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Manager's Corner

We are so glad to see some of you back and enjoying the park! I know that many of you will leave to visit relatives over the holiday season. If you are doing so, please let us know how you want us to handle your mail. We can hold it or forward it for you.

For those of you, who will be here during the holidays, remember we have a Thanksgiving Dinner each year (details page 17).

Propane deliveries are once again weekly, there is a sign up sheet in the Guest Lounge.

Remember that we want to keep construction and renovations on the park models to a minimum during January, February and March as the noise, dust and vehicles really affect your neighbors' enjoyment of their premises. We have a new form that you will need to submit, so if you are planning any renovations, landscape changes etc. please pick one up in the office. Remember if you or your contractor damage or sever our television, water or electrical lines you will pay the cost of repair. We can show you where the utilities are most likely to be and where to be careful when digging. In addition, we again are asking you to please install a water shutoff on your park model if you want the water off when you are not there. We will not turn off the water on our post.

MAJOR CORRECTION! In the October Macaw I accidentally credited Michigan, but our new Magnolia tree located by Tennis Courts 1 & 2 was contributed by our Maine Contingent. We apologize for the error.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and look forward to everyone being here in January!

Sincerely,

Bev Malouin

Beverly Malouin, Resort Manager



SAVE THE DATE!
Pages 18 & 19

*Visit page 22 to find the names of all
Facebook pages associated with RCR.*



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More Amenities listed on page 7.

Utilities & Extras

Florida Power & Light (FPL)

- Please supply the office with your FPL account number as soon as you have it to prevent incorrect billing.
- For guests that are not utilizing FPL and are with us for one month or longer, we will have your electric fee at the office.
- For those of you with FPL, please be sure to discontinue your service with them on your departure date and inform the office when you do so.

Internet Jabba Wi-Fi is available on the RV sites for daily weekly and monthly service. Comcast also offers internet service; please call them directly for rates at 800-266-2278.

Wi-Fi Complimentary wireless Wi-Fi service is available:

- Lounge/Internet Café/Pool: Royal Coachman Pool WIFI. Password: Password5015 (case sensitive)
 - Clubhouse/Recreation Hall: RoyalCoachmanCH/RoyalCoachmanRH. Same password as above.
- Please remember that this is an open network so watch your password and privacy settings.

Propane

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ADVISORY BOARD CORNER

Chuck Ginrich, President – cgenrich9@gmail.com

Once more on the subject of communications. If you are not reading the online version of the *Macaw* during the off-season (summer) you should consider doing so. Beverly includes a significant amount of information as to the condition of the park and upgrades to same. Also, as I stated last month, consider taking at least a weekly look at the park's Facebook pages. That is where you will find the *Macaw* and other things such as the monthly activities page (all Facebook pages are reviewed on page 22).

The web site used by the Advisory Board is no longer in existence. I addressed the reasons behind this decision in the July issue but since I suspect there are many who did not see that issue I am, once more, stating the reasoning.

Why did we remove the web site? For reasons I still do not fully understand it was possible to gain access to our directory by inserting your name and phone number into one of the many Internet search engines. Since it was not our purpose to make all that information available to the world we have removed the entire web site from the Internet. Even removing the web site does not guarantee you, or anyone, will not be able to access a past copy of the directory in the future. When something is put on the Internet it is there forever. Also, be advised that personal information about all of us is out there in many forms. Just type your name into a search engine and look at the result.

Did we remove the entire web site just because of the directory issue? No, there were other issues that went into the decision. Due to the startup of the RCR Facebook Bulletin Board we removed the sales and rental link last year. Also, last season it was obvious guests would rather upload their pictures and (seldom) their words to the RCR Facebook page rather than have them uploaded on the web site Activities page. Once you remove the Activities page and the access to the directory very little of the web site remained. Starting this season the Board will be distributing information, as necessary, via the *Macaw* and Facebook and occasionally, with Bev's good graces, her blast email capability. Finally, the web site was owned and therefore paid for, by Dick Waughtal and he served (unpaid) as our webmaster. With his departure last season and the advance of technology the demise of the web site was only a matter of time.

Beverly has always had a version of the directory for her own purposes and that was made available in printed form last season. This season she will produce the directory in printed form for a pittance (\$1) and also in digital form. She has already made one digital copy available this summer and, I believe, she will provide updated versions once or twice during the season. I will let her address that issue.

Finally, Veterans Day is November 11, please take more than a moment to think about the men and women who have, and are currently, serving in this country's military, especially those who are not stationed in the 50 states. At virtually any second there are U.S. military personnel in combat somewhere in the world and they are not all going to return to their families. So for them and their families and all of our military veterans; when you say "Thanks for your service" try to put a little more emotion into it. The recipients may not appear to respond but they do appreciate being appreciated.

There are 325-330 million residents of the United States. The U.S. military is 0.4% of that population. Sort of like a really thin Green line.

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DURING SEASON WE WILL BE CLOSING:

the **Rec Hall** from 7 – 8:30 a.m.

and the **Clubhouse** from Noon – 1 p.m.

for Cleaning. This will be 7 days a week. This change is occurring to be sure our staff has access to the space without disturbing your activities. – We are aware that there will be some times this won't work, but we appreciate your understanding.

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She didn't have to buy a moderate set, I just don't think she knew how much benefit and ease of listening a higher level of technology would provide for her challenging hearing and busy lifestyle.

I do understand that there are times when you have to compromise due to financial strains. If you have to compromise do so knowingly. Be aware of what you are choosing between.

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Amenities

Amenities are currently open until 9 p.m.

Please contact the office if you have a function or event that will require one of the spaces to be open later.

- ☺ **Air Pump** Air for vehicle tires is located at the back of the Resort, at the Dump Station. We do not supply a gauge.
- ☺ **Bulletin Board** Any notices to be posted must be brought to the Office. Please use a 3"x5" index card to list items for sale/rent. All other notices must be appropriate size. Bulletin boards are located throughout the Boardwalk and at the Recreation hall and Clubhouse.
- ☺ **Campfires** No Ground Fires are permitted. Above the ground covered fire containers are permitted. If it is an extremely dry season, the Office will post notices regarding campfires
- ☺ **Canoes/Kayaks** They are available at no cost. They are located across from site 67 on the Outer Circle. To sign them out bring your driver's license to the Office. We will hold your license for you to pick up after returning them. Paddles and life jackets are available in the locked shed by the canoes & kayaks. You must be 18-years-old or older or accompanied by a parent to use the canoes & kayaks. There is a 2-hour limit for usage and they are available from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily.
- ☺ **Kayak Racks** To utilize the kayak racks you must sign a contract at the office and lock your kayak on the assigned spot. Any canoes/kayaks found unaccounted for may be disposed of.
- ☺ **Laundry Room** Located at the Clubhouse. No cash accepted. Credit/Debit card required for use.

Small load \$1.50	Medium Load \$1.75	Large Load \$2.00
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- ☺ **Car & Boat Wash** There is a car, RV and boat wash located by the Maintenance Shop, available on a first-come, first-serve basis
- ☺ **Dump Station** An RV Dump Station is located in the back of the Resort near the Maintenance Shed.
- ☺ **Emergency Shelter Information Please** check the Bulletin Boards on the Boardwalk and Clubhouse, or our Facebook page for Sarasota County Emergency Shelter Locations. There is an evacuation plan for viewing available at the Office.
- ☺ **Faxes and Copies** The Office will fax your document(s) with a cost of \$1.50 for the first page and \$.50 for each additional page. Please notify the Office if you will be receiving a fax. Incoming faxes are \$.15 per page. Copies are \$.15 per page for black and white. We will not make color copies.
- ☺ **Fitness Center** The Fitness Center is located on the Boardwalk. You must be 18-years-old or older to use the center. The entry code is with your arrival documents.
- ☺ **Garbage and Recycling Center** The garbage compactor and recycling containers are located at the back of the Clubhouse. We recycle cardboard, newspaper, plastic jugs and clear plastic bottles and glass. Plastic bags do not go into the recycling containers. Please break down all boxes and follow posted directions for the disposal of trash. *This area is only for trash; not furniture, appliances, tires, batteries, etc.* For large items, etc. you can take them directly to the Sarasota County Landfill. It is located at 4000 Knights Trail Rd., Nokomis 34275. Call for their daily hours 941-861-1573.
- ☺ **Ice** It is available at the Office during business hours for the cost of \$2 for a 10-pound bag.
- ☺ **Internet Café** Located on the Boardwalk. A computer is available to use or bring your laptop for complimentary Wi-Fi. Entry codes are in your welcome packet.
- ☺ **Mailroom** Please verify that your site # is on your incoming mail to prevent any delays. Also, please make sure that your name is listed on the mail; if a package/letter is addressed to Grandma/Grandpa/Pet's name/Etc., your mail may not be delivered. As a courtesy, we do our very best to deliver the mail promptly. Should you desire to obtain your mail at the local post office, the information needed is: **Nokomis Post Office; Laurel Rd., Nokomis, FL**
Rates at the Nokomis Post Office vary from \$17 for 3-months to \$400 for 12-months, variable by the size of your box. Caller service is also available.
- ☺ **Pavilion** The pavilion is a large covered area that is available for picnics, parties, etc. for big groups of our guests. Electricity is available. Sign up on the ONE-TIME ACTIVITIES sheet in the Lounge and give it to the Activities Director.
- ☺ **Paws Park** Pets are welcome, but ALL cats and dogs must be leashed at all times when outside of the Paws Park. Owners MUST pick up after their pets. No pets should be left unattended or tied up outside. No fences or playpens allowed. Pets are not permitted in activity buildings (i.e. Clubhouse, Rec Hall, etc.) pool area or in the bathrooms/showers. Paws Park is open from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily and is located behind the car wash. Pets should not be an annoyance – i.e. "Excessive barking" and unleashed.
- ☺ **Sports Equipment** Basketballs, volleyballs, golf clubs, etc. are available at the Office.
- ☺ **Wood Shop** Located at Maint. Building at back of resort. Skill required. Call Gil Field 941-928-6136 for more info.



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Management Maintenance Corner

Beverly Malouin, Manager

Please take the time to check and make sure that your house numbers are visible from the road at night. If emergency services need to respond to your home, you want to make sure they can find you.

If you have not purchased a trash can for your lawn clippings, please do so. It makes pickup ever so much easier for us and we can spend more of our time improving the property.

Pickup schedule remains the same as last year:

Monday – 400's & 500's

Wednesday – 300's

Tuesday – 200's

Thursday – 600's & RV Circle

Remember any changes to the exterior of your park model or your site (landscaping, pavers, painting, lanai work) need to be approved. **We have a new form for that and also a list of rules for you to hand to your contractor.**

People have been asking me about a car port structure on their site. We will allow a canvas carport over the driveway area. The structure cannot protrude past your park model toward the street. If you want to look at a perfect example check out Ms. Zeiglers on 229. You must also submit this on the approval form so we can be sure of where you plan to set the structure. Also, please keep the colors to basic tan, brown, green, red or blue. No exotic colors please.

YOUR PERSONAL SITE MAINTENANCE

Please remember that the rules of the park are as follows:

- Only one RV per site is allowed
- Only one vehicle per site is allowed, extra vehicles, trailers, boats, etc. must be put in a storage site.
- Sheds and utility storage units must be approved by the office
- Fences, lattice walls, refrigerators, non-patio type furniture or abundant clutter are not allowed

Please take a look around your site and dispose of unnecessary clutter or unapproved items. Also, please take a moment to consider the landscaping that you have installed. You are responsible for maintaining the weeding and trimming of all items you have installed. Also, those with a park model are advised to maintain the skirting to help deter animals from making their homes under the unit (we live in the middle of nature) and to keep your roofs cleaned annually. Your help keeps this resort the beautiful oasis it is.





BETTY'S CORNER

Canines (Dogs) – Article and photos by Betty Baird



Dog history is really the history of the partnership between dogs and humans. That partnership is based on a human need for help with herding and hunting, for an early alarm system, and for the companionship many of us today know and love. Most scientists agree that the grey wolf is the ancestor of the canine, however this has never been 100% proven and therefore it is a dog history fact that there is also a chance that the jackal is the dog's ancestor.

There are 157 different breeds as classified by the American Kennel Club and over 220 worldwide. However, there are many other breeds that are not yet recognized. In the United States there are over 68 million dogs that are owned as pets. This means that just about 1 out of every 3 households has at least 1 puppy or dog...And many homes have several.



A puppy is born with their eyes closed – they do not open until about 3 weeks. They do not begin trying to walk until as early as 2 weeks and as late as 5 weeks old – They do not automatically know how to walk; they stumble and fall down just like toddlers do; out of the 5 senses, a puppy first experiences touch. At about 6 weeks old, a mother dog will start encouraging her pups to venture out and slowly become more independent.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Dogs can smell 1000 times better than we can.
- Dogs have more than 220 million odor detecting cells in their nose; humans only have 5 million.
- A dog's brain area that interprets smells is 4 times bigger than the same area of a human's brain.
- Dogs can detect cancer in people just by smelling one's breathe.
- They can detect dead bodies that are under water.
- They can detect leaks of natural gas that are as far deep as 40 feet underground.
- When compared to a human, most dogs are the equivalent of a 3 year old child.
- A dog can make out their owner's voice from up to a half mile away.
- Some breeds have webbed paws; this is because they were bred to swim.
- A dog has better night vision than a human.
- The word "dog" appears in the Bible 14 times.
- They have incredible internal time clocks and will know exactly when to expect an owner to come home, when it's meal time, etc.
- Extensive testing has shown that the average dog can understand the meaning of 165 different words, in addition to signals and gestures. The top 20% of canines were able to understand 250 words.



AND – Why is this partnership between human and dog such a treasure to so many and why are the "goodbyes" so heartbreaking? – I don't really need to answer that question for dog lovers everywhere who have experienced and are thankful for having had this precious relationship up close and personal.



2019 CONCERT SERIES

Ticket prices for the 2019 Season will reflect the updated production cost of each show. \$18 per show, per person. Tickets will be sold in concert series sets only to guarantee seating. Each site may purchase no more than 2 tickets. **Each Set of 3 concerts is \$54 per person, \$108 per couple.** Series also includes pre-concert reception. If the series doesn't sell out, then individual shows will be sold at the door of the first show and remaining tickets will be available during normal ticket sales January through March.

Adventures in ParrotDise - A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett **Saturday, January 12, 2019**



Jimmy Buffett is the world's most famous beach bum. It may be the lure of the tropics or some other "parrotDise", wherever Jimmy's music can take you there, and so can this show. Barrie has been performing Buffett's music for almost as long as Buffett himself. Jimmy Buffett Coral Reefer Band member and alumni ROGER BARTLETT (Original Duo Partner and Lead Guitar Player with Jimmy Buffett) is featured in the show making this the most credible and authentic Buffett tribute show anywhere. According to the Coral Reefers, "ADVENTURES IN PARROTDISE is the next best thing to being at one of Jimmy Buffett's concerts." Not a parrothead? You will be when this show is over. Fins up!

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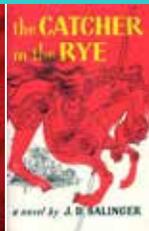
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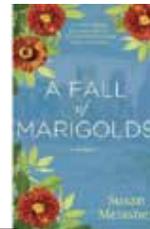
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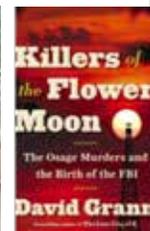
January 8th: *The Art Forger*
by B A Shapiro;
The Catcher in the Rye
by J D Salinger



February 12th:
A Fall of Marigolds
by Susan Meissner;
The Orphan's Tale
by Pam Jenoff



March 5th:
Lilac Girls
by Martha Hall Kelly;
Killers of the Flower Moon
by David Grann



Smoking/Campfires:

Smoking is NOT permitted in any public building including resort restrooms. Smoking is also not permitted in the fenced pool/shuffleboard area. Campfires are permitted in an above ground covered fire pit. Campfires must be supervised and attended to until extinguished.





VOLUNTEER CORNER

Pat Lang, Lead Volunteer

And so it begins . . .



October was a busy month for volunteers. Thank you to all of you who volunteered for the Pub Night Picnic, Oktober Fest, Halloween Party, and putting the Welcome Kits together for distribution later in the season. Special thanks to Sharon Guswiler for substituting as lead volunteer for Pub Night and to Tom and Vivian Hincy for being the Lead Volunteers for the Halloween Party. Amanda and I took the lead for Oktober Fest. Leaders are important, but events wouldn't happen without the good work of our volunteers!

Many of the daily or weekly activities are already in progress. RCR guests step up to do whatever it takes to get the activities going. That's what makes our Resort a place we all want to come back to. There are many new activities or changes to activities. It promises to be a fun, entertaining season.

Despite the threat of showers, several attended the first Volunteer Meeting of the season. Calendars were reviewed and the call for numerous volunteers was put out. Below is a list of events that still need volunteers: (details about the needs are listed on the **Sign Up sheets in the Lounge**) for:



- **New England Day**
- **Christmas Decorators**
- **Craft Instructors**
- **Blood Pressure Clinic**
- **Military Day** – a special need for someone to create a play list of military music. Meeting Monday, November 5th at the Clubhouse.
- **Women's Christmas Party**
- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **Speaker Series**

It is wonderful that we have many new volunteers. Welcome them to your committee. If you want to volunteer, contact me by e-mail, phone, text, or complete the little form which is in the notebook in the Lounge. As you can see by the above list, there is plenty for everyone to do. Every activity or event that happens here has volunteers involved. Volunteers make RCR the BEST!

A few reminders:

- ✓ Volunteer Meetings, 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1 p.m. in the Club House.
- ✓ Sign Up Sheets for events/activities are in the Lounge in a yellow loose leaf notebook or on clipboards.
- ✓ Completed forms for the Volunteer Coordinator may be put in the purple folder which is in the metal "baskets" on the wall across from the Library Door or delivered to Site 544.

To contact me: Site # 544; 603.731.8273 or 941.412.8882; rpmg4@aol.com

I love what I do because of YOU! Thank you

THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

By Linda Lee

The Garden of Remembrance is standing strong and when and if anyone who has lost a loved one wants to purchase a brick in memory of them, please do not hesitate to come by 454 Macaw or phone me, 941-445-5950 and we can sit down and talk about your loved one and discuss what you would like on a brick. Each brick is \$20 and can hold 3 lines of print, 13 characters in each line. An example would be John Smith which would be 10 characters long as the space is considered a character. This is a lovely way to forever remember a loved one in our RCR Garden. If you need anything in this regard, come see me . . .



MARK THE DATE!

A Service of Remembrance/Celebration of Life to be held at the Garden of Remembrance: *Sunday January 31, 2019 from 3 – 4 pm*. More information will be provided in the January Macaw. If you have any questions, please contact Joan O'Callaghan (941) 451-8118 or ocallaghancrs@aol.com



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ANNUAL MILITARY DAY



We will be celebrating on Veterans Day, November 11th at 11 a.m. at the RCR flag pole. Followed by a parade to the Rec Hall where Veterans names, memorabilia and photos will be on display. Refreshments will be served.

Plans are underway to honor all residents and any family members of residents who have served in the military for United States and Canada. We have had good responses in the past and would like to include more residents each year. The planning committee is asking for the following:

- Name and branch served
- Photos -clearly identified (scan, emailed or copied)
- Personal stories
- Other Memorabilia
- Who are the oldest veterans? We would like to honor you.

Note: You do not have to be present to be included.

The final Planning meeting is Monday, November 5th at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please join us. Your input and help are very welcome.

Email or mail information to: **U.S.A.** Gerry Regan, site 221. Reganrv@gmail.com or 215-859-3669; Canada Linda Lee, site 454. Lee.leelinda4@gmail.com

Please Notice This



BULLETIN BOARDS As this is the very busy time in our park and the bulletin boards are overflowing, we ask that you make sure that your notices/posters be a ½ page in size (4.25" x 5.5); this is so all can be displayed. We only have so much room and we must work together to promote and share all our wonderful functions here at RCR. The ½ page size will be a constant year round. Sometimes there are rare exceptions with printing from limited sources, but all jobs created by our residents must be ½ page. *Thanks for everyone's co-operation. Linda Lee*



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INVITED GUESTS

Beverly Malouin, Resort Manager



As you know, we are approaching people who do not live here but come into our property to partake in the activities, attend our events and use the amenities. This does not mean you cannot invite someone here as your guest. In an effort to clarify our policy, here are some rules of thumb:

- If you are inviting a friend to visit you at the property and they are going to use an amenity (such as the pool, tennis courts, pickleball courts, fitness center, etc.) you (the registered guest at RCR) need to get them a guest pass and pay the \$5 daily guest fee. There are some amenities that **NO ONE** who is not registered here may use, and *that would include* the car/boat wash station, the fish cleaning station, the craft room and the wood shop.
- If you are inviting a friend to the property for a card game, a ticketed event, or other type of activity, please obtain a guest pass from the office for them. You do not have to pay a fee for a one time visit. You cannot invite someone to be a regular guest at an ongoing activity.
- You do NOT have to notify the office if you are simply inviting a friend to your home/RV.
- If you have someone coming in to teach a class at one of our activities, let the office know who they are and what they are going to be doing.

I hope this helps to make our policy a little clearer.



BE SCAM SMART WORKSHOP

We have arranged to have this event on Thursday, January 24th at 10 a.m. in the Rec Hall.

The Department of Financial Services Operation S.A.F.E. (Stop Adult Financial Exploitation)

Be Scam Smart workshop is an hour long presentation that aims to help inform, empower and protect seniors from financial scams and fraud. We present information on current frauds and scams that seniors are being targeted with, red flags and general signs to identify a scam and many helpful tips about preventing identity theft. Our workshop is designed to encourage audience interaction and we provide a number of take home materials, including a comprehensive resource guide that covers the information and contact information for the agencies, credit bureaus and other resources covered in the presentation. The Operation S.A.F.E. Be Scam Smart workshop was launched in 2013 as a part of our **On Guard for Seniors initiative**, a free online resource developed to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on senior-related financial and insurance issues. We have presented to over seven thousand Floridian seniors since the program's inception and our workshop attendees have provided positive feedback and found the information shared to be beneficial.

FACEBOOK AND COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

The world of the internet is vast and can be overwhelming, fun, exciting and sometimes dangerous. You are always recommended to take care not to over share personal information while at the same time being asked to be more engaging with your friends and groups that you belong. We at RCR don't claim to be experts in all things internet, but we are doing our best to communicate in as many ways as possible to ensure you don't miss anything of import. We do have a website, mostly used for engaging new guests, but we also send emails (if this is your preferred form of contact be sure that you have provided your email address to Bev) and have postings around property as well as Facebook pages and groups. Management actually only 'controls' the following groups and pages. The other pages are run by guests and we have some admin privileges just to stay on top of all stories and information that are being shared. Our main page is *Encore Royal Coachman*.

GROUPS:

- Management News (current guests can access 'files' here. IE: Macaw, calendars & major event list.)
- Bulletin board (Items for sale, trade, free)

PAGES:

- Royal Coachman Events (RCR activities are listed here and events that missed the newsletter/calendar)
- RCR Clubs Groups and Teams. (We don't seem to use this page often but it is available.)

NOT OUR GROUPS

- RCR Kayakers
- RCR Dog Lovers
- RCR Friends

Not our PAGE RCR Tennis – (we have no input on this, but we would like to have a link to it)



RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

One of the great things about Royal Coachman Resort is our love of our pets; cats, dogs, et al. That being said, there ARE rules and restrictions regarding our pets; especially those lovely dogs that we stop and hug every chance we get.



That being said, you're responsible for cleaning up after your own pets. We have four (4) doggie stations: **1) Dog Park, 2) Tennis Courts 1&2, 3) Tennis Courts 3 & 4 and 4) Back side of Rec Hall, by the Shower Entrance.** Let's remember the reasons we clean up after our pets - we walk in it, our pets run through it and it spreads disease from the flies that land on it, then land on other people, pets and food.

We would like to remind all pet owners that when walking your dog it must be leashed at all times and that you are only permitted to walk them on your own site or the roads while in *Royal Coachman RV Resort*. Please don't leave your pet unattended or tied up outside. Your dogs are welcome to visit the office with you and get a treat, but they are not allowed within any other recreation space. That includes the Bocce field, tennis courts and within the pool fencing. *The dog park, available for our 4-legged guests to utilize, is located over behind the car wash and is open from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily.*

Thanksgiving at RCR

Hosted by Sarah Boehmer: horsefeathers@netzero.net



On Thursday, November 22nd, from 2 – 5 p.m. in the Rec Hall you are invited to give thanks with your fellow guests at our Thanksgiving Pot luck.

Turkeys will be provided by RCR but there is a need of volunteers to cook them, so get with Sarah as to how you can help! There is a planning committee meeting on Wednesday November 7th from 12:30 – 1 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

The rest of the yummys will be provided by you. Look for a signup sheet with options of what to bring for the potluck. (To be sure we get all the fixins'.) BYOB – though it isn't necessary to sign-up to attend events, it is quite helpful for our counts. That way we have plenty of food.

POT LUCKS AT RCR

As we move into the 2018-2019 Season please note that our events and activities only work if you participate! Last season we had a tendency for guests to bring dishes to share that would only feed about 5 people. Please consider that for each site that attends they should provide a dish that serves at least 10 people so no one goes hungry. Also, as a campground that is immersed in nature, we would like to encourage people to start using recyclable (bring your own and take home to wash) plates, silverware and beer mugs. We will still have everything available, but would really like to start reducing our impact on our environment. Thank you for being here and being great!

IMPORTANT REQUEST: MAIL DELIVERY



From Charmaine – Your Friendly Mail Lady

1. All RENTERS & GUESTS are REQUIRED to notify the Main Office if you are expecting ANY mail delivered to Royal Coachman Resort. Anyone who might get even one piece of mail or one package delivered here must be registered on our mail list. This is to insure delivery. Otherwise your mail may be returned as legally required.
2. You must include: **a.** nicknames; **b.** Business names; **c.** Pet names (yes, we've gotten mail for cats >^..^<)
3. Mail must be labeled with your complete first & last names and your SITE number.

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Thank you for your understanding and help!



SAVE THE DATE

- **RCR Blood Drives** with SunCoast Blood Bank! Please watch for the sign-ups (we need at least 10 people) that will be posted in the lounge and consider donating! **The dates are:** Saturdays, November 17th, January 19th and March 16th from 9 a.m. to Noon. These dates coincide with the January and March pancake breakfasts so you can refuel after you are done or before you start! They will be providing some small prizes for your valuable donation and time
- **Ticket sales** for resort shows, events and dances are sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – Noon in the Lounge.
- **Women's Bocce** begins on October 1st on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 – 2:30 pm at the Bocce field. Come on out and learn and play. Everyone Welcome!
- **Afternoon bridge** on Mondays is a social bridge played Chicago style. You don't need a partner to come and join them from 1 – 3 pm in the Clubhouse. Contact Bev Pixley, site 417 with questions. Start date is based on having at least 4 people to play.
- **Italian Fest** is January 10, 2019 at the Recreation Hall; tickets will be sold for this event. Details to be posted and music provided by Heart & Soul. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.
- **Wood Shop Dinner Dance** will be 2/26/19 entertainment Kim Jenkins the theme is Margaritaville. Bring your attire back to Royal Coachman! Hope you had a great summer!!
- **BINGO** Starts November 2nd. Doors open at 7PM. Cards are sold until 7:25 and games start at 7:30. Bingo is every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Rec Hall. Cards can be purchased for \$1, \$2, or \$3. Please bring \$1 bills. The hotball jackpots will continue with the dollar amounts from last season. Join us for an evening of fun!!!! Rich & Kay Hildebrand
- We have a **Golf League** on Mondays and Thursdays. We play at Lake Venice Golf Course, Venice and at The Palms Golf Course at Forest Lakes, Sarasota. Since we have a large group we get a discounted rate and preferred start times on those mornings. Our league is open to both men and women. All we ask is that you honor the rules of golf and *don't play Slow!* Al Chabot and John Schafer are your leaders. Al can be reached at beachrvgolf@yahoo.com and John at jdjjschafer@gmail.com. The difference in courses: Lake Venice is a regulation par 72. Greens fees include 18 with cart. The Palms is 1/2 regulation, par 35 and 1/2 executive par 29. Greens fees include 18 with cart plus lunch. In order to play at the Palms, you MUST register with Al or John. Directions and special information will be provided. If you want to play at Lake Venice simply show up at the course - usually around 9am, register as an RCR golfer and join any team with less than 4. If you have a team (3 or 4) provide Al or John the names and we will add your team to our roster for the day(s) preferred.
- **Big brothers and Big Sister Christmas** party will be December 1st in the Rec Hall!!! The tree with names of kids & teens in need will be installed in the RCR Office on November 1st. As always thank you for your *generous* gift giving!!! Thank you Noreen Brezowski



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SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

- **BEADING WITH PATTY TAYLOR** Every Tuesday morning at the Clubhouse is craft day. Card making, sewing bears, painting, and beading take place. Starting in January, I teach the beading class. You can make a bracelet, long necklace, or learn to make earrings. Beading is done with wire or with needle and thread. The earrings are made with metal head pins. The cost is \$15 per item (materials supplied). My phone number is 616-402-4109 or email pattycakespe@hotmail.com. Come and join us!!
- The **ANNUAL BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** will continue this year and it is hoped that many will attend to commemorate their own special dates or to help make your friends and neighbors event a special memory. It is such fun to learn about those celebrating and enjoy the fellowship of others in the Park. The first party will take place starting November 13th and include the May birthdays & anniversaries. Next will be December & June and will continue the second Tuesday of each month. We may try some fun ice breakers to help you get to know other folks in the park. Perhaps you have some ideas for us. Looking forward to celebrating with you all..~ Diane Brigham and Dolores Samulski
- **RCR LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY.** December 13th starting at 1 p.m. at the Pool Veranda.
- **Mah Jongg** will return to the game room starting on Monday, November 26, 2018. I will be returning to RCR the Saturday after Thanksgiving and will start collecting for the new Mah Jongg cards for the 2019 season through the middle of January. We earned \$216 for the American Cancer Society and I want to thank everyone who purchased cards. The price of the card is the same as last year, \$8 Std. print, \$9 large print.
- On Wednesday, January 2nd I will again **teach the game of Mah Jongg** to residents of RCR. The lessons will continue every Wednesday at 7PM in the Lounge through the month of February. After that you should join us in the game room on Monday nights for fun Mah Jongg games. See everyone soon. Have a great holiday. If you have any questions you may send me an email at Sonyasy@Hotmail.com. Sonya Saposnik #331
- **Community Jam** on Thursday, November 15th from 5:30 -7:30 in the Rec Hall. Bring your snacks, beverages, instruments... going to try and bring this back like it used to be at the Clubhouse.
- **New York and Friends Party** is in February this year. The theme is "New York and Friends visit the Islands."
- **Thanksgiving Committee meeting** Nov 7th from 12:30 – 1 p.m. in the Rec Hall.
- **In Park Mail delivery** will begin on November 15th. The box will be in the Lounge, small items only.
- **WELCOME BACK!!** First of the season will be on Tuesday, November 6th from 9 – 10:30 a.m. at the Pool Veranda. Costco is our host this month and will be offering memberships and is providing muffins and dannish and we will have coffee and HOPEFULLY our welcome bags will be here and ready!
- **Massage Therapy with MJ** will start on Sunday, November 5. The signup sheet is located in the lounge and is posted every Sunday after 8:30 a.m. for the following week. The signup sheet will offer times between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the rate of \$50 an hour. There is one half hour slot at the end for \$ 30 - *Cash or check, no credit cards.* **NOTE: No massage therapy November 18th.**
- **Card Class** with Sherrie Robinson on Tuesday, November 13th from 10 a.m. – Noon at the Clubhouse. The cost for materials is \$10 and the deadline to sign up in the lounge is November 9th.
- **Blues & Wine Tasting** around the pool on Saturday, January 26th from 5-8 p.m. Details next month!



2019 RCR Health & Wellness Expo

Make Plans, save the date for our 2018 Health Fair!

Tuesday, January 15th from 9 a.m. – Noon in the Rec Hall

We have great vendors attending!

Watch for signs and details in the December & January Macaw!





CHRISTMAS 2018

Dale Pawlitz

Fourth Annual Christmas 'Home' Decorating Contest

Come join in on the fun again this year! Santa's Elves will be busy during December determining the winners. The winners will be announced at the end of the Christmas Eve Parade on 12/24. A 1st place prize and 2nd place ribbon will be awarded to the best decorated RV's and a 1st place prize and 2nd/3rd place ribbon for the best decorated Park Models. The Elves will be making their final decision by Friday, 12/21.



Christmas Eve Parade ...

Santa Clause is Coming to Town

Come join in on the Christmas Eve parade again this season! We will meet at the pool parking lot at 4 p.m. Three 1st Place prizes will be awarded to the best decorated golf cart, dog, and 'other' entries such as bikes, trikes and walkers. Ribbons will be awarded for the 2nd/3rd place golf carts and other entries. Watch for Santa and his Red Sleigh!



PLEASE NOTE REGARDING LASER HOLIDAY LIGHTS:

You probably hadn't thought of this, but those decorative laser lights (both the holiday ones and the ones that shoot straight up into the sky) are dangerous to the wildlife in the park. Our owls, eagles and other birds of prey are extremely vulnerable to eye damage from laser lights, and it so disrupts their hunting they will leave the park, sometimes permanently. Because of this, we ask you to please not use them at RCR.



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FUN NEW EVENT FOR 2019!

By Lori Lilly

January 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 you can tour 20 Park Models to see how our residents have made their winter home unique and special. Get some inspiration for that remodeling you are planning. Some people might call this the nosey neighbor tour, but it is really much more than that. This event will be a fundraiser benefiting two programs near and dear to our hearts. *Hope on Horseback and Cancer Awareness.*

Hope on Horseback is not just about giving people something to do or a different activity in their day. It's letting them know that they have the ability to belong to something; something that gives them the freedom to be in control of a moment. Confidence and pride to know they are able to accomplish a task that is not as easy as it looks. It is amazing to see the excitement when they arrive at *Hope on Horseback*. Getting their helmet and belt and entering the arena, looking to see if their horse is waiting for them to ride. The numerous volunteers that have put their personnel time aside to saddle and groom the horses. Then they stay for the evening to assist mounting the riders and making sure the evening belongs to them. Therapeutic riding serves riders through equine assisted activities. People of all ages and walks of life interact with specially trained horses to enhance physical, cognitive, social-emotional and motor skills. The staff and volunteers create a fun environment that is safe and rewarding. Research has shown that the rhythm and symmetry of a horse's movement are perfect tools for improving a rider's posture, balance, verbal communication and muscle control. Riding also improves concentration, memory and sequential thought processing and can even help emotionally challenged riders articulate their feelings. Improvements often are rapid because the riders are having fun, hardly notice that they are performing repetitive exercises that strengthen body and mind.



Cancer is something that has affected probably everyone in one form or another; through a family member or a friend. Even though they have made many breakthroughs over the years, there is still a long road to go. This disease finds a new way everyday to visit someone we know. Everyone dreads hearing the diagnosis of cancer. *The American Cancer Society and Relay for Life* raises money to help support the patient, family and caregivers. There are many different levels of support. They include treatment options, advice for coping with side effects and health insurance questions. They also offer free rides for treatment and possibility a free place to stay when treatment is far from home. The cancer society also funds cancer research. In fact they have invested more than \$4.6 billion in research since 1946; the goal of ACS is to find a cure for all cancers. ***Tickets for our Home Tour will go on sale in January. It will be a fun day for two great causes!***

PEACE, LOVE & MUSIC!

By Lori Lilly



Grab your hippie beads and dust off your bell bottoms. November 29th 2018 John Reno will present "American Pie Revisited". This concert will be an interactive, multi-media, music production celebrating the songs and pop-culture of the late 60's and early 70's. The show includes both iconic photographs and videos of by gone days along with many tunes that are crowd favorites to sing along; featuring songs from Don McLean, James Taylor, Paul Simon, John Denver, Jim Croce and many more. *Tickets will go on sale November 13th for \$15pp.*

You will be able to reserve table seating of 4, 6, 8, or 10 at ticket purchase. The doors will open at 6:15 and the show will begin at 7:00. You are able to bring your own choice of beverage to the show. Come and get your groove on for a fun evening!

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER Have an idea? Want to write a story?

We want to hear from you! **Remember:** send pictures, articles, club news... to royalcoachman_rec@equitylifestyle.com by **November 10th** for inclusion in the December newsletter. Or stop by the Activities office with your submission.





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Sarasota County Emergency Management Storm Information

The City of Venice held a Hurricane Expo at the beginning of May. One speaker noted that we should understand that the damage caused in our area was not technically caused by a hurricane, but a tropical storm. The top sustained winds recorded here were 74 mph. Though Irma made the top 5 in regards to severity in the 99 storm history of Florida (5th), it was only among the 3 percent of storms that we are estimated to have received over recorded history versus the thirty percent chance the east coast of Florida has of being hit.

After last season’s storms our local counties have made changes to all shelters. PLEASE NOTE it is intentional that there are NO shelters in Venice. Shelters can only be placed in areas that will not suffer catastrophic flooding in the case of a direct hit. It is also NOT recommended to evacuate vertically, as in if you are in a high rise moving to higher floors traps you. In the case of medical emergencies you have no chance of getting help. The most important thing to know as a Guest of RCR is that ALL park models, mobile homes, and RVs are in mandatory evacuation zone A (1). Below you will see a list of all the approved shelters for the 2018 Season. All shelters will be pet friendly, BUT you must understand and comply will all requirements (also listed below).

Facebook? Follow our local agency at: [facebook.com/Sarasota-County-Emergency-Services](https://www.facebook.com/Sarasota-County-Emergency-Services).

The following information is from the Sarasota County Government Pages. We encourage you to do your own homework. Here is a web link you will find useful!

Page for Emergency Services – Documents, Forms & Plans

<https://www.scgov.net/AllHazards/Pages/Documents.aspx>

Hurricane Evacuation Centers

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Riverview High School	1 Ram Way, Sarasota
Booker High School	3201 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota
Phillippi Shores Elementary	4747 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
Gulf Gate Elementary School	6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota
North Port High School	6400 W. Price Blvd., North Port
Heron Creek Middle School	6501 W. Price Blvd., North Port
Woodland Middle School	2700 Panacea Blvd., North Port
Atwater Elementary School	4701 Huntsville Ave., North Port



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Sarasota County Emergency Management Storm Information Cont.

BEFORE YOU GO TO A CENTER:

- Locate the water shut-off valve for your residence. The valve is generally on the side of the house nearest the water meter/backflow prevention device, or may be inside the garage.
- Turn the valve to the off position. This will help minimize damage to the interior of your home should a pipe burst.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for turning off your pool and/or water heater and unplug them, and switch off the circuit breaker.
- Place an ice cube or two in a sealed plastic bag or small container in the freezer. If the ice cube has melted down from its original shape by the time you return, you'll know the power was off for an extended period of time and that you should throw out any food.
- Turn off the power and shut off the water valve to your irrigation system.
- **Remove loose items, decorative and otherwise, outside the house and in the yard, and place them inside. Even the smallest item becomes a dangerous weapon.**
- Alert friends or family members of your plans and how they can contact you (or have an emergency buddy, such as a neighbor that you trade plans/information.)

WHAT TO BRING:

- Flashlight (in case your center loses power).
- Your insurance, Medicare or Medicaid cards, driver license or photo I.D.
- Your children's immunization and other important health and insurance records.
- Each family member's medications, along with dosage information and physician's contact information.
- Drinking water.
- Snacks or special foods.
- Bedding and pillows.
- Book or electronic entertainment items with headphones and chargers.
- Change of clothing.
- Personal hygiene items (including toilet paper).
- Games/comfort items for children.



MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM

About the program- Sarasota County residents with qualifying medical needs are encouraged to apply for registration as a medically-dependent person (MDP). **It is important to apply in advance for this program so, if qualified; you will be on the county's registry for transportation and sheltering at a medically-dependent Evacuation Center during a disaster. Pre-registration helps us to help you when time is limited.** -We have the application and a complete list of requirements, etc. available in the office.