

THE

# VILLAGE CRIER

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



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## HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY



### ***Rivershyre Take-Out Night Is Back!!!***

*The date for this dinner is Tuesday, March 12 and the menu will include homemade chili, cornbread and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per family and you may pick up your dinner at the clubhouse from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. Remember to bring your own containers for the food. Please RSVP to Donna at 868-5925 by March 8th.*



### Rivershyre Neighborhood Garage Sale

The Rivershyre Spring Garage Sale will take place this year on Saturday, May 25th. Start now to organize your stuff and get a buck or two for them at the neighborhood garage sale. We will advertise the garage sale in the Augusta Chronicle and will put posters around also.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

LADIES NITE OUT - THURSDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7:00 P.M. AT MIYABI KYOTO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE. WE WILL CARPOOL FROM THE CLUBHOUSE. RSVP TO JEN AT 860-8726 BY APRIL 11TH SO WE CAN TRY TO RESERVE A FEW TABLES CLOSE TO EACHOTHER.

COUPLES WINE & CHEESE BINGO NIGHT - SATURDAY, MAY 4TH AT 7:30 P.M.

### Rivershyre Entrance Sign

Many thanks to Larry Beran for taking the front sign down and repainting it, he has the neighborhood entrance looking very sharp once again. Larry has been a long standing member of the Grounds and Lakes Committee and has consistently gone out of his way to help keep our neighborhood in great shape.

### RIVERSHYRE'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Calling all Rivershyre Kids - our Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m. Something special is also planned for that day too. The Grand Opening of the long awaited playground will be held immediately after the Easter Egg Hunt!! To commemorate this event the Social and Welcome Committee is sponsoring a lunch to be held after the Grand Opening. There will be no charge for the lunch. The cost for the Easter Egg Hunt will be \$2.00 per child.

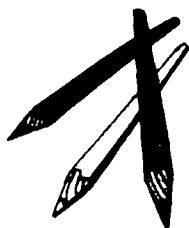


A flyer with all of the information and an attached reservation form will be delivered to each household in the neighborhood. Watch your mailbox for the flyer!

## DON'T CUT DOWN THAT TREE!!

It's going to be spring soon and we'll all be out in our yards working again. Please remember that if you wish to remove live trees or bushes from your yard you must submit a Property Alteration Request (PAR) to the Architectural Control Committee prior to doing so. Rivershyre is known for its abundant natural areas, wooded lots, and wildlife. The ACC tries to balance maintaining the appeal of the neighborhood with the desires of the homeowner's to improve their property. The Covenants which cover these types of issues as well as the PAR form and other useful information can be found on the Rivershyre's website ([www.Rivershyre.org](http://www.Rivershyre.org)) under Committees/Architectural Control Committee.

### Just a Quick Note:



The message board in the front of the neighborhood is a fantastic tool for communications in our neighborhood. If you would like some information placed on the board

that is not part of one of the committees, please give Jen Shimalla or Martha Kapfhammer a call and they will write it up there for you. The Social and Welcome Committee would like the message board to look nice so that when people stop to read it, the information will be correct and legible. This way your important community message will be read also. This is a great community with many things going on and the Social and Welcome Committee would love to get the word out. We thank you so much for your cooperation.

## SOCIAL AND WELCOME COMMITTEE MEETING

The March meeting for the Social and Welcome Committee will be moved to a night time meeting. We have heard from several ladies that they would love to attend the meetings if they were held at night. We are always looking for more members to share our fun meetings with so here's your chance! We're looking forward to seeing new faces on the 14th.

## GROUNDS AND LAKES COMMITTEE:

The Grounds and Lakes Committee will be discussing the "dismantling" of the split rail fence that separates the properties between Parkside Trail and Midford Court at the next meeting, March 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.

The fence runs along the common area that borders 23 homes. Most of the fence is in disrepair and the committee has received several complaints over the years about the common area being overgrown and home to snakes and other "pests". The committee has discussed removing the fence and "periodically" coming in and cleaning up the common area. Please note that this area is not covered in the current maintenance contract.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may attend the March 18th meeting, or you may call Bill Ferguson at 651-1797.

Rivershyre now has 100 bald cypress seedlings growing in the wetlands in the Nature Area. Ben Strickland of Severn Drive had the idea to plant the trees in memory of his grandfather, Tim



Strickland. Mr. Strickland was Chief Ranger in Richmond County for the Georgia Forest Service for many years. The Rivershyre Homeowners Association's Grounds and Lake Committee paid \$100 for the seedlings. Cub Scout Pack 643 got a lesson about trees and forests, then planted all the seedlings on Saturday, February 9. Look for the lacy leaves and red trunks as you walk the trail. The trees will be a permanent addition to the Rivershyre forest.



If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Ruth Lloyd at 860-3803 or Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766. The fee is only \$50.00 plus a \$150.00 security deposit. The clubhouse accommodates 80 people. The clubhouse phone is 854-0283.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE**

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

**BOARD MEMBER DIRECTORY**

Randy Stone	President
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Bill Clark	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Asst. Treasurer
Susan Perfect	Asst. Secretary

Board Members: Dan Johnson, Denise McLain, Mike Paluba

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

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

There is a new person to contact if you are new to our neighborhood. Her name is Susan Perfect and her phone number is 210-1749. You may also e-mail your name to her at [brstolbabe@aol.com](mailto:brstolbabe@aol.com). Susan is going to be keeping our directory updated and your help would be very much appreciated. So if you are new to our neighborhood or know of someone who is, contact Susan either by phone or e-mail. Thank you!

  
**RIVERSHYRE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Rivershyre Take-Out .....	Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt .....	Saturday, March 23, 11:00 a.m.
Ladies Nite Out .....	Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.
Couples Wine & Cheese Bingo Nite .....	Saturday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
Rivershyre Spring Garage Sale .....	Saturday, May 25



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT RANDY STONE - 1121 RIVERSHYRE DR.



Rivershyre has become a member of the Community Association Institute which is a non-profit organization aimed at serving the needs of community associations. We are enrolled as members of the Georgia state chapter. I have been visiting their website and getting CAI newsletters for a couple of years now. Some of the CAI newsletter articles are very interesting and I have shared many of them with other board members. I am hoping that the board and the committees can collect some reference materials from CAI to help us learn how to do our jobs better and be more effective.

Playground - Mike Amerson has made a lot of progress and the site work is about done. It looks like the playground may get finished in time to have the Opening Ceremony on the same day as the Easter Egg Hunt. Martha Kapfhammer has got a number of neighborhood volunteers lined up to help Mike Amerson and his crew with the playground equipment assembly. The playground has been discussed for a number of years and it looks like it finally is going to happen. Thanks to all that have contributed to this major effort.

The Annual Cleanup Day will be help on Saturday March 16th and the Grounds and Lake Committee has planned a couple worthwhile activities for this year:

1. We are going to stain the front entrance fence with a light gray stain. This will help protect the fencing material and hide the new boards that were added during the recent repairs. I could use a couple of helpers. If we get 3 or 4 volunteers it should only take a couple of hours to complete the job. If you can help out please call me at 863-9053 or e-mail to [Randalstone@Knology.net](mailto:Randalstone@Knology.net).
2. Trash Cleanup - If you don't want to paint, please donate an hour or two of your time to help out with a trash cleanup effort. We will meet at the clubhouse area at 9:00 a.m. and will b concentrating our efforts on the nature trail and the shoreline around Hardy Lake. If you have any questions please contact Bill Ferguson or Dan Johnson, who is the new Chairman of the Grounds and Lake Committee.

Community Directories - The directory has been updated and is about ready for distribution. The directory hasn't been updated for quite awhile so it was a major effort to get it put together this time. A big thanks to Martha Kapfhammer and Susan Perfect for getting the job done. Susan has volunteered to keep up our resident database so please contact her if you want some information posted in the directory or you know of a residential status change in your area. I also want to thank Susan and Martha for pulling things together to get the dues notices out this year.

Committee Reminder - the committees need to get their 2003 budget requests approved by their committees during their March meeting so they can be submitted before April 4th board meeting.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for the Board or one of the Committees, please feel free to send us an e-mail at [Webmaster@rivershyre.org](mailto:Webmaster@rivershyre.org). Bill Clark (our webmaster and the board secretary) will see to it that your concern gets directed to the appropriate person. If you don't use e-mail or its an urgent matter, please feel free to call me at 863-9053. Thanks for your support.

Randy Stone