



The Village Crier

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

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Just Around the Corner

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Ah! Can you feel it? Spring is just around the corner. The weather is getting warmer, the grass and the trees are starting to green up and the buds are starting to sprout. It must be time for spring cleaning!

The Grounds & Lakes committee will be conducting the annual neighborhood clean up this month. Volunteers will be cleaning up the common areas, lake area and the nature trail. Keep an eye on the community bulletin board at the front for the exact date if you'd like to volunteer a few hours of your time.

You can start spring cleaning around your home and street as well. Leftover leaves, twigs and sticks from the fall, various bits of trash that has blown in from the frigid winter winds, and the early weeds and other oddities that have suddenly sprung up. Anything you and your family can do will help the entire neighborhood.

While the air and water are still a bit chilly; work is being done at the pool getting in advance of the pool season. Volunteers have been working on the pool house, pumps, and electricity. This month a new light and light pole will be erected to help with pool events in the evenings and help with security at night.

We are still looking for additional volunteers to help out with getting the pool ready to open and to help out during the summer. If you are interested, please contact Dick Huskin (rhuskin1@comcast.net or 706.855.1385)

Our finances are getting a bit of dusting and cleaning as well. We are working on our taxes for the neighborhood and for the pool. Like you, our utilities rates are jumping up just a bit, but we are staying within the budget. We are also reorganizing the pool finances as well. In June, a pool CD will mature and the pool assessment monies for 2007 will have been collected. The board will then look at retiring the mortgage and to start saving for the new pool liner.

Last month we had a couple of visitors to our board meeting. It was a chance for a couple of you neighbors to bring up some issues that they personally wanted to discuss. We welcome anyone and everyone to come to our board meetings. We sincerely appreciate hearing from you be it in person, by phone, or by e-mail.

Last month I had mentioned that there were some "Christmas" gifts zipping along our streets. Since then, I have not seen any and I have not heard from any of your neighbors. To those families – thank you for helping to keep our streets and your children safe.

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Around the Corner

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Rivershyre**

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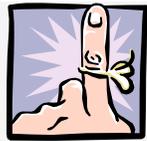
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I have heard from several neighbors complaining about dogs (and cats) roaming the neighborhood. County law requires that all pets have tags/collars and be kept in the yard. If you are having a problem with pets spoiling your yard or causing you heartache, please call Columbia County at 311 and they will connect you to Animal Control.

Many thanks to the Social & Welcome committee for a great night of Bunco. It was a great time to meet new friends, welcome new neighbors, and of course, have lots of fun. Next up is the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Get your Easter baskets ready on March 24th at 11am at the clubhouse.

Don't forget your 2007 Homeowners dues! After three weeks we have over 50 payments (thank you to those who have paid). We are asking that everyone please pay by March 15th so we can move forward with other projects and programs.

Bill Ferguson
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Don't Forget the Rivershyre Spring Yard Sale Coming Up

April 21st will be here before you know it! Have you started cleaning out the garage and the attic to get ready for your sale? Don't delay -- every house has 'stuff' to put in a yard sale! More details in the April newsletter.

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's thirty-second Yard of the Month can be found at **1189 Newport Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Re/Max 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 *****

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| Dr. Suess' Birthday Celebration | Saturday, March 3 rd |
| Daylight Saving Time Begins | Sunday, March 11 th |
| St. Patrick's Day | Saturday, March 17 th |
| First Day of Spring | Wednesday, March 21 st |
| 14 th Annual Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, March 24 th |

Have some spare time?

All of the Rivershyre committees are looking for volunteers. An hour or two each month will go a long way to help your neighbors and the neighborhood. If you can spare some time, your help will be appreciated.

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.

2007 Board of Directors

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| Bill Ferguson | President |
| Grady Taylor | Vice President |
| Barbara Broome | Secretary |
| Martha Kaphhammer | Treasurer |
| Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Bea Romeo | Members |

The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday 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 Re/Max Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

Active Listings as of 2/17/2007

| | |
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| 1129 Midford Trail | \$259,900 |
| 2015 Rivershyre Drive | \$299,900 |
| 1190 Newport Trail | \$248,900 |
| 1188 Rivershyre Drive | \$271,900 |

Sold Properties 11/17/2006 – 2/17/2007

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| 1213 Oakton Trail | \$220,000 |
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Pending Sales as of 2/17/2007

2008 Rivershyre Drive

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

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| Average Home Size | 2743 sq. ft. |
| Average Sales Price | \$241,483 |
| Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft. | \$88.00 |
| Average Days on the Market | 44 days |

Committee Chairpersons

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Architectural Control | Chuck Faulkner |
| By-Laws & Nominating | Dick Huskin |
| Finance | Martha Kapfhammer |
| Grounds & Lake | Open |
| Neighborhood Watch & Safety | Bea Romeo |
| Pool | Open |
| 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

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| Architectural Control | 4 th Monday, 7:00 pm |
| Board of Directors | 1 st Tuesday, 7:30 pm |
| By-Laws & Nominating | No Regularly Scheduled Meetings |
| Finance | As needed |
| Grounds & Lake | 3 rd Monday, 7:00 pm |
| Pool | 3 rd Thursday, 7:00 pm |
| Neighborhood Watch & Safety | 4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm |
| Social & Welcome | 2 nd Tuesday, 7:30 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 706-650-8766 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

Pool Committee Report

The Pool Committee held its second meeting of 2007 and continued where it left off last month by continuing planning for an exciting and fun-filled pool season in 2007.

Several changes are being implemented for 2007. The first change concerns the meeting day for the committee. The committee has moved its regular scheduled monthly meeting to the third Thursday of the month rather than the third Wednesday as had been the previous meeting day for several years. The committee feels such a move might allow more members to attend the Thursday evening meeting. Second, both the Pool Committee and the Board of Directors of the community association are eager to try some new incentives to boost pool membership. One such incentive is beginning the season with an open house swim-day for the entire Rivershyre community and having a Labor Day party to end the season, again open to all families in the neighborhood. Let me repeat this; two open house parties for ALL Rivershyre residents. These open house days are intended to better familiarize residents with the benefits of pool membership AND to thank all residents for passing the special assessment last fall that will allow the association to eliminate the mortgage payment for the pool. More news about these events will appear in the April Newsletter.

Other changes include several improvements to the existing pumphouse building and completing the outfitting and finishing of the new storage building. Improvements in lighting around the pool deck are also being completed. Work like this to ready the pool for the new season will require some helping hands. The committee is planning a workday tentatively set for Saturday, April 21st to put the finishing touches on the facility prior to the opening day. More news about the workday will also appear in the April Newsletter.

A proposed season schedule was discussed and will be released as soon as it is finalized. At this time, it

appears the pool will begin its season on Saturday, May 5th. Special events throughout the season, some just for pool members and others for the whole community, are also being considered.

The committee is also still debating the best method of providing pool attendants and concession stand operation. Our options range from hiring these services from the company that provides our pool operating services to performing these services ourselves as was done in 2006. All of the feedback we've received about last year's attendants was very positive, however this would be a significant responsibility for someone in the neighborhood. If anyone would like to discuss this opportunity with the pool committee, please send us an e-mail to dickh@rivershyre.org.

The swim team representative said the Rivershyre Tiger Sharks are looking forward to a fun and successful season and their newsletter will be out in March. Also look for registration to begin about the

Tigershark News

The Rivershyre Tigersharks are already looking forward to another fun and exciting summer swim season. We will be having two sign up registration dates in April as well as a sign up day in May. More news on registration to come next month.

The team will be moving to Division 2 this year and will swim against Riverwood Plantation, West Lake, Jones Creek, National Hills, North Augusta CC, Byrwood, and Stratford. Our first dual meet will be on May 29th and the last on June 26th. Once the schedule is determined by the CSRA Swim League we will let everyone know.

We will be working this year with the Neighborhood Social Committee on our Friday Night Family Pot Luck Suppers. We invite all to come out and join the family fun and the Tigersharks. In keeping with our motto "If your child will get into the water we will get them to the other side."

For Information about Swim Team Membership please contact Phil French 706-860-4504 or Tim and Christina Troutman 706-855-2892.



Easter Egg Hunt Coming This Month



After some checking in the archives we've found that Rivershyre has had an Easter Egg Hunt every year for the past 13 years!! That's a lot of eggs hidden and found!! And lots of fun and memories for the Rivershyre neighborhood.

This year the 14th Annual Rivershyre Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 11:00 a.m. In what has also become a tradition we invite each of the little egg hunters and their families to join us immediately after the Egg Hunt for a hot dog lunch. We have been blessed with some beautiful weather the last few years -- sunshine and warm temperatures -- perfect to have an egg hunt and a picnic lunch afterwards. We'll cross our fingers for more of the same this year!

Watch for a flyer to be placed on your mailbox this month with all of the details. This is a much-anticipated event for our little ones!



Reminder to pay your 2007 Homeowners dues! Deadline is **March 15th**!

If you'd like to contact Columbia County Animal Control just call 311 and you'll be forwarded to their offices.



Pool Report

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middle of April.

More news about exact dates for registration and beginning of practice will be in the April Newsletter.

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As discussed in last month's update, the pool has been facing a declining membership over the past several years. The committee sees this as its greatest challenge and encourages all residents to consider helping to reverse the trend.

Like last month, this is our sincere appeal to the Rivershyre community. Please help us set the pool on the path toward financial security by becoming a member of the pool in 2007. The committee has begun the work necessary to make the coming pool season a success but we need your help and support. In addition to a robust

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".

When we change our clocks

Beginning in 2007, most of the **United States** begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

Spring forward! Fall back

During DST, clocks are turned forward an hour, effectively moving an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening.



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

PROPERTY ALTERATION REQUEST

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ **DATE** _____

TYPE OF ALTERATION (FENCE, POOL, REMOVAL, ETC.) _____

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE DOCUMENTATION:

1. Plat drawing indicating the location of the structure on your property (e.g., pool, fence, deck)
2. Building construction plans, drawn to scale (including elevations)
3. Floor plans
4. Exterior materials and color schemes (e.g., brick, siding)
5. Square footage specifications
6. Grading plans
7. Changes in landscape (e.g., removal of trees, shrubs)
8. If possible, supply a picture of what the structure will look like (e.g., a picture of the pool you are having installed)

Please submit applicable documentation to the Committee Chairperson or Secretary. Please refer to the Architectural Control Committee Membership Listing page of your Directory for when this committee meets regularly. If you require a response before the committee meeting, please contact the Chairperson or Secretary. The committee will do its best to give a response to meet your deadline.