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Duck Pond Phase I Complete

By Glen Gareau

On Saturday September 13th from 9:00 – 11 am about 40 of our residents and one or two out of town guests helped us get started with the replanting of the littoral zone of the Duck Pond. We truly had a great time wading out into the water with our garden trowels. Thankfully know one fell all the way in or needed to be rescued.

We planted Coastal Spike Rush and Bull Rush in the deeper areas first followed by Pickerelweed about 2 feet apart. Then we planted Duck Potato / Arrow Head closer to the water's edge. In the deeper areas we are planting some Fragrant Water Lily. Pickerelweed will put out a beautiful cone shaped purple flower and Duck Potato a small white one. The littoral zone width and depth varies around the pond so the exact location of each plant species also varies. The plants may look sparse at first, but once the plants get established they will begin to naturally fill in the areas in between.

The plants will improve water quality in the pond, prevent erosion, and provide habitat for wading birds, wild life, and hopefully improve the quality of the fishing as well. Not to mention how beautiful they will look once they have filled in and start to flower.

A big THANK YOU to Scott McNabb of the SFWMD for building the Wood Duck nesting boxes and project guidance. A huge Thank You to Jeff Holman of Holman Marine for helping us install the 10 foot pilings the nesting boxes are sitting on. We also need to thank Austin Wright, Charlie Wright, and Christian Scirrotto for helping us map the elevations of the pond bottom and its littoral zones.



Tight Lines and Smooth Drags

By Glen Gareau

Hope everyone had the chance to do a little fishing this summer, while it was a hot one we certainly had plenty of fishing opportunities both locally as well as in the Keys, and Bahamas. Johnathan Bressman came across a school of Jack Crevalle near the St Lucie inlet and got plenty of practice fighting several fish up to 15 lbs. on lite tackle..

Joe Evans made several trips to the Bahamas and came back with plenty of Hog Snapper, Grouper, Yellow Tail, Tuna, and Dolphin to share with neighbors. Summer is nearly over and it's time to go Snook fishing once again.

While vacationing in the Keys my niece Kaitlyn and I caught a pair of nice Grouper, and several Yellow Tail Snapper.

It's my favorite time of year again when millions of mullet migrate into the St Lucie and Indian Rivers. This year we got an early start to the mullet run just in time for the opening of Snook season on September 1st. Normally we don't see the mullet run start until around the middle of September. Last week we saw one of the most incredible Snook feeding frenzies I have ever witnessed as the Snook were jumping out of the water and explosions and popping sounds abound as a school of Snook were feeding on a school of finger size mullet. I like to refer to this as the "popcorn machine". I have posted a video from a few years ago that can be viewed on the NRS web site, go check it out. If you have never witnessed the "popcorn machine" the month of October is probably the best time to go cruising the lighted docks and bridges in our area and you will likely see one. This week the early wave of mullet has thinned out and we are hoping the main body of the mullet run gets here soon.

Offshore the Sail Fish bite this summer was outstanding as several boats reported double digit releases. There have been a few Dolphin caught recently but most were barley big enough to keep. The month of October we may see a few of the larger Dolphin heading back through our area as they migrate to the Carolinas.

In November we should start to see the Spanish Mackerel schools showing up just south of the inlet, so stock up on your favorite Mackerel lures as these toothy little guys will take a few from you. If you have young anglers at home the Spanish Mackerel fishing is a great way get them excited about fishing as the action is usually non-stop once you find the school of fish. You can simply look for all the other boats and join the melee or turn on your bottom machine and find your own school of Mackerel and avoid playing bumper boats with the crowds.

The other thing going on this time of year is the Spring Tide. Spring tides are much higher than normal tides and we typically see them in September and October every year. Check you dock lines and or lift as water levels in our canals will be a 1-2 feet higher than normal for the next two months.





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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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For the Social Committee

By Mary Rose Bressman

Thank you to all of the wonderful neighbors who came out to help with the duck pond replanting on Saturday, September 13th. We had fun and it was rewarding to help beautify the community and do something good for the environment at the same time. Remember middle school and high school students in need of volunteer hours: volunteering to help with projects like the duck pond replanting and neighborhood park beautification efforts can get you some of those hours. Also, your neighbors really appreciate your help!

It is time to get the NRSPOA Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange on your calendar! Marcie and Mike Ferraro have again graciously offered to us their beautiful home at 1810 NW River Trail. It is on Wednesday, December 10th at 7 pm and all adults in the neighborhood are invited. Don't be shy men...this is not just for the ladies! Please bring at least a double batch of your favorite homemade cookies to share and trade, and a container in which to take your selections home. We will provide drinks and some 'non-sugary' snacks. We look forward to sharing some holiday cheer with each of you!

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Captain Kevin's Fishing Report

By Captain Kevin Drennan



Fall is here and changes in the fishing patterns are coming. Snook season has opened and we are off to a good start. They are being caught off the beaches in the mullet schools that are moving through. They are also in the rivers at the bridges and the canals of the north fork of the St. Lucie River. We had two keepers last week along with a couple of twenty pound tarpon on live finger mullet. Offshore has been somewhat slow with a few dolphin and kings being boated. The bottom fishing has been good. We have been limiting on vermillion and lane snapper with a few yellowtail and trigger fish mixed in.

Unfortunately porgy has been shut down until January. This is the first time this has occurred and the closure is a blow to all of the head boats. We are looking forward to the fall dolphin run and the return of Spanish mackerel.

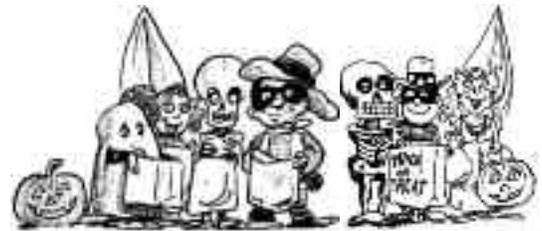
Captain Kevin

Trunk-or-Treat Halloween You are Invited!

Date: Friday, October 31st
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Place: Martin County Sheriff's Office
800 SE Monterey Road



Everyone is invited to the Martin County Sheriff's Trunk-or-Treat Halloween. Come fill your treat bags, and enjoy free hot dogs, snow cones and popcorn, and for the little ones, a bounce house!



JB Schmoyer with dinner!
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

By Jerry Felton

News from the Martin County Sheriff

The sheriff's office thanks residents for past tips, leads and help in finding the Pillowcase Burglars and criminal activity.

Neighborhood Watch meetings

County-wide meetings aimed at preventing crime in our neighborhood will be held at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Martin County Sheriff's office, 800 SE Monterey Road.

During the summer months, the sheriff's office hosted trips to various facilities and field offices, including a bus ride to Indiantown, a tour of the Communication Center (911) and the Executive Airport at Witham Field.

For more information on the county-wide meetings or the North River Shores Neighborhood Watch program, call 692-2729.

Announcements from Sept. 11 county-wide meeting

- Money and laptops were stolen as a result of a rash of car break-ins.
- Martin County Sheriff's new CodeRED system was tested. If you've signed up, you should have received a call back. For more information on CodeRED, see www.martin.fl.us/em or call the Martin County's emergency management department at 772-287-1652, option 6.
- If you need help on the water, the sheriff's marine patrol covers three miles out to Okeechobee and 200 miles of coastline. There are five large boats and two flat boats maintained at three sites on Hutchinson Island near (Indian River Plantation), Sailfish Point and in the Palm City area.

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

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Could pickleball be in our future? If you never heard of pickleball, it's sometimes referred to as miniature tennis. It's played with paddles and a plastic ball on a court that is 20' x 44". We already have a number of enthusiasts in our neighborhood that have purchased a portable net and paddles. It can be played as singles or doubles and before the hot weather set in, a group was out on our basketball court on a weekly basis. They even drew temporary lines of a different color. This matter will most likely be discussed at the September board meeting which will take place before you get this *Scoop*. I'm sure there will be more information in the December *Scoop*. Keep in mind that all high school and college gymnasiums are multi purposed simply by having a variety of different color lines on the floor area so as to accommodate a variety of sports. That's the game plan for the basketball court.

As a follow up to the vandalism mentioned in the last *Scoop*, we would like to thank Scott of Harbor Bay Marine. He and his men, who happened to be working nearby, took time out and reset the anchor that was moved by very strong vandals on July 3. Scott has assisted our community in the past by moving and setting large decorative boulders in our parks and triangles

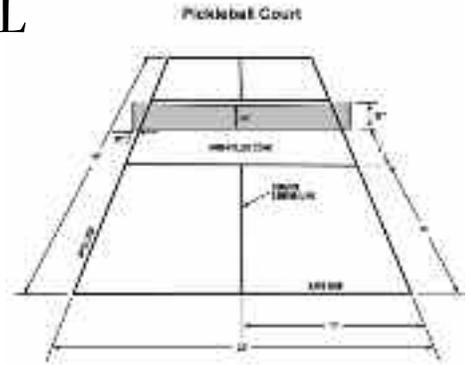
Looking to the future we're already thinking about our annual mangrove trimming and other routine maintenance chores which will include the 18 queen palms on NRS Blvd. Yes, they belong to us. Hopefully we'll have another season without a major storm.

PICKLE BALL EXPO

By Barbara Brown

October 11th, 2014
9:00 A.M.

Where:
Basketball Court/Boat Ramp Park



Pickle Ball is a new and increasingly popular game. It's a hybrid of ping-pong, tennis, and badminton, and is coming to our neighborhood! Please come out and watch a demo of how a new Pickle Ball court will be used in the park by old and young alike. You can give it a try. We're planning to create a Pickle Ball Court for the Residents of North River Shores and you can learn the basics by attending the Expo.



An EVITE will be sent to all residents of North River Shores and we hope that everyone comes out to learn how it is played. All of us can enjoy the court!



Pickleball Paddle

The paddle is similar to a ping pong paddle in that it is solid and easily maneuverable with a turn of the wrist. When game was invented, wooden paddles were used and are still used at many institutions due to lower cost. The best quality paddles are made of lightweight fiberglass due to their lower weight and higher durability. Fiberglass paddles come in a variety of bright colors.

Pickleball Ball

A pickleball is similar to a wiffball, but it is made with a more rigid, heavy material and has smaller holes. They come in three colors — white, yellow and orange.



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"The 2015 Team"

By Glen Gareau

The North River Shores property owners association is a team with the common goal of improving the quality of life in our neighborhood. The board of directors is made up of volunteers charged with making decisions for the benefit of ALL of the home owners in North River Shores "The Team."

Suzy DiBartolo heads up the park maintenance committee and has volunteered countless hours along with other volunteers over the years to beautify and maintain the landscaping of our parks and common areas. In 2013 with the support of "The Team" the board spent \$35,000 in reserve funds to construct the first major park improvements in nearly 50 years. The 2014 the board was barely able to fund \$3,000 in littoral zone planting improvements to the Duck Pond.

A group of residents has approached the board this year about building a pickle ball court. If you don't know what pickle ball is, please plan on attending the upcoming exhibition game at Nosaw Park or research the internet. The board is currently working on the 2015 budget and is struggling to find funds to continue to make park improvements without raising the assessment. If the 125 non-members contributed the same \$185 as members do, we would have \$23,000 to make park improvements in 2015.

North River Shores is the best neighborhood in Martin County. Where else can you find ½ acre lots, extremely low maintenance costs, minimal deed restrictions, and be close to everything with private access to the St Lucie River. Our annual assessments are very low because we don't have to fund the maintenance of our drainage system or roads as a new subdivision would. It doesn't get any better than we have it as far as I am concerned. If you don't believe me look around. Pinecrest Lakes in Jensen Beach is a neighborhood built in 1980 with comparable large lot sizes. Pinecrest Lakes has two parks with tennis courts and child play sets. Pinecrest Lakes residents pay over \$700 a year in association/maintenance fees. A portion of their fees pays for the services of a management company. I guess you need to hire a management company to keep up with the 32 sections of their land use, building, and landscape restrictions. If you think our deed restrictions are tough, I suggest you read a copy of Pinecrest Lakes' deed restrictions. Any changes to your landscaping or home must be

approved by the architectural review board. Boats, RV, Trailers, must be screened from view, so find a spot in the backyard for your boat. Don't like that big tree in your front yard. In Pinecrest Lakes you can't remove trees over 6 inches in diameter unless you replace it elsewhere on your lot.

The founders of NRS did a great job designing our neighborhood, but the one flaw was letting the deed restrictions automatically expire after 50 years. This technicality has divided the North River Shores Team and in my opinion diminishes our quality of life and lowers our property values. Imagine the amenities we could have in our parks if everyone on "The Team" was contributing.

I know some people don't want to be "members" because they are afraid of the deed restrictions, but they will be the first to say they contribute every year. If you read the scoop you will quickly discover only a hand full of non-members actually contribute to the maintenance of our community every year. The North River Shores deed restrictions are very basic and are primarily focused on providing everyone the same view of the water. Most non-members think NRS water front setbacks are more restrictive than Martin County codes, but in reality that is not the case. Ask the owner of the new home on Fork Road near the Duck Pond. The Martin County set back from the river was actually 10 feet more than the NRS setback. While NRS side lot setbacks are 15 feet and Martin Counties are 10. We have a variance process in our deed restrictions that most other subdivisions do not. The board approves several variances every year. In 2013 the board even went so far as to allow a buyer to apply for a variance before closing on the sale.

The residents have told the board that they would like to see more amenities in our parks, but we need the entire team to contribute to make that happen. So, if you are not a member of "The Team", I implore you to join. If you don't want to be a "member" of "The Team", you can still contribute to success of "The Team". Remember a rising tide lifts all boats the same as community amenities raise ALL property values.

Please join me in supporting the 2015 NRS team!!!





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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 or regular mail: 1323 NW Spruce Ridge Drive, Stuart, FL 34994.

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