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FROM THE PRESIDENTS PODIUM I have always thought that effective communication was vital to the short and long term success of our community. On behalf of The Board and the Management Team, I am very excited about the strides that we've been making regarding communication. Our goal has been and will continue to be to provide clear, cohesive, complete, concise and concrete information to our members and residents.

We are very excited about the recent launch of our brand new website! This new website is both user friendly and visually beautiful. Our members should be able to easily navigate to the topic of their choice and get the information that they are seeking. The website not only offers the Association the ability to communicate with the Membership, but offers the Membership the ability to communicate with the Association. With one click, a member can easily let us know about their questions, concerns or comments. Plan on adding a fence or pool to your property? You can easily now look up the deed restrictions for your particular neighborhood and locate the ACC (Architectural Control Committee) permit. Want to know how or when to purchase a pool pass? The answer is just a click away. Thinking about buying a house in the Shores? Peruse our website for valuable insight and photos of our stunning community.

Communication continues to grow in other ways as well. We have recently ordered new signs to help users understand the rules regarding our amenities. In the next few weeks, you will see new signage at our tennis courts, pool area, lakes, ball fields, clubhouse, parking lots, etc. clearly explaining the usage rules and policies. Good communication at our amenities is vital to both the safety of our members and to the upkeep of the property.

When appropriate, we are also communicating on social media including Facebook and Nextdoor. Official and time sensitive announcements, such as water main breaks, temporary pool closings, road work, etc. can be found on these sites from the St Augustine Shores Service Corporation.

On a monthly basis, we are communicating through The St. Augustine Observer about the latest Shores news and events. Many members do not realize this, but the HOA does not have a master list of every homeowner's email address or phone number.

If an email address is provided, we try to provide prompt and informative responses to all legitimate email inquiries. The very best way to stay up to date on a monthly basis is to attend our HOA meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6pm.

Our Communications Committee and our staff work hand in hand to provide quality content for our Newsletter. The monthly Newsletter continues to be a vital means to communicate information on multiple topics that our members need to hear about. We currently have more than 500 newsletter subscribers and we hope to expand this outreach to more members in the coming months.

When appropriate, we also communicate via the US Postal Service regarding topics such as deed restriction violations, HOA dues, amenity fees, etc. It is important that our members read any letters that they receive, as some action may be required of the homeowner within a certain time frame.

We are also verbally communicating with homeowners and residents on a daily basis either in the office, out in the community or on the phone. Our new phone system allows for increased communication with our office staff, as your phone call can now be routed to the employee who can best address your inquiry. We have recently rearranged the office so that employees can better communicate and service our residents who show up in person.

We are also improving our communication with the greater St. Johns County community. On June 3rd, our team met for the second time with our District 3 County Commissioner, Roy Alaimo, to discuss the infrastructure, new development and other issues that impact the Shores and its residents.

Communication is everything! It is so much more than simply sending messages back and forth...it is the conduit through which understanding and growth flows! I hope that you, your family and your neighborhood benefit from some or all of our recent communication advancements and that you have a safe and happy June!



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

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CONNECT

WITH US



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Join Us at Riverview Club

Building & Grounds Committee	June 10th	4:00pm
ACC Committee	June 10th	6:00pm
HOA Board Meeting	June 13th	6:00pm



The official website for St. Augustine Shores HOA and Riverview Club has been updated with a new look and user friendly platform to help residents of the community find useful information from the convenience of one site.

Visit our new and improved website at:

www.staugshores.com



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.

COUPON BOOKS COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX SOON!



***Reminder: if you are signed up for ACH bank withdrawal,
you will not receive a coupon book.***

LAKE & FOUNTAINS

The Association is responsible for the management of the community's 11 lakes and nine fountains. As you can imagine, caring for our lakes and fountains requires a great deal of coordination with our lake management vendor and our landscaping vendor.



Maintaining our lakes is also a huge portion of our annual budget. Did you know that one illuminated fountain costs approximately \$400 per month in electricity alone? We've put the fountains on timers to start at 8:00am and turn off at 10:00pm.



Working in and around the lakes is both a challenging job and a potentially dangerous one. If you see any of our vendors out working in or around the lakes please do not interfere with their maintenance work. Also please do not attempt to fix or repair any issue regarding the lakes and fountains on your own.

If you have questions or concerns about the lakes or fountains, please call the HOA office at (904) 797-6441.

Thank you in advance for helping us keep our lakes and fountains beautifully maintained.

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!



HONOR THE FALLEN.

The Shores Residents love our great nation and respect the sacrifice that so many have given for our freedoms.

It was a beautiful act of patriotism to see so many residents displaying their American flags over Memorial Day weekend!

Thank you to all who have made the ultimate sacrifice and thank you to all of our Shores residents who showed their support for the fallen.



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).**



TIS' THE SEASON FOR ROAD TRIPS

- 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

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.

LEARN MORE



FEATURED RECIPE



Fruit Cobbler

We know that many of our Shores residents will be heading to summer cookouts and barbecues. If you are looking for something easy to make that will delight and impress every age group, try this tried and true fruit cobbler recipe. You can use peaches, strawberries, berries or apples...we recommend choosing the fruit that is in season. You will want to bring along some vanilla ice cream to top of this yummy cobbler. Comfort food here we come!

Ingredients for Filling

- 4 cups fruit (peeled and sliced peaches, pears or apples...also any berry can be used)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Ingredients for Crust

- 1 stick softened butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 cup self-rising flour

Directions for Filling

Prepare fruit as appropriate. Put prepared fruit into 8" x 8" baking dish. Combine sugar and cornstarch. Sprinkle over fruit.

Directions for Crust

Mix butter and sugar. Stir in egg; gradually add flour and mix well. The mixture will have the consistency between that of heavy cake batter and light biscuit dough. Drop spoonfuls on top of fruit. The topping will spread out as it cooks. Bake at 325 degrees until light brown and the topping doesn't shake...usually 45-50 minutes. Test the same as you would a cake. Straw should come out clean. When doubled, this recipe works well in a 9x13 baking dish. It will take 1 1/2 to 2 hours to bake. Test at 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Swim Lessons!



Beginning June 1st Riverview Club Swimming Pool Tue/Thur Afternoon Classes Available

Swim lessons are crucial for any child, at any age. Swim lessons reduce the risk of drowning and improve water safety skills. They can create a love and respect for water early on, while building confidence that will stay with them the rest of their lives. Swimming is also a fun way to stay active and encourage healthy living from an early age.

Pre-registration with payment is required before the start of each session. Registrations are accepted while space is available, on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum class size is 6 participants. Group lessons will be available to children on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:00 - 3:30 and 3:30-4:00.

**To Sign Up Visit Mobile Swim School at:
<https://mobileswimschool.com/request>**

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; swimmyies 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

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

Fridays Starting 6/7
10:15am - 11:00am

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

A romantic couple in white wedding attire embracing in a field of tall, golden grass. The sky is light and filled with several birds in flight. The text 'RIVERVIEW CLUB' is overlaid in a large, elegant serif font.

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*Elopement
Packages
from \$600*

**NOW
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