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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF  
RIVERSHYRE INCLUDING, BRIGHTON, BARTMORE, NEWPORT  
AND EDENTON VILLAGES

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## HAPPY EASTER!!!

### LADIES NIGHT OUT!!!!



Ladies - don't forget!!!! Ladies Night Out is on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Miyabi Kyoto Japanese Steak House. We'd like to carpool from the clubhouse. Please RSVP to

Jen at 860-8726 by April 11th because we'd like to reserve some tables close to each other. All are welcome; please try to join us!!



HEY LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR LADIES BUNCO ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, AT THE CLUBHOUSE. SOCIALIZING BEGINS AT

7 P.M. PLAYING BEGINS AT 7:30. R.S.V.P. TO STEPHANY AT 863-5988 BY FRIDAY APRIL 19. BRING A MUNCHIE AND FIVE DOLLARS AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

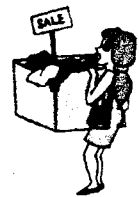
### Attention Tennis Players!!!

Warm weather is here and more people will be outside enjoying it. One of our nets was just recently replaced, so the equipment is in good shape. If you're interested in using the tennis courts by the clubhouse, please contact Guy Hoffman at 650-2228 to purchase your key for \$3 to access the courts.

### Rivershyre Neighborhood Garage Sale

Hey neighbors— it's time for our Spring Garage Sale!! The date is Saturday May 25, so start organizing your stuff; the day will be here before you know it!

Thanks to a bright idea from one of our own Rivershyre neighbors, we have arranged for the Salvation Army to come through the subdivision after 1 p.m. to pick up the things that didn't sell. So just place the things for their truck at the bottom of your driveway for pick up. Even if you're not having a garage sale, this might be a good time to clean out closets around the house! Just have it curbside by 1 p.m.



### COUPLES WINE AND CHEESE BINGO NIGHT

We've had couples bingo before - but we're doing it again with a twist!! The rules for the bingo are still the same: \$1.00 donation per card with the winner receiving the pot for the game. Now for the twist! When you RSVP, you will be told what type of wine to buy (\$10.00 limit) to bring with you. The crackers, cheese, etc will be supplied by the Social and Welcome Committee.



RSVP to Donna at 868-5925 by April 27th. This is a night you won't want to miss!! So call and make your reservation today!!!

## FYI RIVERSHYRE RESIDENTS:

Just a quick reminder about our wetland area. We are very fortunate to have a Nature preserve as part of our amenities. There is an abundant of wildlife to enjoy from a safe distance. Now that the temperature is climbing the snakes have come up out of the ground. Here are a few tips to remember:

It is illegal to kill non-venomous snakes in the state of Georgia.

If you do not wish to encounter any snakes this spring and summer please do not go back in the wetland area. We have many different species of snakes and they are an important link in the food chain and deserve the right to exist in this habitat. However, snakes do not know the boundaries and my wonder up into your yard. You can leave it alone or call the wild animal nuisance in Columbia County.

**MOST** snake bites occur when the snake is being harassed - such as trying to catch or kill it. Snakes feel vibration, so as you walk down the path they feel your footsteps. Snakes will try to get away in most cases if they are approached. However, Cottonmouths (water moccasins) tend to rely more on their camouflage and stay very still. Again if you back away slowly, you should be fine in avoiding an encounter. There is no possible way to kill all the snakes in this area; therefore, the best way to deal with snakes is educate yourself and your children. Again, be able to properly identify the snakes in this area, know their habitat and most importantly watch where you step. If you come across a snake, stop and give it a wide birth if you wish to pass it.

The Savannah River Ecology lab puts out a wonderful booklet with color photos, which you can request. The website is as follows: <http://www.uga.edu/srelherp/> and the phone number is (803) 725-2473.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!!

## GROUNDS AND LAKES COMMITTEE:

Spring is here and no doubt most of us will be out cleaning up our yards and sprucing up the foliage! The Grounds and Lakes committee would like to remind everyone that while doing yard work, County Regulations prohibit the dumping of yard waste or any other materials into storm drains. If you are caught, you could be charged and fined up to \$2,500 by the Columbia County authorities.

Here is the official county regulation:

Sec. 34-148. Prohibited discharges.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to throw, drain, run or otherwise discharge to any component of the Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), or to cause, permit or suffer to be thrown, drained run or allow to seep, or otherwise discharge into such system, any matter of any nature expecting only such stormwater or surface water as authorized in the division.

MS4 means a conveyance or system of conveyances, including roads with drainage systems, highways, rights-of-way, municipal/county streets catchbasins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, storm drains, detention ponds and other stormwater facilities, which is:

1. Owned or maintained by the county
2. Designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater
3. Not a combined sewer, and
4. Not a part of a publicly owned treatment works (POTW)

The Grounds and Lakes committee would also like to remind you that as part of the neighborhood covenants, you are not allowed to brush, or blow you "loose" yard waste into the street. This will take away from our neighborhood's beauty, and could be an irritant to your neighbors as well. If you have any questions or concerns, the next Grounds and Lakes meeting is Monday, April 15, 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Architecture Control	Jeff Butler
By-Laws	Bob Lloyd
Finance	Ray Jasniecki
Grounds and Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch	Joyce Rabb
Pool	Mike Plankey
Social & Welcome	Martha Kapfhammer

### BOARD MEMBER DIRECTORY

Randy Stone	President
Martha Kapfhammer	Vice President
Ray Jasniecki	Treasurer
Bill Clark	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Asst. Treasurer
Susan Perfect	Asst. Secretary

Board Members: Dan Johnson, Denise McLain, Mike Paluba

### MONTHLY EVENTS

Architecture	4th Monday, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors	1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
By-Laws	Not Scheduled
Finance	2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Grounds and Lake	3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Pool	3rd Wednesday 7 p.m.
Neighborhood Watch	4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Social & Welcome	2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.



If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Ruth Lloyd at 860-3803 or Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766. The fee is only \$50.00 plus a \$150.00 security deposit. The

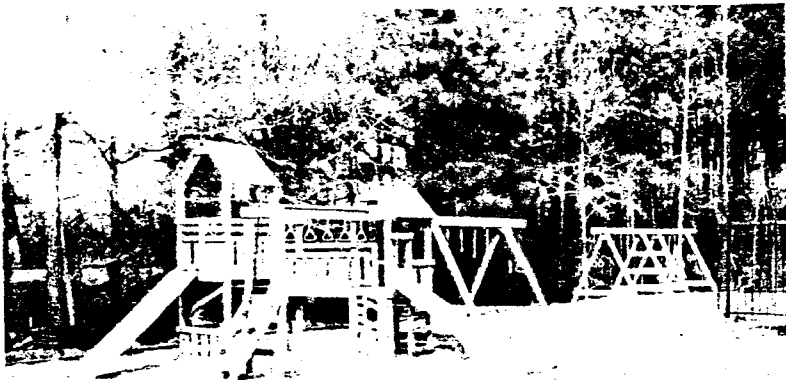
clubhouse accommodates 80 people. The clubhouse phone is 854-0283.


  
**RIVERSHYRE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

✂	Ladies Nite Out .....	Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.	✂
✂	Ladies Bunco .....	Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.	✂
✂	Couples Wine & Cheese Bingo Nite .....	Saturday, May 4, 8:00 p.m.	✂
✂	Rivershyre Spring Garage Sale .....	Saturday, May 25	✂
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From the President:

Well the Playground is finally finished and the kids are having a great time. The Grand Opening was March 23<sup>rd</sup> after the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. There was a real good crowd there and the Social & Welcome Committee served hot dogs, chips, sodas and cake to commemorate this significant achievement. We all owe Mike Amerson and Martha Kapfhammer a big Thank You for all of their hard work on this project. Thanks to Mike for donating his time and equipment to construct the playground area. Thanks to Martha for her dilligence and hard work in pushing this job to completion. Also Thanks to the Social & Welcome Committee's hard work in doing fund raisers over the last couple years and Thanks to the volunteers who came out to help Mike assemble the playground equipment. If you haven't been down to the clubhouse lately, please go and see our new playground. It looks great and we're all proud of how well it turned out.



The playground area was built to provide additional recreational facilities for our residents. This kind of improvement project enhances the value of our community and in turn the value of each residency. One word of caution though is that we must be careful in supervising our children's use of the playground because they can be injured if they are not careful. I have drafted an interim guideline for use of the playground which is included in this newsletter. The Grounds & Lake Committee is responsible to provide a final version of the Playground Rules to the Board for approval and adoption. Please be careful and remember that use of the playground is on an "At Your Own Risk Basis". We did do a thorough safety inspection and believe the playground equipment is very well constructed and as Safe as it could be made.

On Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> was our annual Clean Up Day. Several residents and some of their children joined in the effort to pick up trash around the Clubhouse, along the Nature Trail and around the Hardy Lake shore line. Thanks to those who pitched in to help. I had planned to stain the front entrance fence that day but due to impending rain the fence painting has been postponed for a couple weeks.

Oh yeah, Guy Hoffman and I put up a new tennis net last weekend. See Guy Hoffman if you need a key to the Courts.

As always if you have any comments or suggestions, please call me or send an email to [Webmaster@rivershyre.org](mailto:Webmaster@rivershyre.org)

Thank you, Randy Stone

# PLAYGROUND RULES:

**This playground is for the exclusive use of Rivershyre Residents and their guests. All guests must be accompanied by a resident.**

**Use playground equipment at your own risk. Adult Supervision of children is recommended and strongly encouraged since severe injury can occur if playground equipment is used improperly or if children are not fully cognizant of actions by others in the play area.**

**No Roughhousing or Performing Dangerous Stunts on or near this playground equipment. Violation of this rule may result in revocation of your (or your child's) privilege to use this equipment.**

**No Food or Drinks allowed in the sandbox or play area (to help keep bugs out).**

## Rules for Use of Playground Equipment:

Do not walk close to, in front of, behind or between moving items.

Do not twist swing or any other accessories chains or ropes or loop them over the top support bar. This will reduce the strength of the chain or rope.

Do not swing empty seats or other accessories.

Sit in the center of the swing seat and other accessories with full weight on seat.

Do not use equipment in a manner other than intended.

Do not get off equipment while it is in motion.

Do not climb on equipment when it is wet.

Climbing or hanging on the frame of swing sets must not be permitted. Serious injuries can result from falls.

Only one child per planned occupant seat should be allowed on this set at one time. Individual accessory weight limitations may vary, see packaging for details.

Children should be dressed appropriately for play. Avoid clothing with drawstrings and loose fitting clothing that could become entangled or snagged on equipment.

Do not attach extra items to the play equipment such as jump ropes, chain, clothesline, and pet leashes or other items unless those items are Swing-N-Slide products specifically approved for use with this product. Failure to do so may cause a strangulation hazard.

**Please report any misuse of this equipment, inappropriate behavior and/or any unsafe conditions to Martha Kapfhammer (Playground Coordinator) at 650-8766. If you observe a behavioral problem with an unsupervised child, please obtain his/her name so their parents can be notified of the situation. If you observe vandalism or other criminal behavior, please immediately report it to the Columbia County Sheriff's office at 541-2800.**

**R. Stone – President RCA**