



The Village Crier

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

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Pool Opens May 1st

Rivershyre's pool will be opening for the summer on Saturday, May 1st. Hooray! If you haven't gotten your pool dues paid yet, please visit Rivershyre's website to obtain a copy of the membership application and just follow the instructions.

The 2004 pool schedule is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Attendant Staffing Hours</u>
5/1/04	Pool Opens	
5/1 until 5/21	School in session	3:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Weekdays 10:00 am until 9:00 pm on Weekends
5/22 until 8/2	Summer Break	10:00 am until 9:00 pm Daily
8/3 until 8/20	School in session	3:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Weekdays 10:00 am until 9:00 pm on Weekends
8/21 until 9/12	Year End period	10:00 am until 9:00 pm Weekends Only
9/12/04	Pool Closes for year	

Rules for using the pool can also be found on the website by clicking on either "Documents" or by clicking on the "Pool Committee" link.

If you have any questions about the pool or your membership, you can contact Bill Giddings, the Pool Committee Chairman at billg@rivershyre.org. Other members of the Pool Committee are listed on the website under "Pool Committee".

May, 2004

Happy Mother's
Day

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Thank You!

This month we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to the residents who came out on Saturday, March 27 to help spread new pine straw and remove old split rail fencing along Rivershyre Drive. Thanks to **Mike Amerson (and his tractor), Dan Johnson, Larry Beran, David Kapfhammer, David Gaitonde, Bill Rutledge, and Bill Clark**. 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 with a description of this person's contribution and we'll try to put it in the newsletter.

Annual Spring Yard Sale – May 15th

Got your "stuff" ready? The date for the Rivershyre Spring Yard Sale is here! The date is Saturday, May 15th and the sale starts at 8:00 a.m. (or as early as you prefer!) There is a fee of \$2.50 per household and that will cover the costs of advertising in the local newspapers and around the neighborhood. Someone will be by early on Saturday to collect the fee.

Also, we have arranged with the Salvation Army to come through the neighborhood after 1:00 p.m. to pick up your items that didn't sell. Just place these things at the end of your driveway and they will drive through to collect them.

You may wish to show the way to your sale with extra signs or balloons if you choose. Please be considerate of our neighborhood and remove them right after your sale. Hope your yard sale is a great one!

Rivershyre Yard of the Month

Rivershyre's fourth Yard of the Month can be found at **1160 Dartmore Trail**. 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".

New Neighborhood Directory Available

The new Rivershyre Homeowner's Directory has been published. Those of you that joined us for Everything Rivershyre Night at the Clubhouse on April 16th already have received your directories. The remaining directories will be distributed by some volunteers over the next two weeks.

Once you have received your directory, please verify the information contained in it. We are doing our best to maintain an up to date database of our residents and we hope most of our information is accurate. Any corrections, changes, or updates can be sent by email to directory@rivershyre.org or to Martha Kapfhammer at marthak@rivershyre.org. Depending on the number of corrections and changes, we may issue a correction sheet to the directory in a month or so.

Columbia County Customer Service

Need Columbia County's help on something? Don't know where to find a county office or service? Call their Customer Service number – **868-3375**. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also visit their website at: http://www.co.columbia.ga.us/Emergency_Services/Customer_Service/citizeninfo.html. There is an online form to submit questions or requests there as well.

The Villages of Rivershyre

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month.

Drop them by 2032 Edenton Trail or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.

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 ***

Pool Opens	Saturday, May 1 st , 10:00am
Cinco de Mayo BINGO	Saturday, May 8, 7:00pm at the Clubhouse
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 9th
Spring Yard Sale	Saturday, May 15 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31 st
Flag Day	Monday, June 14 th
Father's Day	Sunday, June 20 th
First Day of Summer	Monday, June 21 st

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 th Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 st Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	4 th Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Grounds & Lake	3 rd Monday, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 nd 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

Because of the number of complaints and comments received recently, the ACC is looking very closely at yard upkeep this spring.

Reminders:

- Vehicles should not be parked in your grass.
- Boats and campers cannot be stored on your property unless they are completely shielded from view by a fence or garage.
- **PAR's** (property alteration requests) **must be submitted BEFORE** you make significant alterations to your property including **removing live trees**, adding a sun room or screened porch, adding a pool, or putting up a fence.

The Architectural Control Committee meets monthly on the 4th Monday at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to review PAR's and potential covenant violations.

Grounds & Lake Notes

Rivershyre Hardy Lake Use – If you launch your boat from a trailer into Hardy Lake, please use the dirt ramp extending into the lake by the boat storage area. If that is not satisfactory to use, please launch your boat next to the ramp area only. Please do not launch your boat at any other location along the shore line as we are trying to establish grass down to the water line. Vehicles launching boats other than the area designated above will defeat the purpose of developing a shore line adding to more erosion of same.

Anyone who's concerned that they've missed their chance to help out, please don't worry, we'll be having some more work days coming up and we love to meet our neighbors while working together. Some upcoming work days will be finishing the clean up along the Hardy Lake dam, cleaning up and expanding the Nature Trails and installing a fence along the side of the playground. Keep an eye open for notices at the front message board.

Dan Johnson – Grounds & Lake Committee

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 4/21/04

1191 Newport Trail	\$209,900
1209 Oakton Trail	\$214,900
1168 Parkside Trail	\$185,900
1135 Rivershyre Drive	\$184,900

Pending Sales as of 4/21/04

1171 Claridge Trail

Sold Properties 1/15/03 - 4/21/04

1125 Midford Court	\$187,000
1087 Severn Drive	\$194,000
2031 Edenton Trail	\$200,000

Sales in Last Six Months

Average Size Home	2653 sq.ft.
Average Sales Price	\$191,900
Average Dollars per sq.ft.	\$72.33
Average Days on Market	39 days

Clean Up Behind Your Pets

We continue to receive complaints about residents who allow their dogs to "use" someone else's yard and fail to clean up behind them. This is inconsiderate and un-neighborly. Please, if you are walking your dog and it decides to do its business in another resident's yard, clean up behind them.

New to the Area?

Contact Ruth Pearl (650-1400), hospitality chairwoman of the Augusta Newcomers Club. The purpose of the club is to offer friendship and to help acclimate residents new to the community. A monthly coffee is held on the first Tuesday of each month as well as a monthly luncheon with special programs held every third Thursday of the month. Contact Ruth for more information.