



# The Village Crier

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

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## Rivershyre Spring Yard Sale Coming Soon!



The date for the Spring Yard Sale is Saturday, March 25th. Now we know that this isn't giving you a lot of Planning time but we've had a few requests to have the spring sale earlier in the year. This will give you a jump on 'garage sale season' and a chance to clear out the house before Master's Week. We'll give it a try this time and see how the response is.

The rules for the day are the same: start at 8 a.m.; \$2.50 fee per household; advertising around the neighborhood and in the newspapers (and yes, we'll try to see that the Chronicle gets it in the Georgia section of the Garage Sales!) A Social & Welcome representative will be by early on Saturday to collect the fee.

If you wish to highlight your sale with signs or balloons, feel free to do so. Just please be considerate of our neighborhood and remove them after your sale. Here's hoping your early spring sale will be a great one!

## Rivershyre Easter Egg Hunt is Coming Soon!

The annual Rivershyre Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 15th at 11:00 a.m. Again, this year we would like to invite all of the little egg hunters and their families to join us for a hot dog lunch immediately following the Egg Hunt. Last year the weather was just perfect and we're hoping for the same again this year!

A flyer will be distributed to Rivershyre residents in early April with all of the details. Be sure to watch for it!

## Parents, Please Help Prevent Vandalism

While serious cases of vandalism and property damage are uncommon in our community, we do have a problem of sorts.

Recently, there have been several events involving damage to boats stored at Hardy Pond and to heavy equipment stored near the clubhouse. Damage, in both cases, was uncalled for and resulted in costly repairs for the owners.

There has also been damage to the fence and gate at the community tennis court.

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### Vandalism

Children have been gaining access to the court by climbing over the fence, crawling under the gate and opening the gate by shoving it backwards toward the court. While damage may not be the intent of those using these methods of entry, their actions have resulted in some very unsightly damage that will require repair or replacement of the gate and some fencing. Even MORE important is the very real risk of injury these action may cause.

Parents, please talk with your children and encourage them to respect the property of others and to use our amenities responsibly, for their own safety.

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### Ladies Bunco Coming in May

We're having a May Day Bunco for the ladies so mark your calendars for Monday, May 1st. All of the details are still being planned so be sure to check out the April newsletter. You'll find out everything you need to know in it.

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### 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 by clicking on "Clubhouse" or "Documents".

### The Villages of Rivershyre

P. O. Box 2194  
Evans, GA 30809-2194

Rivershyre Association  
& Clubhouse Phone  
(706) 854-0229

Pool Phone  
(706) 854-0283

Our E-Mail Addresses:

[feedback@rivershyre.org](mailto:feedback@rivershyre.org)

[newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org)

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We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

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

### Babysitters Listing

If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email to:

[babysitter@rivershyre.org](mailto:babysitter@rivershyre.org).

Include your name, address, phone number, age, rate, and age range of children you will sit.

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### ~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's twenty-first Yard of the Month can be found at **1196 Newport Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of ReMax Realtors (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.

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

Neighborhood Work Day	Saturday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>
St. Patrick's Day	Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Spring begins	Monday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Yard Sale	Saturday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>

*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).*

## 2006 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Martha Kaphhammer	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Lisa McLendon, Darrell Speight, Grady Taylor, Craig Trout	Members
Martha Kapfhammer	Past President

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

### 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 and Sharon Jones of ReMax Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

#### Active Listings as of 2/16/2006

1081 Severn Hill Circle	\$191,000
1166 Claridge Trail	\$186,900
1122 Village Court	\$251,900

#### Sold Properties 11/17/2005 – 2/16/2006

1080 Rivershyre Drive	\$210,000
1159 Claridge Trail	\$187,900
1144 Hartford Trail	\$177,000
1211 Oakton Trail	\$225,900
1150 Parkside Trail	\$196,900

#### Pending Sales as of 2/16/2006

1089 Severn Drive	1192 Rivershyre Drive
2039 Edenton Trail	1214 Oakton Trail
1180 Branchwood	

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2574 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$207,275.00
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$81.12
Average Days on the Market	22 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Dick Huskin
By-Laws & Nominating	Vacant
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Darrell Speight
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.

## Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 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, 7:00 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> Thursday, 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.

### New to Rivershyre?

We'd like to include your family in our next Rivershyre directory. Call Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766 and she will deliver a copy of our current directory to you. She'll also get your information to update our computer database. If you have a new phone number or a new family addition, call with information too. We want to have as complete and up-to-date directory as we can.

# Committee Updates & Notes

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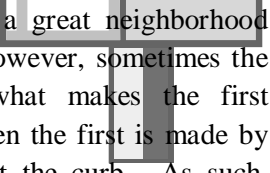
## Dumping and Burning of Yard Debris

Fall and winter are times when leaves are raked and trees and shrubs are pruned. Additionally, storms may leave us with downed trees or branches. For most of us, that raises the dilemma of what to do with our yard waste. Some compost their cuttings while others bag the cuttings for the trash removal services to pick up. Some carry their debris to any local landfill that accepts such materials. Unfortunately, there are some residents that simply dispose of their yard debris in our nature areas and buffer areas. Some debris piles have been burned. However, debris fires on homeowner's property are strictly controlled by the county and debris fires are never permitted on community property unless conducted by the association.

A walk along the nature trails and through the buffer areas of our neighborhood will too often provide the walker with the realization that some of our neighbors don't mind throwing their yard debris "over their back fence". Some may try to justify it by saying it's only grass clipping or just a few branches. Others may think because it's thrown behind their property, it's out of sight. Both cases may be true, from their perspective. However, from the perspective of the rest of the neighbors, it's someone's trash dumped in areas intended for all of us to enjoy!

This is a plea to ALL community residents. Please don't throw debris of any kind in the common areas and if you see someone do, please take some sort of action to correct the situation. If a word to the offender seems appropriate, take a moment to ask for their help in maintaining the beauty of our neighborhood. If you prefer to not challenge the person, or if you find debris some unidentified person has dumped, please report your finding. Any member of several of our community groups such as the Board of Directors, the Architectural Control Committee, the Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee or the Grounds & Lake Committee will be glad to take your information.

## A Note about Our Mailboxes



We consider Rivershyre to be a great neighborhood with many beautiful homes. However, sometimes the beauty of our homes isn't what makes the first impression on our visitors. Often the first is made by the condition of the mailbox at the curb. As such, attention to the small details such as mailboxes can really help make a good first impression on visitors, or at least prevent making a bad first impression.

We are asking each homeowner to please examine your mailbox and help us make a good first impression by making any needed repairs before the springtime visitors arrive. If you find the box is faded or has any rust, a broken door or latch, a missing or broken flag or your numbers are not visible; your mailbox needs immediate attention. Boxes should be a standard size black box. Ornamental or novelty boxes are not permitted. Also check the post. It should be a natural wood post. It also should be firmly planted and not leaning. Some homeowners have planted flowers or vines around their mailboxes but some of these plants have almost hidden the mailboxes. Please take time to trim these so that weeds are removed and your box numbers are visible. By the way, Columbia County requires that numbers on boxes be 3 inches high and visible from both directions.

The Architectural Control Committee will begin reviewing the condition of the neighborhood's mailboxes and posts later this month. Please tend to your box or post before the committee finds reason to remind you of any problems.

If you have any questions about the neighborhood mailbox policy, please contact the Architectural Control Committee by e-mail at [acc@rivershyre.org](mailto:acc@rivershyre.org) or visit us at one of our monthly meetings. The ACC meets at 7 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month and we welcome visitors and new members.

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## Committee Updates Cont'd & More

### Volunteers Needed for the Neighborhood Workday

The Grounds and Lake Committee has scheduled a neighborhood workday for March 11<sup>th</sup>, the second Saturday of the month. The committee is asking all volunteers to meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m. that morning. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the work will be rescheduled for the same time on March 18<sup>th</sup> the following Saturday. Reminder notices will be posted on the neighborhood bulletin board.

Several cleanup and repair projects are planned. Our nature areas and walking trails need a general cleanup to remove winter debris. Several sections of rail fencing need repair or replacing as does some boards in the boardwalk and bridge. There are also several trees that need attention.

Please set aside some time that Saturday and help us give our neighborhood a good spring-cleaning. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for any updates and join us for a good workout. If you have any questions about the workday, please contact any member of the committee or send an e-mail to the committee at [danj@rivershyre.com](mailto:danj@rivershyre.com).

### Grounds and Lake Committee Needs Members

The Grounds & Lake Committee needs several additional members. Please consider contributing to our neighborhood by joining the committee and helping to maintain Rivershyre.

The committee is responsible for maintaining our ponds, nature areas, walking trails, playgrounds, clubhouse and other amenities. The committee performs or oversees maintenance as needed and schedules occasional workdays with the help of volunteers to perform general seasonal cleanups.

The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. Please feel free to visit us at any meeting. If you have any questions about the committee, please contact any member or send an e-mail to the committee at [danj@rivershyre.com](mailto:danj@rivershyre.com)

### Rivershyre Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee

Neighborhood Watch & Safety is in need of volunteers to join its committee. All interested parties please contact Darrell Speight at 868-9538 or email at [nwatch@rivershyre.org](mailto:nwatch@rivershyre.org) for more information about this important work.

#### Mobile Mammography Unit in Evans!



The Columbia County Health Department is hosting the "Breast Health Center Mobile Mammography Unit". Appointments are required!

There are still some times available for today, so please call Evans Clinic at 868-3330 to make an appointment for this afternoon, or any of the upcoming dates shown below. Everyone is pre-registered, so it only takes about 15 minutes. Methods of payment include: Individual, Insurance, State BCCP Program (if eligible), Medicaid, or Medicare.

The 2006 schedule for the Mammography Unit to set up at the Evans Health Department clinic is as follows:

April 27, 2006  
 June 22, 2006  
 August 17, 2006  
 October 19, 2006  
 December 21, 2006

**Want to advertise your business to your neighbors in Rivershyre? We are now offering advertising opportunities on our Rivershyre website ([www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org)). The cost is \$150 per year. For a contract or more information, please contact a Rivershyre board member!**

