

Things are in place to re-launch the Resident's portal and thus create a foundation for re-energizing our clubs. Information about the portal from Bob Conger, the new Pickleball Club from Jackie Niedermayer and the new Bunko Club from Barb Kohler is below. Residents can join either of these clubs with a click of a button. There is also a new club for Club Managers to provide the tools, training and communications to assist the group of people who have offered their time to manage clubs. Club Managers, please click on the button to join this club.

We also need someone to become one of the club managers for the following clubs:

- Boaters
- City Events
- Drinks Please
- Drop on By
- Gamers
- Gardening
- Handyman
- Helping Hands
- Investment
- Movie Nights at Porches
- Naturalists
- Rolling Wheels
- Volunteers for the Community
- Welcome Club

You can share this honor with others to manage your clubs. Training and ongoing assistance will be provided to all Club Managers.

If you would like to participate or have questions, drop Bob Conger a text (704-621-9475), an email (rconger53@yahoo.com).

The Pickleball Club – Jackie Niedermayer

Hi Neighbors—A few of you have asked me to repost information regarding Pickleball, in anticipation of our courts being completed sometime later this year. If you would like to get a jump start on learning and playing now, attached is a link to the Cape Fear Pickleball Club's "Places to Play" link which includes indoor and outdoor play times and locations.

Please note that some locations charge a nominal fee and some are free play:

<http://capefearpickleballclub.org/places-to-play/>

Also attached is the Midtown Y's schedule with more detail regarding "Beginner" play:

https://www.ymcasenc.org/clientuploads/Schedules/MidtownSchedule_Fall2017.pdf

Greenfield Lake Park offers FREE training/lessons every Saturday at 9:00am (weather permitting). They can provide a limited amount of paddles for training and all you need to do is show up. The instructors are super friendly. The Midtown Y also offers free and a low-cost (\$10) training session but you'll need to contact them directly regarding fees and times. The Lutheran Church on Market Street is also a great location for beginners and training. I do plan to provide instruction myself and I hope to bring in a popular, local player/instructor to help me when our courts are done.

Our Pickleball Club is now up and running on the River Bluffs portal. If you are interested, please be sure to sign up so that you can receive all the latest information.

If you are unfamiliar with Pickleball, here is a short instructional video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLWj2LXechU> Feel free to contact me with any questions.

The Bunko Club – Barb Kohler

Once a month ladies night to play bunko that will start in January. Location will rotate between member's houses. Right now residents can sign up as a substitute and progress to being a regular over time.

The Resident's Portal – Bob Conger

I'm announcing that the Resident's Portal is now really ready for use after the bugs and issues that tarnished its usefulness since the April 4 initial release have been fixed. Expect a new rollout of the improved portal in the next week or two. We who live here represent 10% of the future development families when River Bluffs is completed. If we actively use the portal it will be a great communication tool for everyone and will enhance our sense of community with the clubs and communication.

As one example of the improved portal, try searching the Resident's Directory. Know someone who's name starts with a "B", you can now search for those names by typing in any partial information. You can also find them by typing in any partial address or lot number information.

One Problem Solving hint: Clear your internet browser history if you are having problems getting the portal to work. This seems to occur more to me while using the Chrome browser.

I envision that the portal will support the clubs and general neighborhood news. Many will want to also continue using the River Bluff Facebook page for quick conversations and back and forth comments. The portal is designed to communicate to all River Bluff Residents, The Club pages will communicate only to Residents that have joined that club, and Facebook can be used by the subset of residents who like Facebook. Combining all those tools gives us a great way to enhance our warm "Community" culture.