



# The Village Crier

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

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## A Message from the Association President

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Hi everyone and Happy Spring,

It appears that the cool temperatures of winter may be a thing of the past. As Spring hits the ground and nature begins to come alive and grow, there are a few things we would like to “grow”.

The first would be participation in the number of committees that help keep our neighborhood operating. For those that may not know, we have the Architectural Control Committee, the Grounds and Lakes Committee, the Social and Welcome Committee, the Safety and Watch Committee and the Pool Committee. We would also like to regenerate the Finance Committee. Each of these committees consist of a small group of your neighbors. It really does not take a great deal of time to be a part of one of these committees – approximately 1 - 3 hours of your time per month.

Next, we would like to enhance the front entrance. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, this is a three phase plan. Phase one was to replace the fence out front – complete! The next phase is to incorporate lighting under each one of the eight stone pillars at the front. And finally we would like to do some additional landscaping in the plant beds out front. But we need your assistance and input. If you have ideas, suggestions, or are willing to help, please let me know.

Finally, we would like to maintain and “grow” a safer neighborhood. I have noticed as the temperatures are rising, so are the speeds of cars driving on our roads. On a recent Sunday morning there was a young lady that was doing at least 35mph down Rivershyre Drive. Please, please slow it down!

At last month's Saturday workday, we had a number of your neighbors show up and assist in enhancing the neighborhood - 14 total!! A big thanks to the Delagado Family - Tareyon, Michele, Taylor and Tareyon, Bill Rutledge, Joel Behnke, Jim and Debbie Williams, Catherine Weisz, Dick Huskin, Mike Amerson, Tom Joiner and Keith Petty. The youngest participants were 10 and the oldest was 71. Just shows that you are never too young or too old to offer your talents. Your neighbors saved the neighborhood approximately \$1,000 through their hard work

Just a reminder, the Annual Homeowner's Dues are due no later than 15 March. After that time a late fee will be added to your assessment.

Also, the Annual Easter Egg event will be on Saturday 16 April at the Clubhouse.

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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 and phone number.

## President ...

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This event and the Halloween Parade are the two most attended events in the neighborhood. Hope to see you there and please remember to RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

Thanks again to everyone who continues to make Rivershyre a special place to live.

T.M. Weisz  
RCA President

## Social Welcome up-coming events...

Bunny breakfast and Easter egg hunt...April 16th at 9:30 am (rain or shine)

Social welcome ladies will serve pancakes and sausage. Please RSVP to Joanie @ 706-863-2931 or [rca.sw@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.sw@rivershyre.org) and let us know how many will join us for breakfast...



Start cleaning out your attics for our annual yard sale in May...Date will be announced next month.

If you are new to our neighborhood please let us know, we have a gift for you... please call Carolyn at 706-496-2189 or email us at [rca.sw@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.sw@rivershyre.org)



## ~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's seventy-eighth Yard of the Month can be found at **1140 Parkside Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip Jones of Re/Max True Advantage. (706-833-4663).

## ~ Calendar of Events ~

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Sunday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>
St. Patrick's Day	Thursday, March 17 <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).

## 2011 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
Darryl Fisher	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Laura Higgins, Horace Carney and Kay Russo	Members

### 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 Jones of Re/Max True Advantage. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip at 833-4663.

#### Active Listings as of 2/28/2011

1081 Rivershyre Court	\$204,900
1087 Severn Drive	\$219,000
1192 Newport Trail	\$277,900
1182 Branchwood Trail	\$186,900
1213 Oakton Trail	\$229,900

#### Sold Properties 9/1/2010 – 2/28/2011

1182 Oakton Trail	\$240,500
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#### Pending Sales as of 2/28/2011

none

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	3488 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$240,500
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$68.95
Average Days on the Market	323 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Kim Norland
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, 7:30 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, 7:30 pm
Pool	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 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.

## Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Debbie Weisz at 706-228-7314. The fee is only \$75.00 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".

# Committee Updates & Notes

## Neighborhood Watch & Safety



Spring is going to be here before we know it. March and April are the last 2 months that you can burn yard waste. Don't forget you have to call **1-800-GATREES, 1-877-652-2876** or get a permit by email at [www.gatrees.org](http://www.gatrees.org).

We did receive an alert from Pam Tucker who is over the Columbia County Emergency Management Office to not burn a few days this month because it was so dry and windy. That is why the Georgia Forestry Department requires you get a permit. They want to make sure that it is safe to burn on the day you want to burn.

Last month I sent out an email to test the Emergency Email list for the neighborhood. It was a good thing I did. Right afterward for the first time, Columbia County Sherriff's Department and Pam Tucker requested that I send out alerts to the neighborhood. If you did not receive these emails, I need your contact information. Please email me at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net).

I am sorry to report that we had another resident of Rivershyre bitten by a dog that was not on a leash and was unattended by the owner. The person was walking on Rivershyre Drive in the Edenton Village area when he was attacked. This was a small dog that some people would refer to as an ankle biter. It was reported to Animal Control. Dog owners please make sure your dogs are on a leash when they are not confined to your home or fenced in yard. You never know how your dog is going to react to another person or a child. You can be fined and have your dog taken away. You need to make sure that your dogs and cats are up to date with their rabies shots and that you have proof of it. A lot of people in the neighborhood continue to see dogs running loose through out the whole neighborhood. Let's be responsible pet owners and protect them as well as everyone else who lives here. If you see a dog running loose, please call **Animal Control at 706-541-4077**.

We are doing a fantastic job on keeping crime down in the neighborhood. This is month number 9 with no incidents reported to the Sherriff's Department! I hope we can keep this up.

In the very near future we are going to be offering a

class through the **NRA** with a certified instructor on **REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM**. It will be a great class especially for the women and teenagers in the neighborhood. This class is not about firearms. It's about you learning to stay safe and avoid becoming a crime victim. This will be followed up with a class called **Women on Target** where you can learn how to shoot if you so desire. There will be a charge of \$15 for each class which covers course materials. For families that attend, we will offer a discount price of \$10 for each person. Course materials will be included in that charge. I will give you more details as soon as I can. There will be a limited amount of space, so preregistration will be required. We will have refreshments. Please email me if you are interested at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net).

We are really thrilled to be able to bring you information and instructors of the caliber of these programs. But to do so we must have a preregistered turn out, so contact me early and make sure you won't miss out.

If you are new to the neighborhood or have changed your contact information, please contact me at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net).

**Are you new to the Neighborhood???**

**Please let us know...We have a gift for you!**

**Please call Carolyn Julien @ 706-496-2189.**

# Other Committee/Activity Notes

## Pool Committee

It's beginning to warm up and the 2011 Pool Season will be upon us before you know it. We had our first Pool Committee Meeting last month for 2011. Anyone is welcome to attend. We hold our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.. We have the same FUN, DEDICATED group of people that have been a part of the committee for several years now, but we would love to have some new faces join us as well. Angie Shay did join us for our February meeting and hope that she will attend future pool meetings.....Thanks, Angie.

May 14<sup>th</sup> will be the official day the pool will be open. The Grand Opening will be a week later on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Pool Membership dues will remain the same - \$300 for the 2011 season. This membership includes a pool access card (additional ones will cost \$5 each), and a \$10 concession stand card. Along with this we will have pool attendants (who will be CPR trained), the concession stand, the ability to rent the veranda/picnic table area for parties (check our Rivershyre website for the rental fees) and you can even join our awesome Swim Team – “The Rivershyre Tiger Sharks”. In addition, we will still have our “Friday Night Float” Movie Nights too!!! If you are new to the neighborhood, there is an additional one time Pool fee of \$400 that you can pay in full or pay in \$100 yearly increments. Again, please see our website for a full explanation of the pool membership dues.

We will be hiring eight attendants this pool season. We have already heard from a few that are interested. Anyone that is interested needs to be age 16 by May 1, 2011 and be CPR certified. We will be offering a CPR class on **one** specific day for all who are hired and that can attend. We will give plenty of notice of the day and time as to when this class will be held. If you are not able to attend during this time, it will be up to you to find other means to get your CPR certification. Please email us by March 26<sup>th</sup> at: [rca.pool@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.pool@rivershyre.org), informing us of your interest in working as a pool attendant. (Please include a phone number in your email.) We will conduct interviews starting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> – more information will be given closer to this date. You

will also be expected to help prepare the pool for opening day. Weather permitting, our Pool Work Day will be April 30<sup>th</sup> – this will be considered a volunteer work day. Training day (and hopefully CPR certification class) will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> for all that are hired. The time of day for both days will be announced at a later date – it's usually held in the morning. Should you have any questions regarding the Pool Attendant position, please do not hesitate to call us at 706-854-0229 and leave a message or email us at [rca.pool@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.pool@rivershyre.org).

Hope to see “new” and “old” faces down at the pool this summer. We have one of the nicest, if not THE nicest neighborhood pool in this local Evan's area. Just ask around – ask your neighbors or just come and see for yourself!!!

Thanks – Kim Norland  
(Pool Committee Chairperson)

## 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	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	X	
Paige Jarrard	706-868-7169	X	
Sarine Husein	706-650-7771	X	
Caitlen Taylor	706-855-6638	X	
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	
David & Sam Reid	706-993-1786		X
Helen Reid	706-993-1786	X	

# **Refuse To Be A Victim.**

- HOME SECURITY
- PARENTS AND CHILDREN
- PERSONAL SECURITY
- PERSONAL PROTECTION DEVICES
- AUTOMOBILE SECURITY
- WORKPLACE SAFETY
- TECHNOLOGICAL SECURITY
- TRAVEL SECURITY
- SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

These are just a few of the tips you will learn in a **Refuse To Be A Victim** seminar.

Time and Date to be announced.

Interested?

Email [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net)