

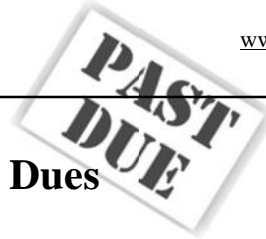


# The Village Crier

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

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## Annual HOA Dues

We still have 31 residents that have not paid their annual dues. The payment is now \$289. If dues are not received by 15 May, a lien is then placed on the property. 30 days after the lien is placed on the property, the neighborhood can foreclose on that lien.



We are still in need of volunteers for all of our committees. We need chairpersons for the Social & Welcome Committee, the Grounds & Lakes Committee and the Architectural Control Committee. If you have any questions, please call 706-228-7314.

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- Lawn & Garden Calendar
- A New Nature Program



## Swim Team Registration!

It is April and time to register to be a member of the Rivershyre Swim Team. Registration Dates are April 12 (Thursday) 5:30-7:00pm and April 15 (Sunday) 2-4pm. Both sessions will be at the clubhouse.

Tim Behnke and Graham Hines will be returning as head co-coaches this summer. We are excited to have them both again. This year we will be swimming against the Augusta Jewish Community Center, Augusta Country Club, Knob Hill, and Woodbridge; the same teams as last year. It should be a lot of fun and we will enjoy a lot of Papa John's Pizza from Rivershyre Resident Eddie Jordan.

We also are 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 regarding the swim team please contact Christina Troutman 706-855-2892. If you are a parent interested in getting involved with the team, please contact Christina Troutman at the number above or at [cttroutman@comcast.net](mailto:cttroutman@comcast.net).

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**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	706-955-9968	X	X
Wesley Valentin	706-955-9968	X	X
Victoria Valentin	706-955-9968	X	
Catherine Weisz	706-228-7314	X	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	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	
Eleida Tyler	706-228-5730	X	

**NEW TO THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD?**

LET US KNOW ... WE  
HAVE A GIFT FOR  
YOU!

PLEASE CALL  
CAROLYN JULIEN @  
706-496-2189.

**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.

**~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~**

Rivershyre's ninety-first Yard of the Month can be found at **1168 Claridge Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip Jones of Re/Max True Advantage. **(706-833-4663)**. 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 ~**

Columbia County Spring Break	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> – April 6 <sup>th</sup>
Easter	Sunday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>
Tax Day	Tuesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Administrative Professionals Day	Wednesday, April 25 <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).

## 2012 Board of Directors

Open – To be announced soon	President
Al Russo	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
T.M. Weisz	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Kay Russo, Jack Bryant, Scott Baggot	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 3/20/2012

1087 Severn Drive	\$219,000
1102 Rivershyre Drive	\$233,900
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900
1196 Rivershyre Drive	\$274,900

#### Sold Properties 10/1/2011 – 3/20/2012

1096 Rivershyre Drive	\$240,000
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#### Pending Sales as of 3/20/2012

N/A

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	3018 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$240,000
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$79.52
Average Days on the Market	168 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	T.M. Weisz
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Open
Social & Welcome	Open

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 706-854-0229. 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



**Saturday, April 28 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM** we are having another **Nature Program at the club house.** The one we had last year was the talk of the neighborhood even in January.

We decided to host it again so that the families who were not be able to come would have the opportunity. **Carol Eldridge**, who is a Research Biologist at **University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Lab** will be our speaker. Her specialty is Raptors. She will be bringing back the various species we had last fall along with a Red Tailed Hawk. Please read the flier that's in the newsletter for more information.

Spring Break and Master's week is this month. Please be sure to call **Columbia County Sherriff's Department at 706-541-2800** and have your house placed on **HOUSE WATCH if you are leaving town..** If you are renting out your home that week, please let your neighbors know.

**Hardy Lake and The Nature Area** are having a lot of outsiders trying to use the areas that we all support through our Homeowners Association. Both of these areas close at dark and are for the use of Rivershyre residents only. Please remember that if you have visitors here, you must accompany them, otherwise they will be considered trespassing.

When walking your dogs in the Nature Area as well as Hardy Lake, they must be on a leash from the time you open your car door and let them out until you get back in your vehicle. We have had several people with very large dogs let them loose. If a small child or small dog had been nearby, they could have been attacked. The dog owner is liable for anyone or anything they may harm. Columbia County does have a leash law for a reason. There are also two county dog parks nearby. One is located at Riverside Elementary School and the

other in front of the Government Complex.

Be on the lookout for people walking or riding bicycles throughout the day and evenings. Walkers should walk facing traffic. Bicycle riders ride with traffic. If you are out at night, please wear reflective clothing and/or carry a flashlight. The speed limit is 25 mph.

**Columbia County Water Department** is continuously working on the sewer odors. We have noticed a great improvement. They still would like to have our continued input on this. You can email **Wayne Eubanks** at [weubanks@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:weubanks@columbiacountyga.gov) or call him at **706-447-7710** if you notice any sewer odors.

**Neighborhood Watch and Safety**, like other committees, really needs your help and support. Each committee's purpose is to help to maintain and improve the quality of life in Rivershyre. That is why we all have chosen to live here. Without your support, these things cannot continue. We have been very fortunate that the crime rate in our neighborhood has been minimal in the past several years. That is due to everyone looking out for each other. We need assistance in planning programs, passing out fliers and keeping up to date on what is going on in the neighborhood. We are thinking about changing our meetings to the fourth Tuesday of each month. A lot of the school ball games are on Thursday night and have kept some from attending the meetings. Please email me if you are interested in helping in any of these areas. My email is [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net).

If you are new owner or renter in the neighborhood or your contact information has changed, please email me at **kbarrett29@comcast.net**.

## Lawn and Gardening Calendar April

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### **Ornamentals:**

- Prune flowering shrubbery such as quince, azaleas, spirea & forsythia.
- Check junipers, cedars, & arborvitae for bagworms.
- Check shrubbery for tea scale & control if necessary.
- Check azaleas for lace bugs and control if necessary.

### **Turf:**

- Establish Centipede, Zoysia, Bermuda, & St. Augustine lawns.
- Fertilize Zoysia, Bermuda, and St. Augustine lawns.
- Sod or sprig grasses.
- Control broad-leaf weeds.
- Watch for signs of disease and winter kill.

### **Flowers:**

- Plant summer flowering bulbs.
- Prepare beds for annual flowers.
- Fertilize roses.



### **Houseplants:**

- Fertilize at two week intervals.

### **Vegetables:**

- Plant tomatoes, beans, cucumber, squash, butter peas, eggplants, peppers, and southern peas.
- Plant okra, peanuts, and sweet potatoes in late April.

### **Fruits and Nuts:**

- Thin fruits if set too heavy.
- Remove strawberry flowers on plants set this spring. Wait until next year to harvest.
- Stay on Cooperative Extension spray program for disease and insect control. Follow label for proper use.
- Fertilize pecan trees, if not done in March.

