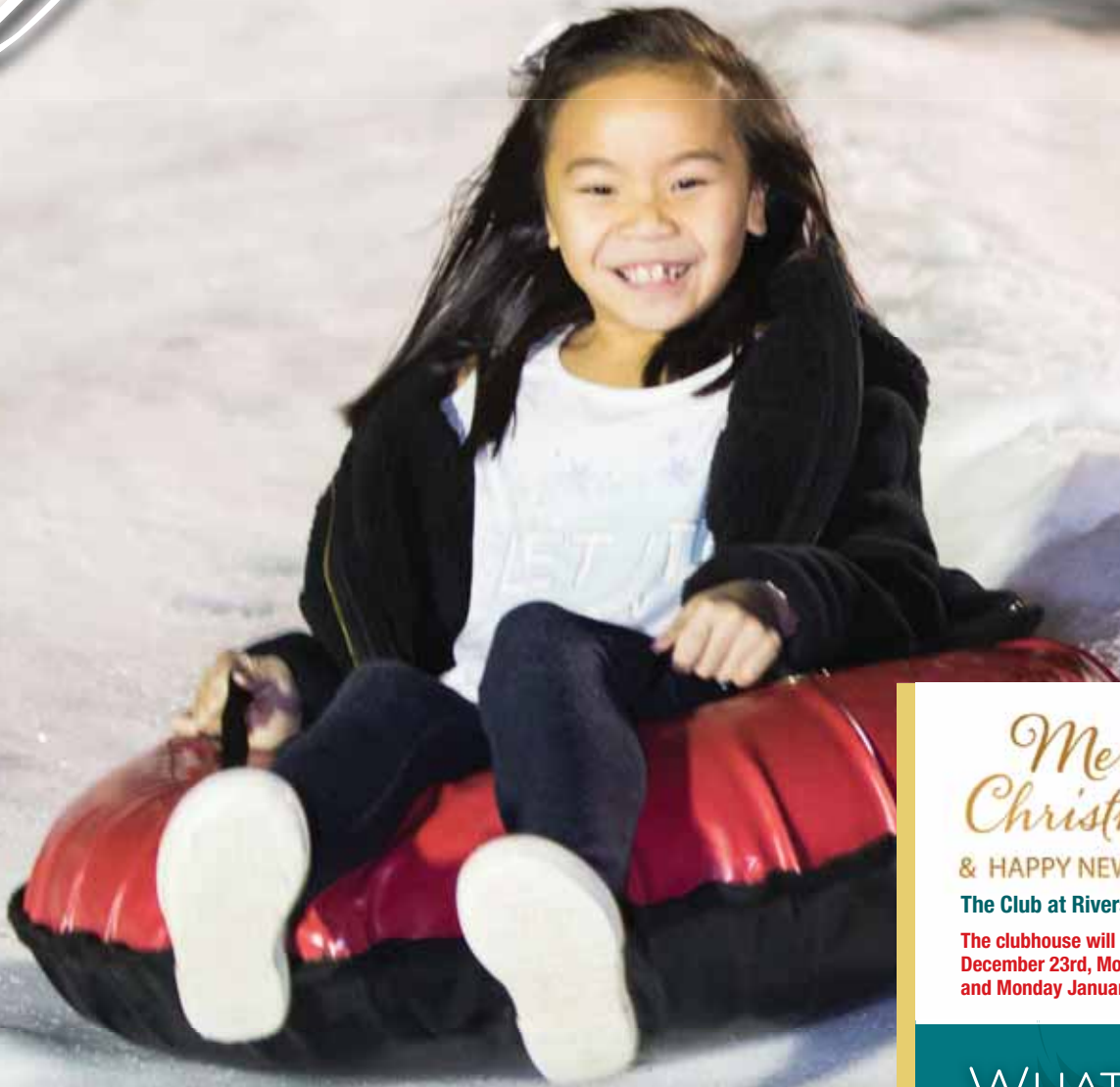




# Reflections



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Community Blood Drive, *December 10th*
- Holiday Family Bingo, *December 11th*
- Winter Wonderland, *December 17th*

Merry  
Christmas

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Club at Riverstone Holiday Hours

The clubhouse will be closed Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, and Monday January 2nd.



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# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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FirstService Residential

Community Manager

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## SERVICES THE HOA CAN PROVIDE REMOTELY

*We are pleased to say that nearly all of the services the HOA provides are available remotely. Contact us via email or phone with any questions or concerns you may have during this time—we are still here to help!*

Residents can always email us for any of the following:

- New Requests or Updates to your Gate Access (operations@riverstone.com)
- New ARC Applications or questions about an existing Application (ARCModification@riverstone.com)
- Payment Plan Requests for delinquent Assessments (finance@riverstone.com)
- New Resident Set Up (customercare@riverstone.com)
- All other General Questions can always be sent to customercare@riverstone.com and we will help to the best of our ability!

## NEW HOMEOWNERS NEEDING AMENITY CARDS

*Welcome to Riverstone!* To have amenity cards made for you, please email us the following:

1. Completed amenity card form (found at [www.riverstone.com](http://www.riverstone.com))
2. Deed or closing disclosure

3. Individual headshot pictures of each resident over the age of 5. Please label each photo with their name and date of birth.
4. Proof of identification (State ID, Driver's License, passport, etc) for all residents over the age of 18.
5. Anyone over the age of 18 whose name is not listed on the deed will need to provide additional proof of residence. Examples of acceptable Proof of Residency may include car insurance, utility bill, cell phone bill, etc. and must include the resident's name and current home address.

Each account will receive up to 3 adult amenity cards and at no charge. Each additional adult amenity card after the first 3 cards is \$15.00.

## REPLACING A LOST AMENITY CARD

*The replacement of lost Amenity Cards is available for \$15 each.*

If you need a replacement Amenity Card, please complete the credit card form found on our website ([www.riverstone.com](http://www.riverstone.com)) and email it to us at [customercare@riverstone.com](mailto:customercare@riverstone.com). Please also include your home address and a headshot picture labeled with your name and date of birth.

Printed Amenity Cards are available via no-contact pick up at our office, or can be mailed to your home.

## 2023 Annual Assessments

**2023 Annual Assessment Rate . . . \$1,208**

Some homes have additional Neighborhood and/or Lake Assessments in addition to the general Annual Assessment. Contact us at [finance@riverstone.com](mailto:finance@riverstone.com) for more info on Neighborhood or Lake Assessments.

## Streetlight Out?

Contact Centerpoint Energy for repair of streetlights that are not working:

**713.207.2222** phone, **713.207.9760** fax or [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage)

Remember to obtain the 6 digit pole number along with the closest physical address to the street light that is not working. This will allow for faster repair. Please report all decorative street light outages to Riverstone HOA 281.778.2222

## HOA Board of Directors



**Trey Reichert**  
President



**Ning Kang**  
Resident



**Tom Wilcox**  
Resident

## Want to Advertise in the Newsletter?

Please contact Pamela Printing at  
281.240.1313

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# HOA CORNER

## ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REMINDER

*Your 2023 Annual Assessment Statements were mailed last month. As a reminder, your Annual Assessments are due on January 1, 2023 and late after January 31, 2023.* Please see the financial insert in this newsletter, or visit [www.rshoa.org](http://www.rshoa.org), for payment options. If you have not received your statement by Monday, December 12th, please contact the HOA office at [customer care@riverstone.com](mailto:customer care@riverstone.com).

What's the easiest way to make your payment? Why, the Resident Portal of course! Visit [www.rshoa.org](http://www.rshoa.org) to log in and make your payment electronically from your couch. E-Check payments are FREE! There is a small charge for debit card payments (\$5 flat fee) and credit card payments (3% surcharge). If you've never logged in before, you'll find your account number on your statement (it starts with 1004). If you prefer, you may also drop your check off in the drop box in front of the HOA office.

## Check Out Your Resident Portal

*Did you know that you have access to your HOA account through our Resident Portal?* The Resident Portal provides homeowners with convenient, real time, 24-hour access to your account where you will be able to view and update your homeowner information, view account information and make payments, view compliance violations, architectural requests, and more!

You can access the portal from our website at [www.rshoa.org](http://www.rshoa.org) by clicking the Resident Account Portal tab on the top of your screen. When you are logging into the web portal for the first time, you will need to select the "Create Login" link. You will then enter your account number and email address. If you do not have your Account

Number, please contact us at [customer care@riverstone.com](mailto:customer care@riverstone.com). It will also be printed on the 2023 Assessment statement that was mailed in November.

If you are one of multiple owners associated with the provided account number, you are required to select your name from the list provided. If a match is found, you will be sent an email with a link to complete your new account process. The email link will allow you to create a username and password (usernames must be unique). Once saved, you will be able to login into the web portal. If you have any questions, please contact us at [customer care@riverstone.com](mailto:customer care@riverstone.com) or 281.778.2222.

## Compliance Property Maintenance Tips and Holiday Reminders

The Compliance Department would like to provide helpful tips to keep our community looking its best and to be a good neighbor.

**Metal Fence Maintenance**—We would like to remind residents who have a metal fence on their property to check for any damage that may need to be repaired or painted. Residents do not need to submit an application for repairs unless you are making changes to the fence. Any painting that is needed will need to be the same color as the original black color. If you have any fence that is shared along the property line, please coordinate with your neighbor(s) on the repairs or painting of the shared fence.

**Wood Fence Maintenance**—Be sure to inspect your fence for any damage and replace any pickets that may be broken. Also look for any signs of rotting in the fence and repair as needed. Pressure wash the wood fence to remove any mold or mildew on the fence. Check for loose fence pickets or if the fence is starting to lean. If you have any fence that is shared along the property line, please coordinate with your neighbor(s) on the repairs or painting of the shared fence. If a fence is needing to be replaced, please submit an ARC application prior to any work being done.

**Power/Pressure Washing Sidewalk or Driveway**—Over time sidewalks and driveways collect dirt and allow mold and mildew to start growing on the concrete. When this happens and if it continues without intervention, the area may become slippery and could potentially create a hazard. It also detracts from the look of our community when dirt, stains, and mildew are easily visible from the street. Power/Pressure washing the sidewalk and driveway areas of your property, this includes the sidewalk in front of your property and on the side if it is a corner lot, will help to maintain the look of our community.

**Holiday Decorations**—As a reminder, all holiday decorations for Christmas must be removed on or before January 25th.

As always you can obtain more information on our website [www.rshoa.org](http://www.rshoa.org), which includes our Deed Restrictions, ARC Applications, Policies and Guidelines.

*Thank you for your continued cooperation!*

**Your Riverstone Compliance Department**





## RESIDENTS OF RIVERSTONE,

Upon the review and consideration by the Board of Directors, the 2023 budget has been approved and the general assessment rate set at \$1,208. This is an 8.83% increase over 2022, and comes after a detailed planning and review process considering the Capital, Reserve, and Operating expenses.

For the 2023 Budget, 62% of funds are allocated to the continued landscape maintenance and improvements of the Riverstone community, including common areas, parks and pools, lakes and their associated utilities. 15% of funds are allocated to General and Administrative costs, 5% of funds for Recreation and Fun, including fitness center and tennis court maintenance, and 5% to Compliance for enforcement of deed restrictions. Additionally, the Riverstone HOA continues to properly fund the Reserve Account to ensure funds are available to repair or replace assets of Riverstone as it becomes necessary to do so. The remaining 13% of budgeted costs reflect a \$528,267 contribution to the Reserve Fund Account and \$247,000 to the Capital Projects Fund.

As a reminder, each gated neighborhood also has a separate budget and neighborhood assessment, as required by the neighborhood governing documents. That information is sent out to those neighborhoods individually with their Assessment Statement.

The Board of Directors believes this 2023 Budget reflect fiscally responsible solutions necessary to see Riverstone into the future. Should you have any questions about the budget or assessments, please feel free to contact the Association Office or email us at [finance@riverstone.com](mailto:finance@riverstone.com) and we will be happy to answer your questions!

## 2023 RSHOA BUDGET

### INCOME

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Assessment Income   | \$7,871,291        |
| Other Income        | 909,406            |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$8,780,697</b> |

### EXPENSES

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Common Areas                   | \$5,807,017        |
| Recreation and Events          | 462,954            |
| Compliance                     | 407,484            |
| General & Administrative       | 1,327,975          |
| Reserve & Capital Contribution | 775,267            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>          | <b>\$8,780,697</b> |

**Net Operating** \$(0)

### RESERVE & CAPITAL

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Reserve Contribution                  | \$961,939            |
| Capital Contribution                  | 247,000              |
| Other Income                          | 32,193               |
| <b>Total Income</b>                   | <b>\$1,241,132</b>   |
| <b>Reserve &amp; Capital Expenses</b> | <b>\$2,314,901</b>   |
| <b>Net Reserve &amp; Capital</b>      | <b>(\$1,073,769)</b> |

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**2023 Annual Assessment Rate** \$1,208

Some neighborhoods have additional Neighborhood Assessments in addition to the general Annual Assessment.

Some lake-adjacent lots have additional Lake Assessments in addition to the general Annual Assessment.

Contact us at [finance@riverstone.com](mailto:finance@riverstone.com) for more info on Neighborhood or Lake Assessments.

Residents are encouraged to utilize one of the payment options detailed on the next page.

Bringing your check to the Association Office may delay processing of your payment.

Cash payments will not be accepted.



# 2023 PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Association has established four ways to pay your 2023 Assessment:

- 1 Online ePayments (eCheck or credit card) through the Resident Portal
  - 2 Personal Bill Pay
  - 3 Personal Check via Mail
  - 4 Payment Plans
- 1 **Online Payments on your Resident Portal**  
Visit [www.rshoa.org](http://www.rshoa.org) select **"Resident Account Portal."** Once you have logged into the Portal system, click on the black **"Pay Now"** button on the left of your screen. A pop-up screen will open with two options: **Pay with eCheck or Pay with Credit Card.**  
**E-Check**  
Clicking **"Pay with eCheck thru Alliance Association Bank"** will expand the One-Time eCheck payment window. Enter the required information and your payment will be electronically withdrawn from your bank account and sent to our payment processing center. Please be aware that it can take up to 5 business days for eCheck payments to process and be credited to your account (although most are processed the next business day). You will receive an e-mail confirming that your payment has processed. This service is FREE and easy to use. **Riverstone's Management Company ID is 7214. Your Association ID is R100. Your Account number is a 10-digit number located on the top of your payment coupon.**  
**Credit Card Payments**  
Clicking **"Pay with Credit Card through Alliance Association Bank"** will expand the credit card payment window. We can accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. You will incur a 3% processing fee for credit cards and \$5 flat processing fee for debit cards. Please be aware that it can take up to 7 business days for Credit Card payments to process and credit to your account (although most are processed in 4-5 days). **Credit card payments can only be made online. Credit card payments are not taken at the Association office.**
  - 2 **Personal Bill Pay**  
If you opt to use your Bank's bill payment feature through your Online Banking channel, please be aware that this will be sent via a check and may take up to 7 business days to reach our lockbox, even though your bank may withdraw the funds immediately. When setting up Riverstone HOA as a vendor merchant within your Bank's Payment system, please make sure you include the following information:

**Merchant/Vendor Name: Riverstone HOA**

**Merchant/Vendor Address:**

**P.O. Box 94104, Las Vegas, NV 89193-4104**

**In ALL cases, payments are posted by DATE RECEIVED,** not date submitted or postmark date. Please allow ample time for your payment to reach our lockbox. Your Account number and/or our billing address may have changed from last year. Please verify your information before mailing a payment. **Payments mailed to any other addresses will not be received by Riverstone and will be subject to late charges.**

- 3 **Personal Check via Mail**  
Personal check payments should be mailed to the **Riverstone HOA lockbox at P.O. Box 94104, Las Vegas, NV 89193-4104.** This address will be reflected on the assessment statement. It is very important to include your payment coupon along with your personal check so that your payment may be applied to your account. By sending us your check, please be aware that you are authorizing Alliance Association Bank to use information on your check to make a one-time electronic debit from your account at the financial institution indicated on your check. If we cannot collect from your electronic payment, we will issue a draft against your account. If you do not have sufficient funds in your account, your financial institution may debit a fee from your account and Riverstone HOA will charge you a \$50 NSF fee and your payment will be considered late.
- 4 **Payment Plans**  
In order to provide a choice of easy, convenient methods of paying your 2023 assessments, the following payment plans have been approved. Review each plan carefully and select the one best suited for you.  
**Option 1**  
You may pay your 2023 assessment in one or more payments before January 31, 2023. There is no handling fee associated with this option. **All Assessment balances after January 31, 2023 will accrue interest and late charges.**  
**Option 2**  
If you need more time to pay, Payment Plan options of up to 6 months are available. Monthly administrative fees will apply. **Please email [finance@riverstone.com](mailto:finance@riverstone.com) for more information.**  
**Option 3**  
For those Assessments that become delinquent on the 1st day of February, the entire Assessment balance along with interest and administrative costs shall then be due and payable in three (3) payments. **The due dates for the Payment Plan will be February 28th, March 31st, and April 30th. If you need more time to pay, please contact us.**

If you have questions concerning your Assessment, please contact the Finance Department at [finance@riverstone.com](mailto:finance@riverstone.com).



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Riverstone Business Spotlight

*Dr. Maria Montessori crafted an entire curriculum based on the belief that children learn best when they are free to move, choose their own work and follow their interests. Hummingbird Montessori School in Riverstone offers an authentic Montessori education that integrates traditional, 21st-century and play-based early childhood practices.*

Owner and Head of School Brooke Khawaja, or Ms. Brooke as she is known, wanted to establish an educational environment that surrounded children's minds with the wonder and excitement of learning while preparing them not only for school but for life.



**Hummingbird**  
MONTESSORI SCHOOL



"Learning is a process," Ms. Brooke said. "Each child develops and learns at their own pace. We must treat each child as a unique individual and respect their process while guiding them in the right direction. Then we step back and watch them fly on their own."

The school serves children aged 6 weeks to 6 years old. Certified Montessori teachers referred to as Montessori Directresses teach the primary students. Non-certified but highly qualified teachers instruct the younger classrooms and serve as after-school program care takers.

"All of our teachers are highly skilled in Montessori philosophy," Ms. Brooke said. "They are always making sure to follow the child. This is one of the key reasons we bridge various teaching methods in order to reach each an individual child's potential."

Currently, more than 100 children are enrolled at the school. Ms. Brooke said Hummingbird Montessori maintains a lower student/teacher ratio than required by state guidelines to mitigate the spread of sickness and afford students more individual time with their teachers.

Hummingbird's Director of Education and Primary Lead Teacher, Melissa Jackson, said that children who attend Montessori schooling are typically better prepared and more advanced as they enter elementary school compared to children that attend traditional preschool or daycare in their early childhood years.

"One of the main reasons for this is the primary classroom experience where children range between the ages of 3 to 6 years old,"

Jackson said. "This allows younger children to learn from the older ones in the same class, as well as older children that have an opportunity to teach the younger students all the wonderful things they have learned already. In addition, the Montessori philosophy of following the child helps children advance in their work leading to early writers and readers."

The fundamental concepts of the Montessori curriculum include independence, coordination, self-direction, control of movement, self-guidance, control of error, patience and regulating emotions while learning the ABCs and 123s. Classrooms are thoughtfully designed to encourage structure and order, freedom of movement, beauty and simplicity.

Each classroom has its own age-appropriate outdoor playground space. The playgrounds are safely designed to include new state-of-the-art playsets, bike tracks and a soccer field. Weather permitting, children have outside time in the morning and after school as well as time to tend to their own gardens.

The end goal is for children to enjoy their childhood to the fullest while learning, developing and growing into future leaders.

"Our passion is rooted in helping children find happiness and reach their full potential," Ms. Brooke said.

Hummingbird Montessori is located at University Boulevard and West Avalon at the Shops in Riverstone. For more information or to enroll your child, visit <https://myhummingbirdschool.com>.

# IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## Fort Bend County Nonprofit Spotlight

*Last year, there were 68,517 confirmed victims of child abuse in Texas; 3,336 of those received lifesaving services through Child Advocates of Fort Bend. These children need a voice. They need someone on their side. Child Advocates of Fort Bend (CAFB) is that voice. They are on the side of the children.*

For more than 30 years, the nonprofit agency has been helping child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect through two nationally affiliated programs—Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC).

The Children’s Advocacy Center provides clinical and forensic services to child victims of sexual and serious physical abuse. A professional staff of clinicians, social workers, advocates and other professionals provides a range of services including forensic interviews, clinical and family advocacy, medical referrals, therapy/mental health services, case coordination and criminal court advocacy. All services are offered in English and Spanish and are free of charge.

The other program, CASA, strengthens the voice of children in the courts who are in the foster care system. A community advocate, also called Guardian ad Litem or CASA Volunteer, is assigned to every child in Child Protective Services in foster care in Fort Bend County. The CASA volunteer meets with the child regularly and also meets with their teachers, doctors, foster and biological family and others in the child’s life to assess their medical, educational, physical and emotional health and needs. They write up their findings in court reports that they present to a judge at every court hearing.

A community outreach program educates the community about child abuse and child abuse prevention.

“One in 10 children will be sexually abused by the age of 18,” said Ruthanne Mefford, Chief Executive Officer for Child Advocates of Fort Bend. “Only 10 percent of these children tell. There is a huge need for awareness about child abuse, signs and symptoms, how to get help if you are experiencing abuse or someone you know is experiencing abuse and safety messaging so children can be protected. The community can work together to prevent children from abuse.”

In addition to providing services to children, Child Advocates of Fort Bend provides services to non-offending family members. In 2021, the agency served 4,230 children and families. So far this year, the agency has served 3,486 children and families through its programs including 2,025 in the CAC and 147 in CASA. The agency has conducted 1,078 forensic interviews.

Volunteers power CAFB. They work directly with the children, as well as doing administrative tasks and helping with fundraising events. CASA volunteers are always needed. No legal experience is neces-



sary. Volunteers receive 30-hour “pre-service” training followed by 12 hours of continuing education per year.

One of the agency’s biggest fundraising events is the beloved Christmas Home Tour.

“The Christmas Home Tour is our largest community awareness event,” Mefford said. “Over 800 volunteers come together in common unity to donate their time to make the home tour possible. Homeowners generously open their home and spend hundreds of hours decorating their homes along with interior decorators, florists and community volunteers. We expect over 2,000 guests to tour these homes this year.”

Funds raised from ticket sales and sponsorships support programs and services for children who have been abused as well as prevention services. The large number of volunteers ensures that 95 percent of all funds raised benefit CAFB.

One of the homes on the tour this year is in Riverstone. Tours will take place from 10:00 am-4:00pm Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9th and 10th. An evening tour is scheduled from 6:00pm-9:00pm Dec. 9th. Tickets are \$30 per person. A special ticket and wreath raffle bundle is available for \$60. The bundle includes one ticket plus three wreath raffle tickets.

To support Child Advocates of Fort Bend, visit their website at [www.cafb.org](http://www.cafb.org).



# HEALTH AND FITNESS



The Fitness Center will be closed December 24th to January 1st. Regular hours will begin January 2nd.

**Lindsay Marsh**  
281.778.2006

The CLUB at RIVERSTONE

## Fitness Center

### Gym Hours

Mon–Thurs: 5am–9pm

Fri: 5am–8pm

Sat: 8am–5pm

Sun: 10am–5pm

### Contact Us

Do you have questions about the Fitness Center or any of our Services? Contact us at [FitnessDirector@Riverstone.com!](mailto:FitnessDirector@Riverstone.com)

## FREE FITNESS CENTER TOUR & BEGINNER WORKOUT

Have you ever gone to the gym and felt totally out of your element? Come ask us! Your fitness team is here to help and we have a new Beginner's Workout just for you! We are happy to give you a tour of the facility and help you learn how to use the equipment. Just come ask us!



## JOIN US FOR FREE GROUP FITNESS CLASSES!

**Zumba**—A fun and effective workout combining Latin and International music with a fun and effective workout system. Come Join the Party!

**Tuesday 6:00pm–6:45pm**

**HIIT!**—A workout combining strength training and cardiovascular fitness for a quick and efficient workout.

**Wednesday 8:00am–8:30am**

**Yoga**—This flow yoga will focus on strengthening, lengthening, and stretching through a creative series of postures.

**Thursday 5:30pm–6:30pm**

All classes meet at The Club at Riverstone. Please reserve your spot in the Riverstone App under Fitness Classes. Small group training may be offered for an extra fee, please see the app for more information. No guests are allowed to take the complimentary fitness classes.



## FITNESS PROGRAMMING—SAVE THE DATES!

### Zumba After Dark

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022 • 6:00pm–6:45pm**

Join this glowing dance party as we add glow sticks and black lights to an already fun workout! Zumba is a Latin inspired cardio-dance workout sure to get your feet moving and your heart pumping. Wear your whites and your brights to really have a glow-y good time! Space is limited! Register today in the app for this event!

### HIIT! Evening Edition

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022 • 6:00pm–7:00pm**

The popular morning HIIT! class comes to the evening for this one-time Pop-Up class! The class combines HIIT, circuit training and cardio. The class is designed to burn fat, build muscle and improve your health. We will use a combination of bodyweight exercise, dumbbells & resistance bands, providing a total-body workout for every fitness level. Reserve your spot in the app!

### Health & Wellness New Year Kick-Off

**Saturday, January 21, 2023 • 9:00am–12:00pm**

Mark your calendar for a New Year health and wellness kick-off. Join the Memorial Hermann Sugar Land team for a morning of wellness education. More information on health topics and activities will be available in the weeks to come. RSVP on the app.

Check out the new Fitness & Wellness section in the Riverstone App. Here you will find information about upcoming special fitness and wellness events, challenges and much more!



## ANOTHER HEALTHY HOLIDAY RECIPE!

### Fresh Cranberry Sauce

From NASM Certified Nutrition Specialist and Personal Trainer Kaja Zdilar's kitchen!

1 bag fresh cranberries • 2 ½ cups frozen dark cherries • 1-2 oranges (based on preference)  
2 tbs orange zest • ½ cup OJ (or water) • 1 tbs vanilla • 2-3 tbs sugar or 1 tbs Stevia

Zest, then peel and chop oranges into small pieces. Combine all ingredients into a pot. Cover & bring to a simmer, then keep it at medium heat, stirring occasionally until sauce reaches the desired consistency (approx. 15 mins).

Serving ideas: Spoon over a warm baked Brie and serve with crackers as an appetizer. • Serve as a side dish with your holiday turkey dinner • Use as a spread on your leftover turkey sandwich.





# TENNIS

## Riverstone's Tennis Professionals



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Tennis Pro  
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## Junior Tennis

- Fall junior tennis runs from August 15th through December 17th.
- Fall session 4 runs from November 7th through December 17th (5 weeks), cost \$95.
- All registrations are done through the Riverstone app.
- There will be no tennis week of December 19th and 26th due to winter break.

## Adult Tennis Classes

- Beginner/Advanced Beginner Tuesdays, 8:00pm–9:00pm.
- Intermediate/Advanced Intermediate Mondays, 8:00pm–9:00pm.
- Cost is \$76 per person for the session (4 weeks) or \$20 for drop-in.
- Registration required.
- There will be no tennis week of December 19th and 26th due to winter break.

## Racket Stringing Services

Riverstone now offers racket stringing through our Tennis Professional Giorgio. Giorgio has strung rackets for world class players including Roger Federer. Cost is \$20 for labor plus strings. Contact TennisPro@riverstone.com for more information.

### DID YOU KNOW?

That Donald Budge is the only male tennis player in tennis history to have won six consecutive Grand Slam singles titles, from Wimbledon in 1937 to the U.S. Open in 1938.

## Tennis Calendar

All events require registration.  
All programs are 8:1 ratio per court.

### Monday

December 5th, 12th

- 4:30–5:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 5–7
- 5:30–6:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 14+
- 8–9pm—Adult Intermediate/Advance Intermediate Group Lesson

### Tuesday

December 6th, 13th

- 4:30–5:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 8–10
- 5:30–6:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 11–13
- 6:30–7:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 5–7
- 8–9pm—Adult Beginner/Advance Beginner Group Lesson

### Wednesday

December 7th, 14th

- 4:30–5:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 8–10
- 5:30–6:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 5–7
- 6:30–7:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 11–13

### Thursday

December 1st, 8th, 15th

- 4:30–5:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 14+
- 5:30–6:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 11–13
- 6:30–7:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 8–10

### Friday

December 2nd, 9th, 16th

- 4:30–5:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 5–7
- 5:30–6:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 8–10
- 6:30–7:30pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 11–13

### Saturday

December 3rd, 10th, 17th

- 9–10am—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 11–13
- 10–11am—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 8–10
- 11am–12pm—Junior Tennis Academy, ages 5–7

There will be no tennis week of December 19th and 26th due to winter break.

## Tennis Court Etiquette

- Talk quietly when standing near tennis courts that are in use so as not to disrupt players on adjacent courts.
- Never walk behind a court when a point is still in play. Wait until the point is over and then cross as fast as possible to get to your own court.
- When sending balls back to a neighboring court, roll them on to the back of the court.
- Never send them back while play is in progress. Also, if one of your balls rolls into an adjacent court, don't run after it, just wait for your neighboring court to return the ball when it's convenient.
- When reserving courts please be considerate to other residents by cancelling your reservation when you know that you will not be using it.

## Unauthorized Tennis Lessons

Recently there has been an increase of tennis lessons at Riverstone by unauthorized tennis pros. Please keep in mind that HOA rules prohibits the teaching of tennis lessons by unauthorized persons.

## Tennis Court Reminders

- Court #6 at The Club at Riverstone and court #9 at Riverstone Blvd are designated as walk on courts.
- Please remember all tennis court reservations are now available through the Riverstone app only.
- Remember that court reservations will be forfeited after 15 minutes of not showing up for scheduled start time.
- Tennis courts are for the use of tennis or pickleball play only. Any other sports or equipment are strictly prohibited. For more information refer to rule #4 at the Resource Center under Community Info.
- Parking for use of Tennis Courts 9 & 10 is at the Riverstone Blvd Recreation Center. Please refrain from parking within the Parkside neighborhood.

# FOCUS ON FUN



## IT'S A 'WONDER-FUR' LIFE PHOTO CONTEST!

*The holidays are our favorite time of the year for so many reasons—we get to decorate our homes, listen to our favorite holiday tunes and watch cheesy movies. Our favorite part of the holidays, however, might be dressing our pets! Pets already look adorable in any kind of clothing, so dressing them up for the holidays is just “purr-fect!”*

We want to invite all of you to join in on the holiday fun, which is why we are hosting our, It's a Wonder-Fur Life Photo Contest! Dress your pet in their holiday best for a chance to win a \$75 gift card! Please only two photos per entry. The contest will start Friday, December 2nd and go through Sunday, December 18th. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, December 20th.

Entering is easy—all you have to do is submit your pet's photo to Barbara Mendoza at [barbaram@riverstone.com](mailto:barbaram@riverstone.com)

We can't wait to see all the entries!!

**December 2nd to 18th, 2022**

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## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Come on over and donate blood!** Every pint of whole blood can be broken down into three components—red blood cells to treat cancer, surgery and trauma patients; plasma, which can help replace fluids in burn and trauma patients; and platelets, which help cancer and bone marrow transplant patients recover. That means for one donation, three lives can be saved!

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or by visiting the Riverstone app.

**Saturday, December 10th • 9am–1:30pm**

*The Club at Riverstone*

## HOLIDAY FAMILY BINGO

**It's time for Riverstone's Holiday Family Bingo!** Try your luck and join us for some fun for the whole family. Bring your game face for six games of Bingo, with winners receiving a prize. Make sure to register early B4 the limited spots are gone. Please reserve your spot(s) on the Riverstone App today!

**Sunday, December 11th • 3pm–5pm**

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## STORYTIME WITH MRS. CLAUS

**Christmas is near!** Join us for a cozy evening and a very special edition of story time with the one and only Mrs. Claus. Put on your dancing shoes, singing voices, listening ears as we celebrate the holidays with Mrs. Claus.

**Tuesday, December 13th • 6:30pm–7:30pm**

*The Club at Riverstone*

## WINTER WONDERLAND

**SNOW, SNOW, SNOW AND A SIDE OF HO-HO-HO!** 'Tis the season to play in tons of snow - join us for some cold weather fun! Grab your mittens and scarves as we have lots of festive treats in store, including tons of SNOW featuring snow slides & play area, photos with Santa, inflatables and more! Food and beverage options will be available for purchase. Although it's been said many times many ways, come to the Riverstone Winter Wonderland to kick off your happy holidays!

Food Trucks: Cousins Maine Lobster, MoCity Vegan, Houston's Pink Box, Spinfully Sweet, Mary Had a Little Party.

**Saturday, December 17th • 5pm–9pm**

*The Club at Riverstone*



# BLAST FROM THE PAST

**Riverstone Residents and Friends Gathered in Front of The Club at Riverstone Tennis Courts for a Morning of Wicked Fun!**

Benefiting Sole Loved, runners trailed through Riverstone's beautiful course while supporting children who are in need of shoes. Sole Loved is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring hope to little feet, one pair of shoes at a time. More information can be found at [soleloved.org](http://soleloved.org). We will like to thank our sponsors Si Environmental, The Chemist Pharmacy and PNC Bank.



## Mark Your Calendars for 2023 Fun

### January

- January 5th • Back 2 School Breakfast Drive-thru
- January 13th • Toddler Zumbini
- January 17th • Toddler Storytime
- January 18th • Finance Workshop
- January 22nd • Lifestyle Merit Program
- January 28th • Casino Night

### February

- February 1st • Club 55! Meet and Greet
- February 9th • Toddler Zumbini

February 10th • A Night Under the Stars

February 15th • Babysitting Workshop

February 18th • Blood Drive

February 21st • Toddler Storytime

February 22nd • Succulent DIY

February 25th • Touch A Truck

February 26th • Lifestyle Merit Program

### March

March 3rd • Club 55! Boots & Scoot

March 8th • Appraisal Property Tax Workshop

March 9th • Toddler Zumbini

March 11th • Health Fair

March 13th–17th • Best Week Ever

March 17th • Bite Nite Friday  
(St. Patrick's Edition)

March 19th • Family Bingo

March 21st • Toddler Storytime

March 22nd • DIY Bird Presentation

March 25th • Bark 4 Life

March 26th • Lifestyle Merit Program

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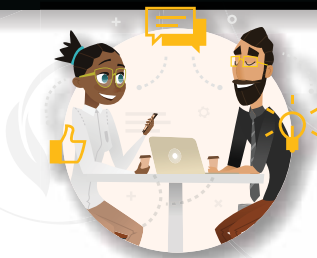
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