



The Village Crier

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

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Happy Valentines Day!

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Help Wanted!

Our Homeowner's Association has an immediate need for a person (or persons) with a financial background to help us oversee community finances. This individual would help the Board of Directors:

- Work with the committees to develop annual budgets;
- Develop long term budgets and spend out plans;
- Conduct audits to verify that our financial operations are conducted in accordance with our budgets;
- Serve as the chairperson of the Finance Committee; and
- Report to the Board of Directors on a regular basis with regard to community finances.

This person should have knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and should understand and/or be able to master "QuickBooks" and "Microsoft Excel/Access". This would be an ideal

practical application for a college undergraduate studying Business or Finance.

The Board may consider providing token compensation in exchange for their "volunteer" service if deemed appropriate.

It is important that we find help in this area very soon or we may seek to contract with an outside source, which could be costly and could result in future increases in our Homeowner's Association dues.

Please contact Ray Jasniecki at 650-2071 (jasniecki@msn.com) if you have the knowledge and are willing to volunteer to help our community.

Thank You,
 Ray Jasniecki, Treasurer
 Rivershyre Community Association,
 Inc.

Thank You!

This month a big THANK YOU is being given to the volunteers who help to deliver the Rivershyre newsletter to you each month. **Cindy Crosby** is the Delivery Coordinator who sees to it that each of our 14 neighborhood volunteers receives newsletters to distribute to their designated homes. And these are the families who see to it that your newsletter is attached to your mailbox each month: the **Armstrong** family; the **Beech** family; the **Evans** family; the **Hawk** family; the **Husein** family; the **Miskinis** family; the **Tapley** family; the **Patrick** family; the **Leiper** family; the **Torgerson** family; the **Lloyd** family; the **Johnson** family; the **Crosby** family; and the **Carroll** family.

If you meet any of these neighbors while you are out and about in Rivershyre, stop and tell them Thank You for a great job!

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

It's MARGI GRAS Time Again!

The Mardi Gras party has turned into an annual event here in Rivershyre and the 2003 party should be another great time! The date is Saturday, March 1st at 7:30pm and we want to see everyone there again this year. We have an 80 person limit so call in your RSVP as soon as you read this!

This year the party will again be catered and the cost will be \$12.00 per person. Your money must be paid at the time of your reservation and we will not be able to refund for cancellations so please be

aware of this when you reserve a space. We promise good food and drinks, great people, lots of fun and trinkets to take home!

Dinner will be served that night from 8:00 until 9:30pm. Make your reservation by calling Ruth at 860-3803 and call no later than February 24th. Remember, there is an 80 person limit and you must prepay to hold your reservation. Don't put off that phone call, call Ruth today!

? Couples Wine & Cheese Bunco Night ?

Don't forget about the Couples Wine & Cheese Bunco Night that we told you about in the January newsletter. The date is Friday, February 14th at 8:00pm at the Clubhouse. The cost will be \$5.00 per couple plus you will be bringing a bottle of wine (\$10.00 limit). Cash prizes will be awarded to the Bunco winners at the end of the night.

Space is limited for playing bunco this night and the deadline for reservations is just around the corner. You must call Jeanna at 868-7169 by February 7th to reserve a space for you and your Valentine. Be sure to call today!

Annual Spring Garage Sale Coming Soon!

We're giving you lots of advance notice so you can start thinking about your Spring Garage Sale which has been scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd. There is always a lot of traffic in Rivershyre for our Spring Garage Sale so be thinking about which "treasurers" you'll want to fill your garage with.

New Board Officers Elected for 2003

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors elected officers for 2003. Martha Kapfhammer was elected President of our Board. Mike Paluba was elected Vice President. Ray Jasniecki was elected Treasurer and Bill Clark was elected as Secretary.

Denise McLain was elected as the Assistant Treasurer and Becky Brogan was elected as the Assistant Secretary. Other Board members include Holly

Bullock, Rick Clabaugh, Bill Ferguson, and Randy Stone (our past President).

This year's Board is anxious to build on the success of past Boards and to keep Rivershyre at the head of the list of great neighborhoods to live in. If you would like to contact any of the Board members, please visit our website and click on the "Association" link. You'll find email addresses for all of the Board members there.

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 2032 Edenton Trail or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.

2003 Board of Directors

Martha Kapfhammer	President
Mike Paluba	Vice President
Bill Clark	Secretary
Ray Jasniecki	Treasurer
Becky Brogan	Asst. Secretary
Denise McLain	Asst. Treasurer
Holly Bullock	Member
Rick Clabaugh	Member
Bill Ferguson	Member
Randy Stone	Past President

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

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	2 nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm
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, 10:00 am

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.

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Jim McLain
By-Laws & Nominating	Randy Stone
Finance	Vacant
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Mike Paluba
Pool	Mike Plankey
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.

Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Ruth Lloyd at 860-3803 or Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766. The fee is only \$50.00 plus a \$150.00 security deposit. The Clubhouse accommodates up to 80 people.

The Clubhouse phone number is 854-0283.

The rental agreement, clubhouse rules, and check-in/out checklist can be found on our website at: www.rivershyre.org/clubhouse.

*** Calendar of Events ***

Rivershyre Take-out Night	Monday, February 3 rd , 5:30 – 7:00pm, Clubhouse
Couples Bunco Night	Friday, February 14 th , 8:00pm, Clubhouse
Mardi Gras Party	Saturday, March 1 st , 7:30pm, Clubhouse
Annual Cleanup Day	Saturday, March 15 th (Rain date is Saturday, March 22 nd)
Spring Garage Sale	Saturday, May 3 rd

Grounds and Lake Committee Update

Annual Rivershyre Cleanup Day

Please mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 15th and come out to help with the Annual Rivershyre neighborhood clean up day.

We need many volunteers to help with several work list items we have planned for this year: general trash pickup throughout the neighborhood and Nature Trail area; spreading new pine straw in some of the common areas; and maybe even some flower planting.

We plan to meet at the Clubhouse about 9:00 am and be done around noon. In the event of rain we will plan to clean up on Saturday, March 22nd.

Nature Trail Parking Area

The Grounds and Lake Committee is soliciting input from the community regarding the possibility of closing off vehicle access to the parking area that leads to the Nature Trails near the back of our property. Two concrete barriers would be installed to block automobiles from entering the short drive into the parking lot.

There are several reasons why we are considering closing this area to vehicle traffic. There will be a significant cost to the community to repave the drive should the parking area remain open; the gravel and fencing in the parking area will require replacement in the very near future; and there have been a number of incidents where non-residents have utilized the parking area for less than appropriate reasons.

If you have any comments about this proposal please send an email to comments@rivershyre.org or contact a member of the Grounds & Lake Committee directly.

Rivershyre Grounds Maintenance Coordinator

One of our residents, Mr. Larry Beran, has graciously agreed to be the Grounds Maintenance Coordinator for Rivershyre. Larry will be the point of contact for any issues or concerns regarding the Common Areas Lawns maintenance, Nature Trail, Lake area, tennis courts, playground, sprinklers, common area trees, etc. Larry will coordinate getting problems taken care of. If you see an issue that needs to be addressed, you can contact Larry at 869-8840.

Please give him a BIG thank-you if you see him out walking his dog.

Wildlife (In Our Backyard)!

There has been a recent surge in raccoon visitors to the Rivershyre community. While Rocky Raccoon may look cute, be aware that these animals should be left alone. Not only will they leave a nasty wound, raccoons also have the potential to carry rabies. You can help keep the masked varmints at bay by not leaving out food for them (to include the family cat) and keeping your garbage secured.

Architectural Control Committee Reminder

Article V, Section 3 of the Rivershyre Covenants states, "No garbage receptacles, fuel tanks or similar storage receptacles, clotheslines, and other unsightly objects may be maintained except in screened areas which conceal them from view from the road and adjacent portions of the Property. Plans for such screened areas delineating the size, design, texture, appearance and location must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to their construction. Garbage receptacles and fuel tanks may be located outside of such screened areas only if located underground."

Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee Update

Many of you may have heard that there was a car accident in our subdivision in mid-January. While we are thankful no one was injured, further investigation revealed this accident could have been avoided. One of our residents hit a parked car along the first half mile stretch of Rivershyre Drive. The driver swerved to avoid hitting a group of young, unsupervised children driving a golf cart down the street. The driver of the golf cart was 11 years old.

Rivershyre is a beautiful, safe community. Many of our residents enjoy walking, jogging and biking on our streets. The last thing we want to experience is an accident, especially one that can be avoided or even worse - one that results in harm to a child or an adult. The NW&S Committee asks for your help in keeping our streets safe.

Please:

- 1) Don't speed in the neighborhood;
- 2) Avoid parking along Rivershyre Drive ... especially the first 1/2 mile stretch which has two "blind" curves;
- 3) Watch for walkers/joggers and children at all times, day and night; and
- 4) Don't allow unsupervised young children to operate golf carts on neighborhood streets.

Watch the community board and our website for information on the upcoming NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH program sponsored by the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. If you would like to help this committee resume its activities after a lengthy period of dormancy, please contact Mike Paluba at 651-8779 (mpaluba@comcast.net).

Useful Points of Contact

- Safety or Security Issues – Columbia County Sheriff's Office Dispatch 541-2800
 - Columbia County Sheriff's Office website – www.columbiacountyso.org
 - Animal Control – 541-4077
 - Lost & Found Pets Online – http://www.co.columbia.ga.us/Emergency_Services/Animal_Control/lost_found_pets.html
 - Burned Out Street Lights – Georgia Power 1-888-891-0938
 - Water & Sewer Problems – 863-6928
 - Roads & Bridges – Street Repairs, Signs, Traffic Signals 541-1143
 - Board of Education – 541-0650
 - Check School Bus Status – 541-0657
 - Columbia County Emergency Services Department – 868-3303
 - Power Outages – Georgia Power 1-888-660-5890
 - Cable Problems – Comcast 733-7712 or Knology 364-1000
 - Columbia County Information/Customer Services – 868-3375
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