



The SCOOP!

Newsletter of the North River Shores Community

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2015 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. 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 Gina Hartley at gina@gdp-promos.com.

From Our Vice President

By Frank Garcia

One of the reasons many homeowners purchased in North River Shores is the diversity in the styles of homes in the community. Unlike many of the national-developer built communities in the area, North River Shores stands out as a development with many different types and styles of homes. We have a varied assortment of homes from original, 1950's Florida cottages to palatial, riverfront residences.

It appears the original developers from the 1940s intended the community to be built with different styles of homes. The original deed restrictions for the lots required homes be built with dimensions of at least 1200 square feet, and that the plans and specifications "shall be compatible with other homes in the area." The intent was compatibility, not standardization. Unlike many more recently built communities, there are no significant restrictions on design, colors, architectural details, or other aesthetic properties of homes.

Several months ago it was determined that the sign at the entrance on North River Shores Boulevard needed to be painted. In addition, the Board discussed the need to modernize the look of the sign. The sea foam green color popular in the 1980s gave the sign a dated look. The Board asked members if anyone was interested in being part of the committee to change the look of the sign. Only one or two members came forward to provide any input.

In January the Board selected blue as the color for the new sign. The color selected was viewed as a modern, vibrant color to enhance the community, and to convey the message that North River Shores is a unique and updated neighborhood, different than the cookie-cutter neighborhoods seen throughout the Treasure Coast.

After the sign was painted, the Board received comments from several members regarding their opinions of the color. While some liked the color, others were not in favor. One of the disapproving members was disappointed that the color did not look like colors used by other communities. Another member suggested the Board should have picked a color that matched the Hampton Inn, the large chain of hotels whose corporate objective is to standardize the guest experience no matter where in the U.S. you are staying.

The personal opinion of many of the Board members is that the color chosen is appropriate, and reflective of the unique community where we reside, and there is no need to change a color that was approved by the Board after requesting input from members. As elected representatives, Board members are elected to use our individual and collective judgments to make Board decisions, but we must always take into consideration the wishes and expectations of the membership.

The Board is expected to decide at the next meeting whether to reconsider the color selection. In the event the Board agrees to establish a committee to propose a replacement color, we will be looking for committee members. Please contact the Association by leaving a voice mail with your contact information if you are interested in being a member of this committee at (772) 692-3939—press 5.

Beautification & Maintenance

By Chuck Romano

A number of maintenance projects took place since our last Scoop that we would like you to know about.

On January 27 the basketball hoop and net were replaced with a new one. The old hoop was over 20 years old and was not designed for quick net replacement. The new hoop weighed 30 lbs. and required 3 men to remove the old one and install the new one, while holding everything together during the process. It took Len Morgan, Bud Woodruff, and myself along with 3 ladders to make the change over on a chilly and windy afternoon.

Then on February 2 we poured concrete so as to add a 16x60 foot section to our existing basketball court in order to accommodate 2 pickleball courts along with the existing basketball court. The permitting and work was done by Andy Nadalin, a NRS resident and owner of Pace 2000 Construction. Andy has also helped with work at Lakeside Park in the past.

On Sunday, February 22, Andy and his son, Austin, pressure washed the old concrete section so as to prepare the entire area to be striped for pickleball while also refreshing the old basketball lines. Austin, a junior at Martin County High School, is certainly due community service hours for giving up his Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the community. The colors and scheduling for the striping is being overseen by Susan Vosters.

As this article is being written I realize that Florida Spring is upon us and all of our beautiful trees, shrubs, and foliage are showing new growth in their many unique colors. In the next Scoop I'll share with you our extensive program for protecting our green spaces and controlling the harmful critters.

Social Committee

by Mary Rose Bressman

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2015 NRSPOA Snowstorm. I had more help than ever in the form of bakers, people helping set up and take down, cookie decorators, and volunteers at various stations during the event. I sincerely thank each of you. Although we had a bit of a delay with the snow falling, a good time was had by all in our winter wonderland. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner, lots of desserts, snow cones, coffees, crafts, s'mores, and dancing thanks to a great dj.



Our big summer event is fast approaching. We will have a picnic and party at the spoil island closest to Sandsprit Park at 11 am Saturday, June 6. This is the first Saturday after school ends and is the day you do not need a fishing license to fish. If you do not have a boat, please contact me at 772-260-6478 to arrange a ride for this fun family-friendly event.

Thank you

2015 Winter Snowstorm

A Letter from one of our Sponsors...



Myself, Wendy Dewitt and the Carmody family of Olde Florida Realty were happy to see all our friends and neighbors at this years Snow Storm. The party was a spectacular winter wonderland and is looked forward to by all each year. We truly appreciate the opportunity to give back to this wonderful neighborhood.



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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 \$185). All NRSPOA members and non-member boat ramp users who have paid their dues are automatically Silver Status.

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Well, there is! Our "Good Neighbor" is holding its

5th Annual Shred Day

First Presbyterian Church of Stuart

1715 NW Pine Lake Drive

Saturday, April 18th, 2015

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All are welcome to bring papers you would like to clean out (but hesitate to put in the trash) for shredding by a mobile shredding truck, which will be in the Church parking lot and is a safe means of getting rid of such paperwork.

The Christian Education Committee is planning activities for the kids during that period (Bounce House, Face-Painting Clown, Pony Rides, music with a DJ, and a REAL fire truck and firemen will be on hand), and there will be free hot dogs served as well.

While there is no set charge for the shredding, donations will be accepted.

Come take advantage of this opportunity to clean out with safety unneeded paper cluttering up your drawers and closets, have a hotdog, and watch the kids have fun!!



PI DAY 5K RUN

Thank you to all of our friends and neighbors who participated in the 5K Pi Run hosted by Felix A Williams Elementary School. The run was held on Friday, March 13th. The Events included a 100 yard "Diameter Dash" for children 5 and under, "Radius Run" for children ages 6 to 11, and a USATF certified 5K race. Proceeds from the event will be used towards the school's technology and educational programs. Congratulations to all our runners!

Captain Kevin's Fishing Report



By Captain Kevin Orennan

The past two weeks we finally saw the wind and rains diminish and some pretty good fishing became available. The dolphin bite really took off and the numbers caught were sometimes in the double digits. A lot of these fish were well over twenty pounds with a few in the thirties and forties. A few sailfish have been hooked up on both naked and skirted ballyhoo. There was a good cobia bite on the Sandpile northeast of the St. Lucie Inlet if you could keep your hooked fish away from the bullsharks. Kings are also being caught in fifty to sixty feet of water although they have been on the small side. The Spanish Mackerel have thinned out at Peck's Lake as they head north for cooler waters. There were a lot of Pompano caught off of Hobe Sound Beach but that too has slowed due to warmer water temps. There are many species to be had in the rivers such as jacks, ladyfish, Lane Snapper, catfish, trout, and an occasional Redfish. Look for snook around the bridges using either live baits or flair hawks. We are looking forward to the spring mullet run, which is still north of us, to liven things up a bit. More later.

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I know we have talked about this numerous times at our meetings but I want to make sure everyone is PROTECTED and does not fall for the IRS Tax Fraud Scam that is currently going around.

Last night our office received a call in regards to an IRS Scam. The resident received a call from a male with an accent that sounded as if it was Middle Eastern claiming he worked for the IRS. He told the resident that in order to keep from being arrested they needed to transfer \$3,000.00 to 2 green dot cards.

Please understand that the IRS WILL NOT CALL YOU! If you ever have someone calling you asking you to pay with green dot cards it is for sure a scam.

Here are some tips to keep you safe from becoming a victim of a scam:

1. NEVER do business over the phone. Especially if they are contacting you.
 - a. You can hang up on the caller or
 - b. Simply tell them you do not do any kind of business over the phone
2. If you ever question the business or bank you are talking to, call them yourself. Research the phone number yourself and call them. Never take a phone number from the caller. They can give you whatever number they want
3. If you are dealing with your bank, go to your bank directly. Especially if they are asking for passwords or to reset PIN's.

If you feel you have been scammed or know someone who has been scammed call the Sheriff's Office immediately to make a report. Our non-emergency phone number is, 772-220-7170.

If you have any questions please let me know, I am always available!

Trisha Kukuvka	tmkukuvka@sheriff.martin.fl.us
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Martin County Sheriff's Office	772-260-5581: Cell

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On Wednesdays, at NRS Lakeside Park at 4:30pm, a sea of children in White Jackets and various color belts can be seen learning the Traditional Method of Martial Arts called Taekwon-DO and Kodokan Judo. My nephew is 9 years old, and participates with his other classmates and friends of generally the same age.

What's special about this class is their Instructor John J. Connolly. John is not your 'typical' instructor. John is a Community Leader. He dedicates his own time to teach our children the code of Honor. I'm honored to know him and welcome all of you to come out to the park to enjoy watching our children learn and grow.

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MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN MARCH 17

Stuart, Fla. (Feb. 18, 2015)...Kindergarten registration for the 2015-16 school year in the Martin County School District begins next month. Parents and guardians of children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2015 should register with the elementary school in their attendance zone starting March 16, 2015. Parents and guardians should contact the individual schools directly for details on registration times. By registering early, parents and guardians help the schools in their planning for the correct number of classes and teachers.

Important kindergarten registration reminders:

All medical information must be current. Parents and guardians should plan ahead since physicians' offices become very busy just prior to the start of the school year.

To register, parents and guardians need to bring:

- The child's original birth certificate or other lawful evidence of date of birth [1003.21(4)].
- Proof of residency (electric or cable bill in its entirety showing a service address; a notarized rental/lease agreement; or construction permits.)
- A current physical examination on Form #3040 (to be valid, the physical must have been completed within a year of school entry date and signed by a licensed physician)
- A Florida Certificate of Immunization Record (Form #680) completed by a physician or the Martin County Health Department.

Please see immunization requirements below:

All kindergarten students are required to have the following immunizations:

- Five doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Vaccine (four if last dose was on or after the fourth birthday)
- Four doses of Polio Vaccine (three doses if the last dose was on or after the fourth birthday. If the fourth dose was given before the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is required for entry into kindergarten.)
- Two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccine
- Three doses of Hepatitis B Vaccine
- Two doses of the Varicella Vaccine (if the child has not had the chicken pox)

For a map of attendance zones and school locations, please visit <http://geoweb.martin.fl.us/SchoolAttendance/>.

Informative flyers for parents, "Getting Ready for Kindergarten: What Parents Can Do," in English and Spanish are available on the Martin County School District web site at http://www.martinschools.org/pages/Martin_County_School_District/Getting_Ready_for_Kindergarten.

Elementary School Contact Information

<u>School</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
Bessey Creek Elementary.....	219-1500	J.D. Parker School of Science,	
Citrus Grove Elementary.....	223-2513	Math & Tech.....	219-1580
Crystal Lake Elementary.....	219-1525	Pinewood Elementary.....	219-1595
Felix A. Williams Elementary.....	219-1640	Port Salerno Elementary.....	219-1610
Hobe Sound Elementary.....	219-1540	SeaWind Elementary.....	219-1625
Jensen Beach Elementary.....	219-1555	Warfield Elementary.....	597-2551
Palm City Elementary.....	219-1565		

Scholarships

The NRSPOA membership approved college scholarships in this years 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 a NRSPOA member in good standing for two years prior to the closing date.

Applications must be received this year by May 7. (ignore date on website). Applications may be mailed to NRSPOA PO Box 3154, or delivered to Gene VanCuren 692-0493. You will receive a confirmation of receipt.

Application and criteria is on the NRSPOA web site www.northrivershoresfl.org or by calling the NRSPOA phone 692-3939 to have one sent.



Summer Fun Event

2015 Snow Storm



The SCOOP 2015 Deadlines

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Due Dates-Articles & Ad</u>	<u>Publish Dates</u>
May/June	May 8th	June 1st
July/August	July 10th	August 1st
September/October	September 11th	October 1st
November/December	November 13th	December 1st

Any member in good standing is encouraged to submit an article—with pictures if possible—or announcements of community activities to: Gina Hartley, editor, *The SCOOP* at gina@gdp-promos.com

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