



The Village Crier

Monthly Newsletter for the Villages of Rivershyre, Dartmore, Brighton, Newport, and Edenton

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Representative picture of all winners

Rivershyre Was Glowing!

Were you wondering where the glow in the sky was coming from in December? What you witnessed wasn't a falling star or a super bright constellation; it was all of the lights on the homes in Rivershyre! The Light Up Rivershyre contest was a glowing success.

Our two winners were 1121 Rivershyre Drive for the Traditional Category and 1155 Parkside Trail for the Whimsical Category. And as we promised there is a very long list of Honorable Mentions too:

2008 Rivershyre Drive	1186 Rivershyre Drive	1183 Rivershyre Drive
1216 Oakton Trail	1214 Oakton Trail	1213 Oakton Trail
1195 Newport Trail	1188 Newport Trail	1160 Dartmore Trail
1159 Dartmore Trail	1161 Dartmore Trail	1163 Dartmore Trail
1183 Oakton Trail	1167 Oakton Trail	1165 Oakton Trail
1163 Oakton Trail	1159 Oakton Trail	1149 Oakton Trail
1137 Parkside Trail	1145 Parkside Trail	1147 Parkside Trail
1146 Parkside Trail	1154 Parkside Trail	1162 Claridge Trail
1166 Claridge Trail	1166 Parkside Trail	1125 Midford Court
1133 Midford Court	1134 Midford Court	1128 Midford Court
1122 Midford Court	1106 Oakton Trail	1125 Village Court
1095 Rivershyre Drive	1093 Rivershyre Drive	1086 Rivershyre Drive
1082 Rivershyre Drive	1081 Rivershyre Drive	1086 Severn Drive
1079 Severn Hill Circle	1081 Severn Hill Circle	1091 Severn Drive
1083 Rivershyre Court		

Thank you to all of the residents who put so much effort into decorating your homes. Your extra effort made the whole Rivershyre neighborhood a winner!!

Knitting Night News

Our first-ever Knit Night will be held on Sunday, January 9th, 2005 from 7 - 9 p.m. If you are interested in learning to knit or if you already know how and just want to get together and swap ideas while knitting be sure to head over to the clubhouse with your needles in tow. Teenager or older - everyone is welcome!

As a good learning project we will be knitting small 7 x 9 inch sections for a charity program called Warm-Up America. The yarn for this project will be provided; you will need to bring with you a pair of Size 10 knitting needles. We will teach you the basics and get you started in your knitting career. If you have any questions, call either Heather at 364-0954 or Martha at 650-8766.

Come start a hobby in the New Year. If you already know how to knit, come to help us teach others. Then all of us can be known as "Chicks with Sticks"!

Thank You!

This month we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Martha Kapfhammer. Martha is probably the most active member of our community today. She has served as the President of the Board of Directors for the past year, she is the Chairperson of the Social & Welcome Committee, and she spends many hours working on social events and other things for our community. Martha's leadership and personal drive help to make Rivershyre a great place to live. Although Martha will not be the President in 2005, she will continue as the Chairperson of the Social & Welcome Committee. When you see Martha in the neighborhood, let her know how much her efforts are appreciated. Thanks Martha!

*** Calendar of Events ***

New Year's Day	Saturday, January 1 st
Knitting Night	Sunday, January 9 th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 17 th

Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Stephany Ricker at 863-5988 or Kathy Armstrong at 863-4154. The fee is only \$60.00 plus a \$150.00 security deposit. The Clubhouse accommodates up to 80 people. Clubhouse rental does not include use of the pool.

The Clubhouse phone number is 854-0229. The rental agreement, clubhouse rules, and check-in/out checklist can be found on our website by clicking on "Clubhouse" or "Documents".

~Rivershyre Yard of the Month~

Rivershyre's eleventh Yard of the Month can be found at **1214 Oakton Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors (833-HOME). The monthly winners will have a very nice sign placed in their yard signifying that they have been selected as having the nicest yard in Rivershyre.

☛ For keys to the tennis court, call "The Keeper of the Keys", Guy Hoffman at 650-2228. The charge is \$3/key.

The Villages of Rivershyre

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

Babysitters Listing

The most recent listing was printed earlier this year. We will publish it again before the end of the year. If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email to: babysitter@rivershyre.org.

Include your name, address, phone number, age, rate, and age range of children you will sit.

2005 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Tim Williford	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Phil Manos	Treasurer
Dick Huskin, Becky Brogan, Etta Chaplin, Daryl Speight, Shiron Thomas	Members
Martha Kapfhammer	Past President

The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

Rivershyre Home Sales Update

This monthly newsletter item will include information on the homes in Rivershyre that are either currently on the market or have recently closed. This information is provided courtesy of Philip and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-HOME.

Active Listings as of 12/22/2004

2003 Rivershyre Drive	\$225,000
1174 Oakton Trail	\$229,000
1193 Newport Trail	\$208,900
1152 Parkside Trail	\$159,900

Sold Properties 9/23/2004 – 12/22/2004

1164 Dartmore Trail	\$237,900
1081 Rivershyre Drive	\$199,900
1202 Newport Trail	\$195,200
2002 Rivershyre Drive	\$195,000

Pending Sales as of 12/22/2004

1149 Parkside Trail
1114 Rivershyre Drive

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2785 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$203,270
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$72.98
Average Days on the Market	34 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Dick Huskin
By-Laws & Nominating	Vacant
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Becky Brogan
Pool	Bill Giddings
Social & Welcome	Martha Kapfhammer

If you are interested in joining one of our committees, please visit at our next meeting. If you have a concern or issue that falls under the purview of one of the above committees, please contact the committee chairperson or any member of that committee.

Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 th Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 st Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	As needed
Grounds & Lake	3 rd Monday, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	As needed via e-mail
Social & Welcome	2 nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm

All committee meetings are held at the Rivershyre Clubhouse unless otherwise noted. All committee meetings are open to homeowners. Please join a committee and help our neighborhood continue to be a wonderful place to live.

New to Rivershyre?

We'd like to include your family in our next Rivershyre directory. Call Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766 and she will deliver a copy of our current directory to you. She'll also get your information to update our computer database. If you have a new phone number or a new family addition, call with that information too. We want to have as complete and up-to-date directory as we can.

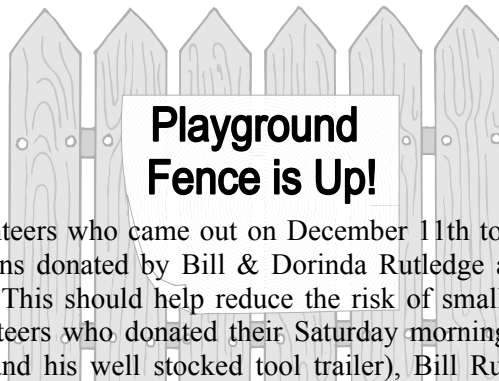
Notes from the Architectural Control Committee

Well it's a New Year with a lot to look forward to in 2005. But before we forget about 2004, we would like to congratulate the winners of the Light Up Rivershyre contest and add that so many homes were so beautifully decorated, it must have been very difficult to select the winners. Job well done! Now that we are into 2005, please don't forget to remove your decorations in a timely manner.

The committee is beginning the year with four active members, but there is a need for several more. We would like to have representation on the committee from each of the five villages of Rivershyre. Currently only three villages are represented. Please give some thought to joining the committee and feel free to attend any of our monthly meetings. They are held at the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. The next one will be January 24th.

The neighborhood mailbox improvement project is continuing to produce results. However, there are still a few holdouts that haven't found the time or motivation to complete repairs to their box or post. Please take a good look at your box and post the next time you are at your mailbox. If the box has rust spots or the paint is sun-bleached; if the flag, door or latch is broken or missing; if the post is rotted or leaning; or if there are any other problems that keep it from looking tidy, please take the time to make the needed repairs. There are also several boxes in the neighborhood that do not meet the standard set for construction, that being a standard size black metal box. Plastic boxes do not meet that standard. And last but not least, don't forget the numbers. Several boxes are not numbered in accordance with the county ordinance.

The committee has used the newsletter in the past several months to bring the condition of the mailboxes to the neighborhood's attention. While this has worked for some homeowners, as we have said above, others have not been responsive. This leaves the committee with little choice other than to contact the delinquent homeowners directly. This will be done soon so please help us complete this project before we must incur the expense of mailing notices directly to each non-responsive homeowner.



Many thanks to all of the volunteers who came out on December 11th to help put up the new playground fence! We put up fence sections donated by Bill & Dorinda Rutledge along the entire pond side of the playground and on both ends. This should help reduce the risk of small children falling down the briar-covered slope. The great volunteers who donated their Saturday morning to improve Rivershyre include: Mike and Mitchell Amerson (and his well stocked tool trailer), Bill Rutledge, Bob Grahl, Larry Beran, David Gaitonde, Dick Huskin, Grady Taylor, David Kapfhammer, and Dan Johnson. In early January, look for a new load of playground mulch to be delivered. We also got the latest free mulch, from Empire Tree, spread under the oaks on Rivershyre Drive.

For all you folks itching to help keep Rivershyre a great place to live - don't worry - we'll have plenty of projects for volunteers in 2005! In the meantime, Happy New Year from your Grounds and Lakes Committee!

Thanks, the Grounds and Lakes Committee

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.