



The Village Crier

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

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Trashy Proposition!

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As many of you know, there are three Garbage companies servicing Rivershyre. With three companies collecting our trash, we are seeing garbage trucks running through our streets six days per week, and every day, there are trash cans sitting out on the street.

Over the years, the board has discussed looking into having one company serve the entire community. This year, the topic has come up again and we think it is a good time to take it one step further. We'd like your opinion!!

In discussions at the last board meeting some of the highlights of having a single trash hauler would be:

- Bidding out the contract would allow you to have the lowest rates available to haul your trash
- We would only have one truck coming two days each week
- Less wear and tear on our streets
- Trash cans on our streets two days a week rather than six
- We can make the trash company responsible for dumping trash properly (eliminating trash not making it into the truck, rather into our streets)
- You'll know it's trash day when your neighbors cans are in the street and yours is not

If you would like to express and opinion pro or con, please take a moment to chat with one of the Rivershyre Board members or drop me an e-mail: Bill Ferguson – Georgiaterp@comcast.net

Remember, we are just looking for opinions! We are not going to move forward until we hear from you and have additional discussions!!



Rivershyre Easter Egg Hunt was an Egg-citing Success!

The clubhouse grounds were an egg-stra special place to be on Saturday, April 15th. Rivershyre's annual Easter Egg Hunt was attended by over 50 kids and their families. Our special prize winners were: Alyssa Acosta, Riley McNevin, Daniel Lopez and Grant Forrester. After the fun of hunting for eggs, everyone was treated to a hot dog lunch and had a chance to meet new and old friends and enjoy the great weather. If you couldn't make it this year, plan on hunting for eggs with us next year!

From the President

Can you believe it, school is out in a couple of weeks and the summer season will be upon us!

For many of us, Summer means swimming, camping, boating, fishing, vacations, cookouts!

Your neighborhood pool committee volunteers have been spending the last couple of weeks getting the pool ready for the upcoming season. This year, the committee will be building an addition to the pool house. This will give us more room to store the swim team equipment, chairs, tables and other items. If you know how to use a hammer or saw, the committee could use your help in completing the building.

Another change this season will be the pool hours. Because of security and insurance liability, we are no longer able to offer the opportunity to swim "after hours". Once school lets out, the pool will be open from 10am until 9pm. From 9pm until 11pm swimming will be allowed for adults and for children under the age of 16 if accompanied by a RESPONSIBLE adult. There will be NO attendant on duty after 9pm.

At 11pm, the pool will be officially closed (and your pool pass will not work after 11pm). We have informed the Columbia County Sheriff's department that anyone found inside the pool area after 11pm would be "trespassing" and will be subject to arrest and prosecution.

One other change you will notice will be the curb on Club House Drive will be

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The Villages of Rivershyre

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Our E-Mail Addresses:

feedback@rivershyre.org

newsletter@rivershyre.org

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

Babysitters Listing

If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email to:
babysitter@rivershyre.org.

Include your name, address, phone number, age, rate, and age range of children you will sit.

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's twenty-third Yard of the Month can be found at **1095 Rivershyre Drive**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of ReMax 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 ***

Ladies Bunco	Monday, May 1 st
Cinco de Mayo	Friday, May 5 th
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 14 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29 th

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.

2006 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Grady Taylor	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Martha Kaphhammer	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Lisa McLendon, Darrell Speight	Members

The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday 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 ReMax Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

Active Listings as of 4/17/2006

1151 Parkside Trail	\$233,500
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Sold Properties 1/17/2006 – 4/17/2006

1211 Oakton Trail	\$225,900
1150 Parkside Trail	\$196,900
1180 Branchwood Trail	\$195,000
1192 Rivershyre Drive	\$250,000
1140 Parkside Trail	\$179,900
1214 Oakton Trail	\$246,500
2039 Edenton Trail	\$241,000

Pending Sales as of 4/17/2006

1089 Severn Drive
1166 Claridge Trail
1122 Village Court
1081 Severn Hill Circle

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2571 sq.ft.
Average Sales Price	\$214,425
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$83.00
Average Days on the Market	16 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Chuck Faulkner
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Martha Kapfhammer
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Darrell Speight
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 Tuesday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	As needed
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, 7:30 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. Call Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766 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

Architectural Control Committee

The ACC would like to share information with residents on the types of violations we are currently addressing. In the first several months of this year, the committee has issued "Friendly Reminder" letters and covenant violation notices for problems such as boats, campers and cargo trailers parked in driveways or yards, non-conforming mailboxes, and poorly maintained property. While most of these situations have been corrected soon after they were brought to the attention of the residents, there have been several cases where no response or an inadequate response resulted.

If a resident receives a letter from the ACC and either doesn't understand the issue or feels the committee is mistaken, the committee welcomes a response from the resident so that the issue may be resolved in a neighborly manner. However, if a resident ignores the attempt by the committee to bring an issue to resolution, the committee may have no recourse other than to recommending to the Board of Directors of the Rivershyre Homeowners Association that punitive measures be taken until the issue is resolved. The Association is empowered by the neighborhood covenants to levy recurring fines and suspend all neighborhood privileges until any issues are resolved. Residents are encouraged to contact the committee via e-mail to acc@rivershyre.org or visit the committee at its regularly scheduled meetings.

Now that springtime has arrived, the ACC will be paying special attention to yard upkeep. Unfortunately, weeds typically start growing well before our lawns green up. During this time, weeds are particularly noticeable and an extra effort should be made to keep them under control. Please help the overall appearance of the neighborhood by keeping your lawn neatly trimmed and as weed-free as possible.

Warmer weather also brings restrictions on outdoor burning. A State mandated ban on open burning in Columbia County will go into effect on May 1 and will remain in place through September 30. The burning ban is part of the State's plan to improve air quality during the five-month smog season. During this period, **NO OPEN BURNING**, either commercial or residential, will be allowed in Columbia County. However, the ban does except campfires and agricultural burning.

Residents are also reminded that conventional vehicles must be parked in driveways or, if you must, in the street. Such vehicles are not to be parked on your lawn. Additionally, non-conventional vehicles such as utility vehicles, commercial trucks, and recreational vehicles are **NOT** allowed at the curb **OR** on the property, unless stored out-of-sight in a garage or behind an approved privacy screen.

Another reminder concerns Property Alteration Requests (PARs). They must be submitted and approved **BEFORE** you make significant alterations to your property such as removing live trees, adding a deck or screened porch, adding a pool, or putting up a fence or a shed, even before you build that tree house you promised the kids last year. You can find the PAR form on our neighborhood website at www.rivershyre.org.

The Architectural Control Committee meets monthly on the 4th Monday at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to review PARs and potential covenant violations. All residents are welcome to attend any regularly scheduled meeting. The committee also welcomes new members so if you think you might like to join the committee, please come to our next meeting or send an e-mail to the previously mentioned address. 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.

Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee

Your Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee is in the process of planning its strategy for making The Villages of Rivershyre the most peaceful, safe and pleasant community in all of Columbia County for the 2006-2007 year. Please attend our meeting **Thursday, May 25, 2006** and help us plan a strategy of success for making your community the most desired community to live in. Bring your concerns with you so that they can be addressed, and please invite your neighbors.

From the President

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painted yellow signifying "NO PARKING". The Sheriff's department has asked, because of safety reasons, that we allow parking on one side of the street, only. As you enter clubhouse drive, parking will be available on the right hand curb side only. The curb side exiting Club House Drive will be painted yellow.

For those neighbors who have boats or RVs, we like to remind you that it's OK to park your vehicle at your home for a day or two, but please, do not leave them there for weeks at a time or for the entire Summer. We want to keep Rivershyre looking attractive all year round and we would appreciate your help and cooperation. We also ask, if possible, that you park your boat or RV in your driveway so you won't impede traffic or cause a safety hazard.

Parents, we need to remind you that golf carts can only be driven by licensed drivers only. This is not a Rivershyre rule, rather a Columbia County regulation. Please, for the safety of your children, do not let them cruise the neighborhood without a responsible adult. A car usually wins if the two collide!!!!

As of April 20th, we have 20 homeowners who have not paid their 2006 Rivershyre Association dues. This is one of the best responses we have had in years. Thank you for paying on time. Those homeowners who have not paid will be subject to a fine of an additional 10% of their association dues. Failure to pay by June 15th will necessitate the association placing a lien against their property.

Finally, you will start to see some changes and upgrades on our website: www.rivershyre.org. Michael Nehlsen will be freshening up the site and adding a calendar. If you have any suggestions for the site, please drop him a note. You can find his e-mail on the website.

If you have any questions or neighborhood concerns, or if you are looking to volunteer and help with one of our committees, please don't hesitate to contact me!

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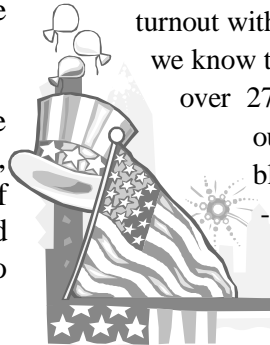
Get Ready for a Parade!

Remember Rivershyre's first ever Patriotic Parade?? Remember the pancake breakfast that was held in the clubhouse after the Parade?? Well, we're going to do it again!!!

We've decided to make the Patriotic Pancake Parade an annual event and hold it on the Saturday closest to the 4th of July. So this year the date will be July 1st!

You're getting an early notice this year so that you can start planning your July 4th activities around our parade. Last year we had a great turnout with lots of people and pets but we know that we can do better!!

With over 270 households in Rivershyre, our parade could stretch for blocks!! Young, old, dogs, cats --- everyone's welcome at Rivershyre's Patriotic Pancake Parade on Saturday, July 1st! See you there!



Message Board

Please note that the message board at the front of the neighborhood is for the Rivershyre Association messages only. We ask those who need to pass along info to certain neighbors or to celebrate an event, to place a sign on the "island" and to discard it after the event is completed!

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".

