



The Village Crier

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

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A Message from the Association President

Hi everyone and Happy New Year.

With a new year comes changes. I would like to publicly thank and welcome our new neighborhood board members who volunteered and were voted in by the neighborhood association. Joining your board are Jack Bryant, Laura Higgins, and Horace Carney. These folks began their two year terms this month. I would also like to thank those board members who have provided many hours of their time to our board and are moving on - Travis Walden and Russ Leseburg.

As I write this letter, I am shivering just thinking about the 2nd Annual Polar Bear Plunge that occurred on Saturday 2 Jan. Someone once told me "Pain is weakness leaving the body". Based off what a group of neighbors experienced, we all have a little less "weakness" in our bodies - and maybe a few less brain cells.

If resolutions are part of your new year, how about considering a resolution that will benefit you and the other 275 households in the neighborhood. We are always in need of additional folks to join our numerous committees. We also need chairman for the following committees: Grounds and Lakes; Pool; and the Architecture Control Committee. Some people fear that these positions will be a full time job. That is not the case. A few hours a month is all that is required in addition to the motivation to assist our neighborhood.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter this month there is a small increase to the price of renting the clubhouse. The new price will be \$75.00. If you have not been to the clubhouse lately, you will see that there are new tile floors in the kitchen and bathrooms, and there has been a great deal of effort by volunteers to upgrade the facility with new paint throughout the kitchen and bathrooms in addition to touching up the trim. Additional renovations are upcoming. For those that are interested in renting the club house, please contact Debbie at (706) 228-7314.

Thanks always to those who support, volunteer and continue to make Rivershyre a great place to live.

T.M. Weisz
RCA President



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Light Up Rivershyre Winners!

Rivershyre light contest winners: We had a tie this year the families are...

The Belanger family @ 1192 Rivershyre Dr.
The Trakowski family @ 1125Village Ct.

Social Welcome wishes everyone A Very Merry Christmas and Happiest New Year!!!

Special Thanks to our Santa this year "Mike Amerson". We had a wonderful time having cookies with Santa!! Due to the weather our hayride was cancelled this year.

A Message from the Association Treasurer

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New year. As all the dust settles from the holidays, you will be receiving your 2010 Homeowner's Association Dues notice at the end of the month. Once again this year we will be hand delivering it to save some postage. We try to be good stewards of your dues. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the dues for 2010 is \$240.00 and is due March 15.

As always, if you have any questions about your bill, you may call me at 706-855-8122.

Happy 2010!!
Holly Bullock, Treasurer RCA

**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.

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's sixty-fourth Yard of the Month can be found at **2035 Edenton Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip Jones of Re/Max True Advantage. (706-833-4663). 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.

~ Calendar of Events ~

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1 st
Columbia County schools return	Tuesday, January 5 th
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18 th
Columbia County schools holiday	Monday, January 18 th

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



2010 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Bob Petty, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Bill Rutledge, Jack Bryant, Laura Higgins and Horace Carney	Members

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 Jones of Re/Max True Advantage. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip at 833-4663.

Active Listings as of 12/18/2009

1087 Severn Drive	\$239,000
1081 Rivershyre Court	\$229,900
1212 Oakton Trail	\$249,900
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$249,900

Sold Properties 7/18/2009 – 12/18/2009

1123 Midford Court	\$265,900
1151 Oakton Court	\$207,500
1141 Rivershyre Drive	\$225,500
1131 Oakton Court	\$219,900
1153 Oakton Court	\$348,500
1158 Oakton Trail	\$218,900
1165 Oakton Trail	\$257,000

Pending Sales as of 12/18/2009

none

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2787 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$248,900
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$89.30
Average Days on the Market	153 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Open
Social & Welcome	Renee Nehlsen

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, 7:30 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, 7:30 pm
Pool	3 rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
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.

Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Debbie Weisz at 706-228-7314. The fee is only \$75.00 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".

Committee Updates & Notes

Grounds and Lake Committee

The Grounds and Lake Committee did not meet in December due to the holidays, however the next "Second Saturday" workday is scheduled for 8am until noon on January 9th at the clubhouse. The first committee meeting of the year is scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday, January 18th. Please make plans to join us for the workday and at the monthly meeting. Reminders will be placed on the neighborhood bulletin board. Please watch for the postings and lend a hand.

For those new to the neighborhood, Second Saturdays are becoming a routine here in Rivershyre. That's the one day a month when neighbors are invited to participate in a volunteer effort to help maintain the amenities and appearance of Rivershyre. While a commercial lawn care service takes care of those chores, most other light repairs and neighborhood maintenance is performed by members of the Grounds & Lake Committee and all of the volunteers that we can encourage to join in. It's a fun and invigorating way to maintain the neighborhood while helping to keep down the costs to the association which ultimately gets passed on to the members if annual expenses exceed annual income from members' dues. And there's always the fun of meeting your neighbors and making new friends. So the next time you see an announcement about Second Saturday, please set aside your Saturday morning from 8am to noon and come on down to the clubhouse and join the party.

The work of the committee and its volunteers is not limited to just the monthly workdays. Other tasks include making minor repairs at the clubhouse, nature trail or wherever needed. All of these efforts require some degree of planning and that's the purpose of the monthly meeting.

The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 18th. If you would like to join the committee or simply have questions, please visit or drop us an e-mail at rca.gl@rivershyre.org.

Architectural Control Committee

Happy New Year and may this new year bring you and your family the best of times and good fortune.

The Architectural Control Committee would like to start this new year off with some new additions to the committee that would like to help make Rivershyre a great place to live. The committee currently has four voting members and would like to invite additional members to join. Please give it a thought and join us at our next monthly meeting. Meeting details are listed below.

The January meeting is when the committee chairperson is chosen for the year and when the committee sets the basic agenda for 2010. One significant objective is establishing a process by which residents may create and submit Property Alteration Requests (PARs) electronically through the Rivershyre Website or by e-mail. A trial format has been developed by Kevin Belanger and testing will begin shortly. This new process should make creation and submittal of PARs much easier and responses by the committee much faster.

The committee would also like to welcome all new residents to our neighborhood. The primary objective of the Architectural Control Committee is to assist residents with understanding and complying with the neighborhood Covenants and Restrictions. If you do not have copies of these important documents or the By-Laws of the Homeowners' Association, please contact the committee at our e-mail address shown below.

As always, any questions about the covenants or submitting Property Alteration Requests may be addressed to the committee either at its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM on the fourth Monday of each month or by e-mail to rca.acc@rivershyre.org. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25th.

Other Committee/Activity Updates

Pool Committee Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's January already and time to start planning for the 2010 Pool Season. The Pool Committee will hold its first meeting of 2010 on Thursday, January 21st at 7:30pm. There's so much to do and so little time to do it so PLEASE come to our first meeting and support the pool this year.

The first meeting of the year always starts with forming the new committee and selecting new officers. Other items include beginning the selection process for providers of important services such as managers for the Concession Stand and the attendants. We will also begin our annual review of facility policies, membership rates and other important issues that control the way the facility will be operated during the 2010 season. Planning will also begin for the activities to be held this year. Like last year, some activities will be for the whole neighborhood while others will be for pool members only. We need new members on the committee so please attend this first meeting.

As usual, our biggest task each year is building a membership roll sufficient to fund operations during the year and provide for long-term pool care. Membership in 2009 was down slightly from 2008. However, with the economic downturn we all experienced over the past year or two, such a decrease was not unexpected. Maybe 2010 will bring our nation a revitalized economy and our pool organization an expanded membership. This year, we hope to continue our cost saving efforts by performing as many services as practical with volunteers. However, this can only work if we get the numbers of volunteers needed to perform the services. Again this year, we must increase our membership or at least increase the volunteer effort if we are to continue operating the pool.

On the more cheerful side, we believe we offer a facility that provides an entertaining and family-friendly place to spend the summer months. If you have never been a member of the pool, please give it a try. Our members truly enjoy themselves and the pool gives our families a local place the whole

family can enjoy. If you have been a member in the past but have not participated lately, come try us again. We are planning some new activities and continuing some of the successful ones from last year. If you were a member in 2009, your membership made the pool season possible and your continued membership will ensure future seasons. Please join us again in 2010.

Remember to watch for the meeting announcement on the neighborhood bulletin board and join us at the clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18th and help us make this a successful season.

Ten Neighborly Resolutions for 2010

- **Resolve** to make Rivershyre the best neighborhood in Evans
- **Involve** your family in neighborhood activities
- **Volunteer** for service on neighborhood committees
- **Enjoy** life in Rivershyre by being a part of life in Rivershyre
- **Remember** to pay your annual association fees before late charges are assessed
- **Support** and promote compliance with the neighborhood covenants
- **Help** maintain Rivershyre by participating in neighborhood workdays
- **Your** ideas and opinions are important; resolve to send them to the Board
- **Report** suspicious or malicious activities to the Sheriff's Department
- **Enjoy** the neighborhood pool by becoming a member this Spring

Other Committee/Activity Updates

Neighborhood Watch & Safety



Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!

I sent out an email to everyone concerning Holiday Safety tips. If you did not receive it, please let me know. I used the email addresses that we have accumulated over the year to send it out. Some of you may have received it numerous times. I do apologize for that. It's the first time that I have attempted to send massive blind copied emails. I wanted to test the emergency contact email list as well as send you helpful information for the holidays. I missed getting the information in the newsletter for December because I had surgery.

We have no crime reports in the neighborhood for the month of December so far. We did have an incident in November. A home was broken into that had windows around their front door. The intruder broke the glass. They reached in and turned the inside dead bolt which opens by hand not by key. They only stole \$100. The homeowner was lucky. If you have windows on or around your doors, you need to be sure and have double keyed dead bolt locks and don't leave the key in the inside door lock.

Now that winter is here, how do we get rid of all the leaves? You can use them as mulch or you can burn them. If you decide to burn your leaves, you need to get a burn permit. You have three ways to get a **Burn Permit**. You can call **1-877-OK2-BURN, 706-556-3962** or get a permit by email at www.Gatrees.org. Here are the rules according to the Georgia Forestry Department. You have to have the permit first. The only time you can burn is from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM with no smoke remaining. You can burn branches, leaves, pine straw and yard waste. No stumps are allowed. The pile has to be 6 x 6 foot for yard waste or 20 x 20 for a garden. You have to have water and tools on hand. Most of all **you cannot leave your fire unattended**. It has to be completely out, meaning no smoke, by 6:00 PM. Burning is only allowed with a permit between October 1 and April 30.

Neighborhood Watch and Safety is looking at putting on some classes this spring concerning identity theft, scams by mail, email and other sources, and on computer safety. If you know of anyone that you think may be a good speaker for any of these subjects, please let me know. We would also love to have additional volunteers for our committee so we can make sure that we are offering programs and information that can benefit the neighborhood. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Club House.

My email address is kbarrett29@comcast.net.

Baby Sitter / Yard Work List

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
Kristen Beasley	706-869-0223	X	
Sohailla Digsby	706-421-6168	X (day hrs)	
Ashlie Morrow	706-550-0178	X	
Nadia & Bianca Franz	706-364-4433	X	
Jason Brickey	706-863-7039		X
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	
Becky Sanger	706-364-7562	X	
Oscar Valentin	706-364-4082	X	X
Wesley Valentin	706-364-4082	X	X
Catherine Weisz	706-228-7314	X	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	X	
Paige Jarrard	706-868-7169	X	
Sarine Husein	706-650-7771	X	
Caitlen Taylor	706-855-6638	X	
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	

