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2013 Board meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the following months: January, February, March, April, May, June, September and October. **The Annual Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.** All meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church on Pine Lake Drive. NRSPOA members may attend with approval from the Board. Any member in good standing (all assessments paid) wishing to address the Board should call 692-3939 and leave a message no later than noon on Friday before the next scheduled meeting. Schedule changes are posted on our web site: www.northrivershoresfl.org. NRSPOA, Inc. does not have a physical office, but may be reached at 692-3939, which is both a voice and fax number.

The SCOOP is published six times a year by the North River Shores Property Owners' Association, Inc. Submissions can be sent to Katie VonAldenbruck at katie@kdvon.com

The Parks Improvements are under construction

The Park Improvements Committee has had a busy summer getting plans, quotes, and permits for the construction of the six (6) park improvement projects approved by the members last fall. The six (6) park improvement projects are: a Drinking Fountain at the Duck Pond, a Picnic Pavilion, Fishing Pier, Volleyball Court, Children's Play Equipment, and Horseshoes in Lake Park on Lake Side Trail.



The first shovel in the ground was that of Steve Biglin, who from the very beginning was committed to constructing the horseshoe pits. Steve built the horseshoe pits himself and finished construction just in time for Father's Day. Steve and his family

enjoyed Fathers Day playing the first NRS horseshoes match under the shade of the big tree in Lake Park. A source close to the family indicated that Steve lost the first match to his granddaughter.

The drinking water fountain at the Duck Pond was next. The park committee recommended a stainless steel model that is handicap accessible and also provides water for our pets. Martin County Utilities installed the water meter. Chuck Romano and I with a little help from Gene VanCuren and Ray Nelson constructed the concrete foundation for the drinking fountain just before the rains from Tropical Storm Chantal arrived. We installed the fountain the following weekend. Just press and hold the big button on the side above the lower bowl for our four legged companions to have a drink.



Glen Gareau and Joe Evans installing the new water fountain at the duck pond.

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North River Shores Board on behalf of the entire neighborhood would like to say thank you to Nathan Ritchey, Al Cannon, Christian Fox, Glen Gareau, Dennis VonAldenbruck, Alec and Charlie Ellis and especially to Suzie DiBartolo for working on a Saturday shoveling mulch and moving playground equipment for a wonderful new edition to Lakeside Park!! THANK YOU!





Neighborhood Watch

by Jerry Felton



THE EYES AND EARS for the Sheriff's office. **ALL RESIDENTS** can help the Sheriff's office by being their **THE EYES AND EARS**. This means **CALL 911** if you see something **SUSPICIOUS**. This also means that you should **NOT** get involved and should **NOT** confront anyone. After you **CALL 911**, the Sheriff's Deputies will follow through. Martin County residents have been instrumental in catching the Pillowcase Burglars in Hobe Sound and Palm City because they called **911**.

THANK YOU GO TO: Gary Hawken, David George, Joe Evans and Catherine O'Neill because they have attended the COUNTY WIDE Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Meetings for me at the Sheriff's office for at least the past 2 years. They, also, have written the reports for the SCOOP. I now am able to attend the meetings. The Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and if you would like to attend a meeting just let me know. Laura Passanesi of the Sheriff's office is in charge of this Crime Prevention Program.

NOTES FROM THE MAY 9 and JUNE 13 County Meetings: Pillowcase Burglary Alert meetings were held throughout Martin County in April by Sheriff Snyder. As a result of Sheriff Snyder's meetings, the regular COUNTY WIDE Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Meetings attendance tripled and more Neighborhood Watch groups are being organized.

Sheriff's office offers a **FREE HOME SECURITY CHECK SURVEY**. To schedule a home appointment call Laura Passanesi at (772) 320-4749.

THANK YOU NEW NRS VOLUNTEERS: Ralph Baker, Glen Gareau, Rich Pontynen, Joe Ricchiuti and Katie Von Aldenbruck.

More **DAY WATCH AND NIGHT WATCH** Volunteers are needed. Please call Jerry Felton at 692-2729 for more information.



Social Committee

by Mary Rose Bressman

I hope everyone is having a relaxing summer filled with fun travels and good times with family and friends. Thank you to everyone who came to the first annual NRSPOA Summer Kick-Off Party at the spoil island June 1st. Despite some morning rain, we had perfect weather during the party and it was definitely one of those days that make you thankful to live in Stuart, FL. We enjoyed good food, some games, and plenty of time relaxing in beach chairs and exploring the surrounding areas. It worked out well having residents with boats drive those without so no one was left out. We are planning to do this again next summer. As the improvements to Lake Park are completed, I hope you will enjoy the new amenities. If anyone would like to help with the Cookie Exchange in December or the Snowstorm early next year, please let me know. I am always grateful for helpers!

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If you wish to help keep North River Shores an attractive place to live, please make your checks payable to NRSPOA, Inc. and mail to: NRSPOA, Inc., c/o The Rizzolo Group, 1958 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

These are the three gift categories:

SILVER STATUS: Non-members who gift an amount equal to the NRSPOA annual membership fee (currently \$165). All NRSPOA members and non-member boat ramp users who have paid their dues are automatically Silver Status.

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Captain Kevin's Fishing Report

By Captain Kevin Drennan



We had a mixed bag of fishing the past month catching just about everything out there. The dolphin bite has been on and off, but when it turns on, plenty of fish are being caught. Sailfish are being caught in very good numbers in the bait pods near shore. Schools of cobia have been passing through and are being caught at the Bull Shark Barge and Sandpile. We had a couple on the other day and lost the bigger one to a shark which we fought for an hour and a half before breaking it off. We boated king mackerel in fifty-two feet of water on live threadfins north of the St. Lucie inlet. One went about thirty pounds and landed in the smoker. Bottom fishing south of the inlet we had a mixed bag of vermilion and lane snapper, some big trigger fish, and mess of good sized porgy. We also released a ton of under-sized sea bass, blue runners and almaco jacks. We also released a few big bonito in eighty feet straight out of the inlet. There are schools of tarpon chasing the bait which has been in ten to twenty feet of water just off of the beach north of the House of Refuge. We are hoping the cobia run continues for another couple of weeks. More later.

Captain Kevin

Captain Drennan has been a member of the NRSPOA for over ten years. Call him for inshore or offshore fishing trips at 692-9831.



This is NRS resident Robert Pope with a nice king caught on my boat. Feel free to call me at 772-285-7626 Captain Kevin Drennan

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The park committee's play equipment recommendation included a swing set with one toddler seat and three standard swings, a geo-dome, and a set of monkey bars. The play equipment arrived on July 18, 2013. Several residents including Bud Woodruff, Chuck Romano, and Suzy DeBartolo helped prepare the site and assemble the equipment.

The Park Improvement committee recommended a "T" shaped fishing pier in the northwest corner of Lake Park. There is an opening there in the vegetation and it's a spot the residents have frequently been observed fishing from the bank. The building permit for the fishing pier was approved by FDEP and Martin County just after Independence Day. The Board approved the parks committee recommendation and selected Seaside Marine as our contractor to build the fishing pier and construction should be starting soon and may even be underway by the time this issue of *The Scoop* goes to print.

Seaside Marine will also be installing the pilings to be used as the poles for our grass volleyball court located in the middle of Lake Park. Seaside Marine was also selected to build our picnic pavilion in Lake Park. Plans for the picnic pavilion are in to the Martin County building department for approval. We are hoping to complete construction of the picnic pavilion by the end of September. A special Thank You is due to Harry Isabella of Seaside Marine for giving us such a great price and having the patience to work with us to construct the pavilion we wanted. I for one can't wait to see how it turns out!! Please keep out of the construction areas in Lake Park while we are building these park improvement projects. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, and I am sure it will be worth the wait.....

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2013 - 2014 School Year has begun!

Parents and guardians of children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2013 should register their child(ren) with the elementary school in their attendance zone. North River Shores is zoned for Felix A. Williams Elementary.

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Beautification & Maintenance

By Chuck Romano

Can you believe it? After all these years we finally put lines on our basketball court. How in the world could anyone have a legitimate game or practice foul shots without lines? And after the huge NBA finals it came to us. We used all NCAA measurements, which differ greatly from the NBA. But the NCAA layout is what you'll see in high schools and colleges.

Back in June when the storm, Andrea, past to our West it set off a few thunderstorms in our area. One of the lightening strikes from these Andrea bands struck one of our Royal Palms in the large triangle at Fork Road and Coconut Point Lane. We figure its age to be about 50 years old. It will now have to come down leaving two Royals on that triangle. All were planted by the developer back in the 1950's.

Also in June, we installed a message board at the South end of the duck pond. This will allow for communication, updates, articles of interest, maps and features. The installation wasn't easy. It took the brains and manpower of Bud Woodruff and Lenny Morgan to dig the holes, mix the concrete and set it perfectly. Since we're talking about the duck pond, you probably noticed the newly installed drinking fountain. The PIC, Parks Improvement Committee, comprised of three community members and two Board members, felt one of the improvements to this park should be a drinking fountain with a pet bowl at the bottom and a hose bib for plant watering during the dry season.. And since we already have two picnic tables and three benches at this location, the PIC felt the addition of the message board and drinking fountain would create a mini park within a park. The area gets regular use from walkers, runners and families. These enhancements will make it more of a neighborhood stopping point. A lot of preplanning and coordination with the County for the installation of a water meter took several months and many man hours for a good cause.

The PIC is planning to make several major improvements to our largest park on Lake Side Trail. More about that and the PIC in the October Scoop.

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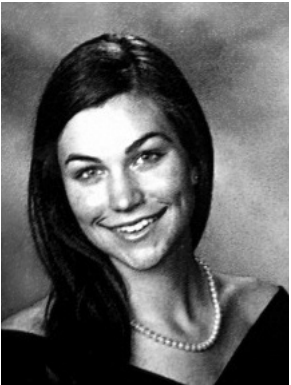
Winners of the NRSPOA Scholarships

NRSPOA Scholarship Committee received six well qualified scholarship applicants to review this year. We awarded three \$500 to these students, all Jensen Beach High School graduates.



Emily Duckworth will be attending Univ. of Miami. She has played on JBHS Volleyball and Soccer teams and club teams in off season. A member of JBHS Jubilate Choir and various community volunteer activities have kept Emily busy.

Barbara Engel will be attending Fla. State Univ. Her volunteer activities were with school clubs and Rescue Adoption Inc. (volunteer coordinator).



Laura Robertson will also be attending Fla. State Univ. Volunteer activities were through Key Club and Natl. Honor Soc. Other community volunteering was with First Presbyterian Church and various community groups.

It is always a pleasure to read scholarship applications and essays. All of our applicants are amazing kids and we wish them all the best of luck in the next phase of their lives and future endeavors. Great job!

All Creatures Animal Hospital



All Creatures Animal Hospital, owned by NRSPOA board member Mary Rose Bressman and her husband Rich Bressman, has moved 0.7 miles north on Kanner Highway to 5885 S. Kanner Highway. The phone number and office hours will remain the same: (772) 283-0101, Monday thru Saturday 8 am- 6 pm. Their underwater treadmill is open for use and is recommended for dogs needing neurologic or orthopedic rehabilitation, as well as to help treat common conditions like arthritis and obesity. They have a separate quiet room for cat boarders who will enjoy their spacious new cat condos. All Creatures now has increased capacity for boarding dogs in this modern and clean facility. Of course they still provide your pets wonderful grooming, dentals, surgery, and treatment in the full-service medical hospital.



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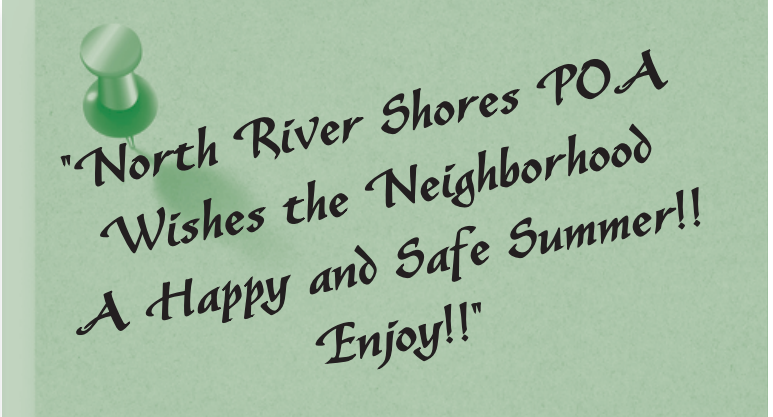
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November/December	November 11	November 21

Any member in good standing is encouraged to submit an article—with pictures if possible—or announcements of community activities to: Katie VonAldenbruck, editor, *The SCOOP* at katie@kdvon.com or regular mail: 1323 NW Spruce Ridge Drive, Stuart, FL 34994.



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