

FROM THE INSIDE OUT

I was shocked the first time I saw the North Shore Park dock from the inside of the neighbor's home.

I guessed what shocked me the most was that I was in the middle of their home. There was another large room to the left of me, yet the new North Shore Park dock was right there in front of me. And look at the house across the canal. That really shows you how intrusive that dock is. Even with letting the Bougainvillea grow uncontrolled at their property line, the new dock gives the public access to this family's everyday existence. How is this okay?



When a Community Park Becomes a Source of Disturbance

Your morning coffee on the patio - no longer private or enjoyable. You have to retreat in your house when the POA current and past presidents choose to bring people there and with loud conversations, give the impression they are purposefully infringing on your right to peacefully exist in your own home and yard. Another family plays loud music and yells in the afternoons - certainly to support the Board agenda.

Would you feel comfortable with your young child(ren) in the pool? Perhaps if the dock was smaller or lower or if people didn't purposefully try to disrupt your peace.

People that genuinely come to enjoy the amenity and are respectful are no problem at all. They seem to be as embarrassed to infringe on our private life as we are.

But there are those who would visit after sunset. The park closes at sunset. So why are people visiting the dock in the middle of the night? And why are the very homeowners who raised concerns about this dock before it was built now being left to deal with the consequences and expected to police activity at a community park? And why are they then vilified on Facebook when they ask people to follow the rules?

Imagine sitting outside on your patio, enjoying a quiet evening in your own backyard, when suddenly bright lights are shining toward your home and outdoor living space. Or being awakened in the middle of the night by security alerts because someone is standing just beyond your property.

Would you feel comfortable? Would you feel like you still had the privacy and peace you once enjoyed in your own home? Is it harassment or something more nefarious?

The question every North River Shores homeowner should consider is simple: Would you find this acceptable if it were happening right outside your own backyard?

These homeowners are not asking for special treatment. They are asking for the same privacy, security, and peaceful enjoyment of their homes that every property owner in our community deserves.

They raised concerns before construction began. Now, those very concerns are becoming a reality, yet the burden of dealing with the disturbances seems to have fallen on the families who live closest to the dock.

A community improvement should benefit the neighborhood without placing an unreasonable burden on the families who happen to live closest to it. Our very first governing document, the NRSPOA Articles of Incorporation states the the Board was created to **“protect the economic rights, privileges and interests of all owners of property owners”**. This current board has not fulfilled their most basic purpose and should lose the privilege of managing our POA