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**River Landing** E-Newsletter | May 2023

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**ON THE COVER** 2023 River Landing Garden Tour



We're excited to announce that we have been ranked in the top 40 golf courses in the state, and #1 & #2 in Eastern NC by the NC Golf Panel again this year! The Landing course held strong at #36, and the River Course moved up a slot to #21!

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IN THE STATE

GOLF PANEL

## **EXAMPLE 1000** RIVER LANDING ADVENTURE CAMPS

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& MORE!

June 26-30 & July 24-28

For more information please contact: Sabrina Lewis, Fitness Center Manager & Activities Director





This year we took our potting class to Johnson Nursery, and it did not disappoint! We started the event with a lesson on what certain plants need and the three parts of a planter. The centerpiece is known as your thriller. It is big, bold, and the focal point of your container. Then comes the filler, typically brighter in color, which is used to fill in the gaps. This is followed by a spiller to add lushness by trailing over the edges. After the class, each of the 16 ladies in attendance were given the opportunity to pick out their own pieces and create a custom planter while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine. Thank you Johnson Nursery for hosting this great class!

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The Mad Hatter Garden Party was a fantasy of fun for the children! They were greeted at the door and given name tags to wear. River Landing resident Gina Miller taught table etiquette during the tea party as the kids, parents, and grandparents ate snacks. They also played with bubbles and had a ball painting mushroom figurines! The best part of the day was the meet and greet with Alice and the Mad Hatter who stopped by to take pictures with everyone. Thankfully, they were not late for this very important date!



EARTH TREE PLANTING

We love watching our community grow and thrive, and one way we do that is by holding an annual Earth Day Tree Planting session. River Landing Landscape Services Manager Chris Randall demonstrated the proper way to plant dwarf crape myrtles and also discussed topics such as: best practices for tree planting, how to select the right location, how to recognize the correct time of year for planting, and how to care for a new tree after it has been planted. He ended the session by providing resources that could be helpful to residents and answered questions. This event is special to us because not only is it a great way to educate, but it also replenishes the environment. That's a win-win!



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## GARDEN TOUR

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The 3rd annual River Landing Garden Tour featured a beautiful weekend of fun, friends, and gorgeous landscapes! There were nine locations on the tour including the River Landing Memory Garden and the Pollinator Garden in The Vineyards. The seven residential participants were: Julie and Michael Couch, Kay & Benny Pulzone, Anita & John Iacovino, Diane & Jim Brostowin, Barbara & Jerry Kukoski, Lauren & Steven Lassman, and Wynelle Weston. Congratulations to the Pulzones who were our 2023 Garden Tour winners! They received a custom planter donated by Johnson Nursery. Special thanks to Johnson Nursery for all of their support during National Garden Month!





We closed out the Garden Tour on Sunday evening with a Beer and Wine Garden on the Terrace at the Clubhouse. The River Landing Quilt Enthusiasts dressed up the Clubhouse foyer with an impressive collection of their handmade quilts providing a stunning entrance. Attendees enjoyed charcuterie, beer, and wine while chatting about all the beautiful gardens on the tour. DJ Jody Patram provided great tunes for the evening and Johnson Nursery had a gorgeous display of flowers and plants. Staff from Johnson Nursery were also there to answer questions about their products and services and to talk about all things gardening. It was a perfect ending to the month-long festivities!





## **BUILD A CUSTOM HOME IN RIVER LANDING**

This program is comprised of custom home builders, architects, home designers, landscapers, interior design professionals, and more. These experts are available to provide information, guidance, and services to you as your dream home progresses.

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WALLACE APPLIANCE & MORE





MEET

I am extremely excited to be back as a part of the River Landing family serving as the Community Development Specialist. Having previously worked in the Golf Shop, this role gives me a different opportunity to share everything that I love about this community. will manage our Custom Home Program, connect potential future residents with our real



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estate partner, Landmark Sotheby's, and connect prospective residents with our Preferred Builders and Allied Partners.

The River Landing staff have done a wonderful job creating the Custom Home Program, and I'm looking forward to continuing to build the program to better suit our clientele's needs. The River Landing community is one of the most vibrant and welcoming communities I have ever had the privilege of working for. As my second time being an employee, the residents, members, and staff have welcomed me back with open arms. Through this new opportunity, I am looking forward to providing a perspective fresh and being a part of the growth and development of River Landing!

## RIVER LANDING REAL ESTATE

SALES April 2022 - April 2023

> Homes | 22 Lots | 42

#### **2023 ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES**

January 2023 - April 2023 New Homes Approved = 3

New Homes Completed = 2

Homes Currently Under Construction = 11

Total Completed Homes In River Landing = 486

## **RIVER LANDING**

## AS CAPTURED BY OUR RESIDENTS



































River Landing's own "River Bandits" treated their neighbors to some good old fashioned Rock-n-Roll on a recent Sunday afternoon. A front porch on Legacy Point was the perfect stage for these resident musicians, who entertained the crowd with tunes dating back to the 1960's. There was lots of laughter and dancing all around. What a fun way to enjoy spending time with friends and family!













It was a galloping good time at the Derby Day festivities this year because there were so many fun things to do! We enjoyed music, food, cornhole, and dancing. Of course the highlight of the day was the races. We watched the official race and even had a stick race of our own. Members made bets on both, and each of our stick horses was given a fun name and description. Everyone cheered them on from the Golf Balcony, and at the end of the evening the horses weren't the only ones who came out victorious - we had a few winners of our own! Congratulations to Sharon White and Charlie Biernetzky for winning the best dressed contest and Diane Brostowin who was our race winner! Thank you to the Clubhouse dining staff for hosting and to Activities Director Sabrina Lewis for planning the event!













When Hope and Keith Hall decided they were ready to move from their hometown of Greensboro, NC, they knew they wanted to live close to the coast. That is just one of the many reasons they chose River Landing. "The beach is our happy place and we love having access to so many beaches on the Carolina coast," Hope stated.

The couple said they chose River Landing over other communities not only because of the location but also the beauty of the development. Since moving into their custom home in 2014, Hope and Keith have appreciated the diversity of the community and how much it has grown. They love River Landing for it's small-town feel while also having access to multiple cities, low crime, great neighbors, and affordability.

There are many things on the property the Halls enjoy and are involved in. Hope regularly exercises in the pool, and Keith is often seen throughout the community pursuing his passion - fishing. Exploring the 63 catch-and-release ponds in River Landing is one of his favorite things. Both of them enjoy playing pickleball, and they also participate in a lot



## "The beach is our happy place and we love having access to so many beaches on the Carolina coast"

#### - Hope Hall

of the social activities. They're not big golfers, but Keith plans to venture into it some when he retires. Currently Keith works as a supervisor for a commercial plumbing company out of Raleigh that works on new construction sites. Hope retired from a medical manufacturing company after 30 years of sales and contract management. Keith travels a lot for work during the week, but enjoys free time in River Landing on the weekends. They have 2 adult children and 2 grandchildren, Levi and Cash, who they adore. They also live with their best friends (their pets) Gus, Leo, and Evie the cat.

We are glad to have the Halls as a part of our community. They enjoy getting to know new neighbors and never meet a stranger. The next time you see Hope and Keith make sure you stop to say hello - unless they beat you to it!

River Landing is filled with extraordinary individuals and families. If you have a family that would be great for our next resident feature, email marketing@murfam.com!





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## LESSONS LEARNED

When I look back at competing in the US Open Qualifier we hosted here at River Landing in April, there are two things which come to the forefront of my thoughts. I can do very little about either of them, but notice I said "very little" and not "nothing." I bring these two things up because I believe they affect everyone playing the great game of golf and, as in anything, you can use them to make you better or use them to make you worse.

The first and certainly the shorter topic is age. At 59, there is no question I have a much tougher time competing from the championship tees against the fresh, limber backs of the younger players. I understand why this is. I haven't done a great job of maintaining my flexibility and strength in the ageing process. I believe these two simple factors make a difference in playing the game to the best of your ability. Would the Speed Stick Class (and I don't mean the deodorant) improve my ability? For Padraig Harrington and Matt Fitzgerald, they focused on increasing clubhead speed, and it has paid off. I also think about the fitness classes we offer and I'm certain they would increase my flexibility. If you want to improve, you have to take the steps to do so. I know these are ones I need to work



on and I believe they apply to most of our membership.

The second and much longer topic is attitude, especially in competition. I think back to the two players I was paired with. One was a fellow professional I knew well, and one was a high-school senior who had committed to play for UNCW. During the round we all had our share of disappointing shots. But we all wanted to help each other shake it off and do better on the next swing, rooting for each other to play our best. Yes. I'm certain we all wanted to win. In this situation it would mean qualifying for the US Open Sectionals. But would we want to win and lose our attitude? Not me.

Attitude is way more important than winning. In competition, you basically are playing against yourself. How well can you play under the circumstances? Sure, there are other competitors or opponents. But when you understand the game, it comes down to how you perform under the competition. So here is the real reason for the title of my newsletter article. Why do people let their attitude get the best of them when they play in competition? It was apparent in the 2023 River Landing Member-Member. The same people who lend a helping hand in trying times (like Hurricane Florence) will bite your head off if you beat them, or if they even think you might beat them. (Insert "what the heck" emoji here). Members, friends playing a regular round of golf and getting upset, throwing clubs, cussing, yelling. Why?

I remember when I was 15 years old and had a poor attitude. I remember it well because it was one of the most embarrassing times in my life. I was the best catcher in the Babe Ruth league (at least I thought I was, man was I dumb) and the All-Star coaches took me for a ride to get an ice cream. Of course I was sure they took me alone because I was the best catcher in the league. While I ate my ice cream they confirmed what I already knew. But I soon learned the real reason they brought me alone. To let me know that I wouldn't be on the All-Star team because of one thing: poor attitude. My attitude didn't change immediately, it was a process. But 44 years and a 180-degree change in attitude later, I'm grateful my coaches didn't choose me for the '78 All Star Team.

So, I'm here as your coach and you need to ask yourself why. Why am I behaving this way? You can be like the young me and think you don't need your coaches or the All-Star Team. They are wrong and they don't know what they are talking about. They are going to be sorry they don't have the best catcher in the league. Or you can take a lesson from the grown up me and realize your attitude is worth much more than winning. Focusing more on protecting your attitude and making those around you better certainly brings greater satisfaction. So are you going to act like the 15-year-old or the 59-yearold? I know my answer, and I hope yours is the same.

## PUTTING Makes perfect

As we jump into spring, we now have the back driving range available for practicing. Our Golf Course Maintenance staff have done an outstanding job building a new tee box and practice green. With the enlarged practice green, everyone has an opportunity to work on their short game for the golf season!

Short game is very important to the game of golf and you can lower your score quickly by taking the time to practice different types of shots. There's a chance to work on both the chip and pitch shots because of the size and what's around the green. With the mounds on one side of the green you can now work on the pitch shot. This is simply getting the ball up in the air and hitting the green softly in a way that it stops fairly guick. It's a great shot to have in the bag to help you out of those trouble areas around the green. The next shot you can work on is the chip shot, which is a shot that you hit lower causing the ball to tend to travel on the ground. The length of the new green allows you to work on the chip shot from several different angles and distances. You can try several different clubs for this shot which is great because it will give you comfort when you are on the course.



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HOLES-IN-ONE Keith Jay made his ACE on Michael Phillips made

Keith Jay made his ACE on April 6th on the 10th hole of the River Course. Keith used a 7-iron from 100 yards for his awesome shot. Congratulations on this fantastic shot!! **Michael Phillips** made a hole-in-one on April 9th on the Landing course. He watched his ACE on hole number 8 after hitting a 4-Hybrid from 176 yards. Congratulations Michael!



The Golf Staff would like to thank everyone who played in this year's Member-Member tournament. The weekend brought some tough weather the first day, but as the second day began, the skies were bright and beautiful! We had exciting finishes with flights, and the competition was tough. We incorporated a shootout amongst each of the net flight winners. This true alternate shot shootout started on #10 of the River Course, proceeded to #14, and then concluded on #18 green. We started with 8 teams, eliminated three on the first hole and three on the second hole. On the final hole, Tyler Sholar and Jared Tyndall made birdie to come out on top. Congratulations gentleman and well played!



Flight 1

1st Net - Jim Harless & Don Hancock 1st Gross - Tyler Jones & Trent Jones 2nd Net - Gary Ange & Kevin Elder 2nd Gross - Derrick Robinson & Mark Neal

#### Flight 2

1st Net - Mike Teachey & Scott Satterfield 1st Gross - Rick Bierwiler & Joey Stone 2nd Net - Guy White & Mike Russell 2nd Gross - Mark Bertoldi & Ed Dillard

#### Flight 3

1st Net - Trey Thigpen & Noah Simpson 1st Gross - Mills Bryant & John Wesley Hairr 2nd Net - Harry MacLaughlin & Frank Wood 2nd Gross - Doug Batchelor & Bob Hickey

#### Flight 4

1st Net - Wen Murphy & Pete Weston 1st Gross - Tom Green & Jim Frater 2nd Net - Bill Mackey & Bob Petrone 2nd Gross - Mike Kempf & Pete Ogilvie

#### Flight 5

1st Net - Lon Voisey & Marion Rollins 1st Gross - Lenny Ward & Gene Gall 2nd Net - Rich Peters & Tom Brown 2nd Gross - Jim Simpson & Tom Stamm

### Flight 6

1st Net - Scott Stephens & Ronnie Boone 1st Gross - Jimmy Peay & Lynwood Graham 2nd Net - Jimmy Hyatt & Frank Wolf 2nd Gross - Mike Masinick & Keith Jay

### Flight 7

1st Net - Sheila Bertoldi & Sandra Meadows 1st Gross - Maureen McCarthy & Cheryl Stamp 2nd Net - Janis Jay & Elaine Masinick 2nd Gross - Suzie Zalar & Cheryl Nichols

### Flight 8

1st Net - Carol Mann & Kathy Russell 1st Gross - Barbara Kukoski & Helene Zupko 2nd Net - Jan Zoesch & Rose Dumas 2nd Gross - Ashlyn Smith & Jessi Batts

Overall Champions: Jared Tyndall & Tyler Sholar



## RIVER LANDING GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR LADIES

The 2023 RLGALS season is officially underway! This year's opening day was Saturday, March 18th. Although the weather didn't quite cooperate for golf, we had a great turnout for a beautiful lunch. Our weekly play days kicked off on March 22nd with improvement clinics and our season long match play set to start at the beginning of April. There are also many league opportunities to take advantage of such as Coastal Senior Women's Golf League, Tar Heels, Interclub and Sandpiper.

We look forward to another season full of good times, great friends, and wonderful golf!

#### Liz Peterson President RLGALS *Gr82bamom2@gmail.com*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 24th - 25th Invitational Mulligans & Margaritas

> June 19th 9 and Wine on the Porch

June 25th Dog Days of Summer

October 14th Swing for the Cure

Interested in joining RLGAL&? Please visit our website for more information:

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JOIN US SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH FOR THE

## **2023 SWING FOR THE CURE**

18 Hole Scramble Golf Tournament Lunch and Awards Presentation Helicopter Ball Drop Sponsor a Hole

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#### 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2023 season kicked off on February 22 with the Annual Meeting held in the Clubhouse Ballroom. We had a great turnout and a big thank you to all that attended. Election results for the upcoming year were also revealed. Tim Marcis was elected Vice President, Dan Kusnierz as Secretary, Don Thomas as Tournament Director. Frank Wolf as Assistant Tournament Director and Rich Lutz as Member At Large. Walt Dlugolecki was re-elected to a third term as Treasurer. Incoming President Mike Orlowski appointed Harry Maclaughlin as a Member At Large replacing Tim Marcis.

As of this writing, the RLMGA membership stands at 119 members, up from 114 in 2022. Welcome to all the new members who joined us this year and good luck.

#### 2022 AWARDS

The performance awards from 2022 were also announced. Three members won "Most Improved" in their handicap ranges: Dave Cailler (6.8 - 4.1), Marion Rollins (18.8 - 14.6), and Jerry Ormaner (28.4 - 24.7). Great job bringing those numbers down! The most money winners were Jim Kelly, Gregg Alexander, Ed Zupko, and Jeff Mandusky. Finally, the iron men award winners for highest number of rounds played were Jim Kelly, Ed Zupko, Jim Frater, and Bob Conte.

#### 2023 SEASON BEGINS

March 11th officially started the 2023 golf season with our traditional Opening Day Breakfast Shamble tournament. A total of 83 members played. Our second tournament, the Spring Classic, was held on April 11th with 75 members participating. A big thank you to Mike Russell who won the 50/50 raffle and donated the winnings to the River Landing staff who supported the lunch. To date, we have had 18 Play Days, with no rain outs. We hope the weather continues to favor us throughout the remainder of the schedule. Our Tournament Director has done a great job in mixing up the games we have played so far this year. Play day attendance has averaged over 50 players each Tuesday and 32 players every Thursday. Play day attendance has averaged 50 players so far this year and 32 players every Thursday.

#### NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Although only two months into the season, we have seen some notable accomplishments by our members. Keith Jay got a hole in one on #10 River. Congratulations Keith! Also, 3 members have recorded 4 eagles so far: Tom Brown with 2, Jim Harless, and Rich Peters.

#### LEARN MORE

Remember to visit the website: 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. We would love to have you join us!

Dan Kusnierz RLMGA SECRETARY

> Murphy Cup | June 17th Pot-O-Gold Day | July 12th Summer Classic | August 19th Fall Classic | October 7th Closing Day | November 18th Hot Dog Days | TBD

## AWAY TOURNAMENTS

Walnut Creek CC | May 25th Cutter Creek CC | September 26th Duplin CC | October 12th

## ,2023 THURSDAY NIGHT Thootout

## RULES OF PLAY:

Total team COURSE HANDICAP MUST be 10 or more on 2-player teams.

Each player WILL play their respective tees during the competition.

Players CANNOT switch tees to form teams. Players will play the tee that they normally play from.

The events will be GROSS score only.

Team score(s) that are counted MUST be holed.

USGA rules apply.

4-player teams MUST consist of two 2-player teams with a handicap of 10 or more.

You will make your own team. The golf shop MUST have your team by 4:00 pm.

All players MUST have a verifiable GHIN index/handicap and the handicap MUST be up to date.

Shootout begins at 5:30pm with the exception of dates with the \*\*\* symbols (these begin at 5:00pm).

## SHOOTOUT CALENDAR

May 18	Landing – Back	Best Ball	2
May 25	Landing – Front	Shamble	2
June 1	Landing – Front	Alternate Shot	2
June 8	River – Front	2 - Best Ball	4
June 15	Landing – Back	Par 3 Alt. Shot	2
June 22	River – Back	Captains Choice	2
June 29	Landing – Front	Best Ball	2
July 6	River – Back	Shamble	4
July 13	Landing – Front	Alternate Shot	2
July 20	Landing – Back	Best Ball	2
July 27	Landing – Front	Shamble	2
Aug 3	River – Front	2 - Best Ball	4
Aug 10	River – Back	Captains Choice	2
Aug 17	River – Front	Alternate Shot	2
Aug 24	Landing – Front	Best Ball	2
Aug 31	Landing – Back	Captains Choice	4
Sept 7	Landing – Front	Shamble	2
Sept 14	River – Front***	Captains Choice	2
Sept 21	Landing – Front***	Alt. Shot	2
Sept 28	River – Front***	Par 3 Best Ball	2
Oct 1	River – Front – 1:00 Start	Season Finale	

## CLUB NEWS

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## Back Driving Range Now Open



We are excited to announce the opening of the back driving range! Please take note of some rules and expectations to ensure this newly re-designed area remains in great shape going forward.

The back range has 7 stands with balls outlined by rope. It is very important to

hit from the designated space beside the golf bag racks and within the rope. This will enable a rotation of the range racks/balls so the same divot spot isn't hit for a minimum of three weeks allowing the turf to grow back. We are enforcing this rule on the front driving range as well.

#### **RULES FOR THE BACK RANGE**

• Please park in the designated parking area. Do not drive on the back tee box or across the range from #1 River. Please use the powerline path to access the back driving range.

• If you use the back range hitting tee, take time to fill your divots with the sand provided.

•When chipping on the back putting green, remove all balls with the range bag retrievers.

•When utilizing the practice bunker, remove all balls with the range bag retrievers.

•The putting green does not have holes so be sure to bring a tee or target to putt toward to avoid damaging the green.

•Parking on Cedar Point Drive is not allowed.

•Please use the same dress code for the golf course on both ends of the driving range.



## YESTERDAY. Today. Tomorrow.



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## Peanut Butter & Jelly CAMPAIGN

This year we took part in a Peanut Butter and Jelly Campaign for the first time ever, and it was a hit! The project supported Duplin County Guardian ad Litem and as soon as we sent out the information our boxes started filling up. With the help of the River Landing Community, 185 jars were provided to local children in need. Thank you to everyone who donated!





## Preparing Your Landscape Before Your Vacation

Everyone enjoys a great vacation. It's a time to relax, get away, and not have to think about all your responsibilities at home. Besides packing, finding a pet sitter, and all the other preparations for your trip, there are a few things you should do to your landscape before you go out of town for an extended period of time.

Before leave, make you sure your irrigation is set appropriately for the season. Wi-fi controllers are a great option. The newer controllers provide access while you are away with full operation. On most models, they can also help you save water and money by reacting to weatherrelated events. If the system detects rain or moisture your irrigation will not water needlessly. Imagine being able to just open up the phone app and control the system from wherever you are.

Another option when you are away is to have a neighbor check your irrigation and landscape for you. There is no need for them to check every day. Just a couple of days per week when you are gone is sufficient. An unforeseen leak can cause considerable damage, while bugs and disease can also take over in just a few days, potentially killing your turf or plants. That's why a good eye is needed every so often. If you have more questions or need help caring for your landscape, you can learn more at www.riverlanding. com/landscape.



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## ENHANCE AND RETAIN THE VISUAL APPEAL OF YOUR PROPERTY

Beautiful year-round landscaping makes an important statement to your guests, your neighbors, and even yourself. You can count on River Landing's residential landscape team to give your property the quality it deserves. We tend your turf, trees, shrubs, flowers, and plants, providing a naturally beautiful environment that enhances the appeal of your property at an affordable price and on a schedule you can rely on.







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For more information on **River Landing Landscape Services** please contact *landscape@riverlanding.com* 



# FITNESS CLASSES

Fitness classes have been a hit since we brought them back to the Fitness Center last summer. This guarter we offered: Core and More, Yoga, Strength & Flow/Chair Edition, Cardio Toning, Dance Cardio, Pilates, Bootcamp, and Speed Stick. We also provide massage therapy, acupuncture, and personal training for those who are interested. Our classes are open to all members regardless of skill level or physical capability. Thank you to all of our great instructors, trainers, and massage therapists who are a part of our fitness program. We couldn't do it without you!



Should you have additional questions, please contact Sabrina Lewis, Activities Director & Fitness Center Manager, at slewis@riverlanding.com.



## FREENDS OF THE ARTS

Have you ever wondered if your charitable contributions were really helping people? Have you ever wondered if there was a way to get a bigger bang for your buck? Almost everyone shares that bit of anxiety, and most of us simply put our faith in the organizations we choose to support. Here is one that is a large part of the River Landing community and guarantees a big return on your hardearned dollars.

Friends of the Arts is a non-profit, philanthropic organization, founded in 2004 by local school administrators and River Landing residents. It provides students in the Wallace-Rose Hill school system the opportunity to partake of the arts in its various forms. Jazz, classical music, stage plays, drawing, painting, dance, science, and performance roles, the FOA brings in talent from across the nation. Students experience programs and professionals up close and personal. Children of all ages and sizes discover a world that otherwise might well bypass them. The budding musician meets a jazz performer. The neophyte actor chats with a traveling thespian. A doodler learns about perspective and shadow. The more students immerse themselves in the arts, the more the world opens for them. There are many benefits provided by FOA.

• Students involved in arts education programs are 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement.

• Youth involved in the arts are more likely to spend leisure time in community services and youth programs.



• Students engaged in arts learning have higher GPAs, lower dropout rates, and high standardized test scores.

The school year is winding down and students will soon embrace summer and all that it promises. Some will remember their encounters with the arts and, perhaps, decide to pursue a deeper immersion in something they caught a glimpse of at an FOA sponsored event. If so, the FOA stands ready to help those wishing to continue their education in the arts. \$8,000 in scholarships have been awarded to students showing a wish to excel in the arts.

Already, plans are being made for the coming school year. The dedicated volunteers of the FOA are lining up a wealth of talent that will entertain and inspire the youth of Wallace-Rose Hill. The rewards of the effort include the sparkling eyes of children who become acquainted with art in its wide variety of expression. To join or learn more about Friends of the Arts visit **www.wrhfoa.com**.



## AREA EVENTS

- Discover the best of our region
- has to offer with a few fun
- festivals and upcoming events!

### 37th ANNUAL CAROLINA BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL

*Carolina Beach* June 2 - 4

## RALEIGH'S INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Raleigh Food, Beer, Wine, Dance Party, & More! June 3

#### PRO RODEO - BULLS BARRELS & BRONCS

*Kenansville* June 9 - 10

### NC BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Burgaw Music, Street Fair, BBQ Cookoff, 5K Run, & More! June 16 - 17

#### DUPLIN FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

*Kenansville* Food Trucks, Vendors, Music & More! June 17

### OCEAN CITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

North Topsail Beach Music, Food Trucks, Beer, & Wine June 30 - July 2

## UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATES Camp 1 | June 26-30 Camp 2 | July 24-28



5/15 **Titleist** 

> 5/16 **PING**

5/22 Cleveland Golf & Srixon

## **SOCIAL & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Derby Day Festivities** May 6th

Shred Day May 13th

**Mother's Day Buffet** May 14th

**Memorial Day Cookout** May 27th

Adventure Camp #1 June 26th - June 30th

## GOLF EVENTS .....

Fitting Day - Titleist May 15th

**Fitting Day - Ping** May 16th

Fitting Day - Cleveland Golf & Srixon May 22nd

**RLGALS Invitational - Fiesta at River Landing** May 24th - May 25th

Men's Member-Guest Tournament June 10th - June 11th

**Fitting Day - XXIO** June 15th

RLMGA Murphy Cup

**RLGALS 9 & Wine** June 19th

June 17th

**RLGALS Dog Days Tournament** June 25th Movie Night by the Pool June 27th

Independence Day Cookout July 1st

Adventure Camp #2 July 24th - July 28th

Ice Cream Social July 25th

**End of Summer Buffett Beers & Cheers Party** September 4th

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**RLGALS Shotgun Playday** July 12th

**Ladies Interclub** July 26th

**RLMGA Summer Classic** August 19th

RLGALS 9 & Wine August 21st

Hope for the Warriors August 26th - August 28th

**RLGALS Match Play Finals** September 5th

**Club Championship** September 9th

Senior Club Championship September 16th

Member & 3 Guests Tournament September 23rd

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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