



The Village Crier

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

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A Message from the Association's President

Recently, when you opened your mail, you found your 2006 Homeowners dues notice. You probably noticed that our rates, like your gas bill, electric bill, and your trash bill have gone up.

While we are not feeling the pinch of higher energy rates (heating and gas in our cars); we are paying more for our utilities and insurance. This increase is the first time in a number of years that we have increased rates the full 5% allowed in the by-laws.

The increase is also helping to cover costs for upkeep of the clubhouse, grounds & lakes; sprinkler systems; and miscellaneous expenses.

We are fortunate in that we have a handful of volunteers who are helping to do work around our neighborhoods that ordinarily would be done by outside services. Other neighborhood associations take those services into account when they create their budgets and those rates are passed on to the homeowners.

Please be mindful that we would like payment by March 15th. Last year, we had everyone but one neighbor pay their dues (not to say we had to twist a few arms). Again, volunteers are the ones who are doing all the bookkeeping and sending out reminders. Your prompt payment would be a big help.

For those of you who are planning to move this year, you are still responsible for payment. When you prepare to close on your home, remind your agent, lawyer, or broker that you have paid the fee and a portion should be returned to you from the buyer, upon the sale of your home.

If you have any questions or concerns about the billing, please do not hesitate to drop me a note or give me a call. The board and I are always glad to answer any questions you might have and to share the budget numbers with you.

Additional notes:

Remember, if you plan on outdoor burning, you will need a permit. And you must burn on your property and NOT on Rivershyre property.

We are still having conversations with the Columbia County Sheriffs Office about making the clubhouse a "substation" for the local patrols. Basically, the officers would have a key to the clubhouse to come and go as they please; use the restroom facilities; do paperwork; or just take a few minutes to catch their breath.

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See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

Our hope is that our hospitality will bring more Sheriff's cruisers into the neighborhood and keep the vandals and the less desirables out of our neighborhood!

If you are a Rivershyre dues paying resident, and you would like to advertise your business to the Rivershyre community, we are now offering opportunities to advertise on the Rivershyre Website. If you'd like more information, please contact any of your board members.

The next Rivershyre board meeting is February 7th, 7:30 pm at the clubhouse. All are invited to attend!

Bill Ferguson
President - Rivershyre Community Association

Want to advertise your business to your neighbors in Rivershyre? We are now offering advertising opportunities on our Rivershyre website (www.rivershyre.org). The cost is \$150 per year. For a contract or more information, please contact a Rivershyre board member!

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's twenty first Yard of the Month can be found at **2034 Edenton 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 *****

Groundhog Day	Thursday, February 2 nd
Lincoln's Birthday	Sunday, February 12 th
Valentine's Day	Tuesday, February 14 th
President's Day	Monday, February 20 th
Washington's Birthday	Wednesday, February 22 nd
Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday	Tuesday, February 28 th

**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.

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: 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 1/17/06

1089 Severn Drive	\$214,900
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Sold Properties 9/17/05 – 1/17/06

1080 Rivershyre Drive	\$210,000
1122 Village Court	\$197,500
1165 Oakton Trail	\$238,000
1132 Midford Court	\$225,000
1144 Hartford Trail	\$177,000

Pending Sales as of 1/17/06

1159 Claridge Trail
1211 Oakton Trail
1214 Oakton Trail

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2612 sq.ft.
Average Sales Price	\$208,577
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$79.85
Average Days on the Market	23 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 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 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

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!

Help Wanted - Rivershyre Grounds and Lakes Committee

Help!!! We really need several new members to continue the efforts needed to keep our neighborhood looking great. Our current group only has 4 members and 2 of us are on other Rivershyre committees. Anyone who's been thinking about joining those willing to serve our neighborhood, please contact Dan Johnson at 651-1603. We'd love to have your help! Ground and Lakes meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the clubhouse. Attend a meeting to learn more about this worth while committee.

Rivershyre Pool Committee

The pool committee is researching the option of having the pool attendants staffed by a group separate from the Certified Pool Operator this year. What this entails is the need to provide attendants to cover pool hours from 10:30 a.m to 9:00 p.m. during the summer. The pool is open from May 1st to September 3rd this year and during the time when school is in session, the pool is only staffed by an attendant from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the week and regular hours on the weekend. The pay for this service is between \$10.00 to \$12.00/hour. This would be an ideal position for high school or college student who wants to earn a decent wage over the summer. Attendant duties include staffing the concession stand, pool deck housekeeping, watering the plants, monitoring pool activities and general housekeeping of the pump house and restroom facilities. Persons interested in a proposal for this need should direct inquiries to Bill Giddings, Mike Plankey or Bill Rutledge.

Thanks,

Bill Giddings
RCA Pool Committee Chairman

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".

Cookies!

It's Girl Scout cookie time!! Please consider purchasing a box or two when your neighborhood Girl Scouts come calling!



Please welcome our new neighbors to Rivershyre!!

Patti Corenette	1122 Village Court
John & Barbara Vultaggio	1132 Midford Court
Alex Brown	1165 Oakton Trail
Philip Brian Cherry	1144 Hartford Trail
Sheryl Hart	1080 Rivershyre Dr

Valentine's Word Unscramble

Unscramble the words to decode the puzzle.

TEARH
9 4 8

CNAYD
7

WESRFLO
1 10 12

LEOV
2 3

DACRS
11 6

DUPIC
5

1 2 3 4

5 6

5 7

8 9 10

11 5 12

