



# The Village Crier

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

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## A New Year's Message from the Association President

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Happy New Year! I hope you had a great Christmas season and Santa was good to you and your family! With every new year comes our New Year's resolutions: getting back into shape, losing weight, better time management; one or more are usually at the top of most people's list.

I'd like to add one more resolution: Getting involved with your community! Rivershyre needs your help! We need volunteers for the board, and each of our committees! All we are asking for is an hour or two of your time!! Your help will make this neighborhood that much better! Think about it, and then contact me and I'll tell you where you can help and when that committee is meeting.

Getting involved is something our Social and Welcome committee did right after Thanksgiving! They decorated the front of our neighborhood and this year even strung up some lights as well. It made our entrance that much cheerier and very easy to find as our neighbors and our clubhouse hosted numerous parties during the holidays! Many thanks to those folks who took the time to add additional spirit to the neighborhood!

Some news and notes from the board!

The 2006 board will have some new faces and we say good bye to some wonderful people who made a difference during their two year tenure. Leaving are Theresa Chaplin, Shiron Thomas, and Tim Williford. All three had a lot of input and lots of opinions during their tenure. There were few decisions that were not discussed at length and not without a lot of thought. They made our evenings very fun and eventful. I will miss them.

Staying on is our past-president and now Treasurer is Martha Kapfhammer. She has been part of our board for 6+ years and wanted to move on, but we would not let her. She is too valuable!

Our newest members are Chuck Faulkner, Grady Taylor, and Lisa McLendon. They join Craig Trout, Dick Huskin, and Darrell Spaight. All of our board members are also members of other committees as well. These folks are giving their time and efforts to continue to make Rivershyre the best place to live in Columbia County.

We are changing our board meeting dates! We will now be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the clubhouse. We invite you to come and sit in at our meetings. All of our meetings are open for you to chat, bring up a concern or pass along an opinion on how we can make Rivershyre better!

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**Babysitters  
Listing**

If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email to:

[babysitter@rivershyre.org](mailto:babysitter@rivershyre.org)

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

**President's Message**

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In a few weeks, you will be getting your 2006 Homeowners Association bill. The money goes towards paying our bills (like yours): electric, water, insurance, lawn maintenance and general maintenance.

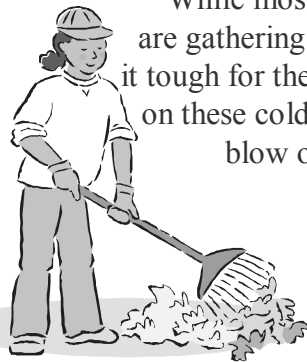
Lastly, if you do not have your 2005 Rivershyre directory, please contact any of your board members and we'll get one out to you.

Again, have a great 2006, resolve to help Rivershyre, and I will resolve to stop "begging" for your help!

Bill Ferguson  
President - Rivershyre Community Association

**Leaves & Pine Straw**

While most of the leaves have fallen from the trees, quite a few are gathering in our gutters or curbs. When the rains come, it makes it tough for the water to drain away and the excess could be dangerous on these cold winter days and nights. Please take a few moments to blow or sweep you curbs (but NOT down the sewers).



**~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~**

Rivershyre's twentieth Yard of the Month can be found at **1163 Dartmore 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. The competition will continue to heat up now that summer is here so keep working on that yard so that you too can be rated "Best in Rivershyre".

**\*\*\* Calendar of Events \*\*\***

New Year's Day	Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>
Martin Luther King Day	Sunday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>
Knitting Night	Sunday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Adult Bunco	Saturday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>

Newsletter articles are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: [newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org)

## 2006 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Martha Kaphhammer	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Lisa McLendon, Darrell Speight, Grady Taylor, Craig Trout	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 includes 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 12/17/2005

1089 Severn Drive	\$214,900
1159 Claridge Trail	\$190,000
1211 Oakton Trail	\$239,900
1198 Newport Trail	\$244,900
1080 Rivershyre Drive	\$219,900

#### Sold Properties 9/17/2005 – 12/17/2005

1122 Village Court	\$197,500
1165 Oakton Trail	\$238,000
1132 Midford Court	\$225,000
1144 Hartford Trail	\$177,000

#### Pending Sales as of 12/17/2005

1080 Rivershyre Drive

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2679 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$212,236.00
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$80.00
Average Days on the Market	27 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Dick Huskin
By-Laws & Nominating	Vacant
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Darrell Speight
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 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	As needed
Grounds & Lake	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 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 information too. We want to have as complete and up-to-date directory as we can.

## Committee Updates & Notes

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### **A Special Notice from the Board of Directors of the Rivershyre Community Association and the Architectural Control Committee**

In 2004, the Architectural Control Committee issued a procedure to be used as a guide in accomplishing the business of the committee. Procedure #ACC-01, "Covenant Violations" dealt primarily with establishing consistency in the resolution of covenant violations. To better define and characterize various forms of violations, the committee determined additional guidance would be useful. The procedure was revised and presented to the Board of Directors of the Rivershyre Community Association at one of its regular monthly meetings this past summer. After review by the board and several subsequent adjustments, it was accepted by majority vote at the board's December meeting.

The revised procedure is included in this month's newsletter for the benefit of the residents of Rivershyre.

Changes from the initial version of the procedure are indicated in italics. The changes are intended to better define the various types of violations, give examples and provide more detailed guidance for an acceptable resolution.

Questions or comments about the revised procedure, the restrictive covenants, or any other business of the committee may be addressed to the Architectural Control Committee. This may be either at its regular monthly meeting at the community clubhouse at 7:00PM on the fourth Monday of each month or by e-mail addressed to [acc@rivershyre.org](mailto:acc@rivershyre.org).

### **Notes from the Architectural Control Committee**

Well, 2005 has moved on and 2006 has arrived. The ACC would like to wish all Rivershyre neighbors a happy and prosperous New Year.

Custom has it that passage into a new year is a time to reflect on what has taken place and maybe even commit to some resolutions for the new year.

During 2005, the ACC undertook several tasks aimed at the betterment of the neighborhood. Our project to improve the appearance of the mailboxes has resulted in a visible improvement in their general appearance. Our effort to improve compliance with covenant restrictions on parking of inappropriate vehicles at residences has also had some success. Other projects included efforts to encourage residents to submit Property Alteration Requests (PARs) prior to making changes to their lots or the exterior of their homes.

While all of these projects have shown some success, we believe there is still significant room for improvement in these areas and many others. For these efforts to really succeed, we need the cooperation of all Rivershyre residents. For example, improvements gained by those that replaced or repaired their mailboxes is being negated by the aging and deterioration of other boxes throughout the neighborhood. This is a never-ending issue and will require continuous attention by residents. We do, however, thank all of those that did make improvements in their mailboxes last year.

Parking of inappropriate vehicles in the neighborhood was addressed in 2005 but the problem continues. The covenants state vehicles other than "conventional automobiles, jeeps and pick-up trucks" shall not be parked in the neighborhood except in certain cases. Those include during periods of

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## Light-Up Rivershyre Contest a Glowing Success!

The homes in Rivershyre looked spectacular this year. (as usual!!) What makes Rivershyre such a great place to live can be seen so well in December when so-o many neighbors make the extra effort to decorate their homes for the Holidays.

This year our special winner for the Traditional Category was **1106 Rivershyre Drive** and **1083 Rivershyre Court** for the Whimsical Category. Check out all of the Honorable Mentions:

1125 Midford Ct	1086 Rivershyre Ct	1155 Parkside Tr
1213 Oakton Tr	2016 Rivershyre Dr	1195 Newport Tr
1168 Dartmore Tr	1183 Oakton Tr	1159 Dartmore Tr
1170 Oakton Tr	1161 Dartmore Tr	1214 Oakton Tr
1159 Oakton Tr	1149 Oakton Tr	1216 Oakton Tr

Thank you to our Rivershyre residents -- your time and effort makes the whole Rivershyre neighborhood a winner!!

## Adult Bunco ---- or Dice, Dough and Soup de jour

It's time -- time for an adult Bunco!! And since it's kind of cold outside, we thought having homemade soup while we played would be a good idea. The Social and Welcome Committee is going to make homemade bread also so that's why we called it Dice, Dough and Soup de jour!

Here are the details:



The date is Saturday, January 28th at 7 p.m.



The cost is \$5.00 per person



Bring a crock pot of soup (chili, Brunswick stew, chicken noodle, whatever is your favorite!)

The Social & Welcome Comm. will provide the bread, drinks and dessert. We will have gift certificates for prizes at the end of the night. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the night.

RSVP to Joannie at 863-2931 by January 25th. Because of the size of the clubhouse, we must limit the number of people who can play. Call early to reserve your place for the night of the 28th....don't wait and be disappointed!

P.S. If you don't know how to play Bunco, don't worry! The game is simple using 3 dice and counting to 21. And believe us - the guys love it. They're more competitive than the ladies!

## RIVERSHYRE CLASSIFIEDS

### Help Wanted

Grounds & Lakes committee is looking for volunteers who want to help keep Rivershyre beautiful.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the clubhouse at 7pm. Meetings last about an hour. Men & women, young & old may join. No experience necessary

### Help Wanted

Treasurer – The Rivershyre board is looking for someone who is good with numbers and is able to help maintain the neighborhood budget and pay some bills. Responsibilities include: knowledge of how a check book works, how to balance a check book, how to pay bills, how to set up simple reports for distribution, reporting monthly to the Rivershyre board.

### Help Wanted

Rivershyre Board members – One of the best homeowner's associations is looking for volunteers to meet once a month for 90 minutes to help enhance our neighborhood, set goals and priorities; solve problems; and stand out within the community. No experience necessary - just energy, a desire to help, and the opportunity to contribute.

Call 651-1797 to learn more or apply!

### Parents!

Do your children need to earn community service hours for school or church? The Rivershyre Community association can help. Upcoming events include the Halloween parade, Christmas events, neighborhood clean up, Nature Trail trimming; and other projects. For more info, please contact your Rivershyre Board members or committee head members. Help your children – Help Rivershyre!

# Committee Updates Cont'd & More

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## 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".

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## Knitting Night is Back!

Doesn't this cold weather make you want to bring out the needles and yarn and start knitting? Well, get ready because we'll be at the clubhouse on Sunday, January 22nd to begin knitting again. Bring a project to work on or if you're new to knitting, we can teach you. Knitting is lots of fun and not too difficult so plan on joining us on the 22nd from 7-9 p.m. (If crochet is more your thing, bring your yarn and a hook and come enjoy the evening with fellow "yarn enthusiasts".)

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## Architectural Control Committee

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construction (or other work by a contracted service) or if the vehicle is for purely recreational uses and is parked in a garage or behind a privacy screen. Recently, a number of neighbors have chosen to park their fishing boats and trailers or their utility trailers either in their driveways or elsewhere in their yard but not screened from view. This does not meet the restriction that such vehicles must be parked in a garage or behind a screen such as a privacy fence. Additionally, several residents have been parking commercial vehicles at their

homes. Non-recreational vehicles that do not have the appearance of "conventional automobiles, jeeps and pick-up trucks" are not permitted.

Let us add one brief comment about screened areas and privacy fences. When activities take place on the property that requires the use of a screen to conceal such activities from view, a privacy fence installed to provide such a screen must be of sufficient height (up to 6 feet) and sufficiently solid so as to adequately screen the activity. Using a low fence or one that does not provide sufficient screening is not adequate.

Now for the part about resolutions. The ACC understands it has a commitment to communicate with the residents in a timely manner. To help us do a better job with this commitment, we resolve to improve our response time to input from residents. However, we do need some help from residents in making sure prompt communications are possible. We believe the internet is one way to speed up our review and response to PARs submitted by residents. We therefore would like to encourage residents to submit PARs by e-mail if practical. If the necessary information cannot be transmitted electronically, consider sending an e-mail stating your objectives then provide the additional paperwork by regular mail or provide it directly to any member of the ACC. Electronic copies of the PAR may be found on the community website at [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org). A blank paper copy of the PAR form is included in this newsletter.

Questions or comments may be addressed to the ACC at either its regular monthly meeting at 7:00PM on the fourth Monday of each month or by e-mail addressed to [acc@rivershyre.org](mailto:acc@rivershyre.org).

**Happy New Year!**

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