



# The Village Crier

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

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## Neighborly Neighborhood

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It has been so wonderful these past couple of months seeing so many Rivershyre neighbors volunteering to help out the neighborhood. It seems like the old days, way back in the 90's when volunteers had to be "pushed" away because there were so many people wanting to help out.

The Rivershyre board now comprises 14 board members. Up from six in the fall. In early March, 15 people came out and helped spread wood chips at the playground. Volunteers included grandparents and teenagers. There was so much help that it took just over an hour to spread two loads of chips.

For our annual Easter Egg Hunt, there were at least 20 volunteers helping to hide eggs, distribute prizes, cook up hot dogs, set up, and clean up.

On the same day, there were 10 volunteers helping to clean up the neighborhood and getting ready for spring and for Masters week.

And most of our committees have more than four members.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers that help to make Rivershyre one of the best neighborhoods in the CSRA. (And I know that to be true from all of the compliments I have heard from visitors and folks who live in the area!)

And if you want to volunteer, I guarantee, you won't be turned away.

The Neighborhood Watch & Safety committee is still looking for Block Captains. If you can offer a few minutes of your time each month and want to help pass along safety information, please contact Kathryn Barrett ([kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net)).

Speaking of safety, we've received a number of complaints about drivers speeding through the neighborhood. Please remember that the speed limit is 25 mph. The board and the Neighborhood Watch & Safety committee have requested additional sheriff's patrols in the neighborhood.

The sheriff's department has noted that the bulk of the speeders within neighborhoods are usually teenagers. Parents, please let your children know what the speed limit is; that there will be more youngsters playing in the streets; and if they get a speeding ticket, their insurance rates will jump!

Want to find out what's happening in the area? The Columbia County Sheriffs

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## Fun & Festivities

### The Villages of Rivershyre

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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



The Easter Egg Hunt was a big hit. We had 90+ people and the weather was great. Our prize winners were 2 and under D.J. Jetter: 3,4,5 Kaitlyn Breton: 6,7,8,9 Isaac Gaitonde: 10 and up Carolyn Knox. Thank you to all who helped make it a big success.



Yard Sale May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00am \$2.50 per house, someone from Social & Welcome will be by to collect your money.



Pool party/covered dish dinner will be May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm for

Rivershyre Members and nonmembers. All you need to bring is 1 dessert and 1 veggie, salad or chips per family. Social

### Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Alyson Ludwick at 706-855-2844 or Carolyn Julian at 706-496-2189. 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-third Yard of the Month can be found at **1192 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 \*\*\*

April Fools' Day	Tuesday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>
2008 Masters Practice & Tournament	April 7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>
Passover begins	Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Earth Day	Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>

### 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 3/21/08

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
1122 Midford Court	\$289,850
1214 Oakton Trail	\$262,000
2003 Rivershyre Drive	\$253,888
1195 Rivershyre Drive	\$274,900
1086 Severn Drive	\$249,900
1106 Rivershyre Drive	\$289,000

#### Pending Sales as of 3/21/08

N/A

#### Sold Properties 12/21/07 – 3/21/08

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

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2,686 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$244,933
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$91.00
Average Days on the Market	42 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

## ...Neighborhood

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department has a web page that will give you information on crime and accident reports in the neighborhood and in the area. You can visit:

<http://p2c.columbiacountyso.org/p2c/Summary.aspx>

(On that page, fill in the area by street address and time period to be search. DO NOT USE THE SUBDIVISION BOX! They don't have Rivershyre listed properly. Use a street address and a search range of your choice. Also select a time range.)

### Easter Egg Hunt:

Not only did we have lots of volunteers but there were also over 90 "egg hunters". It's always great to have an event that includes the whole family. Many thanks to the Social & Welcome committee for another great day.

Quick reminders: The neighborhood yard sale is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the first neighborhood pool party is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Pool News:

It's early, but the pool applications are already coming in. Attached to this newsletter, you should find an application; or you can go online at [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org) and download a copy.

The pool committee, together with the Social & Welcome committee will host open pool days on May 10<sup>th</sup>, July 4, 5, 6, and Labor Day Monday. On each of those days, the pool will be open to everyone in the neighborhood.

The swim team is getting ready for the 2008 season. This year, they will have four home meets. If you want to sign up your son or daughter, visit [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org) and look for the Rivershyre Tigershark link. Or you can contact Tim Troutman at 706.8552892.

### Homeowners dues:

As of March 20<sup>th</sup> 200 home owners have paid their 2008 bill. Please remember that your money (including late fee) need to be in as soon as possible. If you need a copy of this year's bill, please give me a call or drop me an e-mail.

For those of you who would like to rent out the clubhouse, we have two new neighbors who can help

you with reservations. You can contact Alyson Ludwick (706.855.2844) or Carolyn Julian (706.496.2189). Many thanks to Stephany Ricker for her many years of service running the clubhouse. We appreciate her time, her efforts, and her ability to keep the corners of the clubhouse clean!

I hope you and your family enjoy spring break and Masters Week!

Bill Ferguson

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## TIGERSHARK NEWS

It is April and it is time to register to be a member of the Rivershyre Swim Team. Registration Dates are April 19 (Saturday) from 10:00 to 12:00 and April 24 (Thursday) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Both sessions will be at the clubhouse.

Coach Jessie has picked a new swim suit and it "looks great". Practices will start this year on May 12 in the evenings and starting on May 27 we will have practices both in the mornings and the evenings. Check out the website for the times and age groups. We will also have four home meets, two away meets, and the championship meet at the Augusta Aquatic Center.

We are always looking for dedicated parents who are willing to help with the swim team. The swim team cannot operate without a pool, kids, and parents. The swim team is a great way to meet your neighbors and get involved in a sport and an activity that is a family fun environment.

We welcome all kids from ages 4 to 18 to join the 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 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

It's time to sign up for the 2008 Pool Membership!!

April is sign up month for Pool Memberships. It seems like we just finished the 2007 season and here it is time to sign up again for a new season. There are copies of the 2008 Resident and Non-Resident Membership Applications in this newsletter. Please fill out your application and submit it during the month of April. Then pass the non-resident form on to a friend that doesn't live in Rivershyre so they too might join the fun this year. Applications will also be available on the Rivershyre website at [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org). Be sure and look for the 2008 versions.

The Pool Committee held its third meeting of the year on March 20<sup>th</sup> and continued with its planning for the 2008 swim season. Important topics included discussing options for selecting a Certified Pool Operator, adding activities to the pool calendar and planning for staffing / training of the attendants. Other topics included planning for our membership drive and discussing activities for the Grand Opening Party on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The pool will actually open to the membership starting Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the Grand Opening Party will be one week later. Several different committees will be involved in helping us celebrate our grand opening and we believe there will be plenty of great activities and lots of fun. And don't forget, in addition to the regular membership, the ENTIRE Rivershyre neighborhood is invited to the party.

The Pool Committee will be joining with the Rivershyre Tiger Sharks Swim Team to hold several membership sign-up days. On Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, and again on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., prospective members can sign up for both organizations at a special event at the Rivershyre Clubhouse.

Our goal this year is to provide something special most every week for our members so join us at the

## Grounds & Lake Committee

The Grounds and Lake Committee held its March meeting on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> and continued planning for more workdays to complete several repairs and improvements around the neighborhood.

Our first workday was held on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our task that day was to replenish the wood chips in the playground. We had a very good turnout and the many hands made short work of spreading the chips. Mike Amerson had the chips delivered several days earlier and he was joined on Saturday by T. M., Jen & Emily Weisz, David & Heather Gaitonde, Mona & Lindie Rodgers, Bill Ferguson, Larry Beran, Kim Norland and others.

Our second workday was held on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, when we removed some of the damaged trees and limbs left over from last year's storm as well as some new debris from the recent storms of the previous week. We also removed several piles of limbs left in one of the neighborhood's buffer areas by a nearby neighbor. All of the debris was moved to an area near the Clubhouse parking lot where it will be burned at a later date. Please remember that if you live adjacent to a neighborhood buffer area or common space, that area is NOT for dumping your yard debris. These areas will be watched more closely in the future and any neighbors dumping waste in those areas will held responsible.

Our work is not done. In future workdays, we will make some repairs to the two bridges on the nature trail, complete the repairs to the playground equipment and continue with the neighborhood cleanup. Dates for those workdays will be posted on the neighborhood bulletin board as the dates get 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 meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to join the committee or simply have questions, please feel free to visit.

## Architectural Control Committee

Why it's so important to submit a P.A.R. (Property Alteration Request) according to the Rivershyre homeowner Covenants, **all Rivershyre homeowners must have written approval from the Architectural Control Committee before beginning any home improvement and/or rebuilds.** Without a P.A.R., you might have to replace some of the building materials that you used or you may face fines. It can be a costly mistake. Also for your own records please retain a copy of all submitted P.A.R.'s and approval letters.

## Neighborhood Watch & Safety

One of our main concerns is trying to help to protect and educate all of the residents of Rivershyre. The tornado coming so close to our neighborhood on March 15 was really an eye opener. Our family had signed up through NBC Augusta/ Weather to receive alerts by our home phone as well as cell phone. We received 2 phone warnings as it was approaching Pollards Corner and again as it was heading towards us. We were able to call others who didn't have this system to warn them of the potential dangers of the storm. I recommend that everyone sign up for this service.

Go online to [www.nbcaugusta.com](http://www.nbcaugusta.com) click on **weather**. Select **weather call** to sign up for receiving these alerts. I would strongly suggest you list all of your family's cell phone numbers as well as your home number.

Another great warning system as well as alerts for things that are going on through our county is available through our own Pam Tucker who is over Columbia County Management services. Email her at [ptucker@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:ptucker@columbiacountyga.gov) and ask her to put you on her mailing list. She will let you know when they are burning at Fort Gordon, road hazards, gas leaks etc.

With Spring Break coming up and summer around the

corner, you need to be sure to call **Columbia County Sherriff's** department at **706-541-2800** and ask to be on the watch list while you are out of town. They will come and make sure all of your doors and windows are locked while you are out of town. It's a great service. Don't forget to set your light timers, let your neighbors know you are gone, stop your paper and have your mail held at the Post Office.

This month we have had a vehicle broken into. Please do not leave your car unlocked with your valuables in it. That is asking for someone to steal your belongings. Always lock your car and put valuable items out of sight no matter where you are!

Spring is here and things are growing like poison ivy. Please make sure you teach your family what it looks like. For those who like to walk in the nature area, please make sure you take your cell phone in case you have a problem. Snakes are coming out of hibernation. There is a lot of poison ivy and poison oak on the trails. Also be sure to check yourself for ticks when you get home.

We are still looking for volunteers to help support you through Neighborhood Watch. Please contact 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	

## STOP & READ Updated Liens List

### 2006 Liens

**1162 Oakton Trail**

### 2007 Liens

**1155 Oakton Court**

**1172 Dartmore Trail**

**1162 Oakton Trail**

**2003 Rivershyre Drive**