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Paying it Forward

By Glen Gareau

Aside from its beauty and location, one of the best things about of living in North River Shores is its residents. In no other place that I have lived, have I seen so many residents pay it forward by contributing to the quality of life in their community. Unbeknownst to some of you, your neighbors contribute to our community in ways you could not even imagine. Most recently Jeff Holman and his father Wayne Holman spent several days reconstructing the boat ramp dock. The association only paid for the materials. The Holman's did all the work for free. Of course we paid for the dock materials from the generous donation of the Kupfrian family over 14 years ago, they asked that the gift be used strictly for the boat ramp. I can't mention the boat ramp without mentioning the contributions by Pete Meir and Bob Wright over the years. Pete made sure our ramp was set to the correct slope so that our trucks don't end up in the water or sliding down the ramp. Bob created the key contract and database we use today. Bet you did not know that he waded out into the water to lift a neighbor's boat trailer that was stuck in the scour hole. Several years ago after several flat tires, Bob figured out the steel lifting hoops used to install the concrete ramp had rusted into four spikes, and he cut them off (underwater) with a hack saw. Bob Wright and his sons Austin and Charlie recently helped replace the fenders on the dock pilings, replacing the ones Bob installed several years previous.

If you have ever used the ramp, you pulled the chain through a metal channel that was welded up by Bud Woodruff. If you ever bounced a basketball off the rim at Nosaw Park you should thank Len Morgan and Chuck Romano for all the times they replaced the net, fixed the back board, or striped the court.

In previous scoop articles you may have read about anonymous donations to replace fallen trees. Every year the association receives monetary donations with a note "for beautification". While I was leaving the Boat Ramp one morning I noticed a resident plucking weeds from one of the landscaped triangles.

You probably already know about all the residents that helped build the park improvements with their own hands, but did you know that Andy Nadalin sent a load of dirt to Lake Park that Joe Evans, Andres Castellanos, and I shoveled and compacted to repair the bank erosion in Lake Park from a storm just two weeks before the recent Snow Storm Party. Suzy DiBartolo made sure the sod got installed the very next day.

If volunteer hours were repaid as an extra hour of life, I think Suzy DiBartolo would live to be a million years old. The easiest way I know to describe her is "if a tree, bush, flower, or shrub in one of our parks does not look like mother nature put it there, you can bet Suzy did."

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The Dock is Done

By Glen Gareau

Thanks to Jeff and Wayne Holman (Holman Marine Construction) the boat ramp dock has been reconstructed, and not a moment too soon. The 5/8 bolt in the picture below was what was holding up a stringer that was holding up the deck boards. It's a miracle the dock did not collapse under its own weight.



Wayne and Anne Holman are originally from New Jersey and bought a home in NRS in 2009. When the Holmans heard we were planning to replace the dock they immediately offered to do the work. The Holmans attended the annual members meeting in November and introduced themselves to the Board and offered to do the work for the cost of materials only. Once the 2014 budget was approved and we received several competitive bids, it was an easy decision for the Board of Directors to accept the Holman's generous offer.

The existing deck boards were 2 x 8 instead of the traditional 2 x 6 and are probably why the decking lasted as long as it did. The Board decided to replace the decking with the same 2 x 8 deck boards and to use stainless steel bolts and deck screws. Once the demolition was finished our decision to use only stainless steel bolts was validated. Several bolts in the cross

bucks and stringers were badly rusted to less than half of their original diameter. Thankfully the pillings seemd to be ok. The Holmans built the dock as if they were building it for themselves and it shows.

Once the dock was reconstructed, Bob Wright and his sons Austin and Charlie replaced the five (5) fenders that were mounted on the pilings.



The Holmans and Wrights did a beautiful job that should last for many years to come. If you are in need of a marine contractor I highly recommend you give Jeff Holman a call 772-284-1834.

While installing the fenders we discovered that in addition to the scour hole, the end of the ramp has been undermined. The power loading of vessels onto trailers is what created the scour hole and will continue to undermine the end of the ramp. If the ramp continues to be undermined it will eventually crack at which point it will need to be removed and replaced. The Board of Directors is investigating repair options to fill the scour hole and repair the undermined portion of the ramp. Please do not use your engine to load your boat onto its trailer at the NRS Boat Ramp.

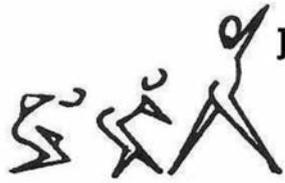


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The NRSPOA Board established three gift categories to allow all NRS residents, whether members of the association or not, to contribute towards the maintenance of our beautiful community. These donations are kept in a special fund used exclusively for the upkeep and improvement of our common areas – parks, entrance sign, plantings and boat ramp. We like to recognize all donors in *The SCOOP*.

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	Heidi Dodd
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Margaret Gibbs	Marcus Remington
Robert & Joyce Johnston	Catherine Simcich
Rozann Chubb	Dr. Ralph Baker
Anonymous	Mark Feltman
Ronald & Peggy McCord	Dave & Katie Preston
Kenneth & Debra Brewer	

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.

Dr. Ralph Baker
Pat Deerin

Social Committee

By Mary Rose Bressman, Social Committee Chairman

I am happy to report we had another wonderful summer kickoff party at the spoil island near Sandsprit Park on June 7th. We went with the marketing idea of branding it the 'summer snowstorm' to help the neighborhood realize this party can be just as big and great as the winter snowstorm with enough interest! Hopefully we are on the path there. It was certainly a relaxing and fun day for all who attended.

Enjoy whatever your summer might bring, be it travel or relaxation. As always, I encourage you to get to know your neighbors. This is an amazing group of people!

BG'S MART



BG's Mart is now open in the same plaza as Pinch-A-Penny Pool store at the entrance to North River Shores in Stuart Florida. We have a little bit of everything and are still adding more product to our shelves. Currently, hotdogs, cold sandwiches, coffee, bagels, donuts, sodas, chips, candy, grocery items, cold beer, cigarettes, lotto and more are available. We strive to be a neighborhood store with neighborhood prices. If there is something that we do not have please feel free to ask an employee and we will do our best to put it in the store as soon as possible. We also have a Facebook page that we update with our current specials at <http://www.facebook.co/BgsMartStuart>. Come by and visit us, we appreciate your support!

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Captain Kevin's Fishing Report

By Captain Kevin Drennan

It has been a very windy April and May has started out the same but we were still able to get a few trips in. Dolphin are being caught in decent numbers with some fish up to thirty five pounds in water from one hundred and twenty to three hundred feet. A few sails are also in the mix along with some cobia. We maxed out on vermillion snapper in seventy feet of water off of the Loran Tower along with lanes, triggerfish and porgy. Smoker King mackerel are also being caught in the same area. A few pompano are still being caught in the surf which is a bit unusual for May. Jacks, lady fish and an occasional bonefish are being caught on shrimp tipped jigs around the inlet. Snook season closes at the end of the month but they can be found around the bridges and docks on live baits and plastics. We are looking forward to calmer seas and the tarpon moving into the area.

Captain Kevin

Hurricane Season! What to do with your pets

By Mary Rose Bressman, DVM

The Humane Society suggests these following steps to help you prepare your pet for a hurricane.

1. Evacuate with your animals!
2. Provide the needs of your pets during and after the evacuation in a pet evacuation kit.
3. Make sure your pet is up to date on all vaccinations
4. Have your pet micro-chipped
5. Create an identification file for each pet
6. Secure accommodations for your pet before the storm

Hurricanes are out of our control. However, planning for a disaster is something we can all do. Prepare, provide, and protect you and your pets this hurricane season. Always include your pets in your evacuation plans, and prepare for worst case scenarios. The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast and several local veterinary clinics will take in and care for domestic animals during hurricanes. Pre-registration is required as space is limited so be sure to research these options now.

Necessities for your pets include: at least three days of fresh food and water in airtight, waterproof containers, an extra supply of medications, a copy of your pet's vaccinations and medical records in a clear plastic bag, a first aid kit, a crate or carrier large enough so that your pet can completely turn around and lie down, and requirements for sanitation like pet litter, newspapers, towels and bleach. Your pet should wear a collar with it's rabies tag and identification at all times and ideally your pet should be micro-chipped and enrolled in a recovery database.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

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.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

* The Sheriff wants TO HEAR from you. DO NOT BE SHY. He encourages everyone to be alert to suspicious activities and to call 911.

* You can follow the Sheriff's office activities on FACEBOOK.

* Community Operations TEAM is new. The following people make up the TEAM and are in charge of our monthly meetings at the Martin County Sheriff's office on the second Thursday evening of the month. They are Steve Leighton, director of Business and Government Affairs; Christine Christofek, Public Information Officer; Trisha Kukupka, the Community Programs Coordinator. The Administrative Assistant is Laurie Weber. If you have a concern, you should email Laurie at ljweber@sheriff.martin.fl.us

Every month the Sheriff's office makes available statistical reports listing 911 calls from each neighborhood in Martin County. According to these reports, about 55 NRS residents call 911 each month.



NRS PATROL

Our Neighborhood Watch program includes an active patrol. Hope you will join us. We have one person on patrol every day or night for an hour. The individual or couple chooses the date & hour for their patrol. Presently, some of us drive twice a month. If we have more volunteers, everyone could drive only once a month. We always stay in our car. If we are suspicious about something, we call 911.

If you would like to know more about our patrol or to receive a statistical report please call me at 692-2729.

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Beautification & Maintenance

By Chuck Romano

In our last *Scoop* it was mentioned that all of our mulching was complete. Well, as it turned out we got a little ahead of ourselves in order to meet a publishing deadline. As of this writing we are still finishing up details in each of the parks. Most recently NOSAW park was given its finishing touches with a generous covering of mulch around the sign, trees and benches. We even mulched around several mail boxes for our neighbors across the street. We'll continue to focus on details in the other parks and around the duck pond until we're done. And before you know it we'll be into the rainy season. Hopefully we won't have to deal with any severe storms. Throughout that period we'll make note of the areas in need of care and continue with our upkeep. As we all know, there's always something that has to be pruned, trimmed or simply refreshed.



DAY CAMP OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STUART

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WHAT: MAD (Music, Art & Drama) Camp – including singing, acting, dancing and set design for production of *WHAT'S UP, ZAK?* (Final production to be performed on Friday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m.)

WHO: Children entering 3rd thru 8th grades

WHEN: July 7th thru 18th (M-F) -- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (With Lunch & Snacks)

COST: \$50 total (includes \$10 non-refundable registration fee)

QUESTIONS? Contact Rev. JoAnn Germershausen, Camp Director, 772/692-0500 or via email: office.stuartpres@gmail.com

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WHO: Age 7 thru Adult

WHEN: July 21st thru July 25th – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

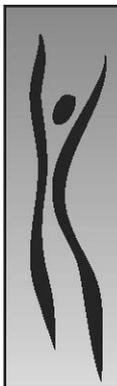
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July 28th thru August 1st – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BRING: Jumping clothes (no skirts/dresses), athletic shoes (no clogs or fashion sneakers), your own nutritious snack, lunch & water bottle)

COST: \$100 (Includes instruction, high-quality bead rope, team T-shirt & drawstring bag (numerous savings options available))

QUESTIONS? Stop by church office or visit website: www.stuartpres.org/newsletter.php to get registration forms



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Paying it Forward

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Did you know that over 25 of your neighbors patrol our streets day and night as part of Neighborhood Watch organized for many years by Jerry Felton. When the front entrance sign needed to be repainted, Steve Biglin stepped up and did a professional job. If you appreciate seeing old glory waving at the main entrance, thank Chuck Romano for all the times he has replaced the flag over the years. In case you just moved here, Suzy DiBartolo dressed up the landscape Islands at the entrance just a few years ago. Of course it was Bob Wright and his trusty trailer that hand loaded and hauled all the paver bricks.

Did you apply for a NRS college scholarship this year? If you did, Gene VanCurren and the scholarship committee will be sending you a letter in a few weeks. It was Gene and I that built the bench around the oak tree at the swing set.

If you live on a canal you can thank Gordon Craig and Rick Wood for preparing the surveys and organizing the 1995 dredging project which laid the ground work for permitting the maintenance dredging in our canals two years ago. Gordon also convinced Martin County to help fund a portion of the 2012 dredging project.

As you know the Board of Directors is made up of nine (9) volunteers with no benefits other than the satisfaction of knowing they contributed to the quality of life in their community. We would not have the park improvements or the new dock if it were not for the commitment of Cathy Ellis and others to the principles that created NRS and maintain it to this day.

The sense of community in NRS is not something new.....in fact it goes all the way back to the beginning. Old sales brochures had phrases that read "A Distinctive Community Where Families Come First and Natural Beauty Abounds" and "NRS... A Family Community Maintained with Pride". We can only hope that the next generation of NRS residents will also pay it forward.....

Its neighbors and families, paying it forward, that make living in North River Shores so wonderful.

Email Contacts:

I have recently updated the email list for North River Shores.

An evite was sent out with information about our summer snowstorm party. If you did not receive the evite, there is not an email on file to contact you. We use the evite list for invitations to our NRSPOA parties.

This is a great way to keep up to date on social gatherings in North River Shores.

If you would like to add or change an email address, please send your name, street address and email address to lisaravelo@hotmail.com



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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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