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# Newsletter

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Are you interested in getting involved in the community?

**JOIN US AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS**

All meetings and resident activities are held at Riverview Club

**Dec. 31 / Jan. 1st** - Riverview Club and HOA office closed.

**Jan. 8** - Roaming Ronin - Food Truck Night 4-7pm

**Jan. 9** - Monthly HOA Board Meeting at 6pm

*Special Guest- St. Johns County Sheriff Hardwick*

**Jan. 13** - Monthly ACC Meeting at 6pm

**Jan. 15**- Salt Run BBQ- Food Truck 4-7pm

**Jan. 22**- Uncle KC's Dawgs- Food Truck Night from 4-7pm

**Jan. 29**- Jersey Girl Grill- Food Truck Night from 4-7pm

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

## **A Bright Year of Opportunities for the Shores Community**

As we enter 2025, the air is filled with excitement and endless possibilities for our vibrant Shores community. A new year isn't just about marking another calendar—it's an invitation to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and envision an even brighter future together.

## **Celebrating Growth and Progress**

The Shores continues to flourish, from enhancements like the beautifully resurfaced community pool to the addition of new homes in Sabal Estates. The upcoming year offers us the chance to build on these successes and embrace the opportunities and challenges of growth.

## **Strengthening Connections**

The Shores is more than a neighborhood—it's a close-knit community where friendships are formed, memories are made, and a true sense of belonging thrives. Last year's events, such as the festive Christmas tree lighting and monthly food trucks, reminded us of the power of shared moments. Let's carry that spirit into 2025 by deepening our connections.

You can get involved in many ways, such as joining a neighborhood meeting, volunteering for an event, or saying hello to a new neighbor. Every small act adds to the rich fabric of our community.

## **Growing Together**

With growth come exciting opportunities. New and long-term residents come together in our community to share experiences, build connections, and create a vibrant, united neighborhood where everyone feels at home. Let's continue to dream big while preserving the warmth and charm that define our community. Together, we can build upon everything we cherish about the Shores and make it an even more remarkable place to call home.



## Embracing a Positive Outlook

Every challenge brings with it the seeds of opportunity. The new year inspires us to tackle obstacles optimistically, ensuring every resident feels valued and supported. We can transform hurdles into triumphs through teamwork, creating a community where everyone thrives.

*Mike Nutile*

Mike Nutile, HOA Board President  
St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation

2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR



# The power of ONE

By: Shanna Fredrickson, CAM

My younger brother was (and probably still is) an incredible baseball player. We both loved a good ball game and since I played softball, we had a shared interest in something. In high school, one of my sisterly duties was to cart him to and from the baseball field for team practice and games. One day he rode with a friend to a home game and I arrived late. There weren't any seats left on the "home" side of the stands so I took a seat in the "visitor" stands.

Shortly after watching his team play for several minutes, my brother was up to bat. The team he was playing was from another county and the pitcher had an incredible arm. My brother struck out twice and on his third swing, he knocked the ball out of the park. I jumped up on my feet and starting screaming for him to RUN! He made it around the bases and slid into home plate. I was so proud of him that in that moment I didn't realize I was standing alone.

I looked around and saw all the faces of these strangers staring back at me. Some of them smiled because they knew I was proud, but many of them were disappointed that my brother's team just scored two runs. The game ended and my brother's team won. There were high-fives going around and I treated my brother to a blue slushy from the concession stands which was his favorite.

On our drive home sounding embarrassed he said, "you didn't have to yell that loud from the stands." Of course I did. I had to explain, "I'm your sister, I'm allowed to yell as loud as I want when you are winning!". Later that evening, he repeated the play-by-play to my mom in the kitchen and then I overheard him say, "and Shanna was standing all by herself in the visitor section yelling at me to run!".

It has been years and many more wins in life since that game, but if there is anything I learned from sports it's this- one play, one run, one person screaming and rooting for you from the stands can make all the difference.

As we head into a new year, think of one person or one way that you could make a difference in someone's life or your community this year. Remember, YOU are the power of one.

# OUR COMMUNITY IN 2025



It's no secret to residents in St. Augustine Shores that our community has gone through a lot of change in a short amount of time.

In 2023, we welcomed new management, a new board of directors, and a new vision to take our community into the future. The Riverview Club, which sustained years of unresolved maintenance issues and hurricane damage, was finally renovated.

We entered 2024 with a new outlook and new clubhouse to help generate income for our association. It hasn't been an easy course to take. There have been a lot of challenging moments going through these changes, but in the end, we stuck with the plan and followed the path that was started.

Our community is going through significant growth, change, and development. There is a lot of good and improvements that have been accomplished. But there is still a lot left to do.

The 2025 new year will bring new opportunities, activities, resident functions, and exercise classes.

We will work as a community to live in a place where neighbors respect one another, residents take pride in maintaining their homes, and instead of saying, "this is how it's always been", we say, "this is how we are going to change it for the better."

***Cheers to 2025!***

# *Easy Payment* Options



Paying your HOA dues has never been so easy! St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation offers several convenient options to pay your monthly HOA dues. The preferred method of payment for the association is ACH bank withdrawal.

ACH stands for Automated Clearing House which allows homeowners to electronically send money from your bank account directly to a company to pay your bill. Residents can fill out an ACH form in our office and attach a voided check. Our staff will enter this information into our system and on the first of every month, your HOA dues are automatically drafted from your bank account electronically. There is no fee to sign up for this option and it helps keep your account current and paid on time.

There are other options to pay your HOA bill also including: cash, check, online payment through our website, and credit card.

**Heading into 2025, if you are currently on ACH bank withdrawal, the association has a new form that must be completed before the next billing cycle.**

Click here to download the form or feel free to come by our office to complete the new ACH form.





# RV & BOAT PARKING

Are you heading into the new year with a new boat or RV? Need some place to park it? You're in luck! St. Augustine Shores offers homeowners boat and RV parking located at the parking compound. For only \$50 per month (plus tax) you can store your new recreational vehicle close to home. We currently have limited availability left so if you are interested in renting a spot, please call our office at 904-797-6441 for more information.





# NORTH FLORIDA SNAKES



By: Christine Hart, Assistant CAM

When most people are out walking in the winter, they probably think that snakes are warm and cozy, hibernating in their dens to reappear in the springtime. I walk often in Anastasia State Park, and last weekend I got a huge surprise! I saw a large Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake hanging out in the sand near a patch of woods. Now, I was excited to see the snake because I had never seen a rattlesnake in the wild and had always wanted to come across one. Flash forward to today just after lunch, and a resident spotted a large Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake just before the stop sign here at the Riverview Club! Here in Florida, we are always surrounded by nature and since we don't have a long, cold winter, snakes can be found out and about anytime the weather is nice. Incidentally, that's also when people head outside for a walk. When you are out taking in the sights in the Shores, please keep an eye out for all our resident reptiles! You never know what you may see just off the paved sidewalk...

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# FEATURED RECIPE

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## Stovetop Corned Beef & Cabbage

Start the New Year's off right with a traditional corned beef and cabbage recipe that family and friends are sure to love!

### Instructions

Click the "click here" button for instructions and tips on this recipe.

[click here!](#)

### INGREDIENTS

- **Corned beef brisket:** Look for a ready-to-cook corned beef brisket, preferably flat cut.
- **Cabbage:** You can use standard green cabbage or Savoy cabbage.
- **Potatoes:** We recommend baby or small Yukon Gold or red potatoes. Avoid starchy potatoes like Russet, which may fall apart during cooking.
- **Carrots:** About 5 to 6 medium carrots.
- **Beer:** Use a bottle or can of lager or brown ale for a full-flavored broth. If you prefer, you can use low-sodium beef broth instead of beer.



# POOL SEASON

**BEGINS APRIL 1ST**

*Get the sunscreen ready!*





# FROM THE DESK OF *Pestani Stratton*

Situated in a picturesque setting with stunning views of the Intracoastal, the Riverview Club offers a perfect backdrop for unforgettable celebrations.

As the Events Coordinator for Riverview Club, I believe every event brings a new opportunity for our clients to create memories. Collaborating to bring client visions to life is incredibly fulfilling and rewarding. Every detail contributes to the event's unique atmosphere, from our first consultation to designing the perfect floor plan, and meeting for our final walk-through.

Every vendor we work with at the Riverview Club creates a sense of community, something that our small town thrives on. Talented chefs, skilled decorators, fun entertainers, and dedicated staff work together to make each event a seamless and amazing experience. Together, we all create an inviting and warm atmosphere that guests rave about long after the celebration is over.

Working at the Riverview Club is not just about coordinating events; it's about carefully crafting joyous experiences that people will cherish for a lifetime. For more information on hosting an event at the Riverview Club, please email: [events@staugshores.net](mailto:events@staugshores.net) or call our office at (904) 797-6441.









# *Let us host your special event.*

- Marriage Proposals
- Waterfront Elopements
- Wedding Ceremonies & Receptions
- Baby Showers
- Birthday Parties
- Bar Mitzvah
- "Sweet 16" Parties
- Corporate Events
- Trade Shows
- Celebration of Life
- Retirement Parties
- Holiday Parties
- Private Dinner Parties
- High School Prom
- Sports Banquets
- Pavilion Parties / BBQ's

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