



# The Village Crier

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

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## Columbia County Environmental Committee information

In January the Environmental Committee met with several county officials, to include Mr. William Clayton (County Water Commissioner) and Mr. Charles Allen (County District 3 Commissioner) regarding the continuing odor problems in the subdivision. During these meeting county officials acknowledged the ongoing problem and indicated an engineering firm was recently hired to determine the source and cause of the odor.

In an effort to assist the firm the county has asked we provide data regarding when and where we observe odors as well as the strength of the odor (scale 1-10). If you observe odors in the neighborhood please report it to Bob Hull at [pualanibob15@yahoo.com](mailto:pualanibob15@yahoo.com) or Mr. Mark Inglett (County Water Operations Officer) at [minglett@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:minglett@columbiacountyga.gov). This data will be provided to the engineering firm and used to identify and the fix the problem.

The county is taking this problem seriously and has allocated three million dollars to install odor reducing equipment at the nearby Waste Water Treatment Facility. According to Mr. Clayton, the process of budgeting, ordering, and installing the equipment may take up to 18 months.

Please contact Bob Hull if you have any concerns or would like additional information about this issue.



The Villages of  
Rivershyre

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**Baby Sitter / Yard Work List**

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
Kristen Beasley	706-993-5865	X	
Sohailla Digsby	706-421-6168	X (day hrs)	
Jason Brickey	706-863-7039		X
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	
Becky Sanger	706-364-7562	X	
Oscar Valentin	706-955-9968	X	X
Wesley Valentin	706-955-9968	X	X
Victoria Valentin	706-955-9968	X	
Catherine Weisz	706-228-7314	X	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	X	
Sarine Husein	706-650-7771	X	
Caitlen Taylor	706-855-6638	X	
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	
David & Sam Reid	706-993-1786		X
Helen Reid	706-993-1786	X	
Eleida Tyler	706-228-5730	X	
Mclain Lambert	706-726-6113	X	
Brooke Hull	410-660-8067	X	

*New to the  
Neighborhood??*

*Let us know ...  
we have a gift  
for you!*

*Please call  
Carolyn Julien @  
706-496-2189.*



~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's ONE HUNDREDTH Yard of the Month can be found at **1161 Dartmore 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.

**Babysitters  
Listing**

If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email to: [newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).

Include your name and phone number.

~ **Calendar of Events** ~

Valentine's Day	Thursday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>
President's Day	Monday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>
Columbia County school holiday	February 18 and 19

Newsletter articles are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: [newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).



## 2013 Board of Directors

Open	President
Michael Nehlsen	Vice President
Open	Secretary
To Be Announced	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Kay and Al Russo, Jack Bryant, Scott Baggot, Laura Higgins, Chester Smith, Tom DePretoro and John Kennedy	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 1/22/2013

1105 Rivershyre Drive	\$199,900
1156 Oakton Trail	\$199,900
1209 Oakton Trail	\$227,977
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900

#### Sold Properties 7/1/2012 – 1/22/2013

1189 Newport Trail	\$211,000
1213 Oakton Trail	\$211,000
1171 Parkside Trail	\$172,000
1206 Newport Trail	\$194,000
1170 Oakton Trail	\$249,900
1138 Parkside Trail	\$145,000
1079 Rivershyre Court	\$186,000
2015 Rivershyre Drive	\$224,586

#### Pending Sales as of 1/22/2013

none

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2653 sq/ft
Average Sales Price	\$200,943
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$75.74
Average Days on the Market	128

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Open
Finance	Open
Grounds & Lake	T.M. Weisz
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Open
Social & Welcome	Open

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 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:30 pm
Board of Directors	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	As needed
Grounds & Lake	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:30 pm
Pool	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 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.

## 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 706-854-0229. 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

## Neighborhood Watch & Safety



The weather we have had the past two months has been going from one extreme to another. With the warm days we have had, a lot of people are walking, jogging and riding their bikes. We are seeing a

lot of people out at night wearing dark clothing. Please make yourselves more visible by wearing reflective clothing and carrying a flashlight.

A larger number of residents are using the Nature Area which is great to see! Normally we have more nonresidents trying to use our amenities than residents. Whenever you have guests that want to use Hardy Lake or the Nature area, you have to accompany them. Otherwise they are considered a nonresident and are trespassing.

We are still having problems with dogs running loose. Dogs must be on a leash or under the control of the owner at all times according to Columbia County Animal Control. If your dog injures another person or another animal, you are responsible. If you see an animal out that is not being controlled by its owner, please call **Columbia County Animal Control** at **706-541-4077**.

The Neighborhood Association Board has voted to have an Environmental Committee to represent the residents that are experiencing problems with the odors from the sewage lines and the Water Treatment plant. Bob Hull has volunteered to be the Chairman of the committee. He will be giving you information about his meetings with various people with the Water Department. He has asked that we email him whenever you smell the odor, the location and time. He is compiling a monthly calendar with this information to give them. We are very fortunate that he has volunteered to do this. Bob's email address is [pualanibob15@yahoo.com](mailto:pualanibob15@yahoo.com).

Neighborhood Watch and Safety would like to have your input for programs that you feel would be helpful for you and your family. We also need your help in reaching out to new residents. If you have a new neighbor, please ask them to contact me at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net) so I can add them to the Emergency Contact List.

Below is a helpful list of phone numbers that you might want to post on your refrigerator and put in your cell phone.



**Columbia County Sheriff's Dept – reporting suspicious activity 706-541-2800**

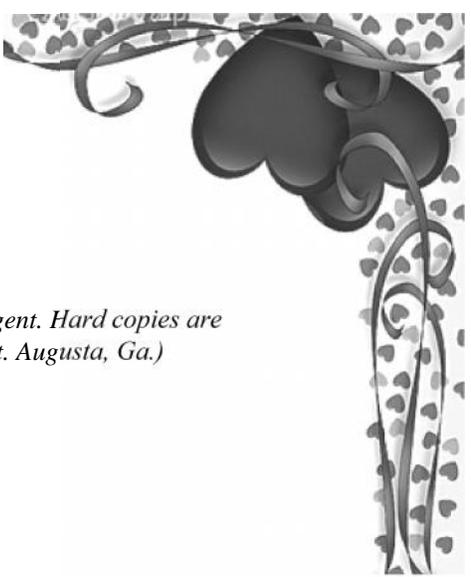
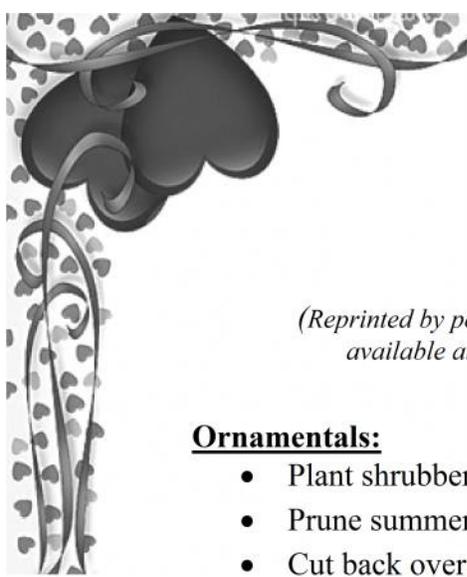
**House Watch – whenever you go on vacation – 706-541-2800**

**Emergencies – 911**

**Columbia County Animal Control – 706-541-4077**

**Georgia Burn Permits – available October 1 through April 30 - 1-877-OK2-BURN**

**Turn in a Poacher – 1-800-241-4113**



# Lawn and Gardening Calendar February

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## **Ornamentals:**

- Plant shrubbery and small trees.
- Prune summer flowering shrubbery.
- Cut back overgrown shrubbery & trees.
- Mulch shrubbery.
- Cut back liriopoe to highest mower blade setting

## **Turf:**

- Apply pre-emergence herbicides to prevent summer weeds during last half of month.
- Spray winter weeds with approved herbicides.

## **Flowers:**

- Prune hybrid tea roses.
- Spray rose to prevent diseases.
- Plant new rose bushes.
- Plant hardy annuals such as baby's breath, pansies, petunias, sweet peas, and foxglove.

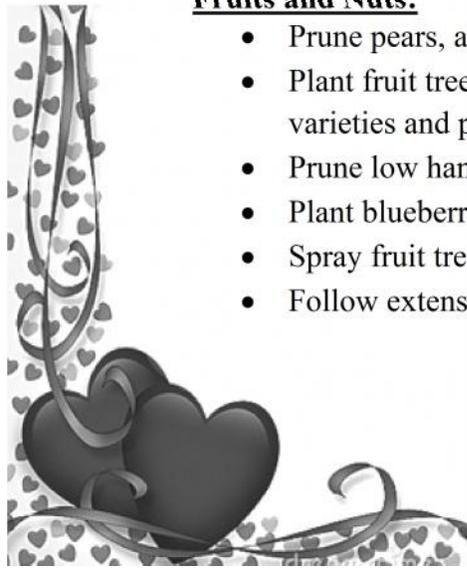
## **Houseplants:**

- Fertilize with liquid fertilizer.
- Turn houseplants weekly to allow full coverage by sun.

## **Vegetables:**

- Plant beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, onions, English peas, Irish potatoes, radishes, spinach, & turnips.
- Seed tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, for growing transplants for later planting.

## **Fruits and Nuts:**

- Prune pears, apples, plums, peaches, muscadines, and blackberries & grapes.
  - Plant fruit trees. Consult Cooperative Extension and local nurseries for recommended varieties and pollinators for our area.
  - Prune low hanging limbs on pecan trees.
  - Plant blueberries.
  - Spray fruit trees with lime-sulfur before blooming for disease control.
  - Follow extension spray guide for fruit trees.
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