

SPECIAL EDITION



VALENCIA CAY

THE CAY CONNECTION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR VALENCIA CAY HOMEOWNERS | AUG/SEP 2020



**RIVERLAND SPORTS &
RACQUET CLUB OPENING
AUGUST 18, 2020**

**DIRECTIONS FOR
BOOKING COURT TIMES
6 Easy Steps**

JOIN A CLUB!

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CONTACTS



PRO SHOP CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pro Shop Hours of Operation
Tuesday to Saturday from 8 am – 1 pm

COURT HOURS:

Tennis Court Hours

Reservation Times: 7 am – 7 pm

Pickleball Court Hours

Reservation Times: 7 am – 7 pm

Bocce Courts

Reservation Times: 7 am – 7 pm

COVID INTERIM GUEST POLICY:

Guest are not permitted.

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Onsite Office located in the Social Club
Office Hours: Monday – Friday
9 am – 5 pm (closed 12 pm – 1 pm for lunch)
Onsite telephone number: 772-882-4950

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOA PRESIDENT

Preparing for Hurricane/Tropical Storm Isaias was not the way the way we envisioned the start of the month, but I am glad to report Valencia Cay did not sustain any damages from the storm. We will follow our storm preparedness procedures again, when/if another storm threatens our area during this Hurricane Season.

I am sure most of you must have noticed Phase I of the Riverland Sports & Racquet Club is nearing completion, and we are happy to announce this facility will open to the public on August 18, 2020. Please make sure you review our Lifestyle Director's article in this newsletter and upcoming email communications that outline the revised hours and protocols that will be in effect during the pandemic. Until Riverland Boulevard and the permanent parking lot areas are complete, we encourage residents to use their golf carts to access the Pro-Shop and the Courts (through the temporary access Greenway).

We are in the final stages of construction for The Club at Valencia Cay, and weather permitting, we are currently on target to meet the projected opening during the last quarter of 2020.

Despite the multiple challenges this year has presented, we continue to experience a strong sales pace at Valencia Cay, and we reached 975 sales in July. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and multiple referrals.

A total of 585 homes have closed, and I would like to congratulate the homeowners that have closed since the publication of the last *Cay Connection* newsletter.

In response to concerns about construction traffic and speeding on SW Winding Ridge Boulevard, we rerouted construction traffic to the secondary entrance, and installed speed limit signs along this road. These measures should help, but it is up to all of us to be courteous to our neighbors and friends and observe the speed limit while driving in the Community.

I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during these uncertain times. I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Charles J. Saenz
Project Manager and HOA President



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NEWS & VIEWS FROM YOUR **LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR**

Hello Cay Residents!

We hope everyone is safe and healthy and enjoying your summer during these challenging times. We certainly miss seeing everyone!

Our July 4th Golf Cart and Bicycle Parade was a huge hit, with 34 golf carts and 13 bikes participating. It was so much fun being a part of it and seeing everyone enjoying the parade. Thank you to those who joined us for observing social distancing. All our participants did a fabulous job with their decorations; our judges had a difficult time making their decision! Congratulations to the winners, Gail Roberts and Paul Schluter for the best golf cart and Kathy and Bob LeCour for the best bikes. You guys did an amazing job!

Mark December 4th on your calendars for our *Light It Up! Holiday Golf Cart and Bike Parade*. Details to come!

We hope you have enjoyed our Zoom games with Quiz Master Charlie D. If you have not yet participated, give it a try. The games are fun, it is free to play, and it is a great way to spend time with your neighbors.

Although most clubs have temporarily suspended meetings and activities due to the pandemic, our Club scene is booming. Two new clubs were formed this month: *Bocce & the Pallino at the Cay* and *Valencia Cay Performing Arts Club*, bringing our total to 35 clubs! A complete list of our clubs is available in this issue and on the ValenciaCayHOA.com website under the Lifestyle tab.

We are beyond excited about the opening of Phase 1 of our **Riverland Sports and Racquet Club** and to have Joey Farias on board as our Racquet Sports Director! Joey is awesome; you are going to love him and his wife Toni, who will be managing the Pro Shop! Joey has developed a great 2-week opening program for your enjoyment. He is offering a free Welcome to Riverland Pickleball class that will certainly whet your appetite for the game. Limited to 12 people per session, this class will give you the opportunity for one-on-one time with the pro! For new players to the game needing help with technique and strategy, a Beginner Pickleball Clinic is being offered 3 times a week.

The courts will be open for play 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 pm. The COVID protocol requires reservations to play on all courts. Private pickleball and tennis lessons are also available. On September 1, the schedule will be expanded to an Interim COVID Fall Schedule. It will include intermediate and advanced pickleball and tennis clinics as well as a bocce class and cardio tennis. Please refer to page 5 for the full schedule.

The hours of operation, programming and schedule have been revised due to the pandemic. We will continue to monitor the CDC recommendations to make changes to the schedule in a safe and responsible manner. We thank everyone for their patience and support during this challenging time as we all work together for a common goal of being well and safe.

Tere Muniz,
Lifestyle Director



A NOTE FROM YOUR **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Summer is upon us and with that comes Hurricane Season. Our first test run arrived last weekend and we thank everyone for their cooperation in removing outdoor items that could become airborne during a storm. The weather professionals are predicting a very

active hurricane season. Please make sure you remove all furniture, potted plants, and other moveable objects when a storm is imminent. Please make arrangements to have someone watch your property and address these items if you are away for the summer months.

Welcome all new owners. Our staff is delivering welcome bags before the new owner Zoom orientation meetings that take place monthly. The information in the bag is discussed as part of the meeting. If you are a new owner attending a meeting and you are away for the summer or have not moved into your home yet, please let us know and we will save the bag and information for you when you return to Valencia Cay.

As the community grows and you continue to share your beautiful neighborhood with your friends and family, we ask that you please drive with caution at a safe speed. Please be observant of your surroundings for the safety of all the walkers, joggers, and bike riders.

The On-Site Property Management office is located in the Lifestyle Home across from the Sales Center. MJ Haskas is in the office 9 am to 4 pm (we close from 12 to 1 pm for lunch). Please keep in mind that the office is closed to any physical contact at this time (except bar code stickers), due to COVID-19. We have a box in front of the office where we transfer paperwork for any owners who have ACC applications or other information they need to leave for the office staff. MJ's email is mjhaskas@langmanagement.com and the office phone number is 772-882-4950.

All owners have access to our service center via email 24/7. If you need to call in a work order for our Customer Service department (irrigation, landscaping, and pest control items), please email Service@langmanagement.com or call the customer service representatives at 1-877-242-8692. You can also access customer service through the Valencia Cay website.

We are very happy to be part of your team at Valencia Cay and Riverland. We hope to assist in making your experience in the community most enjoyable.

Marita Butzbach
Vice President of Association Management Services

SPORTS CENTER OPENING AUGUST 18, 2020



Joey Farias, Racquet Sports Director

As one of the top pickleball players in the world, Joey is a multiple-time US Open and USAPA Nationals pro medalist and top ten player in all three pro events: Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

Joey brings to Valencia Cay his more than 15 years of active involvement in tennis and pickleball. Born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas, he comes from a high-level tennis background, where he competed internationally as a world-ranked junior tennis player played Division I College Tennis, and competed professionally for two years.

In late 2009, an injury ended his professional tennis prospects. He then went on to coach women's tennis at Texas A&M in Kingsville, as well as run a junior tennis academy. He coached tennis for 11 years before being introduced to pickleball in November 2015 in Lansing, Michigan, by Dan O'Toole and DJ Howard. Dan O'Toole was his first tournament partner in a small local tournament and that is what really hooked him! Of course, it didn't hurt that his first day on the court he played with none other than Simone Jardim and Corrine Carr.

Joey is an active member of the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA), is USPTA and IPTPA certified, and currently travels around the world doing clinics, running tournaments, and promoting pickleball. His knowledge and skill in coaching both tennis and pickleball programs is phenomenal, as he brings great passion, energy, and skill to all levels of play. His proven track record of creating programs and events makes him the perfect person to lead our sports programs.



We are very excited to envision what lies ahead! The opening of our beautiful Sports & Racquet Club creates enthusiasm and high energy. Joey will capture that spirit to establish active pickleball, tennis, and bocce programs for our residents to enjoy.

DIRECTIONS FOR BOOKING COURT TIME Just Take These 6 Easy Steps INTERIM COVID PROTOCOL: Reservations are required to play at all times.

1. Access the Chelsea Reservation system with the following link: <https://riverland.chelseareservations.com/> and click on 'Reserve A Court'.
2. You will need to login to each section to enter your member number and password. Your member number is your lot number with a 0 or 1 at the end. For example, if your lot number is 678, one of your member numbers will be 6780 and the other will be 6781. The default password for each sport is as follows:
 - Tennis |
 - Pickle |
 - Bocce |
3. Once logged into the system, you will be able to request the date and time you wish to play by going to the REQUEST tab on the main navigation bar. Complete the COURT TIME into their fields and then click the PLAYER INFO tab where you will be prompted to enter the member numbers for your reference. When you have completed this form, click submit and you will be given a confirmation number for your request.
4. Seven days prior to play, an e-mail will be sent to residents with a valid e-mail address on file indicating the time you have been scheduled to play.
5. For last minute bookings (within 72 hours of play), reservations may be booked through the BOOKING tab. These reservations are made on a first come/first served basis.
6. Please update your profile information and change your password after the first login.
7. Additional information will be sent through email early next week.

JOIN US ON THE COURTS

OPENING SCHEDULE

AUGUST 18 TO AUGUST 29

Welcome to Riverland Pickleball | Championship Court

*Class is free | A maximum of 12 people permitted per class
Reservations are required | 4 persons per court, 3 courts will be used*

Whether it is your first time playing pickleball or you just want to meet Joey and the Pro Shop staff, this class is for you. You will go over the basic rules and terminology and have supervised play by our pickleball professionals. Skill level is for any new resident wanting to enjoy this free introductory class. Only one session per homeowner.

Tuesday – Friday | 8:00 am – 9:00 am
9:30 am – 10:30 am
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday | 8:00 am – 9:00 am

BEGINNER PICKLEBALL CLINIC

A maximum of 8 people permitted per class

Reservations are required | \$25 pp

Wednesday and Friday | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday | 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Play Tennis, Pickleball, and Bocce by Reservation Only

Monday – Sunday | 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Private Pickleball and Tennis Lessons with Joey

Call or email the Pro Shop for reservations.

INTERIM COVID FALL SCHEDULE

Effective September 1, 2020

Tuesday

8:00 am – 9:00 am Beginner Pickleball Clinic

9:30 am – 10:30 am Beginner Tennis Clinic

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Advanced Tennis Clinic

Wednesday

9:00 am – 10:30 am Intermediate Tennis Clinic

11:00 am – 12:30 am Intermediate Pickleball Clinic

Thursday

8:00 am – 9:00 am Cardio Tennis Class

9:30 am – 11:00 am Advanced Pickleball Clinic

11:30 am – 12:00 pm Bocce Basics Class (only 2 courts will be open)

Friday

Private/ Semi-private lessons with Joey (tennis or pickleball)

Saturday

8:00 am – 9:00 am Cardio Tennis Class

9:30 am – 10:30 am Welcome to Riverland Pickleball Class

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Intermediate Pickleball Clinic

PICKLEBALL CLINICS:

BEGINNER PICKLEBALL – New to pickleball or never played? This clinic is designed to cover the basic rules of pickleball: terminology, primary skills, coordination, and more. Recommended for new players to help with technique and strategy for social play. Paddles will be provided for new players, if needed. Skill Level should be for 2.0 to 2.5.

Beginner Pickleball 1 hour: \$25pp

INTERMEDIATE PICKLEBALL – For those who have already enjoyed the game and understand the rules, scoring, and general strategy.

This class is designed to teach new techniques, strategy, and understanding of shot selection to improve your overall game. Skill Level should be 3.0 to 3.5.

Intermediate Pickleball 1.5 hours: \$25pp

ADVANCED PICKLEBALL – For those who have a great understanding of the game and need some fine tuning in certain areas or want to learn new advanced shots and strategies. This class is designed to go more in depth with overall court positioning, point production/strategy, and partner communication. Skill level should be 4.0+.

Advanced Pickleball 1.5 hours: \$25pp

TENNIS CLINICS:

BEGINNER TENNIS – For players who are new to the game or need a refresher, this class is for you. Students will learn the mechanics of the basic strokes, scoring, and tennis etiquette.

Beginner Tennis 1 hour: \$25pp

INTERMEDIATE TENNIS – This class is for those looking to work on consistency, shot variety, court coverage, assertive net play, and hitting on balance. This class will mainly go over doubles strategies and techniques to help improve your game. Skill level should be 3.0-3.5.

Intermediate Tennis 1.5 hours: \$25pp

ADVANCED TENNIS – This Class will emphasize competitive doubles play, while practicing and learning advanced strategies, styles of play, and developing correct shot selection under pressure. This class will be fast paced and competitive. 4.0+ skill level.

Advanced Tennis 1.5 hours: \$25pp

CARDIO TENNIS – A group fitness class featuring tennis drills, skills, and games to deliver a full body and calorie burning workout.

Cardio tennis is a very social activity for all skill and fitness levels.

Maximum 8 people per class.

Cardio Tennis 1 hour: \$15pp

BOCCE:

BOCCE BASICS – This class is for players that want to learn how to play Bocce, and will cover the basic rules, scoring, and terminology.

Bocce Basics 30 minutes: \$5pp

Tennis and Pickleball Ball machine rental: \$12hr

Guest Fee: \$5 per guest

STRINGING

Stringing service only: \$15

Stringing with Full Synthetic gut: \$25

Stringing with Synthetic gut and Polyester Mix or Full Polyester: \$35

PRIVATE LESSON FEE STRUCTURES

Private and semi-private pickleball and tennis lessons: The cost is per lesson and is divided by the number of participants.

- **Joey:** \$90 / hour for 1 to 2 players and \$110 / hour for 3 to 4 players
 - **Assistant:** \$70 / hour for 1 to 2 players and \$90 / hour for 3 to 4 players
- 24-hour cancellation reequired.

EVENTS AND CLUBS

TALKING BOOKS – BOOK CLUB

August 11 | 11:00 am | Next meeting via Zoom

Book: *The Giver of Stars*

Author: Jo Jo Moyes

For information, contact Meredith Eldridge-Matza | meldridge11@aol.com

CALL-IN MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Saturdays | 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Come join us to improve your health and increase your happiness by learning how to meditate mindfully. Use the number below to join us via conference call.

Contact: Candace Osias | candieosias@gmail.com

Call-in number: 425-436-6368 | Access Code 351447

BOWLING LEAGUE

MIXED LEAGUE: Starts Thursday, September 10, Time TBD

SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE: Starts Tuesday, September 8, Time TBD

For information, contact Paul Block | pblock80@gmail.com

BILLIARDS CLUB

The Billiards Club provides an organizational framework for, the social play of pocket Billiards. The club met (and played) on Thursday evenings; Wednesday afternoon was reserved for members' open play. Pool games at the reserved times were informal 8-ball or 9-ball matches. Players were paired in teams randomly, regardless of experience level. We are looking forward to resuming activities as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. For information, contact Jim Decesari | jim_decasari@msn.com



BRIDGE

For information, contact Esther Granade | 704-968-8765



BOCCE & THE PALLINO AT THE CAY CLUB

Friends building relationships through the ancient Roman sport of Bocce.

For information, contact Frank Murgo | fmurgo@msn.com

BUNCO CLUB

Join us for BUNCO, a fun game that takes two minutes to learn! Cost is \$5pp.

PRIZES galore. Co-Chairs are Kathy Breitenkam and Dree Stoodley, plus our "Special Bunco Team" in charge of the goodies and prizes: Frank & Pam Murgo, and Gail Roberts.

Weekly games will resume once the Social Club re-opens. For information, contact Kathy | 954-907-0820 or Dree | 772-742-8006.



CANASTA

This club is open to anyone who knows how to play. NO lessons will be provided. The club was meeting on Thursday afternoon from 1 – 4 pm and we are looking forward to resuming activities as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. If you are new to the Cay, but know how to play, Valencia Cay rules are available in the Lifestyle Office. For more information, contact Don Burke | donaldburke23@gmail.com.

EVENTS

NAME THAT TUNE MUSIC TRIVIA

BROADWAY SHOWTUNES EDITION

August 6 | 7:00 pm | Via Zoom | Free



Join us for a Broadway Musical Version of Name That Tune! The game will be hosted by DJ Charles D and three prizes will be awarded. Gather your friends and neighbors, because the more people that play, the more fun we will have! Register to play on ValenciaCayHOA.com

VIRTUAL JEOPARDY

August 20 | 2:00 pm | Via Zoom | Free

Play Jeopardy with Quiz Master Charlie D!

Played much like the popular TV game show, with a few twists to make your afternoon more enjoyable. Zoom room opens at 1:30 pm, so you can chat with each other and learn how to use Zoom with your host, Charlie D.

Get ready for some fun! All you need is a piece of paper and a pen and you're all set. Register to play on ValenciaCayHOA.com



CARD MAKING

Looking for just the right card to send to a friend or family member? Join us on the third Monday of the month from 1:00 – 4:00 pm to create eight greeting cards for only \$10. Precut card kits for all occasions are available to choose from and assemble. Monthly meetings will resume once the Social Club reopens. Come join in the fun. For information, contact Pat Polit | teach307@email.com

THE CAY PLAYERS

Theater and Acting Club

The Cay Players Theater Group's mission is to put on all types of live performances in our new Social Hall for our Cay family to enjoy. The pandemic forced the cancellation of our March performance, but hopefully, we will soon be able to meet and start preparing for our first show. We are looking for current performers, performers who have not performed in years, and anyone who has had the desire to perform but never had that opportunity. Join us to enjoy the fun of preparing and performing for your family, friends, and neighbors. We need actors, directors, singers, dancers, stagehands, sound and light people, and anyone else interested in helping in any capacity. Watch for an announcement for our first meeting when it is safe to do so.. Contact Liz Halbreich | 954-801-8893, for more information.



CLASSIC CAR CLUB

For information, contact Donald Laratro | 516-318-9327 | doncarguy1952@aol.com

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB

We will continue our discussions regarding local, state, national, and international current news topics. Our conversations will be on a nonpolitical basis, striving to respect each other's opinions and presentations. As soon as it is safe to meet, our scheduled monthly meetings will resume.

For information, contact Bill Brosnan | bill.brosnan@yahoo.com



DANCING IN PARADISE

Valencia Cay's Dance Club, for all who enjoy music and dancing. For information, contact Mary Ann Rosa | 347-683-3724

DINING OUT WITH FRIENDS

For information, contact Hedy Berman | 954-729-5170

GOLF CLUB

Golf Outings every Wednesday at 9:15 am
For information, contact Ed Gallant | thecaygc@yahoo.com

HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS OF VALENCIA CAY

Helping Hands connects VC residents' time and talent with St. Lucie County civic groups/non-profits, and social service agencies that need volunteers. Residents interested in volunteering to create a kinder, gentler world can impact others' lives in meaningful and worthwhile ways. Contact Michael Meyerstein | 410-484-2373 | info@thealephgroup.com.

JOY OF KNITTING CLUB

We have a fantastic group of ladies who met every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in the Social Club sharing great conversation, patterns, yarns, and some instruction (although we don't teach knitting...if we need another club for beginners, let me know). It is a fun group and we would welcome you!
Contact Dorean Levenberg | doodiegirlone@yahoo.com.



MAH JONGG

The club is on hold until the Social Club is open. If you know how to play, just show up on Wednesday and you will get into a game. Lessons will not be given. For information contact Judy Berkowitz | 772-882-4488.

MEN'S CLUB AT VALENCIA CAY

3rd Sundays | Time TBA
Contact: MensValenciaCay@yahoo.com

MOSAIC ART CLUB

Join us to try the art of mosaics. We use pieces of glass, stone, or china and these pieces are cut and shaped using special tools. We do group projects, as well as working on our own projects. Materials and the cost need to be discussed. Weekly meetings will resume once the Social Club re-opens.
For information contact Diane Fried | 516-641-6731



MUSIC APPRECIATION

Our members have thoroughly enjoyed our meetings, each highlighting a particular artist. There is a general discussion on how this person began their career, followed by a DVD of one of their concerts. Included in the concerts are Roy Orbison, Steely Dan, The Eagles, Jon Fogarty, and Simon and Garfunkel. We are awaiting the time when we can once again get together.
For information contact Herman Eilbert | eilberg@bellsouth.net

MUSICIAN'S CLUB

For information, contact Larry Simms | lsimms852@aol.com or Kent Hansen | hansen112@aol.com

PARTNERS CANASTA

For information, contact Cindee Laxner | 561-358-5688 or Cindee_Laxner@msn.com

CLUB NEWS



PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Actors, Actresses, Singers, Dancers, Musicians, Musical Director, Makeup, Costumes, Set Design & Building, Stage Managers, Backstage help. Come one, come all. No experience necessary. Anyone interested in performing and having fun, contact Jude Pedersen 561-289-0333 | judithpedersen@aol.com.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

For information, contact Judy and Joel Berkowitz | 772-882-4488

PING PONG

The club is on hold until the Social Club opens. Then just come on Mondays at 1:00 pm and play a fun game of doubles. For information, contact Judy Berkowitz | 772-882-4488.

POKER

For information, contact Richard Ames | amesr1@gmail.com

SCRABBLE PLAYERS CLUB

For information, contact Judi Weissman | judihope18@gmail.com

SHUTTERBUGS

We are photographers and "wanna be" photographers who want to learn more about their equipment, craft, techniques, and post processing of their photographs. It will include monthly meetings, instruction, field trips, sharing photographs, and exhibits.

For information, contact Paul Salazar | 772-812-7708 | psalazar1@icloud.com



SOLO CLUB

Single and Fabulous! This is a group of people who want to be socially active in our VC community and surrounding cities. We come together to enjoy dining, dancing, music, and other events that tickle our fancy without feeling left out for lacking a partner or spouse. No third wheels! For information, contact Michelle Bailey | shellyb300@gmail.com

TRAVEL CLUB

The Valencia Cay Travel Club exists to provide positive interactions between residents of Valencia Cay and to further explore various travel sites and venues. We discuss travel options and present choices for each member. For information, contact Janet Moody | jmoody37@aol.com

WOMAN'S CLUB

For information, contact Pam Murgo and/or Gail Roberts | ValenciaWomen@yahoo.com

