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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.

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Changes at the Boat Ramp

One of the unique things about living in NRS is the fact that we have our own private boat ramp. Over the years various members of our community have volunteered to be the Boat Ramp Manager and issue boat ramp keys to NRS property owners. Zane Carter has been the Boat Ramp Manager for the last 2.5 years and resigned on July 1, 2013. Zane's electrical business is picking up...and that is a good thing! If you see Zane please thank him for his dedication to our community these past 2.5 years. Prior to Zane Carters tenure Bob Wright was the Boat Ramp Manager. I would be remiss if I did not mention that we have Bob Wright to thank for organizing the boat ramp key process and creating the Boat Ramp key procedures, rules, and key holder database that we have today and have been in use since 2005.

With Zane's resignation the Board needed to find a new Boat Ramp Manager to help issue keys and after an exhaustive search for a volunteer decided to enter into an agreement with our accounting firm Rizzolo Group to have them issue Boat Ramp keys. This was a natural choice since Rizzolo Group is already part of the boat ramp key process of verifying payment of member assessments or the maintenance fee before any key is issued.

Moving forward the process for obtaining or exchanging a Boat Ramp Key or replacing a lost key will be through Rizzolo Group via the mail. Prior to literally turning the keys over to Rizzolo Group the Board needed to update the: procedures for obtaining a key, application forms, rules, frequently asked questions, and fees.

The members lock has not been changed in over five years and is showing signs of wear and the current non-members lock is also having issues. The Board has confirmed the repeated use of the ramp by people with keys to the members lock that do not live in NRS. The Board decided we need to change the members lock this year. The Board also decided the best way to maintain the security of our ramp is to have only one lock that changes every year.

At present only about a third of our members have a key to the boat ramp and about 20 non-members. In fairness to the members that do not use the boat ramp the Board has decided to increase the boat ramp Key fee from \$10 to \$20 to help offset the increase in costs to administer the boat ramp keys. The key fee will be a separate annual fee in addition to the annual assessment, but only required of those residents that want a key to the boat ramp. The Board thought this was very reasonable when you consider Palm Beach County charges \$35/year to use their public ramps and several public ramps in other counties charge \$10-\$15 per day.

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Neighborhood Watch

by Jerry Felton

We all are the **EYES and EARS** for the Sheriff's office and we need to **KNOW** our Neighbors.

I was delighted to receive a Saturday morning coffee invitation from my next door neighbors Sandy & Jim Simpson. They invited their immediate neighbors to meet their new neighbors. I remember years ago, being a part of a monthly **COFFEE KLATCH** and it was a fun & easy way to know your neighbors. Thank you Sandy & Jim.



The Neighborhood Watch program needs you for the Patrol. Please be aware of Distraction burglaries. Please call Jerry Felton for more information at 692-2729.

AGENDA topics from the summer Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Meetings.

1. The Sheriff's office launched a **smart phone reporting system** that allows you to be able to text pictures of an occurring incident. You should Call 772-260-4469.

2. If you do **Face Book**, the Sheriff office wants you to "LIKE" us.

3. **Online Reporting System**, Use any internet browser to visit: www.sheriff.martin.fl.us & click on "File a Report Online."

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- a. This is not an emergency.
- b. This incident occurred within the jurisdictional limits of Martin County.

If you live within the City of Stuart, the Town of Sewall's Point or the Town of Jupiter Island, you must contact your local police department to report your incident.

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4. The **House of Hope Christmas shop** opens on Oct. 10th. They are open on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays.



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Social Committee Report

by Mary Rose Bressman

Hello neighbors! Please mark your calendars: the North River Shores POA Holiday Cookie Exchange will be at 7 pm on Wednesday, December 11th. Marcie and Mike Ferraro will host this party again at their beautiful home on River Trail. All adults in the neighborhood are invited to come with a platter of homemade cookies to share. Beverages and finger food will be provided, and the neighbors provide dessert! We had a nice turnout at the Ferraros last year and a good time was had by all. Going home with a delicious assortment of goodies just in time for holiday festivities is wonderful. We would love for you to join us!

Also, if you have not been to Lake Park at Lakeside Trail since the park improvements were made, it's worth the drive or walk over! Please enjoy these neighborhood amenities. Before the annual meeting on Wednesday, November 20th, join us for refreshments at Lake Park at 6 pm. We can head over to First Presbyterian from there for the 7 pm meeting.

Thank you,
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 Social Chair





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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



It has been a wet summer which definitely has had an effect on the fishing. Run off and dirty water made it very difficult to find live bait. The mahi bite has been spotty with a sail or two being hooked from one hundred feet of water and out to around two hundred. A few cobia have been caught but they have been difficult to spot in the murky water. We had a couple of decent bottom trips south of the inlet boating a variety of fish. Seabass, porgy, lane and vermillion snapper were the mainstay. We also hooked plenty of blue runners and small sharks. There are also plenty of bonita and an occasional king mackerel. Near the beach there are tarpon and snook near the trough when you can find clean water. There are plenty of breeding snook near the inlet rocks but we prefer to leave them be until the season opens September 1st. We are hoping to have a good fall mullet run which should really turn the fishing on.

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.



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With your 2014 Boat Ramp Key you will also receive a new trailer decal. In the past these were silver. Please place the new NRS Trailer Decal on your trailers wench post. We have confirmed the use of our boat ramp by people who do not live in North River Shores. The trailer decal helps identify folks who should not be using our ramp. If you have more than one trailer, additional trailer decals are available upon request.

If you want to know more about the new process of obtaining or exchanging a boat ramp key please see the new boat ramp information on our web site www.northrivershoresfl.org. The Board has decided to maintain the boat ramp cell phone (772) 919-5372 for the time being to help residents with this new boat ramp key process.

Please be patient with the staff at Rizzolo Group as this is a new service and process for them as well. The Board hopes these changes will make it easier for property owners to obtain or exchange their keys to the boat ramp, while also ensuring the security of our private boat ramp.

A Gift From the Heart

by Cathy Ellis

In 2006, North River Shore lost two of its most generous neighbors, Laura and Wilbur Kupfrian. Laura passed away in May and Wil in December...after nearly 67 years of marriage, 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Wil's humble beginnings and struggle through the Great Depression led to a full life as an engineer, patent attorney, entrepreneur and investor. He never lost his desire to learn, and always encouraged others to live to their full potential.

The Kupfrians moved to Stuart in 1978. They loved Martin County, and especially North River Shores. Wil served as President of the North River Shores Property Owners Association and in multiple other Board and committee capacities. Throughout his time in the community, he was always searching for ways to move the community forward, while maintaining its prestige. The Kupfrian Boat Ramp was dedicated in 2004 after Wil and Laura donated more than \$20,000 for the installation of a driveway and replacement of the concrete boat ramp. That gift gave new life to our community's most valuable asset.

Recently, North River Shores Property Owners Association received a second gift of \$20,000, from a Trust that was put in place prior to the Kupfrians' deaths. This money will be used for future community improvements, as desired by the Kupfrians.

For those who knew Laura and Wil, the gift comes as no real surprise. Their generosity was part of their nature. They both left many "footprints" as they walked through their lives...but non as well-defined as those left on the hearts of the lives they touched. Their wisdom, love and generosity continue to speak volumes.

Thank you, Laura and Wil

This article was originally published in the March/April 2007 edition of *The Scoop*

The Board has discussed potential improvements to the dock at the Boat ramp and hopes to use the Kupfrian trust fund to pay for these improvements pursuant to the wishes of the Kupfrians. The Board wanted to republish this article from 2007 to share with our new and existing families the commitment and generosity the Kupfrians had toward our community. Its families like the Kupfrians that make North River Shores the best place to live in Martin County.

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Beautification & Maintenance

By Chuck Romano

As you follow our Scoop articles and visit Lakeside Park and the duck pond, the park improvements have become a reality. During the process, a number of astute neighborhood high school students capitalized on the opportunity and satisfied their Community Service hours. While all the planned improvements move forward, our normal maintenance also keeps a steady pace.

Our dock at the boat ramp has served us well over the years and from time to time needed a few screws and nails. Well, those patch up days have passed and the dock needs new stringers and decking. The pilings are structurally sound, but all other components are at the end of their safe and useful life. This will have to be addressed during the coming year.

Regular maintenance in the planning during the coming months includes our annual mangrove trimming. As long time Scoop readers know, we have permits for the trimming of mangroves. This is something homeowners should not take upon themselves with out approval from the DEP.

Along with the mangroves, we also have a regular all around trimming of trees and shrubs with re mulching coming up soon.

Another item we'll be addressing soon is the re painting of the letters on our entry sign. This is normal fading due to sun light and the overall exposure. The task can be completed by volunteers with small rollers and a quart of paint. It shouldn't take much time to restore it. If you would like to help, just call 692-3939. Just think, you'll be proud to drive by your handy work.

An item many of you wouldn't know about unless you or your children play basketball, and you'd be surprised at the many players we have, is the replacement of the net that hangs from the hoop.

Back in early August our new neighbor, Sean O'Brien, and I tried to repair the net so the ball wouldn't get hung up. Well, it was beyond repair. So the following day I removed it. A few days later, on August 23 to be exact, I noticed a brand new chain net was purchased and installed by Sean. By the way, Lenny Morgan replaced the net 2 years ago. It's the little things.

And finally, our majestic Royal Palm that was struck by lightening during Andrea, was cut down last month. It fell

with one cut and made a sorryful, loud thud that shook the ground under our feet.

Now for a bit of mischief to pass on. During the month of July, when many residents leave for a while, several would be thieves thought they came across an opportunity. The home, just East of the Hump Back Bridge, was left with a boat up on a lift. In broad daylight two males came by boat and lowered the boat into the water and tied it to a piling. As they began to go through the boat they noticed a neighbor watching. Once the culprits realized they were being watched, they put the boat back on the lift and raised it up and they left. Again, another good reason to have a dedicated electrical breaker in your panel just for the lift. This is the same area where another boat on a lift was dropped all the way down on one side during the night.

One last item brought to our attention by one of our very alert neighbors and it has to do with mail delivery. During the past year the mail carrier was placing one inch green stick on circles on mailboxes that had the mail being held. This method did not sit well one resident and she prepared a letter to the postmaster but chose to discuss the matter with carrier first. The concern, of course, was the many burglaries in the County. The green tag would invite thieves because they would know the folks were away. Now another technique has been noticed where pieces of duct are placed across mailbox doors to indicate no mail is to be delivered at that address. It is not known if this is a technique authorized by the post office or something the carrier thought up. In any event, it sends out signals to thieves that unoccupied homes are easily identified once the mail carrier's code is broken. You might want to speak up.





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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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