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Manager's Corner

Welcome to our summer guests!

For those of you here for the first time, we want to welcome you to Royal Coachman!

For your convenience, our daily activities are posted at the Clubhouse and by the Guest Lounge on the bulletin boards, and also in the office .

There are kayaks and a canoe that can be signed out at the office, and a great selection of sports equipment available so you can enjoy our amenities. There are all kinds of fun activities like rock painting, water aerobics, pickleball, mini golf, tennis, volleyball, and much more.

Every Wednesday morning we have donuts in our Guest Lounge to help you make it through the week, and we will have a hot dog cookout at the pool with live music on Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend. There is a pool party on Mother's Day (Sunday the 12th) and a Memorial Day pool party & cookout on Sunday the 26th with live music by the Wright DJ.

The Clubhouse and Guest Lounge will be open Thursday through Sunday evenings until 10 p.m. They will close Monday through Wednesday at 5 p.m. The Recreation Hall is closed on May 1st, but the shower rooms will remain open all summer this year. The fitness center and internet café are accessible 24 hours per day.

If you are new to the area, be sure to stop in for information on local restaurants, beaches and things to do!

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Sincerely,

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OFFICE HOURS

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More Amenities listed on page 7.

Utilities & Extras

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- 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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PAINTING WORKSHOPS



As many of you know we have lost our lead for the Tuesday afternoon painting session. Jean van Appledoorn has led this session for many years but this year sold her unit and moved away from RCR. We certainly appreciate her years leading this gathering and will certainly miss her in this role and so many others around the park. Hopefully everyone had a chance to thank her and say good-bye. We will all miss her smile around here.

Talking with Amanda, I learned that this session does not have a lead and may be eliminated from the schedule next year if no one steps forward. Over the last several years attendance has dropped for several reasons but I, for one, hate to see it end completely. So, my thought was to bring it up and see what others think. Is the day or time a problem? If so, is there an alternate time or day? Is there another format we should follow? Is there a teacher that may want to take this on? Do we work out a schedule where we would take turns leading? Do we paint 90 minutes and then evaluate and discuss each other's work for the last 30 minutes? Are there other ideas that have been successful in other groups you paint with we could follow?

There are several talented artists and some retired art teachers around the park as well as some beginners like me that have just taken up the hobby. I have enjoyed painting with some of you and talking with others and found one reason for declining attendance was the effort needed to bring in our work and materials and then just paint without an actual class or idea sharing. I would be willing to be led but do not feel at all qualified to teach. I am a hobby painter that has only gotten serious since retirement so have little to offer as a teacher. However, I have experience organizing and can offer that. My problem is that I have a volunteer commitment on the traditional Tuesday day and time.

So painters, that is where it stands. I would love to see a discussion about this and am offering to host that discussion. Anyone interested can contact me at jos535lyn@yahoo.com. I would then put together an email group that could hash out ideas over the summer. So, let me know of ideas you have now or if you just want to be a part of the group and I will keep you updated. Thanks, Joe Van Berkel

VISITORS All guests that have visitors coming in for the day to use the facilities/ amenities must register them with the office and pay a \$5 per guest fee. During their time at RCR all visitors must be accompanied by their registered guest. Anyone having visitors staying over 15 consecutive days *may* be required to pay \$5/per day, per visitor.

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Amenities are currently open until 9 p.m.

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- ☺ **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.

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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 \$.02 for black & white and \$.10 for color.
- ☺ **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.
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Ticket Sales for the 2020 Season will begin Thursday, March 28th at 10 a.m. in the Card Room. Ticket prices for the 2020 Season will remain \$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 first show and remaining tickets will be available during normal ticket sales after first concert January through March.

Saturday, January 18th NASHVILLE GOLD - 50 years of Country Music



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Patsy, Waylon and Willie, George Strait, Garth, Shania, Loretta, Tammy, and many more. It is a multimedia presentation featuring top notch music, video, and story-telling which combine to relive how country has evolved from its hillbilly roots to the rockin' Country of today! You'll feel like you've got a front row seat at the Grand Ole Opry or the Country Music Hall of Fame!! 50 years of country in one show! Hear it all in NASHVILLE GOLD

Saturday, February 15th Rock Me Gently Into The 1970's



From Jim Croce to Dan Fogelberg, and Carole King to James Taylor, ROCK ME GENTLY presents an unforgettable two hours of some of the greatest American music to come from the 1970s. From the end of the 1960s, it became common to divide mainstream rock music into soft and hard rock with both emerging as major genres of popular music. In

the early '70s, rock music mellowed creating the distinctive, laid-back sound of soft rock. The smooth and easy feeling this music inspires is perfect for life's most meaningful moments. Quite simply, these are the songs that just make you feel good! ROCK ME GENTLY re-creates the best of the soft rock era rocking you gently with the hits of Jim Croce, Carole King, James Taylor, America, Dan Fogelberg, Neil Young, Gordon Lightfoot and many more amazing singer/songwriters.

Saturday, March 7th Not Fade Away - The Buddy Holly & Friends Party Concert!



Get your saddle shoes and pompadours ready because you are in for an incredible night of Rock n' Roll! This is NOT your typical Buddy Holly tribute! Not only will you be twirling down memory lane to the unforgettable sounds of Buddy, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper...you'll be taken to a world of legends with hits by Bill Haley, The Beach Boys, Roy

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BETTY'S CORNER

May 2019

Hellos, Goodbyes and In-Betweens

Article and photography by Betty Baird



When the Snowbirds began to arrive in our park in December and January, there were warm "Hello's"; and when winter months have passed and springtime and "Home and Family" call in late March and early April, the "Goodbye's" or "Until We Meet Again's" bring sadness. Friendship and caring run deep at Encore RCR Park. The "In-Between's" involve just about any activity or social event a person could imagine right here on the grounds. Or a short bike or car ride can end up at the sparkling waters of the Gulf of Mexico and a wonderful morning or afternoon spent on its beautiful beaches.



Our beautiful pool is a main gathering area for not only swimming but water aerobics, ice-cream socials, Sunday afternoon music, etc. Many volunteers provide leadership in games of every kind, crafts, tennis, pickle ball, golf, computer classes, dog obedience Mahjong, Duplicate Bridge, Social Bridge, and Poker, just to name a few. Bingo and Shuffle Board enjoy a large group of participation.

Our resident and protected Gopher Tortoise area is interesting as are the many tortoises that inhabit that area. On a warm, sunny day they venture out of their nests and

feed on grasses in the surrounding areas and are always welcome visitors. The tortoise pictured here is resting in the opening to its nest but is awake and vigilant in case danger calls. Great Horned Owls, Pileated Woodpeckers, Bald Eagles and many other beautiful birds live with us and are treasured by many.

As we begin packing, recognizing that another season of friendship and fun here is coming to a close, I am trying to think of the most important gift of this park: I've decided it's the friendly, welcoming people who really care about much more than themselves. Many love God and attend the non-denominational church lead by volunteers each Sunday or go to various other churches in the Venice area. They love and care for their animals and the wildlife which abounds, they love their country (U.S. and Canada mostly) and are grateful for life. Some struggle with serious illness and it is inspiring as they meet each challenge with courage and grace; and we all are



struggling in some way or other with just plain getting older and the adventure that brings. I will plagiarize from a song as I close these "up close and personal" wanderings. We love those dear hearts and gentle people (and their dogs and cats and birds too) who live in Nokomis RCR Park. Because those dear hearts and gentle people will never, never let you down. May you all have safe travels and a summer full of Blessings.

JUNE MACAW

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 **May 10th** for inclusion in the June newsletter. Or stop by the Activities office with your submission.





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FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Pat Lang, Coordinator of Volunteers

It's been a great season and the next season is looking just as good if not better. Thank you to all the Lead Volunteers of events/activities for turning your forms in to the Activity Director promptly.

Lead volunteers are still needed for a few activities/events:

New Year's Eve

Line Dancing

Ballroom Dancing

Billiards

Without Lead Volunteers, these events cannot happen. Please contact Amanda in the Activities Office as soon as possible. Just call the main RCR number and ask to be connected to her office.

For your information: The Volunteer Meeting is not a management-sponsored meeting. It is at the direction of the Coordinator of Volunteers. The Activity Director is invited to all meetings to go over the calendars, any rules/regulations or changes. The Manager is usually invited to one of the first meetings (either October or January to give an overview and/or field general questions or concerns. At the April volunteer meeting, feedback from those attending was asked for and will be reviewed and considered.

A LEAD VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK is being created by Marianne Deatsch and Pat Lang with input from management. As a "newbie" to the Resort, Marianne has many questions about guidelines, availability of items, resources, etc. She thought a handbook would be helpful. We will be working on it via e-mails and calls this summer. After review and approval by management, the plan is to meet with each Lead Volunteer (and perhaps the committee) of an event/activity to go over the items in it before the event takes place.

A couple of reminders for all about participation in some activities:

✓ The first concert of the season has a country/western theme. Bring your hats, boots, western wear, etc., to wear at that concert. Please remember to remove your hats when seated, however, so that no one's view is affected.

The *Fashion Show's* theme for 2020 is an *English Tea Party*. Ladies bring your beautifully decorated hats!!

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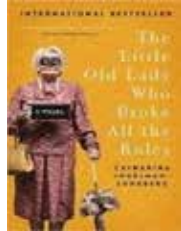
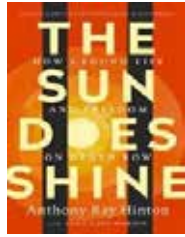




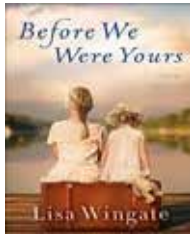
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January 14th

The Sun Does Shine & The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules



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March 3rd
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Save the Date



RCR Michigan ~ Frankenmuth Reunion - July 25, 2019

Dinner is on **Thursday, July 25, 2019**, at the **Bavarian Inn Restaurant**. Our room will be open at 4:00 for drinks and fellowship. Ordering for dinner will start at 5:00pm. We order from the menu and everyone pays their own bill. I will be calling for dinner reservations the week after 4th of July or you can call me at 517-582-5077. We need a very accurate count for the dinner, so let me know if you intend to come!

To stay overnight: **FRANKENMUTH BAVARIAN INN LODGE**—PHONE NUMBER—1-855-652-7200

Individual reservations are due 30 days prior to arrival. Check in time is 3:00pm and check out time is 11:00am. The Bavarian Inn Lodge does not accept pets.

Our group rate for a standard double room (two double beds) is \$95.00 plus 11% tax. The GROUP NUMBER FOR THE \$95.00 PRICE IS—**#12W2Y3**. Also give them our name: Royal Coachman Resort Reunion.

The picnic is on **Wednesday, July 24** at 5:00pm at the Jellystone Campground. Hope you can come to that, too! We have a good time!



FRANKENMUTH JELLYSTONE CAMPGROUND—PHONE NUMBER **989-652-6668**

Tuesday, July 23, Wednesday, July 24, and Thursday, July 25, 2019

Many have already reserved their sites, so don't delay if you want to camp with the group. Just let the office know you are with the RCR Reunion group. **Tuesday** is check in and we are not planning any group meals. We will have tables set up if you want to bring your own food and use the tables to eat together.

Wednesday we have a potluck breakfast (whatever you want to bring). Wednesday at 5:00pm is the potluck picnic and we all bring a dish to share. Everyone staying at the Lodge (or other motels) is invited. We have a campfire and enjoy our Michigan summer evenings. If it rains there is a community room at the campground we can use (and we've only had to use it once.)

Thursday morning we do have a breakfast but there are some who play tennis and others who play golf or go shopping so the ones sticking around usually cook sausage and "camper omelets" and have a leisurely breakfast. The dinner that night is at the Bavarian Inn at 5:00. **Friday** morning's breakfast is on your own and then we all depart.

In between all the eating we have lots of time for fellowship, reading, music, playing games (cards, dominoes, mahjonnig and especially bocce) and just enjoying being together. Hope you can join us in this fun camping!!!

Any questions, call me at 517-669-5123 (home) or 517-582-5077 (cell). We love to have out-of-state guests to our RCR Frankenmuth Reunion. All are welcome to come. Looking forward to seeing you there! Maddy Trimby

2019 Variety Show Follow-up

Thanks to all who attended and enabled us to donate \$1000 and a van full of grocery items to the South County Food Pantry. The theme for the 2020 Variety Show is THE LOVE BOAT! *Thanks and cheers, Peter Crich*

P.S. the videos of the 2019 show are available on our new website (that you can ask to join the private section by emailing Bev at royalcoachman_mgr@equitylifestyle.com) <https://royalcoachmanrvresort.com>



ANNUAL MILITARY DAY ~ Monday, November 11, 2019

Plans are underway to honor all residents and any family members of residents who have served in the military for Canada and the United States. 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 information: Name & branch served Personal Articles/Stories Photos – clearly identified (can be Other Memorabilia scanned and emailed or copied)

You do not have to be present to be included. Simply email or mail the information to: USA Gerry Regan, Site 221, reganrv@email.com or 215-859-3665; CANADA Linda Lee, Site 454, lee.leelinda.linda4@gmail.com.



CELEBRATE

Many celebrants and neighbors had cake and beverages in the Rec Hall April 9th for the Birthday/ Anniversary Party. Photos provided by Dolores Samulski.

April Anniversaries

Linda & Phil Bowes	17	Corrine & Bill Rogowski	26
Pat & Dick Lang	20	Gene & Ron Cournoyer	27



Celebrating Anniversaries: left to right Bill & Corrine Rogowski, Lavern & Chris Hill, Ron & Gene Cournoyer and Pat & Dick Lang

October Anniversaries

Tom & Carol Randall	3
Joan & Tom Mougan	6
Gerry & Bert Prinzen	6
Betty & Ray Dominici	6
Lori & Terry Pelletier	9
Renee & Chuck Davis	12
Debbie & Marty Viires	14
Jim & Maureen Connors	16
Gene & Sharon Guswiler	22
Ellie & Bill Eldred	24
Chris & Lavern Hill	27



April Birthdays

Peter Campbell	2	Terry Pelletier	9	Mike Rhine	15	Bob Walter	26
Deanne Nourse	4	Evie Vrakas	10	Beth Kent	24	Nils Mockler	26
Roy Anderson	6	Don Scalley	11	Bill Moore	24	Bill Chapdelaine	27
Don Morency	9	Sandy Barnard	12	Kay Bach	25	Dolores Samulski	30

October Birthdays

Bill Koppel	2	Diana Krueger	19
Ellie Eldred	2	David Blackmore	20
Carol Randall	4	Gerry Prinzen	22
Elaine Flint	6	Julie Wilson	24
Jane Green	6	Kay Hildebrand	26
Jo Ann Regan	10	Joyce Silke	26
Keith Pixley	12	Sheryl Drenth	29
Ray Maida	13	Bunny Caldwell	29
Don Silke	16	Nancy Brown	30
Bob Schultz	11	Colletta Stape	30



Celebrating Birthdays: left to right Bill Keppel, Mike Rhine, Keith Pixley, Nils Mockler, Julie Wilson, Elaine Flint and Raymond Maida

**YOU ARE
INVITED**

to attend and to celebrate your birthday or anniversary OR to celebrate with your friends and neighbors as they celebrate theirs. The Birthday and Anniversary Party happens on the second Tuesday of the month, from November through April.

Friday Morning Computer Group

Note & Photos from Dee Alpins

Final meeting of the season... to resume January 10, 2020! A big thanks to our leaders and all contributors for their research and input to make our techy life easier.





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2019 Art Exhibition

Photos & Note provided by Pat Lang

On March 24, the Rec Hall became an Exhibition Hall as many of RCR's talented and artistic residents shared projects completed during the season. Sign Ups were available for next season's classes at many of the display tables. A picture is worth a thousand words - enjoy the photos!

Marty Nowasad & The Mountain Dulcimer's Group



Sewing Projects



Glass Shop: Claudia Stieber Lead Vol. Windchimes

Jim Remus, Marquetry



Donna Field Knit & Chat

Sally Frechette York Hat Project



Sheryl Drenth, Lead Volunteer, Sewing



Joyce Pollard and Grace DelRocco



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Sarasota County Emergency Management Storm Information

The City of Venice held a Hurricane Expo at the end of May. More updates will be provided beginning in June (No major changes expected). Last year at the expo, one speaker noted that we should understand that the damaged 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 regard 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.

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. Below you will see a list of all the approved shelters for the 2019 Season. All shelters will be pet friendly, BUT you must understand and comply will all requirements (also listed below). If you use Facebook, follow our local agency at: 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 Ctrs.	Address
Booker Middle School	2250 Myrtle St., Sarasota
Brookside Middle School	3636 S. Shade Ave., Sarasota
Southside Elementary School	1901 Webber St., Sarasota
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 Rd, 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



Another important thing to do as a hurricane season guest (Any time between June 1 – Nov. 30) is to register for CODE RED.

Sarasota County utilizes the CodeRED Notification System - an ultra-high-speed telephone communication service - for emergency notifications. This system allows us to send critical communications to all or targeted areas within the county in case of a situation that requires immediate action. Visit **SCGOV.NET** and it is located under utilities or you can use the search on the site.

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). **How to Apply:** Submit an application to Sarasota County Emergency Management. Two ways to submit applications: **If you only need transportation to an evacuation center complete the** located online at https://scgovmedicalneeds.formstack.com/forms/transportation_dependent_registration .

1. Complete the *Medically-Dependent Person online app*. Located at https://intwebs2ext.scgov.net/em_forms/ (**online applications will stop being accepted at 60 hours prior to expected impact of storm**).
2. Complete a paper application and fax or mail it to emergency management. This method may delay the processing of your app. (**paper applications will stop being accepted at 120 hours prior to expected impact storm.**)

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 water heater and unplug/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 and that you should throw out any food.
- 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/ family members of your plans and how to contact you (or have an emergency buddy, like a neighbor that you trade plans/info)



Sarasota County Emergency Management Storm Information Cont.

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.

Be sure to label (name and phone number) all equipment and belongings. This will help you receive your items if lost or left behind at the evacuation center. Before you leave your home be sure to leave your answering machine on or a porch light on to make it easier to determine if your electric has been restored.

Assemble a Portable Pet Disaster Supplies Kit:

Whether you are away from home for a day or a week, you will need essential supplies to care for your pet. Keep items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily (duffle bags, covered trash containers, etc.). Your pet disaster supply kit should include:

- Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals cannot escape.
- Photo of you and your pet(s) – in the event you are separated from your pet, having an updated photo with your pet will help validate pet ownership.
- Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you must foster or board your pets.
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.

Note from Edward McCrane, SRQ Emergency Management Chief EM-1: Please share this with your guests. I typically do not worry about the evacuation level for mobile home and RV parks because they are all automatically part of level A and must evacuate. But the proximity to Shakett Creek and the fact that the property is also in primary level A evacuation zone gives everyone *even more* reason to evacuate.

