



The Village Crier

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Message from the Association President

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MEMORIAL DAY



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You have probably heard the phrase "One person can make a difference". We are fortunate in our neighborhood that there are a number of folks that fit this description. I would like to highlight one this month. His name is Larry Beran. You may not know Larry, but you have all seen the results of his hard work. Recently Larry restored and repainted all of our neighborhood signs and the bulletin board at the front of the neighborhood. When I asked Larry how many hours it took to repair all of these signs, he responded "A lot". And that was "a lot" of work for one individual. So if you see Larry, thank him for his hard work. Like I mentioned in last month's newsletter, if we all volunteered just a little time it would be amazing how much our neighborhood could accomplish.

I recently talked with a resident that had been away from the neighborhood for a period of time. His comment to me was how the appearance of yards in the neighborhood had taken a negative turn. With the warming weather and the much needed rain, Mother Nature is really coming to life. Fortunately most of our neighbors are maintaining their yards in a neat appearance. There are a few though, that are not. Our neighborhood governing documents state, "*It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to prevent the development of any unclean, unsightly or unkempt conditions of building or grounds on his Lot which shall tend to substantially decrease the beauty of the property as a whole or the specific area of his Lot*". By each homeowner keeping their property looking good, it enhances our entire neighborhood. This task may be a little overwhelming for those residents that have large lots, lots of trees and little time on their hands. In this newsletter and others, are the names and phone numbers of young adults that are willing to do some yard work – give them a call if you can use their services, I am sure they could use the money. I once read an article that said "When you buy a home, you buy a neighborhood". If you do not like some of the rules and regulations that govern our neighborhood, start the process to try and change them, however you cannot ignore them. If you do ignore them, you will be notified.

When the homeowners dues were sent out in January, also included in the packet was a questionnaire inquiring about programs in the neighborhood and asking for suggestions for improvements. We received 27 responses, and I would like to share some of the comments from our neighbors. Can pool membership be included in home owners dues/Pay homeowner dues and pool membership on line (Paypal)/Couples night activities at the clubhouse/Picnic and fishing derby at Hardy Lake/Pot luck social events/Pool must be self sufficient and not supported financially by the neighborhood/Summer parties and craft events at the pool/Big Screen concerts at the pool/Teen tennis or adult tennis clubs/Interest in a garden

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Rivershyre**

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Message ...

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club/Meetings not occurring as scheduled/Lifeguards at the pool. There were also many opinions for and against the Columbia County Greenway concept. Thank you to everyone that took the time to submit this questionnaire. The appropriate committees will review these suggestions.

In last month's newsletter, there was an article about the Leash Law in Columbia County. The following is an addition to that article **(d) Duty to keep dog under restraint while off property.** It shall be the duty of the owner or custodian of any dog to keep such dog under restraint and control at all times while the dog is off the real property limits of the owner, possessor or custodian. (1) For the purpose of this subsection (d), a dog is deemed under control when it is: a. Securely and humanely confined within a vehicle; b. Properly confined within a secure enclosure with the permission of the owner of the property where the enclosure is located; c. Securely restrained by a leash or other device held by a competent person; d. Under voice command of a competent person who is in the immediate proximity of the dog. For more information, please visit <http://www.columbiacountyga.gov/> Online services Codes & Ordinances / Municipal Codes / Chapter 14 Sect. 14-6. Restraint of Animals.

As always, we need your support and talents to maintain and enhance our neighborhood. We all live in this neighborhood; all 275 of us should do our part.

Thanks

T.M. Weisz, RCA President

**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 fifty-sixth Yard of the Month can be found at **1082 Rivershyre Court.** 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 ~

Cinco de Mayo	Tuesday, May 5 th
Annual Yard Sale & Pool Party	Saturday, May 9 th
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 10 th
Columbia County Schools - Last Day of School	Friday, May 22 nd
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25 th

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

2009 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
vacant	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Bob Petty, Russ Lesesburg, Mike Amerson, David Basskette, Ziad Husein, Bill Rutledge and Travis Walden	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 4/17/2009

1087 Severn Drive	\$249,000
1123 Midford Court	\$269,900
1171 Parkside Trail	\$234,900
1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$214,900
1208 Oakton Trail	\$184,500
1181 Rivershyre Drive	\$239,900
1166 Claridge Trail	\$204,900
1158 Oakton Trail	\$239,900
1081 Rivershyre Court	\$259,000
1091 Rivershyre Drive	\$234,900
1151 Oakton Court	\$239,000
1198 Newport Trail	\$274,900

Sold Properties 1/17/2009 – 4/17/2009

1170 Claridge Trail	\$182,500
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Pending Sales as of 4/17/2009

1088 Severn Drive

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2300 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$182,500
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$79.34
Average Days on the Market	90 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Holly Bullock
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 th Monday, 7:30 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, 7:30 pm
Pool	3 rd Thursday, 7:30 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.

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".

Grounds and Lake Committee

The Grounds & Lake Committee held its fourth meeting of 2009 on Monday, April 20th. The agenda covered topics such as a continued critique of the lawn care service and what steps are necessary to secure satisfactory service, both by the current provider and future providers. Other topics included reviewing the termite treatment contract for the clubhouse, readying the community sprinkler system for the growing season, replacing the flooring in the kitchen and restrooms in the clubhouse, replacement of the fence on either side of the neighborhood entrance and several other smaller tasks.

The committee relies on several Community Clean-up Days, typically held during the cooler seasons, to take care of various tasks such as removing storm debris, making minor repairs to such amenities as the Playground, the Nature Trail and the Picnic Area at the Pond. Volunteers also cut and removed weeds and brush from along Hardy-McManus Road, along Rivershyre Drive and around the recreation areas. While our first workday of 2009 was very successful with a good turnout, the following workday wasn't as well supported and thus has left us with several tasks remaining to be completed. We still need to refurbish the Playground equipment and clean the fence, make some much-needed repairs to the footbridge along the Nature Trail and do some painting and repairs at the clubhouse. The dates for future workdays will be posted on the Community Bulletin Board so please watch for the notice and lend a hand on the designated days.

Speaking of the Community Bulletin Board, if you've noticed the board is in better shape AND all of the neighborhood signs now have a fresh coat of paint, please thank Larry Beran for his hard work in personally refurbishing all of our signs. Volunteers make the association work and efforts like Larry's make our neighborhood a better place to live.

The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. Please feel free to visit at any meeting. If you have any questions about the committee or its activities, please contact any member or send an e-mail to the committee at rca.gl@rivershyre.org.

A Message from the Treasurer Association Dues Update

Hello Rivershyre. I hope you all have seen the sign on the front board about the RCA dues. Several families have yet to pay their homeowner's dues and we are approaching the May 15 lien filing deadline. The payment due is \$250.80. You can mail it in now. If you have any questions please call me at 706-855-8122.

Holly Bullock, Treasurer, RCA

**Congratulations
to the Easter
egg hunt winners!**

Trevor Crain
Christopher Shea
Mackenzie Taylor
Brandon Shea



Happy Mother's Day



There is no velvet so soft as a mother's lap, no rose as lovely as her smile, no path so flowery as that imprinted with her footsteps. - Archibald Thompson

A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car forever after. - Peter De Vries

You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around - and why his parents will always wave back. - Special Quotes for Mother's Day by William D. Tammeus

Committee Updates Cont'd & More

Pool Committee Report

The Pool Committee held its fourth meeting of 2009 on April 16th and continued planning for an exciting and fun-filled pool season in 2009. The Committee completed its search for attendants and filled several managers' positions. The calendar of events was expanded by adding additional activities and identifying the necessary details. All-in-all, it's going to be a busy season. Come on down to the pool and join the fun.

Our staff of pool attendants for 2009 is a great mix of several new members supported by several "old-timers". We welcome Tyler Jarrard, Chelsea Nihill, Jennifer Norland and Brandon Shay to the staff and welcome back Brian Alexander, Larry Hogue, Mitchell Hogue, Jessie Usry and Emily Weisz.

Our managers for this season will be Tracey Hogue (Attendants), Jeanna Baggott & Kim Norland (Concession Stand) and Tom Mulherin (Business Manager).

The committee has been working very hard during April to make the facility ready for the new season. Committee members and several additional volunteers have spent countless hours during several weekend work days and during weekday evenings to refurbish, remodel, and generally spruce up the place. Some of the improvements include a long overdue face-lift for the concession stand and refurbished cabinetry in the restrooms. While we have not yet completed all of our workdays at the time this article is being written, we will go ahead and thanks those that have worked very hard to-date. Thanks go to Kim & Bob Norland, Jeanna & Scott Baggott, Debbie & T. M. Weisz, Kathy & Bruce Alexander, Tracey Hogue, Tom Mulherin, Napoleon Roache, Al Russo and Tim Taylor.

The special events presented last year such as Opening and Closing parties, parties for certain age groups, open dates for all Rivershyre residents and the Friday Night Dive-In Movies will continue in 2009. In fact, our first Friday Night Dive-In Movie will be shown on May 8th. If you have never attended one of our "Float'n Friday Nites", grab your float and come on down. We are also seeking

suggestions for other activities that will provide members with safe and enjoyable entertainment during the swim season. If you have ideas for new events, please let the committee know.

The pool facilities are also available for parties. Check with us for details and available dates for your next Birthday or other party needs.

Please help us to continue to keep the pool on the path toward financial security by becoming a member of the pool in 2009. If you have never been a member of the pool, please give it a try. If you have been a member in the past but have not participated lately, come try the pool again. If you were a member in 2008, your membership made the pool season possible and your continued membership will ensure future seasons. Please join us again in 2009 as we are planning more activities than ever before and certainly wish you and your family would join us in the summer fun.

Scott Baggott just couldn't wait for opening day. His job during workday took him to the bottom of the pool.



Committee Updates Cont'd & More

Neighborhood Watch & Safety



The Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee has been busy updating the emergency contact list for the neighborhood. So far we have contacted over 110 homes. Celia Velez and Rita Perry did an outstanding job by contacting the most people! If you have not been contacted or would like to help contact others, please email me at kbarrett29@comcast.net. We are trying to make sure that we have everyone's phone number and email address correct. If you want it kept confidential, please let me know.

Spring has sprung with a ton of pollen this year! The trees and flowers in the neighborhood are gorgeous! Please make a point to show your children what poison ivy looks like and how to spot a fire ant mound. When you are walking in the nature area, you need to be especially careful. There is a lot of poison ivy on the trails. The snakes are out of hibernation now so be sure to walk carefully and carry your cell phone.

The Jumpers are back!!!! We have had 8 kids this past weekend who were caught jumping off of the trestle. Please call the **Sherriff's' Department at 706-541-2800** if you see anyone near the trestle or who does not live here in the nature area. We are on a concentrated alert now. No one is allowed in the Nature Area that does not live in Rivershyre. Other reminders: no four wheelers are allowed in the nature area, your dog must be on a leash and most importantly no fire arms including BB guns, paint ball guns or any other type of weapon that shoots a projectile are allowed in the nature area. We had 8 boys wanting to shoot plastic pellets in the area which require them to wear protective gear. The Sherriff's Department told them that they are personally responsible for each pellet they shoot just like he is for each bullet he shoots. They could severely injure someone who happened to be walking out there if they hit them in the eye. There were 4 young girls walking back there at the time. They would also be disturbing the wildlife.

We need to be observing our speed limit which is 25 mph and keep an eye out for children playing in the street. Parents, you can help by reminding your kids not to leave their bikes and skateboard ramps in the middle of the street. Children are not allowed to drive golf carts in the street unless they have a valid driver's license. I

know a lot of them ride them to the pool and to the nature area. They need to use their bicycles instead. There were some children in another neighborhood that had an accident riding a golf cart too fast. We see the same thing here as they ride down into the nature area. We don't want any of our kids to be hurt.

Summer vacation is around the corner. Don't forget to put your house on the **Watch list** with the **Sherriff's Department 706-541-2800**. Also let your neighbors on either side of you know that you are gone. We had an incident over Masters Week in which some teenagers made themselves at home in a residence while the owners were out of town. Luckily nothing was taken. This is a criminal offense. Lucky for the kids, the home owner has not pressed charges.

Hope you were able to attend our Safety Night out in April. I will let you know the results of the meeting in our next news letter.

Tigershark News



Swim season is upon us with practices starting May 13. You can check out the swim team website for all of the practice and meets times: www.rivershyre.org/rts. It is never too late to join the swim team. We will have people at the pool for late registration on the open pool day on May 9 or you can contact Jeanna Baggott @ 706-868-7169. Our first meet is May 26 against Woodbridge.

We also want to thank Rivershyre Resident Eddie Jordan and PAPA Johns 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. One addition to practices will be "stroke clinic" on both practices times for Friday.

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Other Updates

Tigersharks....

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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. 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.

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	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	X	





GRAND OPENING POOL PARTY!

The party will be on the 9th of May and is open to **all** Rivershyre residents!

Social welcome committee will provide hotdogs, Mac & cheese, baked beans and drinks. We are asking residents to bring salad or dessert according to address:

Odd address bring dessert
Even address bring salads

Dinner will be served from 3:00 to 6:00

There will also be barbecue pork and chicken available for \$5.00 a plate.

See you there!

Yard Sale

May 9th
8.00am to 12.00pm

\$2.50 Per home