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2014 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.

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Commercial Free

By Glen Gareau

Several residents have contacted the board of directors recently regarding commercial vehicles on numerous properties in North River Shores (NRS). Commercial vehicles are only allowed on your NRS property if they are there for construction or maintenance purposes. If you have read the North River Shores covenants you will come to realize their primary focus is the aesthetic of the neighborhood and maintaining that aesthetic for all property owners' enjoyment. If you talk to a real estate broker about property values they will tell you it is driven by location, curb appeal, and the improvements. Of course North River Shores certainly is a great location. The commercial vehicle covenant is obviously speaking to curb appeal. The founders of NRS wanted to maintain a certain level of "curb appeal" to keep property values high. I would say they did a pretty good job! One of the responsibilities of the board of directors is to facilitate compliance with the covenants to maintain the aesthetic and property values of North River Shores. All of the NRS covenants can be found on the NRS website www.northrivershoresfl.com. The commercial vehicle covenant was modified over the years to the current form as follows:

NRS Covenant #14:

No vehicles of any kind that may be classified or identified as commercial vehicles, including trucks with more than four wheels and truck-tractors, shall be permitted to be parked on any lot or Association property for a period of more than four hours unless the same is present and necessary in the actual maintenance of the land or construction or repair of buildings on the land and no such trucks or any vehicle that exhibits a commercial sign or logo shall be parked on any lot or Association property overnight.

The board has addressed the commercial vehicle issue on numerous occasions in the past and has worked with small business owners living in NRS to meet both their business needs and compliance with the covenants. If you drive or own a commercial vehicle including any vehicle with a business logo or advertisement on it, please use the following guidelines:

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- 1) If your vehicle is not a passenger vehicle or a tow vehicle for a boat or RV and is clearly used strictly for commercial purposes, please leave this vehicle at your place of business.
 - 2) If your vehicle is a passenger vehicle used for a commercial purpose and /or has advertisements on it, and you must bring this vehicle home, please park it in a garage or otherwise obscure its view from the street.
 - 3) If you cannot obscure the view of your commercial vehicle, remove all logos and advertisements (several business owners use magnets and remove them while parked at their NRS residents)
 - 4) If you drive or own a commercial vehicle including any vehicle with a business logo or advertisement on it, the board of directors and your neighbors would greatly appreciate your compliance with these guidelines.
- The board of directors can mandate compliance via legal action, but would rather resolve these matters in a neighborly way. The board has taken legal action in the past and the property owner was forced to remove their vehicle and was also ordered by the court to pay all legal fees incurred by NRS. The board would rather save property owners the legal fees and simply have everyone comply with these guidelines in the spirit of maintaining the aesthetic of NRS that the covenants created and which has maintained our property values all these years.
- If you have a specific question or concern regarding commercial vehicles in NRS, please call the board at 772-692-3939 leave a message in our new eVoice system and someone will get back to you promptly.



EVER WISH THERE WAS AN EASY WAY YOU COULD SHRED SOME OF THOSE OLD BILLS & PERSONAL PAPERS?

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

3rd Annual Shred Day
First Presbyterian Church of Stuart at
1715 NW Pine Lake Drive
Saturday, April 12th, 2013
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.

Christian Education Committee is planning activities for the kids during that period, 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!!



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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.

Leonard & Dawn Morgan	Kenneth & Debra Brewer
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Margaret Gibbs	M. Lanning & Jane Fox
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Anonymous	Dr. Ralph Baker
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GOLD STATUS: Any NRS property owner gifting \$100 to \$199 above the amount of the annual membership fee.

Bobby Ray Farmer

PLATINUM STATUS: Any NRS property owner gifting \$200 or more above the amount of the annual fee.

Pat Deerin

Construction at the Boat Ramp

By Glen Gareau

The Board has selected Holman Marine to replace the dock and repair the scour hole at the boat ramp. It was not a difficult decision when you consider their proposal was to do the work for only the cost of the materials. Jeff Holman is a resident of North River Shores and we trust he will do a great job. The proposed repairs are scheduled for the first week in April. The ramp may not be accessible while the dock is being replaced. Please plan your boating accordingly. The repairs will be funded from the Kupfrian fund pursuant to the wishes of the Kupfrian family. Its families like the Holmans and Kupfrians that make North River Shores the best place to live in Martin County!

Social Committee

By Mary Rose Bressman, Social Committee Chairman

Hi neighbors!

I think all can all agree the 2014 NRSPOA Winter Snowstorm was a huge success. The joy seen in the faces in these pictures says it all! Thanks to so many of you for coming out. It was our biggest crowd to date. We would like to host another summer kick-off party at the sandbar as we did last year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7th at 11 am. If you do not have access to a boat and would like to participate, contact me and I will help organize rides. Look for detailed information as the date gets closer.

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Captain Kevin's Fishing Report

By Captain Kevin Drennan



We have been catching plenty of Spanish mackerel south of the St. Lucie Inlet. A lot of them have been jumbos which are great for smoking. Some days they can be trolled with glass minnow jigs but when they are on the bottom, we tip the jig with a piece of shrimp and bounce it along bottom and we always get a hit. We limited out several times on lane snapper off of the Loran Tower in seventy five feet of water. We also caught our limit of beeliners on a subsequent trip along with porgy, and triggerfish. The dolphin and sailfish biter has been sporadic with a few fish being caught. There are whiting, bluefish, jacks, and an occasional pompano in the surf. A few pompano are also being caught at the causeway bridges and Sailfish Flats. There are plenty of jacks and lady fish in the rivers along with an occasional snook. A few cobia have also been caught near the beaches. We are looking forward to a nice run of mahi in the next month or so.

Captain Kevin

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

By Jerry Felton

The Martin County Sheriff Encourages ANYONE who sees or hears SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY please CALL 911.



Every month, the Martin County Sheriff compiles statistical reports listing the 911 telephone calls from all of its neighborhoods. In January 2014, 55 calls came from North River Shores. According to the report, ten incidents required animal control. Five reported vandalism and four calls related to disturbances. One call was received in each of the following categories: armed & dangerous, assault, burglary, civil papers process, drug activity, fraud, juvenile trouble, missing person, patrol area building, road rage, shooting in area, suspicious incident, suspicious vehicle and theft.



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The application and criteria are on the NRSPOA web site 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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Beautification & Maintenance

By Chuck Romano

Let me share with you a few of the maintenance and beautification items that we tended to since our last Scoop. The first was our regular mulching. This includes all of the parks, their trees and shrubs. It also includes our front entrance on NRS Blvd. Skip Jones, the fellow who's been caring for our parks, was chosen for this project because he has a tried and true method rather than someone who will just dump bags of mulch here and there. Skip first pulls the weeds and then treats each area with a strong batch of weed killer prior to putting down the new mulch. Mulching, like trimming, is something that has to be done on a regular basis in order to insure that all of our precious green spaces always look cared for and inviting.

Another item which we took care of was the removal of a dead queen palm from the triangle at Harbor Place-where the anchor is. The queen, which was one of 3 on the triangle, was about 14 feet tall and simply declined due to natural causes. The other two queens are healthy and need a replacement to complement the triangle and the space left by the removed tree. Most likely we'll arrange for a replacement tree very soon so the triangle looks complete again. As you remember we faced a similar task when one of our large royal palms was struck by lightning.

The next and final item concerns the net on our basketball court at NOSAW Park. Of course if you don't play basketball or have children that enjoy the sport, you simply wouldn't have noticed the net was missing. It has been replaced several times in the past years. Once by Len Morgan and twice recently by Sean Quinn, a near by neighbor. Those replacements were a metal chain type net, which for some reason becomes undone and is just about impossible to put back together. So it simply hangs there further coming apart and eventually has to be taken down. This time, after researching the nets used at public parks, we put up a heavy duty, outdoor nylon net. This was done on February 21. We'll keep an eye on it and see how it holds up. Go out and shoot some hoops with your children.

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2014 – 2015 School Year has begun!

Parents and guardians of children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2014 should register their child(ren) with the elementary school in their attendance zone.

**North River Shores is zoned for
Felix A. Williams Elementary.**

Registration packets at Felix A. Williams can be picked up/dropped off during the

Hours: 7:10 – 4 pm

Address: 401 NW Baker Road, Stuart, FL 34994

Phone: 772-219-1640

Tours of the school will be the week of **May 12, 13 & 15 between 9 and 10:30 am.** Please call the school to schedule your visit.

**Contact Mr. Marder -
Principal of Felix A. Williams**
with any concerns or to set up a tour.
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May/June	May 12	June 1
July/August	July 14	August 1
September/October	September 15	October 1
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 or regular mail: 1323 NW Spruce Ridge Drive, Stuart, FL 34994.



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