



# The Village Crier

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

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## A Message from the Association President

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Hi everyone.

Last month we had a few uninvited guests attempt to play a game of hide and seek in our neighborhood. As a result of the quick and dedicated response of local law officials, these individuals were located. Something positive about this event was the initiation of the neighborhood's emergency calling post. Based off the large number of positive responses I heard from many of you, this system worked as planned. Our calling post reached neighbors prior to the county's notification. If you did not receive a phone call from our neighborhood, then we do not have your correct contact information. Please contact our Neighborhood Safety and Watch Committee to add your name and contact information, so in the event of another type of emergency, you can be promptly notified. Another highlight from the Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee was the program presented on the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you missed it, guest speakers were brought in to inform us on issues that could affect each and every one of us – fraud, scams, securing your personal information, etc. We are very fortunate in Rivershyre to have an active and energetic Neighborhood Safety and Watch team. I thank them for their dedication to this very important program.

Hats off to some of you out there that have passionately made improvements to your homes and yards. There are a few residences that must be trying to win "Yard of the Month". With the growing season started, our yards require constant attention. There are a few yards however that could use a little more TLC. The Association does receive complaints from neighbors bringing this to our attention. If you find yard work a challenge because of available time, health or some other reason, you have a resource right here in Rivershyre. In our newsletters is a list of teenagers willing and eager to offer their services.

Have you noticed the stone columns out front lately? If you haven't, stop and take a look. You may have never really noticed how impressive they are since they were blocked for years by large bushes. A few Saturdays ago, a group of volunteers removed them, in addition to repairing the sprinkler system out front. Five gentlemen spent three hours significantly enhancing the entrance to our neighborhood, while saving money for our community.

Do you have suggestions for our neighborhood? Any of us on the board are happy to listen to what you have to say.

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**President ...**

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Thanks again for those that support, volunteer and continue to make Rivershyre at great place to live.

T.M. Weisz  
RCA President



**SUMMERTIME  
REMINDERS**



May is here and with it comes several things residents need to remember.

Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> and extending until October 1<sup>st</sup>, no burning of yard trash is permitted in Georgia. In fact, no outdoor fires are permitted during this period except small cooking fires and certain permitted burns.

Neighbors are also reminded that all residents of Georgia are under a permanent water-use restriction. While we are not currently under drought conditions, Georgia remains under Level I restrictions that only permit watering on certain days depending on the address of the property. All addresses ending with an even number may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays while odd numbered addresses may water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. No one is allowed to water on Mondays. Level I restrictions permit watering at any time of day. Residents with new sod or seed may obtain a permit to allow extra watering.

**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, address, phone number, age, rate, and age range of children you will sit.

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's sixty-eighth Yard of the Month can be found at **1192 Newport 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** ~

Mother's Day	Sunday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Columbia County schools: Last Day of School	Friday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31 <sup>st</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).

## 2010 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Bob Petty, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Bill Rutledge, Jack Bryant, Laura Higgins and Horace Carney	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 4/19/2010

1081 Rivershyre Court	\$224,900
1212 Oakton Trail	\$249,900
1087 Severn Drive	\$239,000
1168 Oakton Trail	\$244,900
1165 Parkside Trail	\$199,900
1109 Rivershyre Drive	\$244,900
1182 Oakton Trail	\$294,900

#### Sold Properties 11/19/2009 – 4/19/2010

1158 Oakton Trail	\$218,900
1165 Oakton Trail	\$257,000

#### Pending Sales as of 4/19/2010

1107 Rivershyre Drive

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2767 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$244,950
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$86.50
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	Kim Norland
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, 7:30 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 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

## Grounds and Lake Committee

The Grounds and Lake Committee held its monthly workday on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Several volunteers spent the morning returning the sprinkler system at the front entrance to service after its winter hibernation. The workers also began the remodeling of the landscaping at the front entrance by removing several of the larger shrubs that had grown so large they were obscuring the stone columns.

Speaking of the landscape remodeling project at the front entrance, the committee requested in last month's newsletter that neighbors submit suggestions concerning what changes and improvements should be made. We need suggestions from you concerning what changes and improvements should be made. Our plan is to redesign the landscaping and replace the worn fencing on either side of the entrance. We need your ideas on what style, type and color of fencing to install and what landscaping changes you would like to see. We have some beautiful stone columns that have become hidden behind the shrubbery. We would like to rearrange the shrubbery to better showcase the stonework. Please send your ideas via e-mails to [rca.gl@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.gl@rivershyre.org), or letters to the Grounds & Lake Committee at P.O. Box 2194, or simply come to our next meeting.

The committee undertakes these projects to keep association costs to a minimum while maintaining neighborhood amenities. If these tasks were turned over to contractors, our costs and therefore the annual dues paid by homeowners would increase significantly.

Please consider contributing to our neighborhood by joining the committee and helping to maintain Rivershyre. The committee normally meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. However, due to another event at the clubhouse on that day, the next

meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join the committee or simply have questions, please send an e-mail to [rca.gl@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.gl@rivershyre.org) or contact any member.

## Architectural Control Committee

The ACC held its March meeting on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and discussed submitted Property Alteration Requests (PARs) and covenant violation issues recently noted in the neighborhood.

If you are planning any new construction or major modifications to the lot or exterior of the house, such as fences, patios, pools, tree removals, etc., please don't forget to submit a PAR to the ACC. PAR forms are available on the Rivershyre website in the ACC section on the "Committees" page. Residents are reminded PARs must be submitted BEFORE the alteration takes place and with sufficient time to allow the committee to address the request including contacting the resident if there are any questions.

The Rivershyre website may be found at [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org).

The committee meets at the clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. The next one will be May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Other Committee/Activity Updates

### NOTICE TO OWNERS OF BOATS AT HARDY POND

In response to concerns raised by neighbors, the Board of Directors voted at the April meeting to implement several new rules involving the storage and use of boats at Hardy Pond.

Several neighbors have reported seeing young children taking boats into Hardy Pond and on some occasions, the children were believed to have not been from the Rivershyre neighborhood. A survey was made of the boats at Hardy Pond and of the 14 boats, 5 were not locked or otherwise secured in any manner. For the safety of the children and the security of property of boat owners, the Board passed a resolution implementing the following new rules for the storage and use of boats at Hardy Pond.

- All boats must be secured by chain & lock to prevent unauthorized use. A chain is currently secured between two trees at the storage area. Owners are to secure their boats to that chain or to the nearby trees.

- All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied in the boat by responsible person 16 years or older.

- All children under the age of 15 must wear a USCG approved flotation device.

These rules will take effect on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any boat not secured after that date will be secured by the association. Owners will be responsible for the costs incurred by the association.

If you have questions, please contact the Grounds & Lake Committee at [rca.gl@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.gl@rivershyre.org) or contact any committee member.

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### TIGERSHARK NEWS

Swim season is upon us with practices starting in May. 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) It is never too late to join the swim team. Our first meet is May 25 @ our home pool 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 Alex has announced her coaching staff for this year and they are also listed on the website. We will be having "stroke clinics" on both practices times for Friday again this year.

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)

# Other Committee/Activity Updates

## Neighborhood Watch & Safety



This month has really been a true showing on why we established an emergency contact list for Rivershyre. All of you should have received a telephone alert message from Neighborhood Watch and Safety about the three robbery suspects that were in our neighborhood on Thursday, April 15 around 11:55 am. There also was a follow up email that night with an update on the robbery suspect that was caught in Rivershyre around 11:00 pm. If you did not receive both of these alerts, I don't have your correct email address or phone number. Please email me at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net) so I can update your information. As you can see, this process was implemented for a reason.

I would like to thank Alma Acosta and Joyce Rabb for calling me the minute they were aware of what was happening. Due to their efforts, I was able to confirm the incident with the Sherriff's Department and get a call out to you 30 to 45 minutes before The Sherriff's Department's reverse 911 call.

The Emergency Contact list was made possible by the hard work of Celia and Gus Velez, Robert and Rita Perry, Richard Huskin and Debbie Weisz. Those of you who have emailed me your information over the years are also greatly appreciated. Phil Alexander of **The Calling Post** has been so generous to donate the free minutes we have to make it all possible!

I was very impressed with the high level of response we had from the Columbia County Sherriff's Department and other agencies that were here to try and capture the suspects. One thing that really bothered me was the number of residents who asked that their homes be searched because **THEY DID NOT LOCK THEIR DOORS WHILE THEY WERE NOT HOME!** I can understand people being afraid to enter their homes and want to have things checked. However, leaving your doors unlocked and windows opened is not

safe! Please always make sure that your vehicles, garages and homes are locked when you are not home and during the evenings. You don't want your home to be the next one that is robbed. You are setting yourself up for that to happen, especially when they can just walk on in. You might as well leave your door wide open. We can't take it for granted that we are safe because of where we live. I am glad that we all feel that way but we need to be on the look out for each other.

Other than this excitement, we have had no incidents reported this month.

Please remember that outside Burning ends on April 30. When school lets out this month and you go on vacation, please call the **Sherriff's Department** at **706-541-2800** and put your house on the **House Watch** list. Also let your neighbors know you are gone so they can keep an eye on things for you.

## Baby Sitter / Yard Work List

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
Kristen Beasley	706-869-0223	X	
Sohaila 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	
Paige Jarrard	706-868-7169	X	
Sarine Husein	706-650-7771	X	
Caitlen Taylor	706-855-6638	X	
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	