

LANDINGS

Holiday Edition



RIVER LANDING



On behalf of River Landing and the Murphy Family we wish you a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. May the blessings of the season bring you love, laughter, and cherished memories.



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Holiday Golf Mixer

The Golf Shop brought some holiday spirit to the golf course and held their annual Holiday Mixer on Saturday, December 9th.

The mixer was a nine-hole competition held on the River Course with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Frank Wood, Jake Dillen, and Jim Kelly took first place with a 32! Cris Petersen, Mike Dillen, Kathy Russell, and Maureen Godwin came in second with a 33. Following the round, lunch was served in the River Room. Everyone brought a wrapped gift and at the end of lunch they were able to choose a gift in the order in which they placed, so everyone went home a winner for Christmas!





Annual Turkey Trot

Before digging into Thanksgiving meals, River Landing members, residents, and visiting family members gathered for the 19th annual Turkey Trot!

They all met at the Fitness Center to begin the three-mile walk/run around the community, some dressed in festive gear. Along the route were fun Thanksgiving jokes to keep things interesting as well. A big thank you to residents and members Elaine Masinick and Janis Jay for keeping this tradition alive!





Jr. League of Raleigh Shopping Spree

Twenty ladies enjoyed a day trip to Raleigh supporting the Junior League's 39th annual "A Shopping Spree".

The Junior League Choir performed as entertainment while the ladies shopped through over 100 boutique vendors. After completing their shopping spree, the ladies enjoyed a delightful journey back home sharing laughter, stories, and getting acquainted with each other. What a fun and exciting trip that we look forward to each year!



Christmas Tree Lighting & Cheer

We lit up the night on November 28th at our annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Cheer!

Over 350 members and residents gathered at the Clubhouse Circle to celebrate the start of Christmas. There was a line-up of entertainment, starting with Dancer's Corner Clogging Company, then a song from one of our own Brendan Rhodes, and a dance number from the River Landing Rockettes. All of the kids were given musical instruments to play while Santa and Mrs. Claus drove up in style in a red 57 Thunderbird driven by its owner and RL member Mike Vandiver. Santa invited the kids to tell him what they wanted for Christmas and take pictures. After the tree lighting, everyone went inside to enjoy food, drinks, and line dancing. Fun was had by all ages at one of our favorite events to kick off the Christmas season! Thank you to all who attended and a big thank you to Activities Director Sabrina Lewis for organizing the event.







Wreath Workshop

Approximately ten ladies gathered for a Wreath Workshop at Johnson Nursery joining floral designer Valerie Simmons to craft locally sourced wreaths for the holiday season.

Each person carefully selected a wreath tailored to their taste. Participants learned about the wreath base and the significance of what an accent sign is while sipping wine and enjoying some snacks. Under Valerie's guidance, the handmade wreaths featured an array of foraged elements like juniper, pine, magnolia, firs, cedars, and more. To wrap up the creative session, they chose a bow to add a personalized finishing touch to their wreaths. Thank you to Johnson Nursery for having us! We can't wait for the next one!





Jingle's Journey Through River Landing

This year, we had a new visitor all the way from the North Pole, Jingle McKringle, our resident Scout Elf!

Residents were challenged to find her each weekend for a chance at winning an Amazon gift card. Each weekend, Jingle went around different parts of our community to watch over our members and residents. She was even spotted making mischief at the Christmas Cookie Decorating Party! Sadly, on Christmas Eve, Jingle had to head home to help Santa prepare for his big night. We loved celebrating this new tradition and seeing all the fun pictures taken with her. Congratulations to our winners, Ellie, Wells, and Jack Newton! See you next year, Jingle!







Children's Christmas Party

The children of River Landing celebrated Christmas in style with a party on December 1st.

The children were decked out in festive pajamas as they watched Arthur Christmas and enjoyed delicious treats. They also played games, got creative with art projects, went on a candy cane hunt, and wrote letters to Santa. Then the kids got a fun surprise when Santa and Mrs. Clause joined the party. We love seeing our young River Landing members celebrating the holidays!



Christmas Caroling

Christmas caroling remained a merry tradition sharing the spirit of the season with various members of our community.

There were participants of all ages, both adults and children, singing and dancing to all kinds of Christmas songs. Thank you to member and resident Jan Zoesch for organizing the caroling schedule and leading such a memorable and joyful experience for all!





Gingerbread House Decorating Party

On December 7th, Mad Boar's Celtic Court was crowded with both adults and kids for the yearly Gingerbread House Decorating Party.

Guests got into the holiday spirit by enjoying Christmas music, cookies, refreshments, and a hot chocolate and coffee bar. There were various decorations such as frosted mini wheats, peppermint candy, gumdrops, rice crispy treat balls, and sprinkles. Some attendees stepped up their game by bringing extra embellishments such as tinsel, cotton candy, and fairy lights. It was a happy and memorable occasion for everyone!





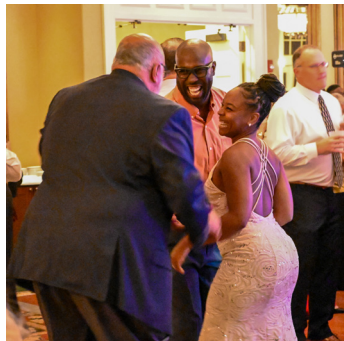


Christmas Gala

Over 160 people enjoyed a festive night at the Clubhouse Christmas Gala, featuring Carl Newton's Review performance.

Members jingle bell rocked the night away at the annual Christmas Gala this December. Along with an open bar, the evening included a delicious assortment of heavy hors d'oeuvres by the banquet team. Everyone was dressed to the nines and sharing in the joy of the season as Carl Newton's Review performed. The saxophone player's outstanding performance became a highlight, leaving the members talking about him for days! We look forward to this event each year for members to connect and create memorable moments. Until next year!







Christmas Cookie Decorating

Each year, members get together at the Clubhouse to decorate Christmas cookies with direction by Clubhouse Manager Susan Wolfe-Hill.

Participants were welcomed with a complimentary drink, the Christmas Cookie Martini, and received a dozen cookies in various festive shapes. They all got creative and decorated all their cookies while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres and socializing. This year, we had a special guest make an appearance - Jingle McKringles - our resident Scout Elf! She got into a bit of trouble and made a snow angel out of flour for all of our members to see! What a fun tradition to bring us together.





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River Landing
Calendar of Events

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- 01/10 | Fitness Fair
- 01/27 | Family Nature Walk
- 01/23 | POA Annual Meeting
- 02/02 | Ladies Club Night
- 02/16 | Mardi Gras Murder Mystery
- 02/27 | Educational Chat
- 03/08 | Game Show Night
- 03/19 | Spring Wreath Workshop
- 03/30 | Easter Egg Hunt
- 04/02 | Mixing It Up Potting Class
- 04/13 | Children's Mad Hatter Garden Party
- 04/16 | Educational Chat
- 04/26 - 4/28 | Garden Tour
- 04/28 | Beer & Wine Garden
- 05/04 | Derby Day
- 05/04 | Shred Day
- 05/25 | Memorial Day Cookout
- 06/23 | Cardboard Boat Regatta
- 06/24 - 06/28 | Adventure Camp #1
- 07/22 - 07/26 | Adventure Camp #2
- 07/23 | Ice Cream Social
- 08/09 | 70's Disco Night
- 08/27 | Art Class
- 09/02 | Labor Day Event
- 09/02 | BBQ Bunker Bash
- 09/10 | Educational Talk
- 09/20 | Evening of Magic
- 10/20 | Halloween Hoedown & Bonfire
- 10/31 | Halloween Candy Cluster
- 11/05 | Holiday Art Night
- 11/11 | Veterans Day Dinner
- 11/19 | Educational Talk
- 11/22 | Shopping Spree
- 11/28 | Marines Thanksgiving
- 12/03 | Christmas Tree Lighting
- 12/07 | Christmas Gala
- 12/09 | Christmas Caroling
- 12/13 | Children's Christmas Party

GOLF

- 03/04 | UNCW Ladies
- 03/09 | RLMGA Opening Day
- 03/16 | RLGALS Opening Day
- 04/03 - 04/04 | RL Pro Am Tournament
- 04/11 | RLMGA Spring Classic
- 04/20 - 04/21 | Member-Member Tournament
- 04/24 | US Open Qualifier
- 05/16 | RLGALS Invitational
- 06/08 - 06/09 | Member-Guest Tournament
- 07/20 | RLMGA Murphy Cup
- 07/29 - 07/30 | CPGA Pro Assistant
- 08/17 | RLMGA Summer Classic
- 08/25 | Hope for the Warriors Par 3 Event
- 08/26 | Hope for the Warriors Celebrity Golf Invitational
- 08/31 | RL Club Championship
- 09/14 - 09/15 | Senior Club Championship
- 09/28 - 09/29 | Member & 3 Guests Tournament
- 10/05 | RLMGA Fall Classic
- 10/19 | Swing for the Cure
- 10/26 - 10/27 | Member 4 Tournament
- 11/09 | RLGALS Closing Day
- 11/16 | RLMGA Closing Day
- 12/14 | Golf Holiday Mixer

RECURRING EVENTS

- 5th Tuesday Turnout | Every Month
- Friday Night Lights | Every Friday, June - August
- Thursday Night Shootout | Every Thursday, April - September

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All events are subject to change.

