



# The Village Crier

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

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## Committee Volunteer Status Update

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*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

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Over the past few months, we have asked for help from our residents by volunteering for the various committees that help make our homeowner's association function. As noted below in our Thank You article, we've had approximately 12 new volunteers join various committees and the Board of Directors. This is excellent! However, we have two committees that still need your help. The Grounds & Lake Committee still needs help and the Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee is trying to get started again after several years of inactivity.

Neighborhood Watch & Safety 4-5 volunteers needed  
(Charlie Chaffin, 364-8892)

Grounds & Lake 2-3 volunteers needed  
(Dan Johnson, 651-1603)

Please see if your schedule will permit you to give an hour or so per month to join one of these committees. Call one of the chairpersons noted above to let them know you want to attend their next meeting. The meeting days and times for each committee can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Don't wait for your neighbor to volunteer – call today and volunteer to join a committee.

Also note that volunteers are still welcome on the other committees. If you are interested in joining the Architectural Control Committee, the Social & Welcome Committee, or the Finance Committee, stop by their next regularly scheduled meeting or give the committee Chairperson a call. All volunteers are welcome!

## Thank You!

This month we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the residents who have responded to our requests for help on various committees. The Architectural Control Committee added five new members, the Finance committee added two, Social & Welcome added three, the Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee got a new chairperson and two new members, and the Board of Directors added three new Directors. We appreciate your taking the time out of your busy day to help make Rivershyre a great place to live!

Do you know someone who is making a contribution to our neighborhood that should be recognized? If so, send an email to [thankyou@rivershyre.org](mailto:thankyou@rivershyre.org) with a description of this person's contribution and we'll try to put it in the newsletter.

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due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each  
month.*

*Drop them by 2032  
Edenton Trail or email  
them to: [newsletter@  
rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).*

## St. Patrick's Day Bunco

Come help celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Bunco Night -- adults, couples, singles -- let's have some fun!!! The date is Saturday, March 13th at the Clubhouse. As always, we'll have food to eat and just for the occasion - green beer! The Social & Welcome Committee is still working on the details so watch for the March newsletter and start searching in your closet for something green to wear!

## Spring Yard Sale Coming Soon

The date for the spring neighborhood yard sale has been set. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 15th. We thought you might like some advance notice in order for you to start thinking about the treasures you'll have in your sale. Its closet and attic cleaning time!

## Yard of the Month

Rivershyre's first Yard of the Month can be found at **1183 Rivershyre Drive**. The competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors. The monthly winners will have a small sign placed in their yard signifying that they have been selected as having the nicest yard in Rivershyre. The competition is sure to heat up when spring hits so start thinking about how your yard can be rated "best in Rivershyre".

## Babysitter Listing Addition

Please add the following person to your Rivershyre babysitters listing which was published with our December newsletter.

Information deleted for privacy reasons.

An updated listing will be published with the June newsletter. If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email with your name, age, address, phone number, age of children you will care for, and fee charged to [babysitter@rivershyre.org](mailto:babysitter@rivershyre.org).

## 2004 Board of Directors

Martha Kapfhammer	President
Bill Ferguson	Vice President
Bill Clark	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Phil Manos	Asst. Treasurer
Becky Brogan	Member
Shiron Thomas	Member
Tim Williford	Member

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

## Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm
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> 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.

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Jenny Musser
By-Laws & Nominating	Vacant
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Charlie Chaffin
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.

## 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

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

Valentine's Day	Saturday, February 14
St. Patrick's Day Bunco	Saturday, March 13, at the Clubhouse
Spring Yard Sale	Saturday, May 15

## Grounds & Lake Committee

There are several boats at Hardy Lake that are not locked to the security chain as required. Residents are asked to please secure your boat to the chain between the two trees in the area. This is to preclude misuse of your boat by others as well as theft thereby avoiding a safety issue for Rivershyre if an unsecured boat is used on the lake by someone other than its owner. Residents are reminded that Hardy Lake is not a year around storage area for boats that are only used in the summer time.

## Reminders

We've had some complaints recently about barking dogs. If you keep your pet outdoors, please be considerate of your neighbors and take appropriate actions if your dog barks frequently or at night. The Columbia County Animal Control Office can be contacted at 541-4077.

PAR's (property alteration requests) should be submitted BEFORE you make significant alterations to your property such as removing live trees, adding a sun room or screened porch, adding a pool, or putting up a fence. You can find the PAR form on our website. The Architectural Control Committee meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to review PAR's and potential covenant violations.

Hardy Lake, the natural trails, the boardwalk, the playground, and other common property are for the use of Rivershyre residents and their guests ONLY. Residents may not grant privileges to use these amenities to non-residents unless the resident accompanies the guest at all times.

## Information on Homes for Sale

One of the new items for our monthly newsletter will be information on 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 829-1377.

### Active Listings as of 1/15/04

1084 Severn Drive	\$182,900
1125 Midford Court	\$189,900
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$228,900
1209 Oakton Trail	\$214,900
1168 Parkside Trail	\$185,900
2031 Edenton Trail	\$204,900

### Sold Properties 10/16/03 - 1/15/04

1193 Newport Trail	\$198,400
1211 Oakton Trail	\$200,000
1166 Parkside Trail	\$173,000

### Average Sales For Previous 6 Months

Average Size Home	2771 Sq. Ft.
Average Sales Price	\$196,770
Average Dollar Per Sq Ft.	\$71.01
Average Days On Market	40 Days

## New to the Area?

Contact Ruth Pearl (650-1400), hospitality chair-woman of the Augusta Newcomers Club. The purpose of the club is to offer friendship and to help acclimate residents new to the community. A monthly coffee is held on the first Tuesday of each month as well as a monthly luncheon with special programs held every third Thursday of the month. Contact Ruth for more information.

## Columbia County Customer Service

Need Columbia County's help on something? Call their Customer Service number – **868-3375**. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also visit their website at: [http://www.co.columbia.ga.us/Emergency\\_Services/Customer\\_Service/citizeninfo.html](http://www.co.columbia.ga.us/Emergency_Services/Customer_Service/citizeninfo.html). There is an online form to submit questions or requests there as well.

## Pool Committee News

Even though it is still winter, your pool committee is hard at work planning for the coming year. We are trying to address several concerns and suggestions made from the last year and hopefully you should see some vital changes to the pool this year.

The pool committee wishes to take this opportunity to provide you some advanced notice of some information and to also solicit your input. If you have comments, please send them to me at my email address [billg@rivershyre.org](mailto:billg@rivershyre.org), or by mail at 1091 Severn Dr., or feel free to call me or any other pool committee member. Please review the following:

- The pool membership will be set at 200 member families this year, so please sign up early.
- We will solicit memberships from outlying neighborhoods.
- Your current pool key cards will be deactivated and we will ask that you provide the numbers from your cards on this year's application. The numbers you provide will be activated. If you need replacement cards or additional cards, please let us know on the application.
- Our charter will require 7-9 members for the committee. We currently have 5 active members (Bill Giddings, Stephany Ricker, Kathy Armstrong, Bill Rutledge and Mike Plankey). Please let us know if you are willing to serve.

The 2004 pool schedule is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Attendant Staffing Hours</u>
5/1/04	Pool Opens	
5/1 until 5/21	School in session	3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Weekdays 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Weekends
5/22 until 8/2	Summer Break	10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Daily
8/3 until 8/20	School in session	3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Weekdays 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Weekends
8/21 until 9/12	Year End period	10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Weekends only
9/12/04	Pool Closes for year	

Your pool committee is looking forward to an exciting year and hopefully we can provide you with the service you need to make it a great year for you as well.

Thanks,

Bill Giddings  
Chairman - Rivershyre Pool Committee