



# LANDINGS

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# RIVER LANDING REAL ESTATE

## SALES

November 2021 - November 2022

Homes | 39

Lots | 38

## 2022 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES

January 1, 2022 - November 23, 2022

New Homes Approved = 10

New Homes Completed = 7

Homes Currently Under Construction = 12

**Total Completed Homes  
In River Landing = 482**



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It has brought me great joy to be the River Landing Community Development Coordinator for six months now, providing me an opportunity to meet and work with some outstanding people and organizations. Among my many responsibilities, managing the Custom Home Program is a primary focus. In addition to highlighting the experience of what living in River Landing means, it is also my job to introduce potential residents to our Preferred Builders, Allied Partners, and the River Landing community as a whole.

In that vein, it is with great pleasure we announce that a new Preferred Builder

has been added to the Custom Home Program - Brandon Construction Group. Jack Brandon and his team bring years of custom homebuilding experience with them, which is an essential part of how we maintain the magnificence of River Landing homes. Their first River Landing build is under construction in Magnolia Bay, and the attention to detail and timeliness are already apparent. Jack says his team has your best interest at heart, and it is their goal to demonstrate that with the care, quality, and diligence they inject into all their builds. Brandon Construction Group is now an integral part of our community and we all look forward to what they will bring to River Landing.

With five custom homes currently under construction, I am excited about what the future holds for both the CHP and the community. River Landing is a sprawling and diverse community made up of individuals and families who love where they live, the fellowship they share, and the activities that unite them. As a resident myself, it is truly an experience to live within these gates, and I am honored to represent River Landing on behalf of my current and future neighbors.

# Landmark

Duplin Land Development and River Landing continue to be excited about the next chapter in our real estate program. In September we announced our new real estate partner, Landmark Sotheby's International Realty. Based in Wilmington, NC, Landmark specializes in brokering luxury and lifestyle properties, making them a perfect fit for River Landing. The Sotheby's International brand is represented in over 1,000 offices

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in 81 countries around the world, including 679 offices throughout the United States. Courtenay Thompson is not only our new Broker and Realtor but also a resident and member herself, providing firsthand knowledge and experience of both the community and the River Landing lifestyle. We look forward to working with Landmark Sotheby's in our new partnership and continuing to grow this beautiful community.



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## ON THE COVER

2022 Hope for the Warriors Invitational



## MEET Brooke



Meet **Brooke Hyman**, our new *Membership Development Coordinator*! She has been with us for four months and is the first smiling face you see when walking into the Administration Building. Brooke's favorite part of her job is helping people find the best membership for their particular lifestyle and working with great co-workers. She is from Oak City, NC but currently resides in Wilmington and has enjoyed living near the beach. She graduated from NC State University with an Ag Business Management degree. When she is not working, Brooke likes to spend time with family and friends, go to the beach, play tennis, and of course attend NC State Football games! Next time you are near the office, stop by and say hello to Brooke.

# Resident Feature

## THE BITTNER

Randy and Karen Bittner had a decision to make. There were four different communities they were considering moving to, but once they drove through the gates of River Landing, the decision was effortless. "It just hit our hearts instantly," says Karen. So 16 years ago, the Bittners packed their belongings and left Pittsburg to join the River Landing community. To this day, they believe it's one of the best decisions they have ever made.

When Randy and Karen first moved to River Landing they rented a house in the Candlewood neighborhood while they built their new home on Legacy Oaks Drive. Since then, the Bittners have had several friends who decided to move to River Landing as well. In fact, one neighbor, after hearing all of the great things the Bittners had to say about the community, ended up purchasing a home on the same street before Randy and Karen were even able to move in!



Randy is a senior solutions consultant who travels a lot, so he has not had the opportunity to get as involved in the community as his wife has. He loves to play golf when he can, but he plans to play a lot more after retirement!

"I golf on the weekends with some good guys. Some of us keep score, some of us don't. Depends on how good we're playing that day," he said laughingly.

Karen retired from BB&T as a sales executive and has been very active in the community ever since. She is a part of RLGALS and volunteers at other tournaments. She also attends a bible study group and was on the Residents Gardening Committee.

"There's so much to do here. You can be as involved as you want or not. It's really up to you," Randy said.

As a couple, the Bittners enjoy attending the many activities that happen inside the gates, and they even organize some of their own events as well. They host an annual

evening golf couples outing for them and their neighbors which has been going on for four years. They also staged a Christmas performance a few years ago for residents that included a harpist, bell ringers, and a brass ensemble. Randy is a music lover and has been a part of several bands, so he enjoyed putting on that show. His main band was called Plus Two. Karen did not know for the first nine months they dated that he was a singer. She spoke about how her mother-in-law would always ask if he had sung to her yet, and she never understood why until she walked into a friend's wedding and saw him performing. She was shocked!

The couple has two daughters, Leslie and Amanda, who enjoy the walking trails and biking around the neighborhood. They recently added a new fur baby to their household, Opey, a kitten that found its way to their home and was hiding under Randy's toolbox.

The Bittners love River Landing and are happy to be able to call it home. "We really look at the location of River Landing as a haven. When I was working it was just so nice to come home to this at night," Karen said. Next time you see them around town, be sure to say hello!



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# Swing

FOR THE CURE

The RLGALS annual Swing for the Cure event to benefit Vidant Cancer Care was held on Saturday, October 15th. 21 teams of women and men came dressed in pink on a beautiful sunny day to play in an 18 hole scramble golf tournament.

Following the tournament, we sat down to a delicious buffet luncheon and a short presentation given by Dr. Darla Liles, ECU Division Chief of Hematology and Oncology. Dr. Liles' presentation explained the specific clinical trials in our region where 100% of the RLGALS donation is used. Varessa Wall, Director of Development for Vidant Health, announced the RLGALS as Vidant's largest supporter! Prizes were awarded to the tournament winners and were followed by the always anticipated

helicopter ball drop which was viewed from the Clubhouse Verandah. This year, we watched the helicopter drop 1,564 balls earning a total of \$8,160. \$4,080 was donated to Vidant and \$4,080 was divided among 3 winners.

The RLGALS are delighted to announce that the 2022 Swing For The Cure donated a total of \$20,451 to Vidant Cancer Care! Thank you to the many who volunteered their time, donated to this worthy cause, and participated in a fun-filled day of golf, friendship, and honoring all those who have been touched by any type of cancer. Thank you for making this year's Swing For The Cure a success.

**Suzie Zalar, Cheryl Nichols, and Jan Zoesch**  
*Swing for the Cure Chairs*



# MOVIE *night*

To close out the summer, our River Landing community enjoyed not one, but TWO family-friendly movie nights featuring hit movies and unlimited popcorn. Our first event, Movie Night by the Pool, was held in August and made a big splash! We watched Spider-Man: No Way Home, and some of the kids even wore their best Spider-Man gear. Cabana services were available along with cold beverages, and ice cream. Then in October, we flew off to the "Danger Zone" to see Top Gun: Maverick on the Clubhouse lawn. Some movie-goers watched from their golf carts, while others got comfy on their favorite blankets or camp chairs. What better way to spend a summer evening than watching blockbuster flicks on the big screen with your favorite friends and family?





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# BUFFETT, BEERS, AND *cheers*

We "wasted away in Margaritaville" at the Buffett, Beers, & Cheers party to celebrate the end of Summer in September. Held at the pool, the tunes of Jimmy Buffett echoed throughout with a full house of over 250 members in attendance! Everyone enjoyed chatting with fellow members and neighbors while digging into a delicious selection of burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Cheers to a great summer!



2023  
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## Garden Tour



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# GOLF CORNER

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The holidays are here and for certain you will catch at least a glimpse of the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" falling in love with George Bailey if you watch long enough. Knowing the movie as well as I do and adding the words to a meaningful song leads me to look at things differently. Truthfully I have had a lifetime of experiences

which continue to define how I think, lead and live in our wonderful community of River Landing. I hope when you read this newsletter article with the help from George Bailey and the words from a Rascal Flatts song, you will focus on the blessings you have in your life.

"I spent the morning at an old friend's grave  
Flowers and Amazing Grace, he was a good man  
He spent his whole life spinnin' his wheels  
Never knowin' how the real thing feels  
He never took a chance or took the time to dance  
And I stood there thinking as I said goodbye  
Today is the first day of the rest of my life  
I'm gonna stop lookin' back and start movin' on  
And learn how to face my fears  
Love with all of my heart, make my mark  
I want to leave something here  
Go out on a ledge, without any net  
That's what I'm gonna be about  
Yeah I want to be runnin' When the sand runs out  
Cause people do it everyday  
Promise themselves they're gonna change  
I've been there, but I'm changing from the inside out  
That was then and this is now, I'm a brand new man  
And when they carve my stone they'll write these words  
Here lies a man who lived life for all that its worth

19 years Patty and I have spent here in River Landings and during our time here we have developed some of the greatest friendships which would have never materialized if we weren't here. As most people know,

we don't believe in luck but faith. Memories by the millions and people by the thousands have been a part of our lives and many of them right here. Unfortunately some have passed and could certainly be substituted in the final lines of the song "the voice of my old friend" trying to remind us to live life to its fullest and like George Bailey, learn to appreciate what really are the most important things in your life.

"And as the cold wind blows  
across the graveyard

I think I hear the voice of my  
old friend

Whisper in my ear

Go out on a ledge, without  
any net

That's what I'm gonna be  
about

Yeah I want to be runnin'  
When the sand runs out"

# Let It Roll



## ON THE GREEN



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I'm often told by our members that they just can't hit the soft short shot onto the green when the flag is close to the edge. I'm not talking about a shot from 50yds, but a shot that is just a few yards or a few feet off the putting surface. Our approaches and areas around the greens are cut very close and this makes it very difficult if you do not have confidence in your ability to hit the shot. So why not putt it? Putting from off the green is a great way to avoid the bad shot and get the ball close to the hole. Here is how you do it.

**1** → **2** → **3** → **4**


**1** Take your regular grip like you are taking a full swing. This will provide you some more power and you want some wrist action while hitting the putt.

**2** Stand tall over the ball. Standing tall allows the hands room to move and the ability to make a bigger stroke.

**3** Don't try to hit a slap shot. Swing the putter back longer and have a fluid motion through the ball which keeps the ball lower and allows you to control the distance better. Never try and force the shot.

**4** Finally, use your lower body. Let your hip and legs move towards the target. This provides more energy and prevents you from trying to overpower the shot.

These four simple suggestions can go a long way in helping you get more confident around the greens!



## HOLES -IN- ONE

**Dave Cailler** added to his collection of holes-in-one on August 20th, 2022. He used his 9-iron from 139 yards on hole #10 of the River course to drop the ball in the hole. Dave made it look pretty easy when he made his ACE!!

**Tom Brown** decided to make an ACE on September 19th while playing #16 of the Landing course. He used a 7-iron to put the ball in the hole from 138 yards. Congratulations Tom!!

**Rick Bierwiler** made his ACE in the first round of the Senior Club Championship! Rick used his 9-iron on hole #5 of the Landing course from 141 yards. My understanding is he followed up with a birdie on the next hole. Pretty good 2 hole stretch, Rick!! Congratulations!

**Suzie Zalar** shot her hole-in-one on October 8th from 79 yards with a pitching wedge on #3 of the River Course. Great job Suzie!



# SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's Senior Club Championship boasted a large field and some great competition for two days. Round 1 played difficult because of the weather, but day two turned out to be perfect. Congratulations to all the winners over the weekend in both the gross and net divisions and thank you for your willingness to play!

## 2022 SENIOR RESULTS:

### Senior Ladies Division

1st Gross - Cheryl Stamp  
1st Net - Cathy Nichols

### Super Senior Ladies Division

1st Gross - Maureen McCarthy

### Senior Men's Division

1st Gross - Eric Brown  
2nd Gross - Billy Peterson  
1st Net - Jerry Elder  
2nd Net - Paul Normandeau

### Super Senior Men's Division

1st Gross - Jim Harless  
1st Net - Pete Ogilvie  
2nd Gross - Clyde Morton  
2nd Net - Mark Bertoldi

# 2022

## MEMBER 4 RESULTS:

I want to thank everyone for playing in this year's Member 4 tournament! The weekend turned out to be perfect with the weather but the golf was even better. The tournament consisted of 4 different formats which helped bring the teams closer on the second day. Congratulations to Steven Paylor, Joe Ingle, Tyler Sholar, and Brandon Thigpen on a great two days of golf to take home the overall championship. Great playing to all the flight and daily winners!! Again, thank you for your support of this great event!

### OVERALL CHAMPIONS - 180

Steven Paylor  
Joe Ingle  
Tyler Sholar  
Brandon Thigpen

#### Flight 1

1st Place - 189 - Mark Scronce, Michael Teachey, Gary Ange and Glenn Batten  
T-2 - 195 - Blake Peterson, Corey Blackwell, Chris Jernigan and Eric Brown  
T-2 - 195 - Noah Simpson, Drake Lanier, Gene Wickline and Trey Thigpen

#### Flight 2

T-1 - 196 - Peter Ogilvie, Jim Gantz, Tom Quarton and Michael Kain  
T-1 - 196 - Tom Castellino, Lenny Ward, Cris Petersen and Meg Petersen

#### Flight 3

1st Place - 192 - Billy Peterson, Elizabeth Peterson, Kevin Elder and Bonnie Elder  
2nd - Place - 195 - Jonathan Fussell, Raymond Spell, Art Jackson and Phillip Smoak

Low Day 1 Total (Outside of Money) - 97  
Tom Stamm, Connie Stamm, Jim Simpson and Pat Simpson

Low Day 2 Total (Outside of Money) - 95  
Hayden Parks, Owen Rouse, Justin Powell and Bradley Cottle

# MEMBER 3 GUEST

The Club's most popular golf event did not disappoint in 2022. Three great days of weather brought three great days of golf. The flights were close and provided excitement moving into Sunday's final round. After the flight winners were determined we moved to the shootout which brought two impressive teams to #18 for the final putt that Brandon Thigpen rolled in from 8 feet to win the overall championship! Congratulations to all the flight winners and again, thank you for your continued support of this fantastic event!

## OVERALL CHAMPIONS

Brandon Thigpen  
Jeremy Joyner  
Chris Jarman  
James Hatch

### Flight 1

1st Place - 268 - Guy White, Ross Tuck, Cory Jones and Kyle Niemann  
2nd Place - 268 - Blake Peterson, Aaron Dennis, Drew Matthews and Colby Averitte

### Flight 2

1st Place - 259 - Corey Blackwell, John Watlington, Austin Harris and Trevor Smith  
2nd Place - 267 - Rick Batchelor, Steven Edgerton, John Walsh and Mark Kopec

### Flight 3

1st Place - 263 - Steve Paylor, Chris Sheeran, Kyle Simpson and Travis Aldridge  
2nd Place - 273 - Mike Russell, Joe Hoffman, Dan Hoffman and John McInerney

### Flight 4

1st Place - 263 - Brandon Thigpen, Jeremy Joyner, Chris Jarman and James Hatch  
2nd Place - 267 - Lucas Carter, Trey Boyette, Emmitt Herring and Richie Rich



**FIESTA**  
AT RIVER LANDING

**MULLIGANS**  
x  
**MARGARITAS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MAY 25, 2023**

More info coming soon!





# A GREAT YEAR FOR RLGALS

Once again, RLGALS stayed strong and true as a healthy golf league this year. We had great turnouts for each Play Day. Our tournament chairs, Maureen McCarthy, Pam Reinhardt, Karen Lutze and Susan Kerig, worked each week with Golf Professional Jeff Hale to make for a nearly flawless season. We had very little rain to disrupt our games. As we close out our year, below are some golf events that we all enjoyed and some winners.

## WINNERS

- Match Play (9 hole) | Sara Cailler and Susan Kerig
- Match Play (18 hole) | Cheryl Stamp and Meg Petersen
- President's Cup Gross | Maureen McCarthy and Cindi Peterson
- President's Cup Net | Sue Bartnick and Diane Orlowski
- Club Champion | Maureen McCarthy
- Senior, Best Gross | Cheryl Stamp
- Senior, Best Net | Cheryl Nichols
- Super Senior, Best Gross | Maureen McCarthy

## 2022 HOLES-IN-ONE



Sally Weston



Lynda Goodman



Suzie Zalar

## CHAIRS

**Invitational**  
*Meg Petersen*

**Match Play**  
*Liz Peterson and Bonnie Elder*

**Coastal Seniors**  
*Sue Carver*

**Tar Heels**  
*Lynda Goodman and Elaine Masinick*

**Sandpipers**  
*Betty Earle and RuthAnn Lavis*

**Interclub**  
*Sheila Bertoldi*  
*(Trophy captain and team for 2022)*

**Dog Days Tournaments**  
*Bonnie Elder*

**Swing for the Cure**  
*Suzie Zalar, Cheryl Nichols and Jan Zoesch*

We have so many others who contribute to the success of our program. Please go to [rlgals.info](http://rlgals.info) on the web to see the list of ladies who serve. Click on 2022 Season, then click 2022 Season booklet. There you can see the RLGALS Officers, Past Presidents, and Committee Chairs. These girls are the ones who keep RLGALS up to par. Congratulations to all our winners!

It has been a pleasure serving as the 2022 President of RLGALS. I wish Suzie Zalar the best as she takes on the role for next year!

**CAROL KELLY**  
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# HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

One of our very own residents, Ashlyn Turner, celebrates and honors those in River Landing who have served in the United States military by delivering thank-you packages to the Veterans of our community each year. The deliveries take place in conjunction with Veterans Day, and she has been serving these deserving Veterans for 10 years with support from several area businesses. This year over 60 packages were hand-delivered, making Ashlyn a shining example to other young people her age, and an inspiration to those Veterans who are overwhelmed by her efforts. Way to go, Ashlyn!



## *Veteran's Day Dinner*

Nearly 100 people attended this year's Veteran's Day Dinner at Mad Boar. What a crowd! The event was held in the Celtic Court and was led by Ron Himsworth, Sergeant Major USMC Retired. It was a great opportunity to honor all US Veterans here at River Landing and to show support for those who have bravely defended our freedom. The program opened with a prayer and the National Anthem, followed by several special recognitions. Next came the playing of songs that represent each branch of the military. Attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner and, of course,

there was the ceremonial cake cutting. It was a great night to honor those who have served our country and protected our way of life. Thank you for your service!





"What an exciting year this was for our Hope for Warrior's Invitational. River Landing was honored to welcome flag officers, celebrities and 32 golf teams who helped raise almost \$300,000. We are especially grateful to the community for volunteering and joining in the effort for this important mission. We are thankful for the commitment our military men, women and their families make for our country. Joining with Hope for Warriors and helping to bring awareness and support to their needs is one way we can say thank you! The dates are set for next year and we are working hard to make it bigger and better. I hope our River Landing community will continue its involvement either by forming a team or volunteering your time. When we all work together, great things can happen!"

- Wendy Murphy  
Event Host & Invitational Committee Chair







# RL PICKLEBALLERS

For the past couple of months, RL Pickleballers have been very active. Besides their regular Monday, Wednesday, and Friday play days, they have managed to have four in-house tournaments.

In August, they staged a series of *summer challenges: men's, women's, and mixed*. The format for each challenge was a round-robin in which everyone partnered once and opposed twice. The top four players advanced to the championship game, which was a best 2 out of 3 games.

Bill Palmer & Frank Partyka were the men's tournament champions. They defeated Tom Haugh & Jeff Goll 11-1 & 11-7.

Dawn Parry & Randy Mitchell were the women's tournament winners defeating Hope Hall & Debbie Conrad 9-11, 11-5, 11-2.

Gary Mann & Dawn Parry were the mixed tournament champions. Winning 11-7, 11-5 over John Conard & Randy Mitchell.



The fall season began with a team event. Four teams, made up of two men and two women, played 3 matches of 6 games against each other.

First place went to the team of Frank Partyka, Tom Haugh, Hope Hall & Barbara Jaco. They were 3-0 with an overall record of 15-3. Kudos to Tom Haugh who won all 9 of his games.

Second place went to the team of Gary Mann, Charlie Korman, Randy Mitchell & Debbie Conard. They were 2-1 with an overall record of 8-9.



Bill Palmer & Gary Mann often test their skills outside our community by competing in tournaments throughout North Carolina. They qualified for the N.C. Senior Games held in Cary in October. A bronze medal was won by Mann in singles.

Bill Palmer also traveled to Myrtle Beach to participate in the USA Mid-Atlantic Pickleball Tournament. He won a silver medal in the Men's Singles bracket, age 75-79, skill level 3.5, and a silver in the mixed doubles.

- Frank Partyka



## *River Landing Quilt Enthusiasts Take Home a Win from the Asheville Quilt Show*

Our very own Creative Quilt Enthusiasts group won 2nd place in the group category at the Asheville Quilt Guild Show held September 30th-October 2nd.

The original designed quilt, created by Jennifer Ciuccoli and Judi Davis, was made using hand-dyed fabrics in the 13-block wall hanging. Eight ladies (Sue Bartnick, Susan Cargnino, Jennifer Ciuccoli, Judi Davis, Annette Greene, Janis Jay, Carole Potter and Connie Stamm) participated in making the blocks, sashing, and borders. Quilting was by Katherine Haleen of Quilt Lizzie in Jacksonville. The quilt, named *Carnivalé*, was inspired by Mardi Gras.

Creative Quilt Enthusiasts Group meets at the Fitness Center on the 4th Monday of each month at 10:30am. Come, bring your lunch, and see what it's all about. Experience is not required - we can teach you! Call Judi Davis with any questions at 914-319-2865.



Congratulations to our own Jennifer Ciuccoli for winning 2nd place at the New Bern Quilt Show in the Art/Innovative category with her own quilt!

# H A L L O W E E N hoedown & bonfire

As if the fun days of summer weren't enough, the River Landing community partied s'more at the Halloween Hoedown & Bonfire! Bailey Morrison serenaded the crowd and played guitar while everyone enjoyed a pumpkin carving contest, yard games, face painting, and delicious food from the banquet team. There were three different bonfires to enjoy, providing a warm spot to socialize and make delicious s'mores. River Landing Landscape Manager Chris Randall was behind the wheel as he took families on hayrides throughout the evening. Both kids and adults dressed up in costumes, and bags of candy were given out to all of the children. This year's Hoedown was held at the River Lodge for the first time, providing the perfect setting for nearly 100 attendees of all ages. We can't wait for next year's scary good time!

Sabrina Lewis  
Activities Director and Fitness  
Center Manager



# HALLOWEEN AT RIVER LANDING







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*Adjusting to*

# MOTHER NATURE

With fall comes cooler temperatures as we transition to the winter. The leaves begin to fall, the days are shorter, and we start wearing our sweaters and coats. Just as we have to adjust to the changes, so does our landscape. Daily yard maintenance tasks change, but with a few simple tips, you can get through the fall and winter with ease.

November is the driest month of the year so it is recommended that you wait until late November or early December to shut down and drain irrigation if weather permits. To keep a strong root system and provide a good jump start in the spring, add

a little water to your lawn if needed. It will help the roots get through the winter.

Any new plantings done in the fall may also need supplemental watering during the late fall to early winter. Warm soil temperatures can allow trees and shrubs to continue providing root growth through the later part of the year. So if dry conditions persist, some irrigation during late fall can be good for your plants.

Mother Nature can change rapidly so be sure to turn irrigation off before cold weather sets in. Wellheads and backflow devices should be covered as well, and

don't forget to disconnect your water hoses from the faucets, or as we say in the south - "spigots". Water in a hose can freeze and breakage is possible, but most winters here are not cold enough to freeze pipes so blowing out the system is not typically necessary.

Even in cold weather, your landscape needs TLC. By following these recommendations, it should be ready to shine next spring!

For more information or to request a consultation with River Landing Landscape, call 910-285-1027 or visit [www.RiverLanding.com/landscape](http://www.RiverLanding.com/landscape).



# Gardening Committee

Welcome to Fall! The River Landing Resident's Gardening Committee has been hard at work decorating and planting at the Memory Garden by the post office, as well as putting the wreath on the door and decorating the wheelbarrow in front of the shed near the Main Entrance. The committee works with the POA, Club Operations, and River Landing Landscape to help improve the look of the common areas and to add seasonal color. We hope you saw the beautiful planters at the Fitness Center, pool, and on the golf patio at the Clubhouse over the summer.

This year the committee worked with the POA to purchase new, weather-resistant benches for

the walking trail along Paddlewheel. They are located on the beautiful pond adjacent to Magnolia Bay, and the view from the benches is spectacular. We hope you will be able to take in the scene while fishing in the pond or taking a break from walking on the path. If you are interested in the projects the committee is working on, or if you have suggestions for future projects (excluding the golf courses, which are under separate management), please contact Barbara Kukoski at; [barbk1835@gmail.com](mailto:barbk1835@gmail.com).

**Garden Committee Members:** Barbara Kukoski, Julie Couch, Jim Brostowin, Diane Brostowin, Stephanie Durner, and Lauren



# FOOD DRIVE

On behalf of the elders and the congregation of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, I want to thank you for your incredible support of the November 7th River Landing Food Drive that benefited our Helping Hands Food Pantry. Barbara Swetits reports we received 379 bags of food, which we estimate to be valued at much more than \$15,000! As you can well imagine, due to rising food costs, the Helping Hands Food Pantry is serving more clients these days in partnership with Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries. Our food pantry was begun approximately thirty years ago as an Eagle Scout project by a church member and was originally housed in one small closet. Today, thanks to the faithful efforts of volunteer directors and workers over the years, the pantry has expanded both its physical space and scope of ministry. The annual River Landing Food Drive plays a key role in our church providing this much needed ministry. Thank you!

Blessings,

**Philip Gladden**

*Minister, Wallace Presbyterian Church*



# A Community with Heart

When I first came to River Landing in September of 2007, I was struck by the beauty and grandeur of this wonderful community. And while that is still true today, I would eventually come to learn that the beauty of River Landing is only to be outmatched by its heart.

In those early days, much of my time was spent learning the community. Its neighborhoods and streets. The covenants, rules, and regulations. There was not a Clubhouse yet, just trailers and a literal "cart barn". During that time, I began building relationships with those around me. The residents and members, as well as my work colleagues, many of whom became friends. When someone was sick, the community was there. Driving neighbors to doctors' appointments, delivering meals, comforting family members. Need a hand with a project? Someone was always volunteering to help. Through Hurricane Florence and a global pandemic, the River Landing family truly shined bright. The acts of selflessness were many and much too numerous to share here.

When people first move to River Landing or are contemplating a move, I often tell them about the

"intangible" aspect of this community. It's that magical, special "something" that is often difficult to describe. Most of you know what I mean. You felt it the first time you drove through the gates of this unique place. Even those who are new to our community can sense it. I often ask them "how did you find us or what brought you here"? No matter how the story starts, it usually leads to "and when we drove through the gates..."

So as I reflect on my tenure at River Landing during this season of thanks, I am grateful for many things. I am grateful that the Murphy family created this exceptional community. I am grateful for the many residents and members I have had the pleasure to meet and build relationships with. I am grateful for my co-workers and the support they provide. Together, they have all demonstrated a commitment and fortitude not found in many other communities. They have demonstrated heart, and it beats strong here at River Landing.

**STEPHANIE  
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## Congratulations

Happy 15 year anniversary to *Director of Community Management and Marketing Stephanie Durner!* Sr. VP and Dir of Operations Terry Tate says that "she is highly professional and always there to help. She does a wonderful job of representing River Landing and the Murphy family. We are fortunate to have her on our team!"

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Congratulations! It's wonderful to have such a dedicated person working for us at RL 🧡  
- Carole Russell

Steph, you are what makes residents stay here. Thanks for your service over the years.  
- Bob Johnston

Happy Anniversary friend!!! You're the gift that keeps on giving to RL. We love you 🙏  
- Hope Gravely Hall



# UPCOMING EVENTS

RIVER LANDING

## Christmas Gala

December 3rd, 2022 | 6:30pm  
Clubhouse Ballroom | Black Tie Optional

*Enjoy live entertainment, dancing,  
amazing food, and more*

### Merry Grinchmas Party Friday, December 9th

Let us bring your child's imagination to life as we enter the town of Whoville for a Merry Grinchmas! We need our Whoville friends to help the Grinch grow his heart and find joy in Christmas again! Kids will enjoy crafts, games, punch, cookies, and popcorn as they watch *The Grinch*.



## DECEMBER .....

**Golf Shop Christmas Sale**  
Friday, December 2nd

**Christmas Gala**  
Saturday, December 3rd

**Gingerbread House Decorating Party**  
Thursday, December 8th

**Merry Grinchmas Party**  
Friday, December 9th

**Golf Shop Christmas Mixer**  
Saturday, December 10th

**Christmas Cookie Decorating**  
Tuesday, December 13th

**Christmas Eve Brunch**  
Saturday, December 24th

**New Years Eve Prix Fixe Dinner**  
Saturday, December 31st

**ALL EVENTS  
ARE SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE**

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Clubhouse Dining | 910-285-1009 • Golf Shop | 910-285-6693

For the latest information on upcoming events please visit the Community Calendar at [www.RIVERLANDING.com/calendar](http://www.RIVERLANDING.com/calendar)



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