



The Scoop!

News that concerns residents of the North River Shores Community
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A Gift from the Heart

by Cathy Ellis

In 2006, North River Shores 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.



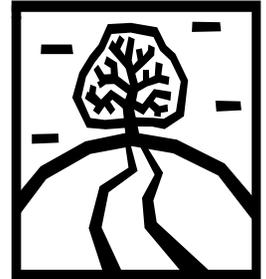
Recently, the North River Shores Property Owners Association received a second gift of \$20,000, from a Trust that was put in place prior to the Kupfrians' deaths. This money will be used for future community improvements, as desired by the Kupfrians.

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 none 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.

New Beginnings

In February, Jim LeBlanc resigned his post as President of this Association. His work became more demanding and he now continues to work out of the country much of the time. We all thank Jim for his volunteer efforts and wish him well in his corporate affairs. We know his family appreciates being able to spend more time together!



The Board of Directors voted me in as your new President. Soooooo, here I am jumping in mid-stream! Fortunately, I'm surrounded by very capable and positive members who work together as a team. Together, we not only review old issues, but we are making great strides to improve the quality of life here in North River Shores. First on the agenda was the sewer project.

Maybe you haven't heard, but we were swimming in circles for awhile. Several months ago the Board (in good faith) gave two easements to Martin County for the express purpose of installing pump stations. We were bombarded by many folks who didn't agree with the Board's decision for many different reasons. After carefully listening and investigating our options, this Board voted unanimously to rescind the easements and give the final decision to the entire community. Martin County was very cooperative and did reverse the easement rights in a unanimous decision at a county meeting.

Soon, you will be receiving notice of a presentation by Martin County engineers to explain the sewer project and the options you have to vote upon. All of us should try to attend the meeting, as this is the only way to have our voice heard prior to the final decision being made. The meeting notice will come directly from the County office and will be held at a location, date and time of their choice. The Board will not be directly involved.

Thank you for the great show of support many of you have expressed to this Board of Directors. We will continue to work in the best interest of the community. We're not perfect and it's impossible to please everyone. However, we listen, we learn, and we are trying to be good neighbors. We have no hidden agenda and you are always welcome to attend a Board meeting. Due to time constraints, we appreciate a phone call in advance if you wish to speak on an issue. If for any reason we have to reschedule a meeting, notice is posted on the North River Shores website. (See Page 4.) Thank you for your trust, patience and help.

God bless us all,
Lou Tudor
President, NRSPOA, Inc.

Do Win-Win or Walk Away!

by Bob Anderson

In my tenure here I have been an advocate for an approach known as Attraction. I have written several articles where I have attempted to introduce some of the principles of attraction and apply them to our paradigm here in NRS. I ended my last Scoop article by stating that the next one would be "the most controversial one yet" and to "stay tuned." Well, here it is. One of the most important principles of the attraction approach is to "do win-win or walk away."

That's right, do win-win or walk away. In my view I see everybody wanting to "win." Many residents want everyone to join the Property Owners' Association. Some folks want out of their commitment to the covenants. Some people say things aren't fair. Some people want things to be like they were in the 60's. Some people don't care. All of these scenarios are win-lose or lose-win. I'm talking about win-win. Although this sounds simple, it is where the going gets tough. Win-win is a widely popularized philosophy. Stephen Covey and his "Seven Habits" is the most well known advocate of this approach. The concept is tried and true and eons old. Even when you walk away, you win—because you know you can't compromise for anything less. Win-win is essential. Covey states that win-win is based on a universal belief in fairness, kindness, dignity, charity, integrity, honesty, quality, service and patience. He goes on by challenging us to "Consider the absurdity of trying to live a life or run a business based on the opposites. I doubt that anyone would seriously consider unfairness, deceit, baseness, uselessness, mediocrity, or degradation to be a solid foundation for lasting happiness and success."

To make win-win a possibility in our community, we have to start from the position that "everybody is right." Some say nothing is fair. ... Nobody wants to be told what to do. Some say we need to all be in, or all out. The long time residents want their friendly, cohesive community back.... If everyone paid their dues and followed the rules, everything would be ok. Aren't these all just counter-productive complaints?

Folks, we inhabit a complicated world. If we are going to practice win-win, we have to really believe everybody is right! Notice I did not say that everybody is right "all the time." We have to take what is "right" from each of these positions, and craft it into a workable, real-world solution. We compromise. We agree to play fair and work together.



Ultimately, the successful implementation of any problem-solving strategy hinges on integrity. Covey states, "The key to the ability to change is a changeless sense of who you are, what you are about and what you value." People have to have principles and use their own moral compass to determine how to best work together.

Play win-win, or don't play.

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Melissa Garcia and Stacey Stoddard shared the winnings in the Turtle Spotting Contest!

A picture of seven turtles sunning on "Flanigan's Island" was submitted on February 13th. Patrick Flanigan judged the picture to be authentic and met with the winners for a picture to present the \$200. cash prize!

Interestingly, when Stacey saw the big clump of turtles, she yelled out to her neighbor, Melissa, to run in the house and get her camera. Melissa, tired after an outing and hauling baby and baby goods, was almost ready to say forget it...but she got the camera, got a good picture and the turtles scurried off. Melissa hurriedly sent the picture to the SCOOP editor and waited for a reply. She was soon disappointed to get a phone call telling her that another entry had come in before hers.

That previous entry was disqualified (by the photographer himself) because one of the turtles upon examination of the enlarged photo was a fish! Melissa was ecstatic to then get another call telling her she had the winning photo. Patrick Flanigan made their day when he presented the prize!



Editor's note: A pat on the back to Patrick Flanigan for creating this fun contest and offering a cash prize. He could have given restaurant credit instead, but didn't want to make this just about advertising his restaurants. Pat's a great community neighbor!

Dredging our Canals and Inlets

by Bob Wright



It has been reported that some residents are having difficulty navigating bigger boats out of our canals and into the North Fork. If this problem continues to worsen, it will affect many more boaters as the mouths of our inlets get more shallow. Navigable waterways enhance the value of all properties here in North River Shores.

As previously mentioned in The SCOOP, we are looking for people willing to serve on a boat-dredging committee. If you have experience in this process, or would just like to help, please call 692-3939 and leave your contact information. The dredging committee will be defining the project objectives, researching costs, summarizing the benefits, identifying funding sources and will present the information to the Board of Directors. We all want navigable waterways and to keep our properties at maximum value. The Board wants to help in that process.

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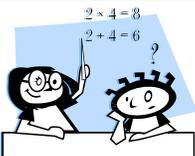


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WEBSITE Now Up and Running!

by Jim Rizzolo

Don't forget we have a new and improved North River Shores website at www.northrivershoresfl.org. The site features information about our beautiful neighborhood and its amenities. We have areas for neighborhood news items, various links, FAQ's, and a great deal more. While the site is available for viewing by all, association members in good standing are invited to register. Registration entitles members to additional information and features such as the ability to download forms, submission privileges, etc. To date, 27 members have registered.

So, come visit, sign on and register!



Maintenance Committee Update

by George Milne

The Maintenance Committee has received five new trash can holders. Two will be placed in Nosaw Park, two around the Lake of the Pines, and one in Lakeside Park.

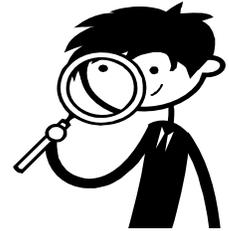
Big kudos and many thanks to committee member, Suzy DiBartolo! Using funding from Martin County, she has completed repairing the stone monument on Coconut Point Circle. That sign was damaged during the hurricane clean-up two years ago.

The committee continues implementing its five-year project. We promise many new details for the next SCOOP issue.

Neighborhood Watch

by Jerry Felton and Fred Felton

The KEY to a successful NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH is that "we all look out for each other".



The Neighborhood Watch Handbook offers some good tips on **HOW TO OBSERVE**.

- #1. You need to **know** who belongs in each house near you and some of their habits.
- #2. Call the sheriff if you see an **unusual activity** and **never get personally involved**.
- #3, #4, #5 You can observe from your own **home**; as you **walk or jog** through your neighborhood and as you are **driving a car or riding a bicycle**.
- #6. If you have a **Cell Phone**, you can quickly call 911.
- #7. **Write** down the dates, times, license plate number & briefly describe the suspicious activity so you can make a more helpful report.
- #8. **You are the eyes and ears, NOT the strong arm of the law.**

In North River Shores, the NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH program has been active for at least 18 years and we have 22 families participating on the NIGHT WATCH PATROL. We follow the rules as explained in the above paragraph and the job is really easy. **More volunteers are needed** and we work around your schedule. Call Jerry or Fred Felton at 692-2729 for more information.

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FREE Boat Safety Inspections

by Trish Littman

Dorothy Starkey Adams, a long-time NRS resident, is a water safety officer and vessel examiner for the voluntary U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 58, in Fort Pierce. As a public service, she provides FREE safety inspections for our residents' boats. No need to worry about traveling and docking... Dorothy comes to your boat and checks the registration, life preservers (PDFs), up-to-date flares, working lights, fire extinguishers, motor boat batteries, and many other items. Depending on boat size, her inspection usually lasts a half-hour. She also hands out pamphlets on Federal boating regulations, fishing, buoys, jet skis, and water safety for children.

So, take advantage of this wonderful service and call **Dorothy at 692-0348** to schedule a safety inspection. As she says, "In addition to preparing you if stopped by the Harbor Patrol, it could save your life."

The Coast Guard Auxiliary also provides public education classes at its Fort Pierce building, including courses for women on handling emergencies aboard a boat. Look for its members in public schools as well, bringing the boating safety message to children of all ages.

Boat Ramp Update

by Bob Wright

During the month of February a few boaters had difficulty operating the boat ramp lock, and some damaged their key in the process. A new lock was ordered and I installed it quickly when it arrived. The new lock operates with the same keys, so there is no need for replacement. We regret any difficulty or inconvenience this may have caused.

On February 11th a key exchange took place at the boat ramp for neighbors who use the red keys. We also posted a sign reminding the remaining red key holders that the red lock was going to be replaced, and gave ample notice of several weeks for key exchange. More than a dozen additional folks contacted me and now have new keys. As posted, the old red lock has been removed. Anyone still holding a red key may call me using the boat ramp phone number and I will meet with you for a key exchange. Please be sure your 2007 ramp maintenance fee is paid and bring the old key with you. The key exchange will only take a few minutes to process.

For any issues related to the boat ramp please call 919-5372. All other community issues should be called in to 692-3939. Your call will be answered as soon as possible and certainly within 24 hours.



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And the Winner is.....

See page 3 to find out about the winner of the Turtle Spotting Contest announced in the last issue of the SCOOP!

The winning photograph is shown at right. How many turtles do you see?



Regular Board meetings are held at 7 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church on Pine Lake Dr. NRSPOA Members are welcome to attend. Any Member in good standing (all assessments paid) wishing to address the Board should call 692-3939 & leave a message not later than 12 noon the Friday before the next scheduled meeting

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