



The Village Crier

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

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New faces and some old concerns!

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Wow! The January board meeting was one of the most exciting and enthusiastic meetings in the eight years I have been attending the meetings. Every couple of minutes, we had to bring out more chairs and more tables to accommodate everyone.

And by accident, the Social and Welcome committee had their meeting up against ours. It made for a full house, but lots of give and take all evening.

We have some new board members!!! We are now up to 13 members and some all ready stepping into committee leadership positions.

I am pleased to introduce Kathryn Barrett, T.M. Weisz, Kelley Nihill, Bob Petty (a grizzled veteran of the early Rivershyre board days), Renee Nehlsen, Marybeth Valentin and her husband Oscar.

If any of the new board members are neighbors or acquaintances, please thank them for volunteering and pass along any news or concerns you might have.

With all of the new faces, we are losing a board member: Bea Romeo is moving to North Carolina in March. Many thanks to Bea! She was a board member for a year and a half, and was in charge of the neighborhood watch and safety committee.

New committee chairs:

- Kathryn Barrett – Neighborhood Watch & Safety
 - Kbarrett29@comcast.net
- Marybeth Valentin – Architectural Control
 - Mbov94@aol.com
- Renee Nehlsen – Social and Welcome
 - Renee.burton@knology.net

If you would like to volunteer to help out with any of these committees, please contact the chairperson for information and meeting times.

News & Updates

I noted last month that we signed a contract to resurface the tennis courts. The cost is approximately \$10,000. At the board meeting, there was a request to build a basketball court and/or a volley ball court in the neighborhood. The Grounds and Lakes committee will review the requests and report back to the board at the next board meeting.

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2007 New Neighbors

The Elliot Residence	1190	Newport Trail
The Gunter Residence	2030	Edenton Trail
The McGrogan Residence	2036	Edenton Trail
The Boggs Residence	1129	Midford Court
The Borsatto Residence	1198	Newport Trail
The Delgado Residence	1196	Newport Trail
The Leonard Residence	2015	Rivershyre Drive
The Miller Residence	1188	Rivershyre Drive
The Valentin Residence	2008	Rivershyre Drive
The McCumber Residence	1080	Rivershyre Court
The Duplain Residence	1175	Parkside Trail

The Villages of Rivershyre

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Stephany Ricker at 863-5988. 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".

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's forty-first Yard of the Month can be found at **1099 Rivershyre Drive**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Re/Max 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.

*** Calendar of Events ***

Black History Month	Month of February
Groundhog Day	Saturday, February 2 nd
Early Release – Columbia County Schools	Thursday, February 7 th
Valentine's Day	Thursday, February 14 th
President's Day	Monday, February 18 th

Have some spare time?

All of the Rivershyre committees are looking for volunteers. An hour or two each month will go a long way to help your neighbors and the neighborhood. If you can spare some time, your help will be appreciated.

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
Barbara Broome	Secretary
	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Kathryn Barrett, T.M. Weisz, Kelley Nihill, Bob Petty, Renee Nehlsen, Marybeth and Oscar Valentin	Members

The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday 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 Re/Max Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

Active Listings as of 1/20/08

1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$254,900
1149 Hartford Trail	\$259,900
1168 Oakton Trail	\$259,900
1088 Severn Drive	\$259,900
1141 Rivershyre Drive	\$254,900

Pending Sales as of 1/20/08

N/A

Sold Properties 10/20/07 – 1/20/08

1196 Newport Trail	\$269,900
1216 Oakton Trail	\$229,900

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2830 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$249,900
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$88
Average Days on the Market	41 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Marybeth Valentin
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Russ Leseberg
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, 7:00 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 Thursday, 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. Contact Karen Kearns at thekearns2004@yahoo.com 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

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Grounds & Lakes Update

It's time for playground maintenance. We'll be dumping one or two truck loads of chips to spread around the equipment. The chips usually last two to three years and it will also freshen up the appearance of the playground.

Nature Trail Bridge – one of rail road ties is missing and two or three have large holes making it a bit treacherous to cross. In February or March, a group of volunteers will be putting new wood slates across the bridge. Keep an eye on the front board for volunteers to help on a Saturday morning.

Before Master's Week there will be a neighborhood clean up day. Again, keep an eye on the front board.

Going Hunting!!

The annual Easter Egg hunt is coming sooner than you think!! It will be held Saturday **March 15th** @ 11:am. Over the past few years, this has been one of the best attended events. BUT you need to RSVP to let our volunteers know that you are coming. (Santa and Rudolph did not come because you did not RSVP!)

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Joanie @ 706-863-2931 by March 8th – do it today, so you won't forget!!!

Dip in the Pool

As of the first pool meeting of 2008, the committee will keep the pool rates the same as 2007. Nice to see not everything is going up in price. The goal is 120 members. The pool committee is looking for a membership director and a communications manager. If you are interested, please contact Dick Huskin (rhuskin1@comcast.net)

Neighborhood Checking Account

It looks like we are going to have to take a few dollars out of savings to pay our January and February bills. The final tab for the Microburst will be close to \$10,000. The good news is that your 2008 homeowner's bill is in the mail. (Well, maybe not good news...)

If everyone can pay their yearly dues before the

March 15th deadline, we should be good to go for 2008 and can put money back into savings. We would sincerely appreciate your payments before the deadline and not have to chase down some payments. (We still have some neighbors who have not paid their 2007 dues and they now have liens against their properties.)

Old Concerns!!

With a warmer than usual winter, the weekends have been a great time to get out on to the nature trail. Unfortunately, motorcycles and four wheelers are on the trails as well. We will continue to ask parents not to allow their children to ride on Rivershyre's trails and roads. We have been and will continue to call the sheriff's department to report trespassers on motorized vehicles.

Rail Road Bridge Danger!

Just after the new year, one evening well after dark, a group of about seven teens were walking along the railroad bridge that extends from Rivershyre property across the Savannah River. A train came along while they were on the bridge. Most of the teens were fast enough to run and get off the bridge at one end or another. But... a 14 year old girl didn't make it off and was forced to lie down parallel to the rails as the train passed by her. (Parents – think if this was your son or daughter – got chills running down your spine????)

The good news is we were told she only suffered minor bumps and scrapes. The bad news –for her and her friends- is that CSX is going to prosecute them. And since they were on the bridge that straddles South Carolina and Georgia, they will be prosecuted in both states.

CSX has informed the sheriffs department and several board members that they will prosecute ANYONE and EVERYONE who is found on the tracks. Even if you think about walking across to go somewhere else, or would like to hike along the tracks, it is considered trespassing.

Please, we do not need another death on our hands from jumping from the bridge or goofing off along

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the tracks. Parents, please warn your children. It's your choice – legal fees or funeral expenses!!

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, February 5th at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

Any comments or concerns, please give me a shout!

Bill Ferguson

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Grounds & Lake Committee

The Grounds and Lake Committee held its first meeting of 2008 on Monday, Jan 21st and set a schedule for several repair activities in the neighborhood.

The committee is responsible for maintaining our ponds, nature areas, walking trails, playground, clubhouse and other amenities. The committee performs or oversees maintenance as needed and schedules occasional workdays with the help of volunteers to perform general seasonal cleanups.

Our agenda this winter is to repair the small foot-bridge on the nature trail, add new cyprus chips to the playground, repair or replace a number of the neighborhood signs, and continue removing some of last summer's storm damaged trees and other debris.

We'll tackle the playground project and removal of the storm debris during our annual Winter Clean-Up Day tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 15th. The repair of the bridge will take place the third or fourth weekend in February. Announcements for these events will be placed on the neighborhood bulletin board. Please join us and help keep Rivershyre looking good.

The Committee needs several additional members to enable it to meet its responsibilities. Please consider contributing to our neighborhood by joining the committee and helping to maintain Rivershyre.

The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18th. Please feel free to visit. If you would like to join the committee or simply have questions, please contact any member or send an e-mail to dickh@rivershyre.com

Pool Committee Report

Planning for the 2008 Rivershyre pool season is underway. The Pool Committee had its first meeting of the new year on January 15th and addressed several important topics such the makeup of the 2008 Committee, membership fees for 2008, a draft calendar of significant events, and options for providing attendants and managers.

Let me address first the topic I believe will be the greatest interest to most people, namely the annual membership fees to be charged in 2008. The Pool Committee considered several different options and will make its recommendation to the Board of the Rivershyre Homeowners Association at the next meeting of the Board on February 5th. Following the announcement of the Board's decision, applications with the 2008 fees will be available. Look for the new application in the March Newsletter and on the Rivershyre website at www.rivershyre.org after the first of March.

This year's calendar will start with the opening of the pool tentatively set for Saturday, May 3rd, with a Grand Opening Party the following Saturday, May 10th. The party will be open to **ALL** Rivershyre residents in addition to the regular paid membership. In addition to the Grand Opening Party being open to all Rivershyre residents, the 3-day weekend that includes the 4th of July will ALSO be open to ALL Residents. Other important dates such as swim team schedules, closing dates and other parties will be provided in later Newsletter articles.

As discussed in previous Newsletter articles, our biggest task for 2008 is to expand our membership. We **MUST** increase our membership if we are to continue operating the pool. If you have never been a member of the pool, please give it a try. If you have been a member in the past but have not participated lately, come try us again. We are planning more new activities than before and hope to have more families





TIGERSHARK NEWS

It will not be long now until the pool opens and it will be swim season again. Your neighborhood swim team will be swimming against our neighbor Stratford, Riverwood, Spring Lakes, Brynwood, and National Hills this year. Head Coach Jessie Usry has promised “a new look Tigershark this year.” We will have at least two registration dates in April. More details to follow.....

We welcome all kids from ages 4 to 18 to join the team. In keeping with our motto “If you can get them in the water, we will figure out how to get them to the other side.”

For more information in regard to the swim team please contact Phil French 706-860-4504 or Tim and Christina Troutman 706-855-2892.

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

STOP & READ Updated Liens List

2006 Liens
1162 Oakton Trail

2007 Liens
1155 Oakton Court
1172 Dartmore Trail
1162 Oakton Trail
2003 Rivershyre Drive

Help Wanted!

Pool Membership Director &
Pool Communications Manager
Needed!

Contact Dick Huskin
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