



# The Village Crier

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

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## Neighborhood Watch & Safety

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St. Patrick's  
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As most of you know by now, Rivershyre was the subject of vandalism on Saturday night, February 14. A number of neighborhood signs, street signs, vehicles, and residences were spray painted and one vehicle had its tires slashed. The good news is that perpetrators have been identified and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is dealing with them.

However, we need to take steps to prevent this from happening in the future. The best way to do that is to get our Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee back up and running again. This committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse. All Rivershyre residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

What else can we do? Get to know your neighbors. Recognize their vehicles. Let a neighbor know when you will be out of town. Keep an eye out for vehicles or people who may not belong on your street or cul-de-sac. Next to a dog or a security system, watchful neighbors are perhaps the most effective deterrents to vandalism and burglary. With spring approaching it is the perfect time to invite your neighbors over for a cookout or to host a block party. Please keep an eye out for your neighbors interests and they will do the same for you.

Other items to note:

- Please monitor your vehicle speed through the neighborhood. The speed limit is 25 mph throughout Rivershyre. Take the time to remind your teenager about the cost of a speeding ticket or the impact of an accident. While the speed humps may be aggravating to many of us, they do serve to slow down cars. Don't use them as acceleration ramps.
- Please keep in mind that you must be a licensed driver to operate a golf cart on Rivershyre's streets. This is a state law. Golf carts can be a significant hazard to the occupants and other drivers if not operated safely.

If you see someone suspicious you can call the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 541-2800. Of course if you see a crime being committed, you should call 911.

With everyone's assistance, we can keep Rivershyre a safe community.

If you have any questions about the Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee, please contact Charlie Chaffin at 364-8892 or by email at [charliec@rivershyre.org](mailto:charliec@rivershyre.org).

## The Villages of Rivershyre

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We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

[www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org)

Newsletter articles are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Drop them by 2032 Edenton Trail or email them to: [newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).

The "Thank You" article will return next month. If you would like to thank someone for their support of Rivershyre, please send a note to: [newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).

## St. Patrick's Day Bunco

All of the Irish (and Irish wannabe's!) in Rivershyre are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day (early!) with a Bunco Night on Saturday, March 13th. The dice will start rolling at 7:00 pm and at the end of the evening after tallying up the scores - - cash prizes will be awarded!

The menu for the night starts with Zaxby's wings plus we'll have lots of other goodies too. And it couldn't be St. Patrick's Day without green beer!

The cost is \$5.00 per person. You'll need to RSVP to Stephany at 863-5988 before March 10th. But you better not delay too long because there is a limit to how many people can play. Don't worry if you've never played the game before -- if you can hold three dice in your hand and roll them, you'll be a 'natural' at this game!

Dust off your lucky green leprechaun hat and join your neighbors on March 13th! Call today with your reservation.

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## Committees Need Your Help

The Grounds & Lake Committee and the Architectural Control Committee still need a few good volunteers to help out. If you can spare an hour a month, please contact Dan Johnson at 651-1603 or email at [danj@rivershyre.org](mailto:danj@rivershyre.org) if you interested in the Grounds & Lake Committee or contact Jenny Musser at 364-3734 or email at [jennym@rivershyre.org](mailto:jennym@rivershyre.org) if you are interested in the Architectural Control Committee.

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## Yard of the Month

Rivershyre's second Yard of the Month can be found at **1128 Midford Court**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors. 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. The competition is sure to heat up when spring hits so start thinking about how your yard can be rated "best in Rivershyre".

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## Spring Yard Sale Coming Soon

Don't forget the date for Rivershyre's Spring Yard Sale --- Saturday, May 15th.

Our yard sales are always very successful (and profitable) so start cleaning out those closets and attics now so you have lots of 'stuff' for your sale!

## 2004 Board of Directors

Martha Kapfhammer	President
Bill Ferguson	Vice President
Bill Clark	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Phil Manos	Asst. Treasurer
Becky Brogan	Member
Shiron Thomas	Member
Tim Williford	Member

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

## Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Grounds & Lake	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 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.

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Jenny Musser
By-Laws & Nominating	Vacant
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Charlie Chaffin
Pool	Bill Giddings
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 Stephany Ricker at 863-5988 or Kathy Armstrong at 863-4154. 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 at: [www.rivershyre.org/clubhouse](http://www.rivershyre.org/clubhouse).

## \*\*\* Calendar of Events \*\*\*

St. Patrick's Day Bunco	Saturday, March 13, at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse
St. Patrick's Day	Wednesday, March 17
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Spring	Saturday, March 20
Daylight Savings Time	Sunday, April 4
Easter	Sunday, April 11
Spring Yard Sale	Saturday, May 15

## General Reminders

We continue to receive complaints about barking dogs and about residents who allow their dogs to, shall we say, do their business, in other people's yards. If you keep your pet outdoors or walk your dog, please be considerate of your neighbors and their yards. Take appropriate actions if your dog barks frequently or at night. The Columbia County Animal Control Office can be contacted at 541-4077.

**PAR's** (property alteration requests) **should be submitted BEFORE** you make significant alterations to your property such as **removing live trees**, adding a sun room or screened porch, adding a pool, or putting up a fence. You can find the PAR form on our website. The Architectural Control Committee meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to review PAR's and potential covenant violations.

It's almost spring time. Have you looked at your mailbox recently? Is it peeling, severely faded, or falling down? If so, you need to replace it. If you do, please note that all Rivershyre mailboxes are required to be of the same general design. You must have a black mailbox on a wooden post similar to those of your neighbors. The house number should be put on both sides of the mailbox in reflective lettering at least 3 inches in height per county ordinance.

## Information on Homes for Sale

This monthly newsletter item will include 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 Meybohm Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 829-1377.

### Active Listings as of 2/15/04

1191 Newport Trail	\$209,900
1209 Oakton Trail	\$214,900
1168 Parkside Trail	\$185,900
2031 Edenton Trail	\$204,900

### Pending Sales as of 2/15/04

1125 Midford Court  
1087 Severn Drive

### Sold Properties 11/15/03 - 2/15/04

1211 Oakton Trail	\$200,000
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### Sales in Last Six Months

Average Size Home	2697 sq.ft.
Average Sales Price	\$193,363
Average Dollars per sq.ft.	\$71.69
Average Days on Market	42 days

## Columbia County Customer Service

Need Columbia County's help on something? Don't know where to find a county office or service? Call their Customer Service number – **868-3375**. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also visit their website at: [http://www.co.columbia.ga.us/Emergency\\_Services/Customer\\_Service/citizeninfo.html](http://www.co.columbia.ga.us/Emergency_Services/Customer_Service/citizeninfo.html). There is an online form to submit questions or requests there as well.