



# The SCOOP!



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## The Park Improvements have been completed....

By Glen Gareau

The park improvements are complete and everyone seems to be enjoying them. The picnic pavilion, fishing pier, play equipment, horse shoe pits, and drinking fountain were constructed for a total cost of \$34,181 of the approved \$35,000 reserve funds. The Park Improvements Committee decided that it was best to leave the center area of Lake Park open and not to construct the volleyball court. The volley ball court budget of \$700 was not spent.

Steve Biglin finished construction of the horse shoe pits just in time for Father's Day. Steve and his family played the first NRS horseshoes match on Father's Day under the shade of the big Ficus tree.

The fishing pier required a permit from FDEP and a county building permit. I prepared the site plans and permit applications myself and both went through smoothly. Seaside Marine Construction Inc. was the selected contractor and completed construction of the fishing pier in about a week.

Gene VanCurren and I used the scrap lumber and piling cutoffs from the fishing pier to construct the benches at the horse shoes and the one around the oak tree near the play equipment. You may have noticed a box on a post with a combination lock on it over by the horse shoes. The box was constructed from scrap lumber from the picnic pavilion and inside it are two sets of NRS community horse shoes. If you can figure out how to call the association you might figure out the 4 digit combination to the lock. If not, just call the boat ramp phone 772-919-5372 and I will share it with you.

Martin County Utilities set a water meter over by the Duck Pond. Once the meter was installed all we needed to do was run a water line and set the drinking fountain. The plumbers we called wanted to charge us over \$800 to install a water service and set the fountain, but would not pour the concrete pad to set the fountain on. Since we were going to have to pour the concrete ourselves anyway, we decided to put the water service in as well. Chuck Romano, Gene VanCurren, and I rented a trencher put in the water service and poured the concrete pad. Joe Evans and I came back a week later and installed the fountain. We used the \$800 we saved to make upgrades to the picnic pavilion.

The play equipment was dropped shipped to the park and Suzy DiBartolo, Chuck Romano, Bud Woodruff, Len Morgan, Quinten Burnopp, Gene VanCurren and some others helped put the play equipment together. Unfortunately, page two of the Geo-dome assembly instructions was missing and the supplier did not have one either. Suzy studied the picture on the web site and came up with a plan to get the pieces to fit. Following Suzy's plan, Joe Evans, Quinten Burnopp, and Suzy were able to finish putting this big puzzle together.

Once all the play equipment was assembled two truckloads of mulch were delivered to use as a play surface. Quinten Burnopp, Trip Weidner, Christian Fox, Nathan Ritchey, Al Cannon, Dennis and Katie VonAldenbruck, Alec Ellis, Charlie Ellis were spreading a mountain of mulch two wheelbarrows at time when Andy Nadalin pulled up and asked if a Bob Cat would help? Yea!

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## Neighborhood Watch

by Jerry Felton

**YOU** are needed to be **THE EYES AND EARS** for the Sheriff's office. **ALL RESIDENTS, CALL 911** if you see something **SUSPICIOUS**.

### NEW FROM SHERIFF SNYDER

For the past month the Pillowcase Burglary Alerts are quiet though out Martin County. Sheriff Snyder said that they are now working on other problems. There are specific information pamphlets available such as: Magnetic Refrigerator magnet with direct telephone numbers for our needs such as: Emergency and Non-emergency Dispatch, Administration, Animal Control, Crime Prevention, Criminal Investigations, Crime Prevention, Criminal Investigation, Traffic and others. There are also pamphlets on Identity Theft, What To Do When Stopped By A Law Enforcement Officer, Telephone Fraud, and Martin County INFO GUIDE. Sheriff's office offers a **FREE HOME SECURITY CHECK SURVEY**. Call Laura Passanesi at (772) 320-4749 to schedule a **FREE HOME SECURITY CHECK SURVEY**.



### THANK YOU 2013 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PATROL VOLUNTEERS.

This years volunteers are: Nancy Burnopp, Carol & John Cox, Beth Davies, Joe Evans & Catherine O'Neill, Robin & Ben Fedele, Jerry Felton, Marcie & Mike Ferraro, David George, Gloria & Jon Gottschalk, Glen Gareau, Hal Halliburton, Sandra & Gary Hawken, Dolly & Frank Hunnicutt, Molly Kirkhart, Barabara & George Kuzevski, Helen & Jim LeBlanc, Marcy & Rich Leslie, Trish & Philip Littman, Joe Miller, Rich Pontynen, Max Quackenbos, Joe Ricchiuti, Jason Schwartz, Dottie Starkey, Jan & Larry Stoorza and Katie VonAldenbruck. For more details about the NRS Neighborhood Watch Patrol, please call me, Jerry Felton, at 692-2729. We need you for the Day Patrol and/or Night Patrol and I know we will not have a few of these volunteers in 2014. A family is needed for every night in the month. Some of these families have been on the NRS Neighborhood Watch Patrol for 20 to 30 years.

## Social Committee

by Mary Rose Bressman

Season's Greetings neighbors! Thank you to everyone who came to the annual meeting. The Lake Park party got cancelled due to rain...:( Please enjoy our delightful Florida winter at the playground, horseshoe pit, fishing pier, or pavilion at this waterfront park on Lakeside Trail. On Wednesday, December 11th at 7 pm, join us at Mike and Marcie Ferraro's lovely home at 1810 NW River Trail for a holiday cookie exchange. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be provided; adults only please. Please bring a double batch (about 2-3 dozen) of your favorite homemade holiday cookie to share and a container to take home a delicious assortment of other cookies and treats!

Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for the 2014 **SNOWSTORM** January 25th at Lake Park. The music, food and activities will start at 6 pm and the snow will arrive at 7 pm. As always I can use lots of helpers before, during and after this party. Students needing volunteer hours....call me! I hope you have a nice holiday season with your loved ones. Please contact me with any questions about the upcoming parties at 772-260-6478.

Thanks,  
Mary Rose Bressman





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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



*The dolphin bite has steadily picked up in the past two weeks as both schoolies and bigger fish are being boated in good numbers. Most of these fish are being caught on trolled ballyhoo near rips and weed lines from eighty to two hundred feet out. There are plenty of blackfin tuna also being caught from one hundred and twenty feet and out. The mullet run is on near the beach and in the rivers. Near the beach are Spanish mackerel, blue fish, jacks, and tarpon feeding on the plentiful bait. There are plenty of finger mullet in the north fork of the St. Lucie River and the fishing has taken off. We released several tarpon in the twenty to forty pound range and a few snook up to forty-four inches. Bottom fishing has produced a mixed bag of porgy, vermilion, and trigger fish in seventy feet of water south of the inlet. We are looking forward to great fishing as we head into the next month.*

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.*

## College Scholarships Available

The NRSPOA membership approved college scholarships in this year's budget. The scholarship is open to a graduating high school student or a current college student. The student must have a 3.0 GPA for the current school year. The applicant's family must be an NRSPOA member in good standing for two years prior to the closing date.

The application and criteria are on the NRSPOA web site [www.northrivershoresfl.org](http://www.northrivershoresfl.org). Or call the NRSPOA phone 692-3939 and leave your name, phone number and address to receive an application in the mail.

Applications must be received this year by May 8, 2014. Applications may be mailed to NRSPOA, PO Box 3154, Stuart, 34995 or delivered to Gene VanCuren 692-0493. You will receive a confirmation of receipt.

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## Changing the Locks at the Boat Ramp .....

The members lock at the boat ramp has not been changed in over five years. Unfortunately, about twelve (12) members a year leave keys in the lock that are not returned. Approximately another 12-15 members move out of North River Shores each year and do not return their boat ramp keys. That means about 25 members keys a year simply disappear. What happens to all these members' keys? We do not know. The Board has confirmed the repeated use of our private boat ramp by people with keys to the members lock that do NOT live in North River Shores. The Board has also confirmed the repeated use of the boat ramp by local boat dealers. The use of the ramp by the boat dealers has contributed to the development of a hole or drop off at the end of the ramp that will need to be filled at our expense. Therefore, the Board decided we need to change the members lock this year.

When the lock was changed in the past residents would have to meet at the boat ramp on a particular evening to exchange their boat ramp keys. If you could not make it on "key exchange night" you had to make an appointment with the boat ramp manager to get your key. This is the reason we have paid \$1,068/year for the last five or six years to have a boat ramp cell phone. The last two boat ramp managers had full time jobs, and were not always available at a moment's notice to exchange a key. In some instances it took over two or three weeks for a resident and the boat ramp manager to find a day and time that both were available to meet.

After Zane Carter's resignation as the boat ramp manager and an exhaustive search to find another volunteer, the board decided the best course of action was to ask our accounting firm to take over the process of issuing boat ramp keys. After several discussions and meetings the board convinced Rizzolo Group to administer the keys for a meager \$100 /month. This works out to be about (\$1,200 year /120 key holders) \$10/ key. The board thought that having the keys issued by our accounting firm through the mail would be much more convenient for our residents, some of whom are only here a portion of the year.

Considering the convenience of having the keys issued by Rizzolo Group, the Board turned its attention to security. The Board decided the best way to maintain the security of our boat ramp was to change the locks every year. The Board also determined that if we change the locks every year we don't need to spend money maintaining two locks on the boat ramp. The Board then had to address the new cost of issuing and exchanging keys in the FY 2014 budget.

At present only about 15 non-members and 100 members have keys to the boat ramp. In the past we have had as many as 30-40 non-member key holders. Non-members must pay a maintenance fee equivalent to the annual assessment in order to get a key. The FY 2014 budget anticipates this income (\$4,200) from approximately 24 non-members. The Board does not know why the current number of non-member key holders is half what it used to be. Perhaps it is the economic conditions. Could non-members have acquired member's keys in the last five years? We really don't know.

The keys cost \$10 each to have made and the locks are about \$200 /each. The cost to administer the keys using Rizzolo Group is about \$10 key. In fairness to the 250 members that do not have boat ramp keys, the Board decided instead of increasing the assessment we would increase the boat ramp key fee from \$10 to \$20 to offset the 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 and fair when you consider only 1/3 of our members have keys to the boat ramp and Palm Beach County charges \$35/year or \$10 day to use their public boat ramps.

The key fee seemed to be the best approach to balancing the budget.

After January 1, 2014 there will be a NEW lock and only ONE lock at the boat ramp. The Board decided to see how things go with the new key policies and agreed to revisit the key fee and annual lock change during the FY 2015 budget planning next year.

If you are a boat ramp key holder and wish to use the boat ramp in 2014, simply return your old key with your 2014 assessment or non-member maintenance fee (\$185) and the \$20 Key Fee to Rizzolo Group. If you currently have a key and don't want a key in 2014, simply return your old key with your 2014 assessment to Rizzolo Group with a note indicating you do not want a new key and thus are not paying the boat ramp key fee. The Boat Ramp keys and locks are very expensive and we need the old keys returned to keep cost down, so please return those old keys even if you don't want a new one in 2014.

**The 2014 lock has a black plastic cover and has already been added to the chain on the left where the non-member lock is currently. After January 1st the 2014 lock will be the only lock at the boat ramp and will be located on the right where the members lock is currently.**

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 winch post. The trailer decal helps identify folks who perhaps 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 boat ramp information on our NEW website [www.northrivershoresfl.org](http://www.northrivershoresfl.org). In addition, every resident will receive boat ramp key instructions in the mail during the first week of December.

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

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## Beautification & Maintenance

By Chuck Romano

On November 7, we had our major trimming done which includes 4 parks, the area around the lake, 3 triangles and the front entrance. In case you didn't know, all of the queen palms on North River Shores Blvd. belong to us and therefore are maintained by us. Count them and you'll see that there are 18. So, between all of the trees and shrubs in those areas, it took a crew of 4 men an entire day to go from area to area and do what had to be done. Along with the crew was our favorite volunteer, Suzy DiBartolo. We'd be lost without her. She can always use help. So if you would like to pitch in just call. It's the only way we get things done the way we want them. You can also check Suzy's handy work by visiting Lake Side Park. It's picture perfect.

Another neighbor came forward and painted the letters on our entrance sign. Steve Biglin, who is a painting contractor, was worried that the plea I put out in the last Scoop would attract amateur painters and result in a larger project. So Steve quickly offered to do it and neatly. It looks great. Thanks, Steve. For those of you who don't know Steve, he's the person that handled the installation of the regulation horseshoe pit at Lake Side Park. He also donated everything including his time.

Now I'd like to mention several anonymous donors that came forth with donations for tree replacements. Again, at Lake Side Park, we had a tree that was struggling to survive. An anonymous group offered to cover the expense of removing and replacing that tree in honor of Scott, the son of Bud and Beau Woodruff. Suzy discretely handled the entire matter including the watering and mulching.

In a past Scoop article you read about one of our majestic royal palms that was struck by lightning and had to be cut down. Well, that article brought forth a donor who wants to remain anonymous with a generous contribution for a replacement tree in that location. We will honor those wishes and arrange to have a royal palm delivered and planted. We all owe thanks to such generous neighbors because we all share in seeing the beauty of our neighborhood.

Finally, our mangroves will be trimmed in December. With this trimming and the trimming done on November 7, our community will be well manicured for all of our winter guests.

## The Park Improvements...

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Last but not least the pièce de résistance...the picnic pavilion. Suzy DiBartolo came up with the design, had plans drawn up, and we were off to the building department. I almost fell out of my chair when I got the call from Martin County indicating we could not build a picnic pavilion (secondary structure) without a home (primary structure) in residential zoning and would need to submit a rezoning application. Thankfully we were able to convince Martin County that Lake Park is in fact a park and this issue was resolved. When it came time to pour the foundation, Joe Evans used his years of concrete experience to make sure the finish was just right.

Harry Insabella of Seaside Marine Construction Inc. was instrumental in the success of this project. While his pricing was very competitive, his patience and willingness to work with us on the picnic pavilion design and permitting assistance were invaluable. Harry went above and beyond to make sure the project was a success and we were happy. I would also like to thank resident and member Andy Nadalin of Pace-2000 Homes for loaning us a bobcat and assisting with the picnic pavilion permitting.

The Board and I would like to thank Suzy DeBartolo, Chuck Romano, Gene VanCuren, Steve Biglin, Joe Evans, Bud Woodruff, Len Morgan, Quinten Burnopp, Trip Weidner, Christian Fox, Nathan Ritchey, Al Cannon, Dennis and Katie VonAldenbruck, Alec Ellis, Charlie Ellis, Mabel Witham, Barbara Brown, Austin Wright, and the many other community volunteers that helped with the park improvements. We simply could not have completed the park improvements without the commitment of these residents to their community and the countless volunteer hours they and others spent working on the design, selection, bidding, permitting, and construction of the park improvement projects.



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## Observation on the Park

Teens are swinging and "talking", younger ones swinging and climbing, and parents and grandparents coming to "push". Nice to see the activity.



Congratulations to Randall & Fay Tieg who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on October 15, 2013! Mr. & Mrs. Randall Tieg met in Georgia on a blind date. Mr. & Mrs. Tieg ran a successful air plane parts machine shop in Hialeah for 33 yrs. After they retired, they moved to North River Shores in 1997. They raised three children Beverly Huff who now resides in Tallahassee, Randall Tieg who resides in Naples, and Del Tieg who resides in Hobe Sound. They also have 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Happy Platinum Wedding Anniversary!

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November/December	November 10	December 1

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](mailto:katie@kdvon.com) or regular mail: 1323 NW Spruce Ridge Drive, Stuart, FL 34994.

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