



THE VILLAGE CRIER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF
RIVERSHYRE INCLUDING BRIGHTON, DARTMORE, NEWPORT
AND EDENTON VILLAGES

<http://www.rivershyre.org/>

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HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY



FROM THE EDITOR

Due to the crashing of my computer, I now have a new e-mail address. If anyone has e-mailed me information for the newsletter and it is not in this month's, please e-mail me again and I will add to the April newsletter. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. My new e-mail address is: Dhann62@aol.com. If you have anything for the newsletter the cut off date is the 20th of the month for inclusion into the following month's newsletter.



I hope you all have a safe and fun St. Patrick's Day.

UMMM... GOOD

If you didn't get a chance to have breakfast at the clubhouse on Saturday, February 10th, you missed something great!! Good food (and lots of it) and a chance to spend some time with your neighbors awaited everyone. A special thank you to Fred and Jen Shimalla for so generously giving of their time and talent and for donating much of the food cooked that day. We are privileged that the Shimalla family calls Rivershyre home!!

RIVERSHYRE TAKE- OUT NIGHT



Another Rivershyre Take-Out Night is being planned for Tuesday, March 20th. We are going to do this one a little differently, so read this carefully. On the menu that night will be chicken and wild rice casserole, blueberry muffins and something sweet for dessert. The casserole will be prepared for you in its own container so this time there will be no need to bring containers with you. You can eat the casserole that evening or freeze it to use at a later date.

The cost will be \$15.00 per casserole dinner and reservations must be in by Friday, March 16th. You may call Martha at 650-8766 to make your reservation. We will not be able to add names at the last minute as we have in the past. We will only make casseroles for the families that have made reservations. Watch the sign board at the front entrance; we will post reminders there.

COUPLE BUNCO

COUPLE BUNCO NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17, AT 8:00 IN STEAD OF 7:30, AS STATED IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER. THE COST WILL BE \$10 PER COUPLE. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE AND SNACK TO SHARE. ONLY 12 COUPLES ARE ALLOWED, SO RSVP TO LYNNE VAIDEN AT (860-4209 BY SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH. IT PROMISES TO BE A GREAT TIME!!



RIVERSHYRE'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Normally the Easter Egg Hunt is held on the Saturday before Easter weekend. This year because that Saturday falls during Masters Week, we will hold the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 8th in the afternoon. We are giving you advance notice of this in order for our families to be able to work this into their schedules during that busy time. Complete details will be available for you soon.

VOTE

VOTE YES ON MARCH 20!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vote yes March 20, 2001 to continue the 1 cent tax in Columbia County. It was voted on 4 years ago and we are paying it now. The amount that goes to our school system is approximately 30 million dollars. We are voting to continue this tax that is up for 5 more years in June 2002.

The reason it's so important for us to get the message out is because on March 20th the only issue to vote on is the 1 cent sales tax. People tend to not make an effort to go and vote for only one issue, but if you don't vote the tax will be taken away. Thanks for your support.

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Please add to your directory:



NEW ARRIVALS

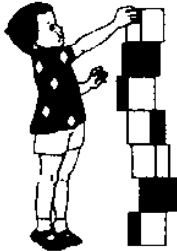
WEBSITE CONTINUES TO GROW

Have you checked out the neighborhood website (<http://www.rivershyre.org/>) recently? Its being updated weekly and new things are being added every few weeks. Recently the Covenants, Restrictions, and By-Laws were posted. In coming weeks we'll be posting a page of local links that might be of interest to you and in the coming months there will be webpages for each of the committees. A search capability and a bulletin board are also being looked into as future improvements. The look and the layout of the website will be updated later this year.

We'd also like to post some pictures from past neighborhood events. If you've got some electronically that you would like to share, let us know. If you have any suggestions or ideas to make our website better, please let us know. You can send an email with your suggestion or comment to: webmaster@rivershyre.org.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

SOCIAL AND WELCOME COMMITTEE



Our Rivershyre Playgroup meets every Wed. from 10-11:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Parents and child caretakers are invited to join us for fun and socializing. For more information call Kamey Hawk at 863-0948.

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Cecilia Johnson at 869-8143. The fee is only \$40.00 plus a \$150.00 security deposit. The clubhouse accommodates 80 people.



GROUNDS AND LAKES COMMITTEE

A special thanks to Henry and his crew from Empire Tree and Turf. Henry's company donated their time and equipment to convert Rivershyre residents' Christmas trees into mulch for the large oak tree along Rivershyre Drive. A lot of mulch is needed to cover this large area. When they do work in our area, Empire Tree's crew gives us the resulting wood chips to use as mulch.

For several years, Empire Tree has been working with the Grounds and Lake Committee on the Rivershyre Common Area Tree Maintenance Program. The program involves survey and assessment, tree removal, pruning, cabling of limbs and fertilization. Empire Tree's Certified Arborist has been very helpful in helping us identify and prioritize the work that is needed to be done to save our large trees.

A special thank you to Dan Johnson who spent so much of his time spreading the mulch under our trees!! If you'd like to help with this work or any other grounds projects, please call Randy Stone at 863-9053.

BOARD MEMBER DIRECTORY


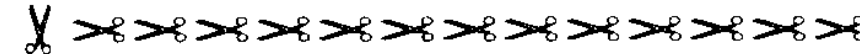
Randy Stone	President
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Bob Lloyd	Member
Bill Clark	Member
Ray Jasniecki	Member

COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Architecture Control	Jeff Butler
By-Laws	Bob Lloyd
Finance	Bob Lloyd
Grounds and Lake	Randy Stone
Neighborhood Watch	Joyce Rabb
Pool	Mike Plankey
Social & Welcome	Martha Kapfhammer

MONTHLY EVENTS

Architecture	4th Monday, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors	1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
By-Laws	Not Scheduled
Finance	2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Grounds and Lake	3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Playgroup	Wednesday 10-11:30 a.m.
Pool	Wednesday 7 p.m.
Neighborhood Watch	4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Social & Welcome	2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.


RIVERSHYRE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
UPCOMING EVENTS
 Couple Bunco March 17, 8:00 p.m.
 Rivershyre Take Out Night March 20, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 Rivershyre's Easter Egg Hunt April 8
 Rivershyre Yard Sale May 5


FROM OUR PRESIDENT RANDY STONE - 1121 RIVERSHYRE DR.



Clubhouse Improvements - The Social & Welcome Committee has been busy over the last couple of months soliciting bids and evaluating various replacement flooring materials for the clubhouse. The Board has approved use of additional revenues received last year to do the flooring upgrade. The additional funds are largely due to the diligence of the Finance Committee last year and are comprised of delinquent dues collections from past years, additional clubhouse rentals, Social & Welcome activities and a greater number of dues payments than anticipated in the budget. The Social & Welcome Committee has also selected some new furniture for the clubhouse using budgeted funds that have been saved over the last couple of years. The new furniture is nice looking and much more durable than our old wicker furniture that is worn out. They are also repainting the interior walls to compliment the new furniture and tile and have included some other furnishings to finish off the clubhouse interior refurbishment.

Drainage Areas - This month a couple of instances have come to my attention where drainage areas are being dug up by industrious youngsters. Digging up the soil and/or damaging plant life in a natural drainage area is unsightly and results in increased soil erosion. It is difficult to avoid soil erosion, especially on steep sloped gullies. A good way to avoid erosion is to not disturb natural plant life that has been able to survive there. Please remember that any major regrading of your personal property requires Architectural Control Committee approval via submittal of a Property Alteration Request (the form is now available on the community website: <http://www.reivershyre.org/>). Any earth work or plant removal in any common areas needs to be specifically approved by the Grounds and Lake Committee who is in charge of maintaining the common areas. If you are aware of a drainage or overgrowth problem in a common area, please bring it to the homeowners to help keep the common areas neat and tidy, but please do not let your kids or yourself get carried away by making unauthorized alterations.

Parking in streets - The Covenants require homeowners to have sufficient parking on their property for all vehicles they own. Occasional curbside parking by yourself or your visitors is tolerated for special occasions. However, it is expected that all residents regularly park in their garage or driveway. Our neighborhood streets are narrow and any car parked in the street causes a traffic obstruction. They also create blind spots which obscure a drivers vision of pedestrians or kids playing in their yards. Some high traffic locations are of particular concern from a safety standpoint, especially since not everyone is keeping within the 25 m.p.h. speed limit. Please don't park your cars in the street and keep the speed down when driving.

Committees - The committees are busy planning activities for this year and preparing budgets for next year. The Finance Committee has already gotten the Homeowner Association dues notices in the mail and hopefully you have received yours already. Payment is due May 1st. If you are interested in helping out in our community and would like to serve on a committee or are willing to volunteer time on a specific project, please contact me or one of the committee chairpersons listed in this newsletter.

Also, if you have any suggestions of things you'd like to see in our community or are aware of a neighborhood problem that needs attention, please feel free to call me or send an e-mail to randalstone@knology.net.

Please remember to submit all articles by the 20th of the month to insure inclusion in the next month's issue of our newsletter. Donna Hanner - 1190 Newport Trail - Phone 868-5925 or e-mail Dhann62@aol.com.