



# The Village Crier

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

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## Spring Cleaning!

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A couple of days in February reached 80 degrees and I'm all ready for the heat and humidity. I'm tired of scraping frost off my windshield. I'm ready to get outside and start cleaning up the yard and the neighborhood. Besides, football season is over!

But first – some very good news! Holly Bullock (with assistance from her husband Steve) has come back to the board and will once again take on the treasurer duties! You don't know how happy that makes me! Holly knows all the ins and outs of our books, our long term savings plans, and knows how to file all the proper paperwork.

Holly is already depositing the homeowner's dues checks. Over 40 families have already paid. Many thanks to them. It looks like we won't have to borrow money from savings to pay off our bills (fortunately, no Christmas bills for us!)

Please remember that March 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for payment! We'd like to have many, if not all, of the neighborhood paid by then!

Back to cleaning! March 15<sup>th</sup> will be the annual neighborhood clean up day. We are looking for volunteers to meet at the clubhouse at 9am (with trash bags and gloves) and we'll spread out throughout the neighborhood picking up trash and tidying up the flowers and shrubs.

Anyone can volunteer and we'll take an hour or more of your time! The more we have, the quicker we can clean up!

The Grounds & Lake Committee will also be fixing the bridges in the nature trail. The elements and vandals have taken their toll on the bridges and we are looking at spending around \$500 for repairs. Parents, please remind your children that vandalism costs money – money raised from your homeowner's dues!

Volunteers are also needed to help with the annual Easter Egg Hunt! The Social and Welcome committee needs volunteers to hide eggs, help distribute prizes, and help feed the "hunters" If you would like to volunteer, please contact Renee ([renee.burton@knology.net](mailto:renee.burton@knology.net))

And for those with young children, the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday March 15th @ 11:00. The cost is \$2.00 per child. Please R S V P to Joanie @ 706-863-2931 by March 8<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date March 16th @ 3:00).

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**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK**



**CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**

At 2 a.m. on March 9, 2008, groggy Rivershyre neighbors will turn their clocks forward one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight Saving Time (DST).

## Daylight Savings Time

The federal law that established "daylight time" in the United States does not require any area to observe daylight saving time. But if a state chooses to observe DST, it must follow the starting and ending dates set by the law. From 1986 to 2006 this was the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October, but starting in 2007, it is observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, adding about a month to daylight saving time.



## Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Rivershyre Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. The cost is \$2.00 per child. If you are interested in bringing your child/children to this fun event, please R.S.V.P. to Joanie at 706-863-2931 by March 8<sup>th</sup> and place your money in the basket on Joanie's front porch at 1203 Oakton Trail. If it is raining on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the rain date will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

## Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Stephany Ricker at 863-5988. 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".

## ~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's forty-second Yard of the Month can be found at **2010 Rivershyre Drive**. 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 \*\*\*

Daylight Savings Time Starts	Sunday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>
Rivershyre Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Deadline to pay Association Dues AND Annual Clean Up Rivershyre Day	Saturday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>
St. Patrick's Day	Monday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday	Friday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Easter	Sunday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>

## The Villages of Rivershyre

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: [newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).

## 2008 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Grady Taylor	Vice President
Barbara Broome	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Kathryn Barrett, T.M. Weisz, Kelley Nihill, Bob Petty, Renee Nehlsen, Marybeth and Oscar Valentin	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 2/18/08

1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$249,900
1149 Hartford Trail	\$259,900
1088 Severn Drive	\$259,900
1141 Rivershyre Drive	\$254,900
1168 Oakton Trail	\$244,900
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$299,850

#### Pending Sales as of 2/18/08

N/A

#### Sold Properties 11/18/07 – 2/18/08

1196 Newport Trail	\$269,900
1216 Oakton Trail	\$229,900

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2,809 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$250,540
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$90.00
Average Days on the Market	45 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Marybeth Valentin
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Russ Leseberg
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Open
Social & Welcome	Renee Nehlsen

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> Thursday, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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. Contact Karen Kearns at [thekearns2004@yahoo.com](mailto:thekearns2004@yahoo.com) 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

## ...Spring Cleaning!

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Kathryn Barrett is the chairperson for the Neighborhood Watch & Safety committee. She is looking for volunteers to be “block captains” to help spread the word when any emergency situation comes up or to help communicate any important news or updates. If you are interested, please contact Kathryn at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net) 706-860-5119.

The pool committee is also looking forward to the warmer weather!! The goal for this season is 120 family memberships! You will find a pool membership form attached to this month’s news letter – or – you can go online at [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org) and print off a copy.

If you are interested in joining the pool or volunteering to help out the committee, please contact Dick Huskin: [rhuskin1@comcast.net](mailto:rhuskin1@comcast.net) 706-855-1385

Tentatively, the pool will open on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our first neighborhood pool party (open to the entire neighborhood) is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Insurance Update

If you remember the “microburst” back in June, we learned that our insurance does not cover “wind” damage. After spending close to \$10,000 out of our pocket, we decided to investigate our options.

Sadly, they are no real options available to us.

Grady Taylor spent three months doing research and reading all of the fine print that are in the policies (if they have a Trivial Pursuits – Insurance Edition – Grady will win out – hands down!) and after numerous conversations, reviewing options, and creating several scenarios we found that our current policy (and cost) is the best that is offered to community associations.

The “exclusion clause” is the culprit! All insurance companies have standard exclusions, and the state of Georgia has a number of exclusions as well. Unfortunately, there is no way around it – “wind” and “wind damage” are considered exclusions. If we wanted coverage, our yearly payments would double. Currently we are paying around \$2,500 for coverage that includes our structures, the pool, pool house, fencing, board member and director coverage, and \$1million in liability coverage.

The board has decided to create a long term funding line item for wind and wind damage. We will begin to start pushing some money into that savings area. There will be a cap at \$15,000. The last microburst was 10 years ago. We hope another won’t come our way for another 10 years (or ever, actually).

Our past few board meetings, we’ve had several guests sit in and listen to what’s happening within Rivershyre. You are welcome to come to our next meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Questions, comments or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me!



Bill Ferguson

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706-651-1797



## TIGERSHARK NEWS

The Swim Season is beginning to take shape. We have a schedule, practice times set, and are working on registration dates. Please take a look at us through our website:

<http://www.rivershyre.org/rts/swimteam.htm>

We will be updating this with all of our new information for the upcoming season. Coach Jessie has put a challenge to all of our neighborhood kids to come and join us.

We welcome all kids from ages 4 to 18 to join the team. We also are looking for dedicated parents who are willing to help with the swim team. In keeping with our motto “If you can get them in the water, we will figure out how to get them to the other side.”

For more information in regard to the swim team please contact Phil French 706-860-4504 or Tim and Christina Troutman 706-855-2892. If you are a parent interested in getting involved with the team, please contact Tim Troutman at the number above or at [tatroutman@rdbrowncontractors.com](mailto:tatroutman@rdbrowncontractors.com).

## Pool Committee Report

The Pool Committee had its second meeting of the year on February 21<sup>st</sup> and continued with its planning for the 2008 swimming season. Important topics that were covered included the makeup of the 2008 Committee, membership fees for 2008, a draft calendar of significant events, and options for providing attendants and managers.

We have lots of good news to report after this month's meeting! First and certainly the most important topic to most members are the membership fees for 2008. There will be NO increase this year. That's right, all fees will continue as they were from last year. The annual membership fee for residents of Rivershyre will be \$300 for the season. Resident Members must also pay an initiation fee of \$400 that may be paid during their first year of membership or may be paid at the rate of \$100 per year over the first four years of membership. Once the initiation fee has been paid in full, no additional initiation fee is due. Those wishing to purchase a membership but are not residents of Rivershyre may join as Non-Resident Members for a fee of \$400 for the season. The Pool Committee is happy to offer the same rates as last year but wants to express that this can be successful only if sufficient numbers of members join for the 2008 season. Please help us to continue operating this valuable and useful community asset. Applications for Resident & Non-Resident memberships are included in this newsletter. Please complete the Resident Membership application and return it with your payment to the address on the form. If you know of a non-resident that would be interested in joining the pool, please pass the Non-Resident form along to them. Applications will also be available on the Rivershyre website at [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org) later in March.

On with the good news. We have a growing and enthusiastic committee of volunteers working hard to make this a successful season. We now have ten volunteer members on the committee. We have also established two new positions to allow for a concentration of efforts on increasing membership and getting the word about the pool organization and special events out to all residents.

This year's calendar will have more special events and some new activities that should be very popular. For starters, the opening of the pool is tentatively set for

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a Grand Opening Party the following Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The party will be open to **ALL** Rivershyre residents in addition to the regular paid membership. There will be two additional occasions when the pool will be open to **ALL** Rivershyre residents. This year, the Fourth of July is on a Friday and the entire 3-day weekend will be open to all residents, as will the Grand Closing Party on Labor Day. Other important dates such as swim team schedules, family pot-luck dinners and other parties will be provided in later Newsletter articles. Our goal is to provide something special most every week so join us at the pool and let's have some summertime fun.

As discussed in previous Newsletter articles, our biggest task for 2008 is to expand our membership. We **MUST** increase our membership if we are to continue operating the pool. If you have never been a member of the pool, please give it a try. If you have been a member in the past but have not participated lately, come try us again. We are planning more new

## Grounds & Lake Committee

The Grounds and Lake Committee held its latest meeting on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, and continued making plans for several upcoming workdays to make some repairs and improvements around the neighborhood. By the time this newsletter comes out in the early part of March, we should have already completed some of those activities, assuming the weather has cooperated.

The target for our first workday is the children's playground behind the clubhouse. The wood chips need to be replaced every several years and the playground equipment usually needs a little repair. We will also be removing some more of the damaged trees and limbs left over from last year's storm. Our second workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, when we will continue with the neighborhood cleanup and make some repairs to the two bridges on the nature trail. A reminder of that workday will be posted on the neighborhood bulletin board as the date gets closer. Whenever such a notice is placed on the board, please lend a hand and join us in helping to take care of our neighborhood. All of these efforts are accomplished with volunteer help and your help is greatly appreciated.

The Committee needs several additional members to enable it to meet its responsibilities. Please consider  
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## Neighborhood Watch & Safety

We are striving to have representatives from each of the Villages of Rivershyre to promote educational activities and serve as a resource for keeping their neighbors and the board informed of safety and security issues. We especially would like to have someone from each of the key areas of the neighborhood such as the Hardy Lake pond, front entrance and the river along Oakton Trail. We already have several members in the nature area and around the pool.

As a community update, I am sure that you have heard of the recent car break- ins in West Lake. There were some earlier this year in Stratford. It's important that we work together as a community to help insure the safety and security of our property as well as our children. This can be done by neighbors looking out for each other. One way to do that is by participating in Neighborhood Watch and Safety.

We will be hosting special events for the children as well as the adults who live in our neighborhood this year. Your support and participation would be greatly appreciated in putting on these events. .

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting which is the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

If you are unable to attend and are interested in participating with Neighborhood watch, please email Kathryn Barrett at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net).

## Baby Sitter / Yard Work List

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
Kristen Beasley	706-869-0223	X	
Sohailla Digsby	706-421-6168	X (day hrs)	
Ashlie Morrow	706-550-0178	X	
Nadia & Bianca Franz	706-364-4433	X	
Jason Brickey	706-863-7039		X
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	
Becky Sanger	706-364-7562	X	
Oscar Valentin	706-364-4082	X	X
Wesley Valentin	706-364-4082	X	X
Catherine Weisz	706-228-7314	X	

## Grounds & Lake *Continued from Page 5*

contributing to our neighborhood by joining the committee and helping to maintain Rivershyre.

The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to visit. If you would like to join the committee or simply have questions, please contact any member or send an e-mail to [dickh@rivershyre.com](mailto:dickh@rivershyre.com).

## Help Wanted!

Pool Membership Director &  
Pool Communications Manager  
Needed!

Contact Dick Huskin  
([rhuskin1@comcast.net](mailto:rhuskin1@comcast.net))

## STOP & READ UPDATED LIENS LIST

### 2006 Liens

**1162 Oakton Trail**

### 2007 Liens

**1155 Oakton Court**

**1172 Dartmore Trail**

**1162 Oakton Trail**

**2003 Rivershyre Drive**