Shaw
Tony Irenze
Helene Zupko
Dale Schweinsberg

Second Place (200)

Kevin Elder
Bonnie Elder
Billy Peterson
Liz Peterson



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VETERANS

20  21

DAY

Dinner Celebration

This year we honored both the veterans in our River Landing community and those across the country with a special Veterans Day Dinner. The evening was organized by Activities Director Sabrina Lewis and hosted by one of our very own residents and members, Sergeant Major USMC Retired Ron Himsworth. The celebration began with the national anthem played by the

Impromptu Brass Quintet and then the blessing of the food by Director of Golf and Hospitality Larry George. Each branch of the military was recognized by playing each service song and presenting a piece of cake to a veteran from every branch. Thank you endlessly to all veterans for your noble service so that we may live in the home of the free and the land of the brave.



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Despite her young age, River Landing's own Ashlyn Turner has dedicated herself to honoring the men and women who have served our country. For the past 9 years on Veterans Day, she and her mother, Kimberly Pittman, have assembled and delivered gift bags to servicemen and women. "Veterans Day isn't just a holiday that comes around once a year. It's something that should be celebrated daily," says Ashlyn. This year the gift bags were filled with goodies from various companies including Murphy Family Ventures,

River Landing, and Smithfield Foods. Ashlyn was able to put together and deliver 45 bags for veterans who live in River Landing, and also sent 25 cards by mail. Ashlyn says it best - "You sacrifice everything for people you've never met, for people who hate you, for people who don't deserve it. John 15:13 says, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.' I hope today and every day you know how much you are appreciated."



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TURKEY TROT

The 2021 River Landing Turkey Trot was the best one yet with about 50 trotters and a beautiful fall morning! Residents participated in the 5k walk from the Fitness Center to the River Lodge and back, and many family

members who were visiting for Thanksgiving joined in on the fun as well. Pat Schaffer even had five generations representing her family this year. How cool is that!? This fun event was brought to River Landing in 2005 when

resident and member Elaine Masinick shared the tradition from her prior home in Virginia. It has been a success every year since! See all you turkeys next year!



GRITS GROVE DESIGNS

Seasonal Home & Decor

ART CLASS WORKSHOPS



A group of members got crafty this holiday season making farmhouse Christmas signs and door tags with Marti from Grits Grove Designs. Ladies enjoyed personalizing their masterpieces by picking out their design, stenciling, and then learning how to apply the paint. No artistic background was needed as Marti walked them through each step of the creative process. "The ladies always enjoy crafting and socializing together," says Activities Director Sabrina Lewis. The finished pieces made special gifts for loved ones or beautiful decorations for the member's own homes this holiday season and in years to come!





GAME SHOW NIGHT

Michael Mario and the Game Show Party Crew one again visited River Landing in November and entertained over 100 members with a night of laughter and games. Michael first came to us in March of 2020 with a magic show that was a hit so we couldn't wait to have him back. Various interactive crowd games were played leading up to the featured game of the night, the newlywed game. Participants were Victor and Joyce Matera, Tom and Randy Haugh, and the winners Adam and Tatiana Gregorczyk. A great time was had by all as he never fails to keep the audience laughing and on their toes!



FOOD DRIVE



Dear River Landing Family,

How do we even begin to express our thanks and gratitude for all you did to make our 16th Annual River Landing Food Drive another huge success? It never ceases to amaze us how selflessly and enthusiastically you donate your time and resources when the need arises. All we had to do was ask and the outpouring of food (over 300 bags) and monetary donations have filled our very empty pantry shelves and will continue to do so for many months to come. We thought before and after pictures might better show the impact you have made in keeping the Helping Hands Food Pantry well stocked and open for those in our community who need us.



BEFORE



AFTER



We have since received another 20 bags of food and are storing more in an overflow room down the hall. Whether you prepared and distributed paper bags before the food drive, set up the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, transported donations from the Fitness Center to church, checked dates and sorted food, restocked the shelves in the pantry, or donated to our need for food, each and every one of you made this effort possible. God bless you and the generosity of our River Landing and church family. The kindness and compassion we see on a daily basis is humbling, to say the least.

We are truly blessed,

Charlie & Barbara Swetits, Patsy Ludlum, and the Helping Hands Food Pantry Team at the Wallace Presbyterian Church

BOOK SALE



The book sale took place on November 10th, 2021 in the Fitness Center parking lot. There were over 900 gently used books in excellent condition, priced approximately 75-85% off the cover price. For our first fundraiser, we did pretty well - we sold 145 books! That was a profit of \$462! Once again, the generosity of the River Landing community amazes me! All of the proceeds were given to Blessings In Store which is a part of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries (DCOM). DCOM serves Duplin County citizens who are in crisis.

Barb Kilgore

Blessings in Store book room volunteer

Many thanks go out to...

- River Landing - for hosting the Book Sale Fundraiser
- Larry George, Sabrina Lewis, and Ryan Harrelson - who showed up at my house at 6:30 am, loaded up 32 boxes of books, and transported them to the Fitness Center.
- Jacque Moore, Fran Braks, Linda Clymer, Sherry Hudson, Betty Marie Kane, Connie Perkins, & Rob Kilgore - who all helped during the day of the sale.
- All those who stopped by and supported our fundraiser.
- Anyone who has donated books to Blessings In Store in the past and in the future.



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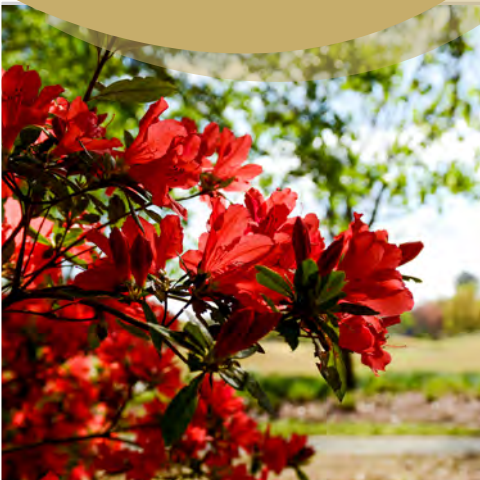
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When to Prune Crape Myrtles

with CHRIS RANDALL



Many people make the mistake of pruning Crape Myrtles too severely. So what to do if you have them and don't like them in the shape they are in? Let me see if I may help some of you make better decisions regarding pruning your Crape Myrtles properly or making other decisions for the plants.

When pruning Crape Myrtles think about the end product and what you want them to look like before cutting anything. Then follow these best practices:

1. Remove all dead, diseased, or damaged wood.
2. Remove crossing and/or rubbing branches.
3. Prune extreme out of bounds (extra-long branches) to a node.
4. Reduce size only if you have to. Major pruning of Crape Myrtles removes the natural look of the plant and reduces overall vigor, natural defense from pests, and air movement through the plant. It has been scientifically proven that severe pruning does not improve blooming of Crape Myrtles. However, it does make your crape

look like mushrooms or snowcones if you like that look.

5. Remove seed heads if they are an eyesore to you but remember, birds really like those when there is nothing else around to eat during the winter months.
6. In the past, pruning small branches down to a pencil width or about the size of your little finger has been done from an aesthetics standpoint for the winter. I don't recommend this anymore but have seen this done in good taste and it does make the plant look better at a front door.
7. Clean up debris from under the plant in landscaped beds or tree rings and dispose of any material away from plant beds.

If this pruning doesn't get you what you want, then consider the following options:

- Cut back hard with the understanding that a Crape Myrtle

will typically grow back. That means a plant will most likely continue to grow into or onto a house if it is planted too close, despite hard pruning. Try moving it farther away from the structure or choose a different plant.

- Once Crape Myrtles have been severely pruned it may take up to 4-5 years for correction. Knuckles seem to form if they are over-pruned each year.
- Plant the correct Crape Myrtles in the correct place. There are multiple varieties with different sizes and shapes. Make sure you are choosing the one that works best for your home and landscape.

CHRIS RANDALL
Landscape Manager
River Landing Landscape Services

RIVER LANDING

Garden Tour



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APRIL 2022

MORE INFO
COMING SOON

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GARDEN TOUR | WORKSHOPS | TREE PLANTING | & MORE!



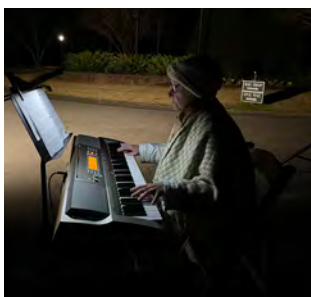
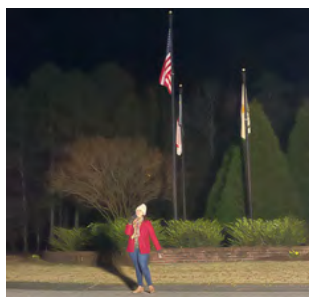
Go Big or Go Gnome!



TREE LIGHTING & *Holiday Cheer*

'Twas an enjoyable and festive holiday celebration at our annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Cheer. The traffic circle at the Clubhouse was filled with members and residents who thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, such as clogging performances by the students at Dancer's Corner, solo singing performances from Kim Robbins and Gatehouse Operations Manager Bobby Davenport, and a special holiday surprise by the RL Zumba dancers. Santa even made

an appearance, arriving in a snazzy new ride from Bill Carone Cars! An extra thank you goes to Jody Patram who operated the sound system and to Melodee Wynne for playing the piano. The party then moved to the Clubhouse with a delicious meal prepared by Chef Jake and his amazing staff. Our Banquet and Pastry Chef Rosie Cousins created a wonderfully delightful display of cupcakes in fun festive shapes. What a perfect way to kick off the Christmas season!





Christmas

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“A Shopping Spree”

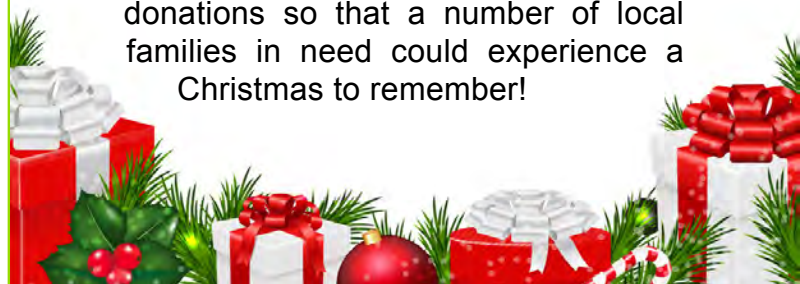
A group of 14 ladies enjoyed a day trip to Raleigh recently to attend the Junior League of Raleigh's "A Shopping Spree" featuring over 100 vendors showcasing many items from boutique fashion to kitchen and home goods. Organized by Activities Director Sabrina Lewis, the ladies take a bus together each year and have a blast socializing, browsing and buying!

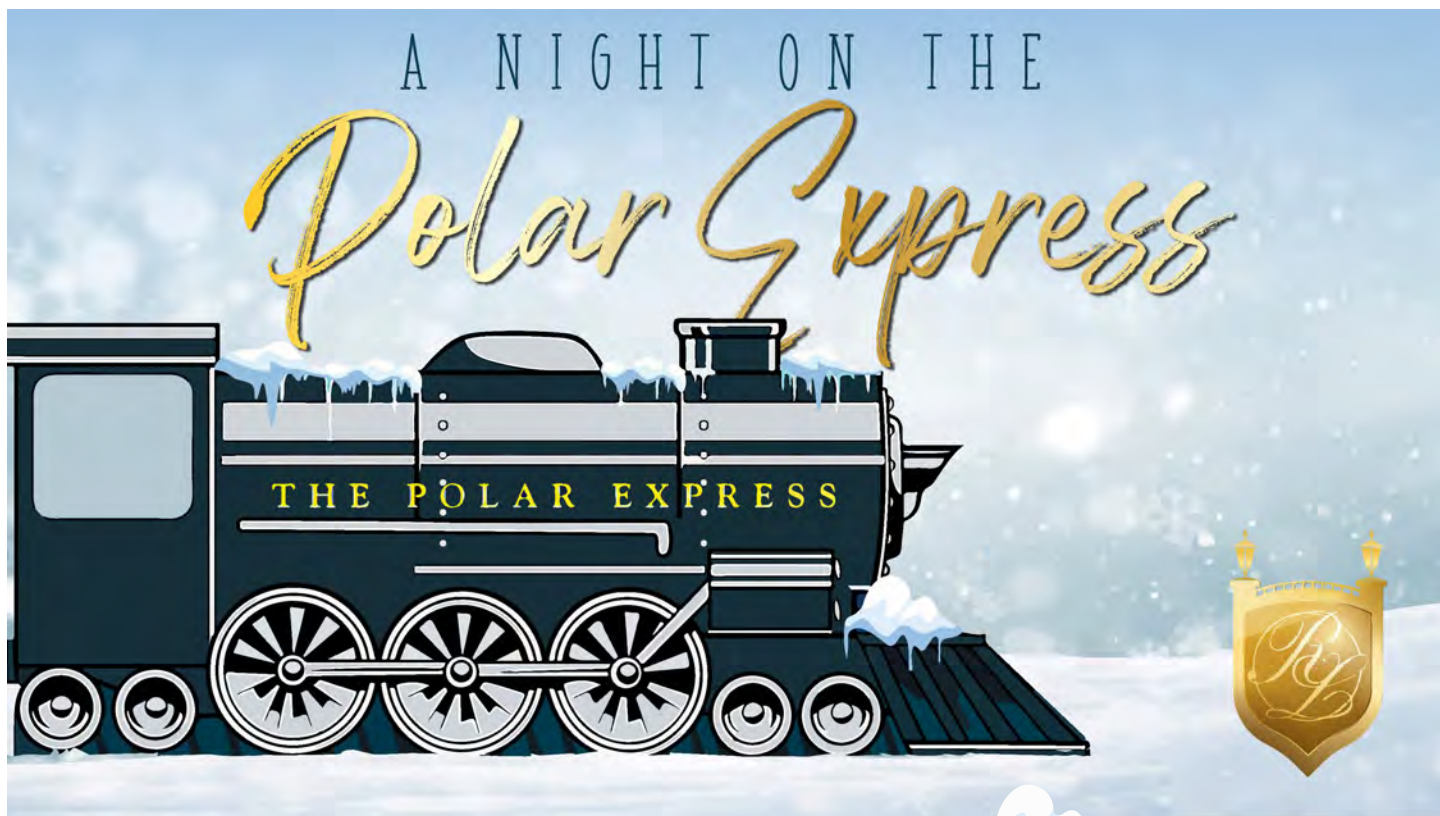


DUPLIN CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Christmas Cheer Toy Drive

The Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries (DCOM) Christmas Cheer Toy Drive was another great success during the most recent season of giving. Over 100 items were collected including learning toys, ride-ons, jackets, socks & sweaters. Thank you River Landing members and residents for your many donations so that a number of local families in need could experience a Christmas to remember!





There were over 40 children in attendance celebrating the Christmas season at A Night on the Polar Express. Director of Golf and Hospitality (and train conductor for the night) Larry George greeted them with their pillows and blankets in hand to pick up their golden ticket at the Fitness Center.

Once inside, the children played games, enjoyed hot cocoa, cupcakes, and popcorn before getting cozy to watch The Polar Express. After the movie, Santa made a visit and brought a bell for each child with the word "Believe" engraved on it, making it a magical night for all!





Christmas

COOKIE DECORATING

One tradition we anticipate each Christmas is getting together in the Clubhouse to decorate Christmas cookies. Organized by Clubhouse Manager Susan Wolfe-Hill, the attendees were each given a set of freshly cut and baked Christmas cookies, assorted colors of icing, sprinkles, and decorations to personalize and create their edible

masterpiece! Delicious appetizers and festive cocktails were enjoyed while decorating and of course socializing. There were plenty of cookies to take home for sharing but some didn't make it out the door! Thanks to Susan and the Clubhouse staff for making this holiday favorite a successful treat once again!





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UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATES

Camp 1 | June 20-24

Camp 2 | July 25-29

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They will additionally have the opportunity to experience outdoor and indoor programs such as adventure hunts, nature hikes, animal encounters, science experiments, magic shows, archery class, & much more. This will be a fun-filled week for all ages!



RIVER LANDING

Garden Tour

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 2022

Get Your Gardens Ready!

JANUARY

Prime Rib Dinner

Wednesday, January 26th

FEBRUARY

Tea Towels and Mini Trays

Art Workshop

Monday, February 7th

Valentine's Prix Fixe

Saturday, February 12th

Prime Rib Dinner

Wednesday, February 16th

Posture and Stability Health Chat

Tuesday, February 22nd

MARCH

Mats and Margaritas

Art Workshop

Monday, March 7th

St. Patrick's Test Your Luck

Thursday, March 10th

Healthy Hearing Health Chat

Tuesday, March 29th

**ALL EVENTS
ARE SUBJECT
TO CHANGE**

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