



The Village Crier

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

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Swimming with the Tiger Sharks!

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Last month, I had mentioned some of the pool feedback the board had received from current and past pool members. At that time, those who choose to pass along their opinions noted that they were no longer members because they felt that the swim team had “over taken” the pool. Complaints ranged from not being able to use the pool because of team practices (or closed because of meets) to non-pool members who were part of the swim team using the facilities well before or after practice.

Since then, I have heard from a number of swim team parents who were concerned that the board wanted to limit the team’s use of the pool or disband the team entirely.

Well, they say that the “squeaky wheel gets the oil”. Right now, both sides are squeaking.

There have been no discussions at the board meetings specifically about the swim team and the opinions – pro or con. And no one has even brought up the idea of disbanding.

What we are hearing, and what we do know, is that Rivershyre Tiger Sharks are one of the best programs (if not the best) in the entire neighborhood. Last year, over 80 kids participated and most if not all of their parents volunteered and cheered as well. That’s well over 250 of your neighbors bonding together.

A lot of the plaudits should go out to George Patton, the Tiger Shark swim team coach, and to his assistant coaches and team coordinators. Their efforts and energy have made the swim team one of the best in the region. Why break up a good thing?

Another set of comments we have heard was about the 2006 pool attendants. Nothing but high praise from moms and dads. Clean restrooms, fully stocked snack bars, little or no rowdiness in or around the pool were the comments most mentioned. Two moms noted that they really appreciated the attendants showing up “on time”. Something to build on in 2007.

Our next board meeting is January 9th at 7:30pm. We’d still like to hear your opinions and concerns about the pool and/or the swim team.

There will also be a pool committee meeting, Wednesday, January 17th at 7pm at the clubhouse. We are looking for volunteers to help out and/or neighbors to come in and voice their concerns or opinions about the pool.

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Another Adult Bunco Is Coming!

It's time for Dice, Dough and Soup de jour II! It's cold outside and soup sounds like something good to eat so we decided to bring back the bunco game that was played last year.

Here are all of the details:

The date is Saturday, January 20th at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5.00 per person

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

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

RSVP to Joanie at 706 863-2931 by January 17th. 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 20th.....don't wait and be disappointed!

(And don't worry if you don't know how to play bunco. If you can roll 3 dice and count to 21, you'll be a winner at this game -- both males and females!!)

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's thirtieth Yard of the Month can be found at **1165 Parkside Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of ReMax Realtors (833-4663). 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.

**Babysitters
Listing**

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.

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

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1 st
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 15 th
Adult Bunco	Saturday, January 20 th
Ladies Night Out	Monday, January 22 nd

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

2007 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Grady Taylor	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Martha Kaphhammer	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Lisa McLendon, Darrell Speight, Barbara Broome	Members

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 ReMax Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

Active Listings as of 12/17/2006

1129 Midford Trail	\$259,900
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Sold Properties 9/17/2006 – 12/17/2006

1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$250,000
1149 Hartford Trail	\$225,000
2036 Edenton Trail	\$255,000
1213 Oakton Trail	\$220,000

Pending Sales as of 12/17/2006

N/A

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2610 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$228,972
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$87.72
Average Days on the Market	37 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Dick Huskin
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Martha Kapfhammer
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Bea Romeo
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 Tuesday, 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	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 nd Tuesday, 7:30 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 706-650-8766 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

Committee Updates & Notes

Ten Neighborly Resolutions for 2007

- **R**esolve to make Rivershyre the best neighborhood in Evans
- **I**nvolve your family in neighborhood activities
- **V**olunteer for service on neighborhood committees
- **E**njoy life in Rivershyre by being a part of life in Rivershyre
- **R**emember to pay your annual association fees before late charges are assessed
- **S**upport and promote compliance with the neighborhood covenants
- **H**elp maintain Rivershyre by participating in neighborhood workdays
- **Y**our ideas and opinions are important; resolve to send them to the Board
- **R**eport suspicious or malicious activities to the Sheriff's Department
- **E**njoy the neighborhood pool by becoming a member this Spring



Notes from the Architectural Control Committee

Well it's another New Year with a lot to look forward to in 2007. First, we would like to say "Job Well Done" to the winners of the *Light Up Rivershyre* contest and add that so many homes were beautifully decorated (see page 5 for list of winners). Now that we are into 2007, please don't forget to take down 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 22nd.

It's winter now and the leaves have fallen. Please remember that yard debris such as leaves should not be blown into the streets, storm sewers or onto other property that may adjoin yours. This is not only inconsiderate of your neighbors but also illegal in the case of the storm sewers. The leaves and other yard trash that you collect should be bagged and placed at the curb for pick-up by your trash collection company IF your collection company provides that service. Not all companies do so, and some that do require special notification and/or arrangements. Also, please remember that to burn your leaves you must first obtain a burning permit.

The committee would like to remind all residents about the potential hazard created when residents park commercial vehicles in the street in front of their homes. In addition to creating a hazard, the Covenants do not allow residents to park commercial vehicles at their homes. Such vehicles are permitted, however, when used by contractors performing work.

Questions about the Covenants may be addressed to the committee either at its regular monthly

Rivershyre Was Glowing!

If you noticed that our neighborhood was brighter than usual in December, it was because so many homes were decorated for the holidays. Thank you to everyone for making the Light-Up Rivershyre contest a blazing success!!

The winner for the whimsical category was **1192 Rivershyre Drive** and for the traditional category **1146 Oakton Trail**. The judging was done during the community hayride on the night of December 17th. And our judges wanted to give a special honorable mention for best cul-de-sac to **Dartmore Court**. Plus there is a long list of more Honorable Mentions:

1147 Hartford Trl	2016 Rivershyre Dr
1140 Parkside Trl	1143 Hartford Trl
1150 Parkside Trl	1145 Hartford Trl
1154 Parkside Trl	1155 ParksideTrl
1168 Clareidge Ct	1162 Parkside Trl
1183 Branchwood Trl	1125 Midford Crt
1168 Parkside Trl	1128 Village Ct
1106 Rivershyre Dr	1083 Rivershyre Ct
1096 Rivershyre Dr	1033 Severn Hill Circle
1092 Rivershyre Dr	1095 Rivershyre Dr
1170 Oakton Trl	1149 Oakton Trl
1163 Dartmore Trl	1168 Dartmore Trl
1159 Dartmore Trl	

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



Swimming

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Other notes:

"If" the swim team is the best program in the neighborhood; then just behind by a hair are the children's activities produced by the Social & Welcome committee. Breakfast with Santa was once again a big hit with our younger residents. Over 60 kids had a chance to sit and chat with Santa and chow down on some pancakes.

Social & Welcome is led by Martha Kapfhammer, and while she and her volunteers don't get a tan like the George Patton and his swim team coaches, Martha and her crew always have the aroma of baked goods wafting around them. Easter Egg hunts, 4th of July parades, Halloween parades, and Breakfast with Santa are all very well run and very well attended.

We have a lot to be thankful for with "volunteers" like Martha, George, and their cohorts. Now if we can get more volunteers for these activities and for our other committees.

Two who did decide to step up have joined the Rivershyre board. Barbara Broome and Bea Romeo are our newest board members. Both have recently moved into Rivershyre and want to lend a hand in continuing to make Rivershyre one of the best neighborhoods in the area.

Bea has also volunteered to oversee the Neighborhood Watch and Safety committee. Now she needs some help. You can contact her at: bromeochaves@yahoo.com.

It was great hearing from many of you in the neighborhood in 2006. I look forward to hearing from you again in 2007. Pro or Con; Good or Bad; your input helps the board in it's direction and decisions. Have a wonderful 2007!

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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".

Ladies Night Out

Did anyone notice that there wasn't a Ladies Christmas Party? Everyone's schedules were so booked up that we decided to schedule a Ladies Night Out in January when life wouldn't be so hectic.

The date has been picked for Monday, January 22nd. We will meet at the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. and carpool from there. No final decision was made on the restaurant -- it will be either Augsberg Haus or Bonfish Grill. Just plan on joining us for an evening of good food and lots of fun! RSVP to Joanie at 706-863-2931 by January 19th so we can get an idea of how many are coming. We hope to see lots of Rivershyre ladies!

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Countdown Clock for Kids



New Year's Eve isn't always a fun holiday for little ones. However, you can change all that - even if bedtime is long before the clock strikes twelve! Make this clock and let kids countdown until 8:00 instead of 12:00 using a fun firework time marker that you attach to the clock.

What You Need

- Paper plate
- Scrap of black craft foam
- Scrap of purple craft foam
- Purple foam circle
- Metal fastener or scrapbook brad
- Pink glitter glue
- Purple glitter glue
- Black Sharpie marker
- Black acrylic paint
- Paint brush
- White craft glue
- Scissors

How To Make It

1. Paint entire paper plate with pink glitter glue, set aside to dry.
2. Use scissors to cut out clock arms from black foam.
3. Cut a strip of purple foam about 4" long.
4. Glue purple circle to one end of the purple strip of foam.
5. Use pink and purple glitter glue to draw a firework on the purple circle. Set aside in a safe place out of reach to dry.
6. Poke a small hole in the ends of the clock arms to insert the fastener through.
7. Poke a small hole in the center of the paper plate.
8. Use the marker to write on the clock numbers.
9. Insert fastener through the clock arms and then through the hole in the center of the plate.
10. Close back of fastener loose enough so that clock arms will move.
11. Use black paint to paint the outside edge of the paper plate as a border.
12. Check to be sure the glitter glue on your "time marker" is dry, then glue it to the back of the plate, aligning the firework with your child's bed time.

Helpful Hints

- Make a simpler version of this craft using foam sticker numbers and a plain paper plate instead of glitter glue and the Sharpie.
- The colors suggested in this craft are just that, suggestions. Use any color you like or have on hand to make this project your own.
- Fasteners are available in abundance at office supply stores near the paper clips.