



The Village Crier

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

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*Happy
St. Patrick's Day*

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Rivershyre Cleanup Day

Please plan to come out and help with our annual neighborhood clean up on Saturday, March 15, at 9:00am. We need lots of help to keep Rivershyre looking good!

We will meet at the clubhouse to get started. We will supply trash bags and ask that you bring work gloves. The current plans include trash clean ups around Hardy Lake, the Nature Trail and the Clubhouse area. We will also be spreading pine straw along the west section of Rivershyre Drive between Newport and Edenton Villages. If we can get the planning done, we may even do some flower planting at the main entrance and at the entrances to the villages.

Our rain date is Saturday, March 22nd. If you can plan to help out please contact Dan Johnson at 651-1603.

Fire!

On Monday, January 27, a sharp eyed homeowner was getting home from work and noticed some smoke near the Clubhouse. He took the time to investigate and found a fire burning between the railroad tracks and the pool house. He called the fire department quickly and they arrived within minutes and promptly put the fire out. The only damage was a 20' diameter burned spot at the edge of the railroad right of way. The fire department thought this was possibly caused by a bad train wheel but more likely the result of a stray match or cigarette.

This would be a good opportunity to review the dangers of matches with your children. Also continue keeping your eyes open and report any fires, acts of vandalism, or suspicious activity to the authorities.

Thank You!

This month a big THANK YOU is being given to Jim & Denise McLain of Oakton Trail. Jim & Denise were responsible for repairing and staining the fence at the main entrance to Rivershyre. The gray stained fence is a great improvement over the weather worn boards. Jim also has most recently served as Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee and as Secretary for the Grounds & Lake Committee. Denise serves as the Assistant Treasurer on our Board of Directors. Jim has recently been called to serve our country in Asia so if you see Denise out in the neighborhood, tell her thank you for a job well done.

Do you know someone who is making a contribution to our neighborhood that should be recognized? If so, send an email to thankyou@rivershyre.org with a description of this person's contribution and we'll put it in the newsletter.

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Rivershyre

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**Annual Spring
Garage Sale
Coming Soon!**

Get Ready! Saturday, May 3rd is the date to have all of your goodies marked and ready to sell. Rivershyre's Spring Garage Sale always has a lot of traffic so start organizing your sale today. All of the details will be in the April newsletter.

Yard Care Seminar Coming to Rivershyre

The Rivershyre Grounds & Lake Committee is sponsoring a free lawn care seminar on Saturday, March 29, 2003 starting at 9:30 am at the Rivershyre Clubhouse.

Mr. Charles Phillips, Columbia County Extension Director, University of Georgia, will conduct the seminar. He will make a presentation concerning lawn care, trees, shrubs, gardens, and flowers.

There will be a question and answer session after his presentation. This is a good time to get some free information on your concerns about these subjects and care for your lawn. Please plan to attend if you can. Because it is near the end of the month, please mark your calendars now so you don't forget to attend this discussion.

Rivershyre's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Rivershyre's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this year on Saturday, April 12th on the Clubhouse grounds. Look for a flyer on your mailbox around the beginning of April with all of the details. This is one of the most fun events that we have in Rivershyre each year so start searching for your Easter baskets!

Website Updated

Over President's Day weekend (while everyone else got snowed in), we relocated Rivershyre's website to a new hosting service. The new host is cheaper, offers more options, and is highly reliable.

We also took that opportunity to update the look and organization of the website. If you haven't visited it recently, please do so and let us know what you think. There are still a few bugs in the new

website, some out of date information, and some additions we need to make. Over the next few months you'll see additional improvements and features that will hopefully make the site even more useful to you.

If you have any suggestions as to content for our website, please let us know. You can send your comments or suggestions to: feedback@rivershyre.org.

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 2032 Edenton Trail or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.

2003 Board of Directors

Martha Kapfhammer	President
Mike Paluba	Vice President
Bill Clark	Secretary
Ray Jasniecki	Treasurer
Becky Brogan	Asst. Secretary
Denise McLain	Asst. Treasurer
Holly Bullock	Member
Rick Clabaugh	Member
Bill Ferguson	Member
Randy Stone	Past President

The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 th Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 st Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	3 rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm
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 Tuesday, 10:00 am

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.

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Vacant
By-Laws & Nominating	Randy Stone
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Mike Paluba
Pool	Mike Plankey
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.

Clubhouse Rentals

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 up to 80 people.

The Clubhouse phone number is 854-0283.

The rental agreement, clubhouse rules, and check-in/out checklist can be found on our website at: www.rivershyre.org/clubhouse.

*** Calendar of Events ***

Annual Cleanup Day	Saturday, March 15 th , 9:00am at the Clubhouse (Rain date is Saturday, March 22 nd)
Yard Care Seminar	Saturday, March 29 th , 9:30am at the Clubhouse
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 12 th
Spring Garage Sale	Saturday, May 3 rd

Committee Updates

Grounds & Lake Committee Yard Waste Reminder

We have found that some Rivershyre homeowners are dumping yard wastes, e.g., shrub trimmings, grass clippings, and tree branches, in the wooded areas around the Clubhouse parking lot.

This area is not for dumping. PLEASE STOP and dispose of your own yard waste legally! Anyone caught dumping on Rivershyre common property will be asked to remove the waste immediately.

Architectural Control Committee Reminder

It will soon be spring and we'll all be out working in our yards once again. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) would like to remind our residents that prior to the removal of live trees and large shrubs, you should submit a property alteration request (PAR) to the ACC for approval. In addition, major changes to your landscaping and the construction of fences or other structures should be submitted via a PAR to the ACC for review and approval. The PAR form is available on the Rivershyre website under "Documents".

Homeowner's Dues Reminder

You should have received your 2003 Homeowner's Association Dues notice in the mail in early February. This is a reminder that dues are due by May 1st, 2003. After June 1st, 2003 a 10% penalty fee is also due. Any dues not paid by August 1st are subject to a lien being placed on the property.

If you have any questions about the dues or due dates, please contact Ray Jasniecki, Board Treasurer at 650-2071 or by email at RayJ@rivershyre.org.

Neighborhood Watch & Safety

The Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee (NW&S) sponsored a visit by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch program on Monday, February 3rd at the Clubhouse. Although turnout was light, there was valuable information provided and the NW&S Committee is excited about revitalizing our neighborhood watch program. If you would like copies of the handouts from the meeting and/or additional information about the neighborhood watch program, please contact Mike Paluba at 651-8779 or via email at MikePa@rivershyre.org.

Need Your Help

The Architectural Control Committee is seeking some new members. Our chairman, Jim McLain has been called to serve our country in Asia for the next few months so the committee has only three active members right now.

The function of the ACC is not to be "yard police". On the contrary, we try to protect the aesthetic pleasures of our neighborhood and maintain high property values by ensuring that our approved covenants are followed.

ACC members are asked to be observant during the month for potential violations and to attend an hour or less meeting on the fourth Monday of each month to review and approve property alteration requests and discuss potential covenant violations.

If you can spare the time and would like to be part of our committee, please stop by the Clubhouse on the fourth Monday of the month (March 24th is our next meeting) and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Clark at 860-5192 or by email at ACC@rivershyre.org.