



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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Hello Rivershyre Neighbors,

Thanks to everyone that came out for last month's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Even with the chance of rain, we had approximately 60 residents come out and enjoy a pancake breakfast, hunt for some eggs, take a photo with the Easter Bunny and have the opportunity to socialize with friends and meet new neighbors.

Just a reminder, our annual Neighborhood Yard Sale is Saturday 14 May. This is an opportunity to clean out your closets, attics and garages and make a little money in the process. Additionally, the neighborhood will be selling donated items down at the clubhouse. If you have some items you would like to get rid of, but don't want to hassle with pricing them or displaying them, you can donate them to the neighborhood. All proceeds from donated items will go directly to enhancing the clubhouse. Donated items that do not sell will be donated to a local thrift store.

Also this month is the grand opening of our pool on Saturday 21 May. While the price of gas continues to climb higher and higher, our pool membership cost has not risen in years. If you are interested in joining the pool, applications are available on our website, or stop by the pool and ask one of our attendants for an application. One of the unique features of a membership is the opportunity to enjoy Friday Night Floats. Throughout the pool season on most Friday nights, members have the opportunity to experience movies on a large screen while floating or swimming in the pool. We screen the movies to ensure that are suitable for families.

We need your help. We have had a rash of nonresidents fishing down at Hardy Lake. This lake belongs to the neighborhood and residents whose property surrounds the lake. If you encounter someone fishing who is not a resident, you can direct them to the signs that are posted at the lake. There is also a sign that asks fishermen to catch and release bass and carp and we ask all to comply.

I also had a request from a neighbor asking that if a resident holds a yard sale and places signs outside of the neighborhood (Washington/Hardy McManus/Riverwatch Roads) that they remove the signs after the completion of the yard sale. Yard sale signs that remain posted direct folks to our neighborhood searching for yard sales that are no longer valid.

Thanks again to everyone who continues to make Rivershyre a special place to live.

T.M. Weisz
RCA President

*******MARK YOUR CALENDERS*******



The Villages of Rivershyre Annual Yard Sale will be on May 14th. The regular fee of **\$2.50** will apply for advertising. Our Social and Welcome committee will come around to collect that fee during the yard sale.

We are going to try something new this year. If you have items to get rid of but you don't want to participate with the sale, we will be happy to take it off your hands! The Social and Welcome committee will be setting up tables at the Clubhouse to sell these donated items. All proceeds will go towards beautifying the Clubhouse in and out. We will have a drop off time on Thursday and Friday, May 12th and 13th. from 5-8 pm. at the Clubhouse. If these times won't work for you, call us and we can arrange to pick it up. You can call:

Debbie Weisz (706) 228-7314
 or
 Renee' Nehlsen (706) 869-1878

If you are new to our neighborhood please let us know, we have a gift for you... please call Carolyn at 706-496-2189 or email us at rca.sw@rivershyre.org



The bunny breakfast and Easter egg hunt was a big hit...A good time was had by all. Thanks to the social welcome ladies, Debbie Weisz, Joanie Bryant, Rhonda Kaczmarek and Teresa Probst. A special thanks to Mike Amerson and T.M. Weisz for cooking the pancakes and sausage for us, they were yummy.

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's eightieth Yard of the Month can be found at **1095 Rivershyre Drive**. 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	Thursday, May 5 th
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 8 th
Rivershyre Yard Sale / Pool Opens	Saturday, May 14 th
Last day of school for Columbia County	Thursday, May 19 th
Pool Grand Opening	Saturday, May 21 st
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30 th

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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 and phone number.

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

2011 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
Darryl Fisher	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Laura Higgins, Horace Carney and Kay Russo	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 4/17/2011

1087 Severn Drive	\$219,000
1182 Branchwood Trail	\$186,900
1213 Oakton Trail	\$229,900
1103 Rivershyre Drive	\$199,900
1102 Rivershyre Drive	\$240,000
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900

Sold Properties 11/1/2010 – 4/17/2011

none

Pending Sales as of 4/17/2011

none

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	3488 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$240,500
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$68.95
Average Days on the Market	323days

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 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, 7:00 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

Neighborhood Watch & Safety



School will be out soon. I know your kids are excited. A lot of families will start their family vacations this month. Don't forget to put your house on **House Watch** with the **Columbia Sherriff's Department** by calling **706-541-2800**. Be sure to let your neighbors know that you are gone. Also set you light timers, stop your mail and news paper. You want to make it look like you are home.

There have been a lot of neighborhoods within a 10 mile radius of us that are having break-ins during the day. The people are knocking on doors. If the homeowner is not home, they are breaking in from the back of the house. We all need to be on the look out for solicitors in the neighborhood who may be casing out the houses. If someone comes to your door selling something, ask them to show you their peddler's license. They are required to have one. If they don't and they look suspicious, please contact the **Sherriff's Department at 706-541-2800** immediately. If you can, give them a description of the vehicle they are driving and the tag number. That would be a great help. We have gone 11 months without an incident that the Sherriff's Department considers "reportable" in Rivershyre!!! Let's keep it up!!!!

Several animals have been reported missing by homeowners as well as found by others over the past few months. I was able to return 2 dogs to their rightful owners this past weekend because they had identification tags on them. The owners were relieved. They didn't know that they had escaped from their fenced yard. It would be very helpful for everyone if you had an identification tag of some sort on your pets. That way if someone finds them, they can contact you and return them.

If you are interested in learning more about how to protect your home, family as well as yourself, please plan on coming to the **REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM** class Saturday, June 11 at 12 PM. It's a great class for teenagers, college students and adults. You learn about keeping safe in your home, out shopping, driving your car, walking etc... The class is only \$10 per person which covers your course materials. We have already had several families register. Space is limited. Please email me at kbarrett29@comcast.net if you are interested in attending. Don't delay! Sign up while it's

fresh on your mind and there's still some room available.

The GEORGIA BURN season is over. No one is allowed to burn until next fall.

If you are new to the neighborhood, have changed your contact information or would like a directory via email, please contact me at kbarrett29@comcast.net. Any articles that you would like to add to the newsletter concerning safety issues can be emailed to me also.

Computer and Internet Security Tip Number 2

From Gus Velez

Safeguarding passwords is just as important, if not more, than personal credit card security. Loss or theft of a password can be just as catastrophic as a blue screen computer crash where you may lose all of your programs and data files which may also lead to identity theft.

Below are some tips provided by Microsoft on the issue of passwords.

Create strong passwords

Strong passwords are important protections to help you have safer on line transactions.

Keys to password strength: length and complexity

An ideal password is long and has letters, punctuation, symbols, and numbers.

Whenever possible, use at least 14 characters or more.

The greater the variety of characters in your password, the better.

- Use the entire keyboard, not just the letters and characters you use or see most often.

Create a strong password you can remember

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Neighborhood...

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There are many ways to create a long, complex password.
Here is one way that may make remembering it easier:

What to do	Suggestion	Example
Start with a sentence or two (about 10 words total).	Think of something meaningful to you.	Long and complex passwords are safest.
Turn your sentences into a row of letters.	Use the first letter of each word.	lAcPasIkMs (10 characters)
Add complexity.	Make only the letters in the first half of the alphabet uppercase.	IACpAsIKMs (10 characters)
Add length with numbers.	Put two numbers that are meaningful to you between the two sentences.	IACpAs56IKMs (12 characters)
Add length with punctuation.	Put a punctuation mark at the beginning.	?IACpAs56IKMs (13 characters)
Add length with symbols.	Put a symbol at the end.	?IACpAs56IKMs" (14 characters)

Test your password with a password checker

A password checker evaluates your password's strength

automatically. Try our secure password checker.

Protect your passwords from prying eyes

The easiest way to "remember" passwords is to write them down. It is okay to write passwords down, but keep them secure.

Common password pitfalls to avoid

Cyber criminals use sophisticated tools that can rapidly decipher passwords.

Avoid creating passwords using:

- **Dictionary words in any language.**
- **Words spelled backwards, common misspellings, and abbreviations.**
- **Sequences or repeated characters.** Examples: 12345678, 222222, abcdefg, or adjacent letters on your keyboard (qwerty).
- **Personal information.** Your name, birthday, driver's license, passport number, or similar information.



Are you new to the Neighborhood???

Please let us know...We have a gift for you!

Please call Carolyn Julien @ 706-496-2189.

Other Committee/Activity Notes

Pool Committee

Hey Rivershyre Families,

The Pool Committee has been working hard in getting our wonderful pool ready for the 2011 season. The first day the pool will be open is May 14th and our Grand Opening will be May 21st. On the 21st all Rivershyre families will be welcome so come down to swim and to see how great our neighborhood pool is compared to others in our area. You may look on our Rivershyre website, rca.pool@rivershyre.org to inquire on our pool membership fees.

Please welcome the following who will be our 2011 Pool Attendants: Bryan Armstrong, Tim Behnke, Brooke Christianson, Tyler Jarrod, Ashley and Rick Mersereau, Christi Shay, Caitlen Taylor, Emily Weisz and Stephen Williams. They will be the ones running our concession stand, keeping our pool and the patio area clean and all will be CPR/First Aid certified. They are not lifeguards, the parents have the ultimate responsibility in watching over their children.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, our swim team, The Tiger Sharks should be in full swing with practice. Just want to give you a heads up that from the middle of May through the first week of July, the Tiger Sharks will be practicing during the week (two weekday evenings, plus weekday mornings and Saturday mornings). The morning practices will be from 8:30 – 10:45. The evening practices will be from around 5:30 – 7:30. They have two Meets, the first being May 31st and the second on June 28th. Those two evenings the pool will be closed to all the pool members, but you are welcome to come down and show your support by cheering on our swimmers. All the swimmers have a great time and have come a long way from our very first year. Even if you have missed the original registration date, it's not too late to join. However, as a Rivershyre resident, you must be a pool member in order to be on the Swim Team.

Don't forget our Friday Night Float Movie Nights. We will post on our neighborhood bulletin board at the entrance of our neighborhood as to when our first movie night will be. Should you have any suggestions as to what movies you would like to see this season, please do not hesitate to tell one of our pool attendants.

As the season continues, we will be working on improvements and repairs to our pool and pool area.

Please take the time to thank the volunteers and especially the pool committee members. Without them, our pool would not be as nice as others around the Evans area. If you would like to help out – please do. We would also love to have you join us at our monthly meetings that are held every third Thursday of the month at 7:00am.

Hope to see all of you, both old and new members, down at the pool.

Thanks,

Kim Norland – Pool Committee Chairperson

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	
Paige Jarrard	706-868-7169	X	
Sarine Husein	706-650-7771	X	
Caitlen Taylor	706-855-6638	X	
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	
David & Sam Reid	706-993-1786		X
Helen Reid	706-993-1786	X	

Lawn and Gardening Calendar

May

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Ornamentals:

- Plant shrubbery, but plan to water regularly.
- Mulch shrubbery & trees but don't over mulch; 2-4 inches is sufficient.
- Check all shrubbery for insect infestations and treat with recommended insecticide if necessary.
- Fertilize shrubbery.
- Remove suckers on trees.
- Spray gardenias to control white flies and sooty mold.
- Watch for development of powdery mildew on crepe myrtles and dogwoods. Apply fungicide.

Turf:

- Plant grass seed
- Fertilize Centipede grass **after complete green up.**
- Establish Centipede, Zoysia, Bermuda, and St. Augustine lawns.
- Check lawns for disease and insect problems.
- Treat for fire ants.
- Core aerate lawn.
- Begin scouting for chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns.

Flowers:

- Prune climbing roses **after** they bloom.
- Plant dahlias & other summer flowering bulbs.
- Plant summer annuals.
- Fertilize roses.



Houseplants:

- Fertilize at two week intervals.
- Repot houseplants that need it.

Vegetables:

- Plant all warm season vegetables.

Fruits and Nuts:

- Thin fruit on fruit trees.
- Continue to spray for insects and disease.

Refuse To Be A Victim.

- HOME SECURITY
- PARENTS AND CHILDREN
- PERSONAL SECURITY
- PERSONAL PROTECTION DEVICES
- AUTOMOBILE SECURITY
- WORKPLACE SAFETY
- TECHNOLOGICAL SECURITY
- TRAVEL SECURITY
- SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

These are just a few of the tips you will learn in a **Refuse To Be A Victim** seminar.

Time and Date to be announced.

SATURDAY, June 11 at 1 PM

Interested? Email

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