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FROM THE PRESIDENTS PODIUM Isaac Newton’s First Law of Motion (Inertia) established the rule...”Objects in motion tend to stay in motion, and objects at rest tend to stay at rest unless an outside force acts upon them.” The Board, our Committees, and our Management Team are still very much in motion and the enthusiasm and support from our homeowners is the force that propels that momentum. Our June HOA meeting was jam packed with information, explanations and action!

We recently met with District 3 County Commissioner, Roy Alaimo, to discuss issues that impact our Shores homeowners including safety on our crosswalks, speeding, the impact of new development, conservation, communication, our Ball Field/Tennis Court Amenities and the widening of Shores Boulevard. We now have a written confirmation that sidewalks will be installed on both sides of Shores Boulevard as expected by our homeowners and as required by our PUD (Planned Unit Development).

We have reviewed the drainage videos and reports that were conducted on several of our most serious drainage issues. We voted to authorize the repair of two of our most severely collapsed drains. That work will begin soon and impacted homeowners will be notified by letter.

The entranceway canopy of the Riverview Club is in need of replacement and the Board approved the purchase of a marine blue canopy with cream trim and lettering, along with the repairs that are needed for the supporting frame. Look for this aesthetic and functional improvement to the clubhouse’s front entrance in the Fall.

Recently, we became aware that there are several areas of marcite that have come loose in the pool. After confirming that the pool had not been resurfaced for at least a decade, maybe more, we started obtaining quotes for the resurfacing of the pool during the winter months. In the meantime, we hope that our pool members take advantage of the various pool classes that are being offered including aqua aerobics (included in the pool membership cost) and Water Zumba.

We nominated and appointed Skip Abrams to fill the 7th seat on the Board of Directors. Skip's contributions to the insurance process during the Riverview Club Renovation project were invaluable and we are honored that he has joined the team!

The General Manager provided an in-depth report about work throughout the community. She addressed the roles and benefits of living in an HOA along with updates on landscaping, tree trimming, maintenance, deed violations, lakes, fountains, financials, rentals, new signage, political signs, political flags, Airbnb's and more. The old wooden fence that encloses the HVAC system is failing and is going to be replaced soon with a six foot white vinyl fence.

We now have a brand new website at staugshores.com that is both visually beautiful and user-friendly. Homeowners can easily navigate between four main topics including Residents, The Riverview Club, Payments and Swimming Pool to gather pertinent information. Our monthly digital newsletter is also packed full of useful information and can easily be subscribed to at no cost by signing up for it on the website.

The Shores is growing...we don't abide by inertia. After months of solid planning and prioritizing, we are moving forward with necessary improvements to the community.

I wish you and your family a fun and safe 4th of July!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jenson".

Mary Jenson, HOA Board President
St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation

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CONNECT

WITH US



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Join Us at Riverview Club

ACC Committee	July 8th	6:00pm
HOA Board Meeting	July 11th	6:00pm

New Website!

www.staugshores.com

The official website of St. Augustine
Shores & Riverview Club

HOA Payment *options* *that make sense.*

As a homeowner in St. Augustine Shores, there is an HOA fee that must be paid on the first of each month towards the Master Association.

If you live in a Condo Community, you are required to pay Association dues to your Condo Community and the Master Association.

Many residents don't understand why the HOA charges a monthly fee.

Think of it like a big blanket that covers the entire community. Every owner pays into the Association and the income is pooled together to help pay the Association's monthly operating expenses.

Your monthly dues cover expenses such as street lighting, storm water drainage repairs, landscaping of common grounds, pond & lake maintenance, fountain electricity, fountain maintenance, signage, lights for signs, flags and flag poles,

pier maintenance, clubhouse pest control, tree trimming, amenity repairs and maintenance, Association payroll, CPA/Tax Services, legal services, collections services, taxes, insurance, janitorial services, trash removal services on common property, and the list goes on...

There are so many expenses each month that the Association pays, that's it's very important that all homeowners pay their HOA dues on time each month. We make it convenient to pay your Association dues:

Option 1: Sign up for ACH auto debit

Option 2: Pay on our website using a credit card.

Option 3: Mail us a check before the 1st of each month.

For more information, please call 904-797-6441.

FEATURED DIRECTOR



Meet Skip Abrams, HOA Board Director:

1. What initially interested you in running for a seat on the Board of Directors? As a volunteer for the board assisting with the settlement of the insurance claim for The Riverview Club, I recognized that the Board was passionate about making sure that The Shores was the best community in St. Johns County. Managing through change is challenging. I felt I could help with the process.

2. What kind of professional experience do you bring to the position? I retired to The Shores after a career in Florida as an insurance adjuster. I have handled multi-million-dollar claims, managed teams and ultimately served as Senior Vice President of a claim division. I have managed operations exceeding budget expectations for revenue and expense management.

3. Now that you've been on the Board for awhile, what do you see as the Board's greatest challenges and opportunities? Maintaining an aging infrastructure while improving our amenities to meet an ever-increasing expectation of excellence from our owners. I think technology will play a big part in improving the owners' experience.

4. What is your overall vision for the Shores community? The Shores is a mix of established and brand-new communities. I foresee new residents coming together with established owners to learn how The Shores has evolved and build upon that history to make The Shores the community of choice for families.

All in a Day's work. . .



**We were
at the right
place, at
the right
time.**

By: Shanna Fredrickson, CAM

A couple weeks ago, Board President Mary Jenson and I had a meeting with vendors out in the community.

On our drive back to the office we saw something catch our eye near Holiday Lake. It was a tan little dog and he looked lost.

We stopped the car and hopped out to see if his owners were around, but it looked like he might have gone on an adventure without his pet parents.

I have a huge heart for animals, having three dogs of my own so I just couldn't leave him out there alone. I called out to him and waited for him to come over to me, which he did. He was hot and tired. We scooped him up and brought him into the car to sit in the air conditioning to cool off.

And then we went door knocking to find out if anyone knew where his home was. After a few tries, we found his owner, who had been looking for him and was in tears to be reunited with her fur baby. We were at the right place, at the right time and were so happy to save a dog's day!

ARE YOU
REGISTERED TO



Primary Election: August 20th
General Election: November 5th

*Riverview Club is **not** an early voting location*

DID YOU KNOW? The Riverview Club is an election day polling location for many Shores homeowners. To confirm your polling location, visit: www.votesjc.gov

We understand that election season can bring out differing views and opinions. Remember, we are all neighbors first and even though we may not share the same views on politics, we can often find common ground in the activities we participate in around the community like fishing, swimming, tennis, walking, or frisbee disc golf. Together, we can be great neighbors!

SHORES SAFETY TIPS

We often think about how many ways to keep our homes safe from intruders, but we may overlook an important party of our property; our driveway and our cars. Recently, we have been made aware of some car break-ins throughout the Shores.

What can you do to protect your car from intruders?

1. Don't forget to lock your car when you exit.
2. Close all of your windows when you exit.
3. Don't leave valuables in your car.
4. If you must leave your car in the driveway, install outside lighting on your home that keeps your automobile lit.
5. Never leave your keys in your car.
6. Be a good neighbor and let your neighbor know if you see any suspicious activity on your street.
7. If you are concerned about unwanted activity in your driveway, consider installing cameras that cover your vehicle.
8. If you have room in your garage, consider parking your vehicle in your garage.

For more information on how to keep your vehicle secure, please click the link below to read information from the Florida Sheriff's Association.

[CLICK HERE](#) 



PROPERTY SIGNS

“No sign shall be displayed to the public view on said lots without prior approval of the Architectural Design Committee, which approval shall not be reasonably withheld, except one (1) sign of not more than forty (40) square inches advertising property for sale or rent.” (*Deed Restrictions 4.03*)

The Association understands that this is an election year and many residents would like to show their support for their candidate of choice, however, the community’s Deed Restrictions **prohibit all signs, except in the above instances (For Sale or For Rent).**



ROAD TRIP Ready

- Rental Fee: \$50 month
- HOA Account must be in good standing.
- ACH Monthly Debit or Annual Payment Required
- Contact Debbie Stanley @ (904) 797-6441 for details

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RV/BOAT PARKING AVAILABLE

The heat of summer has arrived and it's that time of year when many of our residents embark on their summer road trips.

Enjoy the convenience and affordability of parking your Boat, RV, or Trailer at the St. Augustine Shores Storage Compound.

This resident-only amenity provides access 24/7 to residents who rent a parking space.

Don't risk getting a violation letter for parking your recreational vehicle at your home.

Instead, for only \$50 per month (plus tax) you can rent a dedicated space for your recreational vehicle.



FEATURED RECIPE



Linguine with Tomatoes, Basil and Brie

We know how it feels...you've been invited to a summer cookout and you have offered to bring a side dish. You're going to want to bring a dish that is a little savory but that will also delight the party guests of all ages. We've got you covered with one of our favorites, Linguine with Tomatoes, Basil and Brie. It's super easy to make and tastes especially great if you can find some home grown tomatoes and basil at one of the local farm stands. This dish also can stand on its own for a delicious summer dinner served with some crusty Italian Bread and your favorite glass of red wine or as a side to any entree that you love. Buon Appetito!

Ingredients

- 5 large ripe tomatoes
- 16 ounces brie, torn into small pieces
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, cut into thin strips
- 3 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 cup extra- virgin olive oil
- several pinches crushed red pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 24 ounces linguine

Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients (except pasta) in a serving bowl large enough to hold the cooked pasta and sauce. Stir gently to combine. Set aside at room temperature for at least two hours.
2. Cook linguine in salted water until al dente. Drain and add to the tomato mixture. Toss gently to distribute sauce. Serve immediately.

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 11AM-5PM

Back by popular demand! Do you love art, crafts, and fun? Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 27th, 11am-5pm for the Shores Annual Craft Fair at the Riverview Club.

Our activities committee will be working hard in the upcoming months to put together a wonderful event for our community. Craft vendors and artisans will be invited to share their arts and crafts with the Shores neighborhood. The committee could use your help getting this event organized. If you would like to help organize this event or you are an artisan interested in renting a table to display your crafts, please e-mail the HOA office directly and we will put you in touch with the committee chairs. Some ideas that the committee is currently discussing include:

For the kids: face painting, jewelry making, drawing tables, air drying clay tables

For the adults: shopping for holiday gifts and food trucks

Let's unleash all of the creativity and talent in our community and make this a memorable event for all!

RIVERVIEW CLUB

Swimming Pool Information

The 2024 Pool Season has started and we are so excited to see so many residents using the pool! The Riverview Club is definitely on the list of popular places to be this summer!

As a reminder, the swimming pool is open daily from 8am to 8pm (closed during inclement weather). Pool Memberships and day passes are available for purchase in the HOA office during normal business hours, Monday-Friday between 9am-5pm.

Memberships and day passes are not sold at the pool gate. If you do not have an active pool access card, you will not be able to enter.

Homeowners must have an active account in good standing in order to purchase a membership. Tenants must have a current lease agreement on file in order to purchase a membership or day pass. Important reminders for those using the pool:

- Parents/Guardians are required to be present with any minor under (14) years of age and must stay with them for the duration of the pool visit to ensure pool rules are being followed.
- There is no standing or sitting on the pool steps, ladder, or inner pool ledge wall.
- No jumping, diving, horseplay, running in or around the pool deck is permitted.
- Proper swimsuit attire is required in the swimming pool; Full coverage suits are required. Please do not wear street clothes in the pool. Swimsuits only.
- No bicycles, skateboards, scooters, or other recreational toys/vehicles inside the fenced pool area.
- No glass bottles or food inside the pool area.
- No radios, speakers, or music inside the pool area- please wear earbuds.
- No diapers in the pool; swimmies are permitted.
- No animals inside the pool area; *Exception for certified ESA and Trained Service Dogs. Please have official documentation or certification paperwork readily available for inspection by staff or keep on file with the HOA office.*
- Guests must dry off before entering the pool bath house.
- Unruly members and their guests will be asked to leave for not following the pool rules.
- Swim at your own risk.

For a complete list of pool rules and membership prices please visit our website at www.staugshores.org

Disclaimer: There are no refunds or extensions for pool closures due to weather or maintenance

WATER FITNESS



Water Fitness

Instructor: Elsa

**Mon / Wed / Fri
9:00am - 10:00am**

Included in Pool Membership
\$5 per class for non-members

Water Zumba

Instructor: Nickie

**Friday A.M.
10:15am - 11:00am**

Not Included in Pool Membership
\$10 per class or buy a package of
lessons to save \$\$



The writers group meets every Thursday at 2pm at the Riverview Club to talk about different books, authors, writings, short stories, etc. This is a free group that is open to all homeowners to attend. If you have a passion for writing or a love for reading books, this is a great group to become part of.

In February, Bernie Pope the group organizer approached the Association about doing a writing contest. His idea was to start each entry with the first line, “It was a dark and stormy night in the Shores”...

The Association thought this was a great way to bring creative minds together and Bernie submitted a write up to the Observer Newspaper to advertise this fun exercise.

The Association received a lot of original compositions from talented writers here in the Shores and around our community.

The judges unanimously picked a short story winner titled, “A Second Act” written by Tom Rea, a local resident here in the Shores.

Click the link so you can click to read his submission. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did and consider participating in this activity next year.

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SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

*click
here!*

(To read Tom’s short story)

RIVERVIEW CLUB

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