



# The Village Crier

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

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## Is it summer yet?

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I have to keep looking at the calendar to remind myself that it is the month of May. Just a couple of weeks ago, we had frost and I put the electric blanket “back” on the bed. I moved to Georgia for the heat and humidity – NOT to hear that parts of New Jersey, Boston, Kansas City and even Yankton, South Dakota had warmer weather than us in April.

But summer must be coming! The pool opens on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and no doubt, no matter how chilly the water is, many children and teens will be splashing about.

The pool committee has done another great job getting the pool and the pool deck cleaned up and ready to go for another season. There are a number of new pool attendants working this year and we will have a new Certified Pool Operator (CPO).

Dick Huskin and Tim Taylor went back to school this winter and received their CPO degrees. From the very first year the pool was ready for swimming, we have had several companies oversee the pool maintenance, chemistry, and cleaning. The annual cost was around \$12,000. The pool committee reviewed the contract proposals from a number of pool companies and found that the bulk of the yearly cost was for chemicals. The rest went to basic administration and, of course, profit.

It is estimated that by handling the pool operations ourselves, we should be saving more than \$4,500. Quite a chunk of change for a pool on a very tight budget. About the only changes you will see is the attendants handling more of the pool cleaning: vacuuming, scrubbing the walls, and doing more water testing. Other than that, the water is fine and you can jump right in!

Remember that everyone in Rivershyre is invited to “jump in” on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>. That is our first Rivershyre Pool open house. There will be food, games, as well as demonstrations from the Columbia County Dive and Rescue team. Plus, Gold Cross Ambulance service will be by to show off their equipment and demonstrate how they care for the sick and injured as they are transported to the hospital!

All of they day’s events have been planned and manned by the pool committee, Social & Welcome committee, Neighborhood Watch & Safety, and the Grounds & Lakes committee.

### Property Management Update

At the April board meeting, we reviewed the latest opportunities and rates that a property management company can offer. Currently, if we decided to move forward with a

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## Fun & Festivities

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



*Covered Dish*

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-fourth Yard of the Month can be found at **1154 Parkside Trail**. 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.

## 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.

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

Rivershyre Garage Sale & Pool Opens	Saturday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Cinco de Mayo	Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Pool Party	Saturday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>
Last Day School for Columbia County Schools	Thursday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26 <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).

## 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 4/22/08

1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$240,000
1149 Hartford Trail	\$257,900
1088 Severn Drive	\$254,900
1168 Oakton Trail	\$244,900
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$279,900
1214 Oakton Trail	\$262,000
2003 Rivershyre Drive	\$253,888
1195 Rivershyre Drive	\$274,900
1086 Severn Drive	\$249,900
1106 Rivershyre Drive	\$279,000
2027 Edenton Trail	\$272,000
1182 Rivershyre Drive	\$239,900
1202 Newport Trail	\$249,900

#### Pending Sales as of 4/22/08

1122 Midford Court

#### Sold Properties 1/22/08 – 4/22/08

N/A

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2,830 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$249,900
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$89.00
Average Days on the Market	41 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

## ...Summer

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management company, the cost would be approximately \$11,700 (or \$50 per homeowner).

The main reason we began this process was that the number of volunteers had dwindled to a precious few last fall. Since then we, have had a good number of neighbors volunteer their time and energies. The board now has 12 active members – the most we've had in 10 years.

Because we have a “comfortable” number of volunteers the board has decided NOT to begin the process of hiring a management company. However – the board will begin the process of making changes to the bylaws, declarations, and covenants that will allow future boards to quickly hire a property management company if one is needed. We are making sure we are covering our bases now and in the future!

The very best way to ensure that we don't hire a property management association is to VOLUNTEER! We always need your help!!

### Tennis Courts

We had hoped by now that we could start off the beginning of summer vacation with new tennis courts. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has not been cooperating. In order to fix the cracks and resurface the courts, we need temperatures that are consistently in the 80's. Hopefully by Memorial Day, the new courts will be ready.

### Homeowners Dues:

As of April 21<sup>st</sup>, there are still 50 families who have not paid. Letters have gone out to those homeowners stating that if they do not pay their fees (and fines) by June 15<sup>th</sup>, we will place a lien on their home. Hopefully everyone will have paid by then.

### Motorcycles & ATVs

Columbia County has notified us that NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES are allowed on the water treatment plant property. Parents, please be aware that the county will enforce the rules and you as parents will be held accountable if your under-aged children are caught on county property.

Also please be reminded that CSX has contacted us to pass along the word that anyone found on or near the tracks will be considered trespassers and will be prosecuted.

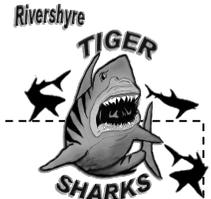
Please remember that May 22 is the last day of school. That means more children will be on our streets all day and later in the evening. Please drive carefully.

Attached to this month's newsletter, you should find a 2008 pool application and more information about the pool party on May 10<sup>th</sup>! We hope to see you there!

Bill Ferguson

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## TIGERSHARK NEWS

Swim season is upon us with practices starting May 12. You can check out the swim team website for all of the practice and meets times. [www.rivershyre.org/rts](http://www.rivershyre.org/rts) We will have people at the pool for late registration on the open pool day on May 10. Our first meet is May 27 against Woodbridge.

We also want to thank Rivershyre Resident Eddie Jordan and PAPA John's pizza for sponsoring the swim team this year. We ask all residents and swim team members to support PAPA Johns since they are supporting our neighborhood kids.

Coach Jessie has announced her coaching staff for this year and they are also listed on the website.

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 in regard to the swim team please contact Tim and Christina Troutman 706-855-2892 or at [cttroutman@comcast.net](mailto:cttroutman@comcast.net) . 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 Finally Here! 2008 Pool Season in Rivershyre!

The Rivershyre Community Association and the RCA Pool Committee proudly announce the pool facilities will open for the 2008 season on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All Rivershyre residents in good standing are invited to join the membership of the pool organization and JOIN THE FUN.

The 2008 annual membership fee for residents of Rivershyre remains the same as last year's rate of \$300. As with last year's fee, a \$10 Concession Stand card is included. Also, as has been the practice since the pool began operation, all resident members must pay a one-time initiation fee of \$400. However, the initiation fee may be paid over a four-year period in even installments of \$100 each. In short, if you have already completed paying the initiation fee, the total cost for pool membership this year will again be \$300. If you are joining for the first time or have been a member before but have not yet completed paying the initiation fee, your total will include both the \$300 annual fee and the \$100 installment of the initiation fee for a total of \$400. New members will be given one Key Card for access to the pool facility. New and previous members that have a need for additional access cards may purchase them at the Pool Concession Stand for \$5 each.

We are in the middle of our membership drive and need your participation at the pool. Come join your friends and neighbors and sign up for this year's membership. An application is included in this month's Newsletter and they may also be printed from the Rivershyre website at [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org).

Pool hours of operation are as follows. As in years past, during the first several weeks before school is out, pool attendants will be present from 10:30 am until 9:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays and on weekdays from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm. After school ends for the Summer, the pool will be open for all members every day from 10:30 am to 9:00 pm. When school starts again in August, the pool schedule

will return to that used before school ended in May. Monday through Friday, the pool will open after school and on weekends the pool will continue to open at 10:30 am. Early mornings, from 7:00 am until the pool attendants arrive, and evenings from 9:00 pm until 11:00 pm, the pool will be open to those 18 years and older and those accompanied by such, but no attendants will be available during these periods.

Following opening day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a **Grand Opening Party** on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and **ALL RIVERSHYRE RESIDENTS ARE INVITED.**

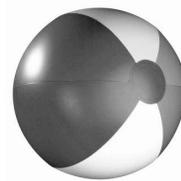
That's right! **ALL RESIDENTS**, whether you are a member of the pool or not! This will be an OPEN POOL DAY for everyone to enjoy the facilities, the food and the fun.

The **Grand Opening Party** on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> will be **MORE** than just a pool party! Several Committees will be combining their efforts to make this a full day of activities. In addition to the pool open house, there will be entertainment for the kids provided by Columbia County's Dive and Rescue Team and the Gold Cross Ambulance Service demonstrating their rescue techniques. There will be a Pig Roast and a covered dish dinner. The BBQ will cost \$5 a plate but other foods will be provided by the Social & Welcome Committee and covered dishes can be brought to share by all participants.

There will also be two additional occasions when **ALL RIVERSHYRE RESIDENTS ARE INVITED.**

The Fourth of July Weekend (Friday, 7/4 through Sunday, 7/6) will be a three-day open house and again on Labor Day; that's Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

So mark your calendars, watch for further announcements, get out your swimsuit, find that covered dish recipe, and work up your appetite for our Grand Opening Party.



## Neighborhood Watch & Safety



Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee has invited Columbia County's Dive and Rescue Team as well as Gold Cross Ambulance Service to our pool grand opening on May 10.

will demonstrate to everyone their diving equipment, how they communicate with each other in muddy waters and how they rescue swimmers or accident victims from the water. The Red Cross Ambulance service will demonstrate how they take care of the victims once they are rescued by the dive team. They will also let everyone see the ambulance and how it's equipped. We feel like the children as well as the adults will enjoy this event.

We will be putting on other events in partnership with the Pool Committee and Social and Welcome throughout the year. Any suggestions or volunteers for future events are welcomed! We meet the fourth Thursday of each month

Spring has sprung! As a reminder please point out to your children what poison ivy looks like. You can see it growing along the causeway leading to the nature area. Please be watchful for snakes while you are enjoying

your walks on the trails. There are wildflowers and honeysuckle in bloom and all kinds of birds throughout the nature areas.

Summer break is around the corner. Don't forget to let your neighbors know if you are going out of town, stop your paper and mail, set your light timers and put your house on the watch list with Columbia County Sherriff Department by calling 706-541-2800.

When you are walking in the neighborhood or on the trails, please be sure to take your cell phone. If you see any suspicious activity or kids on the railroad trestle, please call Columbia County Sherriff Department. We all need to look out for each other.

There have been no police reports for our neighborhood this month. I did notice in surrounding areas that people are having problems with identity theft. One way you can help prevent this is by shredding your bills and bank statements, don't save any passwords or access codes on your computer and don't forget to log off your bank connection when you are finished. You can get a free copy of your credit report to make sure no one has tried to apply for credit cards in your name by calling 1-800-865-1111

### 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**