

Conversations with Neighbors

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Information is key and these days we have so many ways to get information that it seems we are more disconnected. The Scoop was a great way to communicate when it was printed and mailed. It hasn't been printed for a while. Then the digital version died. Kelly Perelli-Minetti has tried valiantly to restore it but faces the same challenges at the official NRS Facebook page - censorship.

Communicating with each other is so important. That is the sole reason this website was built. Please feel free to submit your thoughts under Contact Us if you would like them included here. Of course, nothing rude or hateful will get included. Respectful discussion only.

Priorities

Recently, a very wise, professional woman remarked to me that North River Shores' most valuable asset is the boat ramp. Maintaining and beautifying that park should be our number one priority. Right now it's looking pretty unsightly. We need an all-weather parking solution. Another very clever young lady made these mockups below. That's vision. It's just a dream now but that would be a better use of our funds that "need to be spent". Real estate professionals have remarked that maintaining our boat ramp keeps our home values steady and that adding "another" dock does not increase your home's value. In fact, there is a documented decrease in home's value with a dock inserted in close proximity to your backyard.



Neighborhood Identity

It really struck me when another neighbor told me of her husband's immediate reaction when he first saw the new boat ramp docks last year. Especially since it was built four times bigger with an added dock. It was long before any of the heated discussion started. Not that I remember the exact words but it was something to the effect of,

“Ugh, who wanted this monstrosity?” and “Our POA funds went towards this?” and “Who approved this project?”. I view it as a visceral response to something that doesn't belong in our neighborhood at first glance. NRS is so unique with its wide open spaces.

Recall

There are several reasons that the 7/8 of the Board members were recalled at the Special Meeting on April 7, 2026. Many of those reasons are listed in the mailer. But to further explain, here is a post from the old NRS Save Our Parks Facebook page of what the recall was all about.

This is about process, transparency, and member rights.

Recall exists for one reason: when proper governance breaks down.

Many of us are genuinely confused by the disconnect and why this has turned into an argument. We didn't start this — we learned about it after decisions had already been made. Most of us are private people who keep to ourselves and don't get involved in community issues. But once we understood what was happening, it didn't feel right to ignore it — especially when it affects members rights.

Here's a simple summary of the concerns:

1 Member approval was bypassed

Major decisions affecting our parks and finances were made without the proper member vote.

2 Reserve funds were used without authorization

Money set aside for long-term needs was spent without proper member approval.

3 Projects went beyond maintenance without notice or approval

Changes moved forward without proper discussion or a vote.

4 Transparency declined

Many members learned about decisions only after the fact.

5 Financials, minutes, and information requests were difficult to obtain

Requests for records, meeting minutes, and financial details were delayed, ignored, or denied, making it hard for members to understand what was happening.

6 This is a pattern, not one issue

These concerns reflect repeated actions without adequate member involvement.

7 Why recall is being discussed

Recall allows members to pause action, restore oversight, and re-establish proper process.

8 What recall is — and is not

Not punitive. Not predetermined. It restores member voice. This is about protecting our parks 🌱, restoring trust, and making sure decisions follow the rules we all agreed to. At the end of the day, it's just not right.

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For me, there were several additional reasons they should be recalled. It was the way people were talked to by some Board members. I honestly never heard an adult yell, "Shut up!" at a meeting until one of the men on the Board did. There were threats and scowls too. A lot of stink-eye. Very interesting to witness.

Another neighbor told me they try to stay out of the POA business lately because they served many years already but her husband went to a meeting to bring up a concern, maybe about a streetlight - I don't recall for sure. He came home shellshocked and was a bit flabbergasted at the degraded level of discourse at the meeting, something he had never witnessed.

Another time, I saw several elderly neighbors come to a meeting and they looked like just getting there had exhausted them. I think there were canes and even a walker used to get to the meeting. Tim Newton told us all to leave because it was a Board meeting. These members made the extraordinary effort to get to the meeting and were rudely told to leave. Why? What is so secretive?

I also don't like the answers to questions from Dave West such as "Why can't we install security video cameras in the neighborhood, especially in the parks?" He reasoned that they would be destroyed. When I countered that they could be installed higher, he said they would still be destroyed. It is curious that businesses install security cameras effectively.

His answer to the broken see-saw seat in Lake Park was in summary, "I fixed it a few times and it broke again each time. The only solution is to replace the whole thing and that is ~\$1500, so we are just going to leave it broken." Ed Talley ended up having it fixed for less than \$100. Leaving a broken seat broken isn't safe or acceptable.

But I could go on and on of why $\frac{7}{8}$ of the Board was recalled. A few resigned. Tim Newton has decided not to run again and his term is up. But Dave Weston refused to step down and wants people that will support his agenda on the Board. How he rationalized putting asterisks (stars) next to their names on an official ballot baffles me. A neighbor that's lived here more than 50 years called it completely "unethical".

Hopefully someday this website can be used in positive ways to support and connect.

Something positive is the sticker swag we mailed out. If you didn't get one or would like another one or a different version, please fill out the Contact Us form. They can be put on your car, mailbox, or wherever you prefer. They are made of vinyl and mine has

already withstood the carwash well twice. We have a small number left. Please reach out to any of “our” candidates or the Handleys or Torians.

