



# The Village Crier

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

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Happy Easter

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## Everything Rivershyre Night

In last month's newsletter we told you about our wish to get the Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee up and running again. One focus for this committee is for Rivershyre neighbors to get to know each other and to know about our neighborhood. A strong community spirit builds a strong community.

After much discussion and thinking about many different ideas, we settled on the idea of having an "Everything Rivershyre Night" on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Clubhouse. The Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee is sponsoring the night and the Social & Welcome Committee will be hosting the event. Members from the Board of Directors will be there as well as many members from the various committees.

One great way to get to know your neighbors is to have a neighborhood directory. Well, the much-awaited **2004 Rivershyre Directory** will be available for you to pick up that night! Come and get your copy. And we all know that a quick path to anyone's heart (and their community spirit) is through their tummies so we'll have cake, cookies, and drinks for everyone – and ice cream cones for the kids.

Maybe you've been thinking about renting the Clubhouse but don't know what the inside looks like. Quite a bit of work has been done in the past few months to further upgrade the interior so come on over and take a look. Our Clubhouse Coordinators will be on hand to show it off. Want to ask a question about making a change to your property such as adding a fence or removing a tree? Members of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) will be there to answer questions.

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## Thank You!

This month we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the residents who came out to Hardy Lake on Saturday, February 28 and helped remove trees that were struck by lightning and trees growing on the dam. Thanks to **Larry Beran, Dan Johnson, Mike Amerson and his son Mitchell, David Kapfhammer, Martha Kapfhammer, Frank Lazenby, Tommy Hawk, Holly Bullock and her daughter Maggie, Bill Ferguson, Bill Clark, Bill Rutledge, Margo Hubbard, and Bob Grahl**. We appreciate all of these individuals taking the time out of your busy day to help make Rivershyre a great place to live!

Do you know someone who is making a contribution to our neighborhood that should be recognized? If so, send an email to [thankyou@rivershyre.org](mailto:thankyou@rivershyre.org) with a description of this person's contribution and we'll try to put it in the newsletter.

## Everything Rivershyre Night (continued from Page 1)

### The Villages of Rivershyre

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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Newsletter articles are  
due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each  
month.

Drop them by 2032  
Edenton Trail or email  
them to: [newsletter@  
rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).

Would you like an answer to a question about the pool or would you like to pay your 2004 pool membership dues? The Chairman of the Pool Committee will be there too. Speaking of paying of dues – you can pay your 2004 homeowner's dues that night as well. We will have hard copies of our Covenants, the Property Alteration Request (PAR) form, and various other documents if you need them. We want to give you an opportunity to understand how our community works and to meet your Rivershyre neighbors.

I urge you to stop by the Clubhouse on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> any time between 7:00pm and 9:00pm. Bring your kids, bring a neighbor, meet a new neighbor, and make a new friend! Each of us working together will make Rivershyre an even better neighborhood to live in. You will be pleasantly surprised how a little extra effort on your part puts a smile on the faces of so many others. I look forward to meeting many of you on the 16<sup>th</sup> – with an ice cream scoop in hand!

Martha Kapfhammer, President  
Rivershyre Board of Directors

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## Annual Lady's Night Out

The Annual Rivershyre Ladies Night Out is coming up on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be heading to downtown Augusta for a night of great food and jazz at D. Timm's. We'll carpool from the Clubhouse leaving at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to Heather at 364-0954 no later than April 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you've never joined the ladies before then why not make this a "must-do" for you this year? We have a great time – come join the fun!

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## Cinco de Mayo BINGO Night

Everyone at the St. Patrick's Day Bunco Party had a great time – in fact, it was so much fun that we decided to schedule another party! Join you friends on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse for a Cinco de Mayo BINGO night. Everyone knows how to play BINGO and we will have cash prizes. There will be a \$1 donation for each card played and the winner will receive the pot for the game.

We'll have Mexican finger foods with margaritas, beer, and soda. All you have to do is RSVP to Stephany at 863-5988 by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. And then just show up at the Clubhouse on the 8<sup>th</sup> ready to shout BINGO. See you there.

## 2004 Board of Directors

Martha Kapfhammer	President
Bill Ferguson	Vice President
Bill Clark	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Phil Manos	Asst. Treasurer
Becky Brogan	Member
Shiron Thomas	Member
Tim Williford	Member

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

## 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".

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

Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 3, 11:00am at the Clubhouse
Daylight Savings Time	Sunday, April 4, 2:00am
Masters Golf Tournament	Monday, April 5 – Sunday, April 11
Easter	Sunday, April 11
Ladies Night Out	Thursday, April 29; Carpool from the Clubhouse at 6:30pm
Pool Opens	Saturday, May 1, 10:00am
Cinco de Mayo BINGO	Saturday, May 8, 7:00pm at the Clubhouse
Spring Yard Sale	Saturday, May 15

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Jenny Musser
By-Laws & Nominating	Vacant
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Charlie Chaffin
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> Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm
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> 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.

## Architectural Control Committee

The ACC would like to share information with residents on the types of violations we are currently addressing. In the first three months of this year we have issued covenant violations for boats parked in driveways, pull behind trailers parked in driveways, poorly maintained property, non-conforming mailboxes, chain link fences, and campers parked on property. While most of these situations have been corrected soon after they were brought to the attention of the resident, not all of them have. Those that continue after a second violation notice will result in the ACC recommending to the Board of Directors that the homeowner be fined \$100. If the situation is not corrected after the third violation notice, the fine is the result. Failure to pay the fine and correct the violation may result in a lien being placed against the property.

As spring time approaches, the ACC will be paying special attention this year to yard upkeep because of the number of complaints received last year and we will be taking a special look at the condition of mailboxes. Residents are also reminded that vehicles must be parked in driveways or, if you must, in the street. Vehicles cannot be parked on your lawn.

As a reminder, **PAR's** (property alteration requests) **should be submitted BEFORE** you make significant alterations to your property such as **removing live trees**, adding a sun room or screened porch, adding a pool, or putting up a fence. You can find the PAR form on our website. The Architectural Control Committee meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to review PAR's and potential covenant violations.

Please understand that the ACC is not trying to act as Rivershyre's "yard police". We are charged with the sometimes unpleasant task of applying the covenants of the neighborhood that we all committed to complying with when we purchased property in Rivershyre. Compliance with these covenants will help maintain the property values, desirability, and beauty that makes Rivershyre one of the most sought after communities in Evans.

## Rivershyre Home Sales Update

This monthly newsletter item will include 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 Meybohm Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-HOME.

### Active Listings as of 3/22/04

1191 Newport Trail	\$209,900
1209 Oakton Trail	\$214,900
1168 Parkside Trail	\$185,900
1171 Claridge Trail	\$179,900

### Pending Sales as of 3/22/04

2031 Edenton Trail

### Sold Properties 12/15/03 - 3/22/04

1125 Midford Court	\$187,000
1087 Severn Drive	\$194,000

### Sales in Last Six Months

Average Size Home	2747 sq.ft.
Average Sales Price	\$196,000
Average Dollars per sq.ft.	\$71.35
Average Days on Market	38 days

## Yard of the Month

Rivershyre's third Yard of the Month can be found at **1098 Rivershyre Drive**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors (833-HOME). 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. The competition will continue to heat up now that spring is here so start working on that yard so that you too can be rated "best in Rivershyre".

## Pool Committee News

It's about that time again. The summer is almost here and many of us will be thinking about renewing the great relationships we had last year at the pool. The Pool Committee has updated the resident and non-resident application forms and the pool rules for 2004 and they have been posted on our website (click on "Pool Committee" or "Documents"). The Committee would like to extend a reminder to renew your membership at this time. We will be attempting to limit the family memberships at 200 this year and we will be pursuing membership from the neighborhoods in the surrounding communities. So take the opportunity to get your membership paperwork and dues in early.

Your pool committee is working on several projects this year including the building of a storage building next to the concession stand, the remodeling of the restrooms, improving the concession stand and re-strapping the old chairs. If you have questions or comments about the pool, please contact any of your pool committee members. The Pool Committee membership can be found on the website.

## Committees Need Your Help

The Grounds & Lake Committee and the Architectural Control Committee still need a few good volunteers to help out. If you can spare an hour a month, please contact Dan Johnson at 651-1603 or email at [danj@rivershyre.org](mailto:danj@rivershyre.org) if you interested in the Grounds & Lake Committee or contact Jenny Musser at 364-3734 or email at [jennym@rivershyre.org](mailto:jennym@rivershyre.org) if you are interested in the Architectural Control Committee.

## Spring Yard Sale Coming Soon

Don't Forget! The Rivershyre Spring Yard Sale will be Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is always a hugely successful event, it's almost impossible to pass on the streets of Rivershyre that day because there are so many buyers out. The date will be here before you know it so start getting your "stuff" ready for sale. Full details will be in the May newsletter.

## Rivershyre Tiger Sharks Swim Team News

Wow, what a summer we had in 2003. Rivershyre Tiger Sharks won their Dual Meet season with a record of 4 wins and 0 losses and won their Division 3 Championship Meet. That's the 2nd year in a row winning both the dual meet and divisional championship. The CSRA Swim League has moved us up to Division 2 for 2004. This will be a very competitive division and I believe this year will be the most exciting year yet. Can we do it again? With your help and your kid's enthusiasm we will try.

This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year as a CSRA summer swim team. It took a lot of work to get here and we could not have done it without everyone's help. We are currently getting ready for this summer and more information will be posted on our swim team website at [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org) soon.

Our schedule and realignment has been posted at the [CSRASWIM.org](http://CSRASWIM.org) website. This year, we are researching ways to warm up the pool for May and how to cool it down in June/July. Our first meet is June 1<sup>st</sup> and we hope to start practice May 10 with our neighborhood invitational either May 15 or 22, possibly with Stratford. I also hope we can get our team to participate in the Springlakes relay meet in June. So stay tuned by visiting our website for starting date, practice times, coaches, socials, and news.

I can not say enough of all that I feel for these kids. I am so proud and impressed with their manners, work ethic, endurance, perseverance, and especially there ability to play sharks and minnows for hours on end. All of you parents should be proud of their accomplishments of swimming week after week, snow, sleet or rain.

I hope to see you all back this summer and try to bring a friend.

Sincerely,  
Coach George