



The Village Crier

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

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FROM THE HOA BOARD

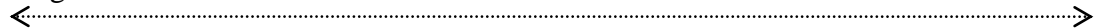


The neighborhood is in need of some volunteers to fill some key positions on our board and in our committees:

- President
- Chairman of the Architecture Control Committee (ACC)
- Chairman of the Grounds and Lakes Committee
- Chairman of the Pool Committee
- Chairman of the Social and Welcome Committee

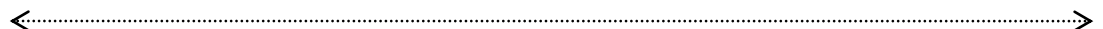
If you are interested in any one of these positions or have questions about these positions, please call T.M. Weisz at (706) 228-7314.

We are also in need of more members for all our committees. It really does not take much time or effort for an individual to make a significant impact in our neighborhood.



From the Treasurer

We still have over 20 families that have not paid their annual HOA dues. This amount is now \$289 for those homeowners. If the annual dues are not received by 15 May, a lien will be filed on those homes. To remove the lien, a homeowner will have to pay their HOA dues and additional monies to the County (have been told it is \$100).



From the Social & Welcome Committee

Do you have an idea for an event that you would like to see sponsored by the neighborhood? Do you enjoy planning and participating in social events? Then maybe the Social and Welcome Committee may be a group that you would enjoy and share your talents with. The next Social and Welcome Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 8 May, 7:30pm at the Clubhouse. If you have questions, please contact Debbie at 706-228-7314.



The Villages of
Rivershyre

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Rivershyre Association
& Clubhouse Phone
(706) 854-0229

Pool Phone
(706) 854-0283

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feedback@rivershyre.org

newsletter@rivershyre.org

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

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	706-955-9968	X	X
Wesley Valentin	706-955-9968	X	X
Victoria Valentin	706-955-9968	X	
Catherine Weisz	706-228-7314	X	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	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	
Eleida Tyler	706-228-5730	X	

**NEW TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD?**

LET US KNOW ...
WE HAVE A GIFT
FOR YOU!

PLEASE CALL
CAROLYN JULIEN
@ 706-496-2189.

**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.

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's ninety-second Yard of the Month can be found at **1173 Dartmore 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 ~

Mother's Day	Sunday, May 13 th
Columbia County School – Last Day of School	Friday, May 18 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28 th

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

2012 Board of Directors

Open – To be announced soon	President
Al Russo	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
T.M. Weisz	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Kay Russo, Jack Bryant, Scott Baggot	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 4/20/2012

1087 Severn Drive	\$219,000
1102 Rivershyre Drive	\$233,900
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900
1196 Rivershyre Drive	\$259,500
1213 Oakton Trail	\$224,900
1105 Rivershyre Drive	\$199,900
1189 Newport Trail	\$236,000
1172 Dartmore Trail	\$214,900

Sold Properties 11/1/2011 – 4/20/2012

1096 Rivershyre Drive	\$240,000
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Pending Sales as of 4/20/2012

N/A

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	3018 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$240,000
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$79.52
Average Days on the Market	168 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	T.M. Weisz
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Open
Social & Welcome	Open

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 706-854-0229. 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 and people will be heading out for vacation. Please call the **Columbia County Sheriff's Department** at **706-541-2800** to put your house on **HOUSE WATCH** and let your neighbors

know that you are going out of town. The Sheriff's Department will check your house twice a day to make sure that your doors are locked and no windows have been broken. It's a free service that we all should take advantage of.

What is the speed limit in Rivershyre??? It's 25 mph. We have had a lot of people speeding through the neighborhood. There are a lot of children, bicycle riders and walkers in the streets all times of the day and night. We don't want anyone to be injured by a vehicle. If you are walking or riding your bicycles at night, please wear reflective clothing and carry a flash light. Don't wear dark clothing. That is very dangerous. You want people in vehicles to see you so they won't accidentally hit you.

We have had one incident report this month. This is the first one in a very long time. Someone left their back door unlocked with the alarm system set. However the alarm did not go off. They stole their lap top computer. Please make sure that your home and vehicles are secure at all times. We have been very fortunate over the years but we cannot let our guard down. If you see any suspicious persons in the neighborhood, please call the **Sheriff's Department** at **706-541-2800**.

There have been several problems at Hardy Lake and the Nature area. People who do not live here have been taking advantage of our facilities. A lot of them are abusing the catch limit on fishing, littering, letting dogs loose, selling drugs and are rude to those of us who live here. . These are not

the type of people that you would want around your children. Some of them claim that their friends who live here said they can come here any time. This is not true. Most of them don't know anyone. Those who do have friends here must be accompanied at all times by that resident. They need to go to your house and enter those areas with you. Several of the outsiders have been warned that they will be arrested if they come here again. We all work too hard to pay our association dues and keep these areas nice to have outsiders come and ruin it for the homeowners.

The BURN Ban for Georgia went into effect this month. No outside burning will be allowed until fall.

This past month Neighborhood Watch and Safety held the Nature Program again. It was very successful last fall so we offered it again for those who did not get a chance to attend. We are planning on having another class this fall for you. I do need some volunteers to join Neighborhood Watch. We have had several of our volunteers move and really need your help. If you are interested, please contact me at kbarrett29@comcast.net. This committee can't run with out your help just like the other committees in the neighborhood. Everyone who lives here likes being in a safe neighborhood with nice amenities, but need you to pitch in and make sure that it stays that way. Both renters and homeowners are welcomed to join any committee they chose. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you are new to the neighborhood or your contact information has changed, please email me at kbarrett29@comcast.net.

Committee Updates & Notes

The Pool Committee

IT'S FINALLY HERE!

It's POOL SEASON again in RIVERSHYRE!

The Rivershyre Community Association and the RCA Pool Committee proudly announce the pool facilities will open for the 2012 season on Saturday, May 19th. All Rivershyre residents in good standing are invited to join the pool and JOIN THE FUN.

The 2012 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 have joined the pool within the past several years and 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. As an incentive this year to encourage new members to join the fun, **ALL NEW MEMBERS** may defer their first payment of the initiation fee for one year and join during 2012 for \$300. Whether you have lived in Rivershyre for a number of years and never joined or you're a new resident, join now and try your first year for \$300. 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. Applications for both previous members and NEW members are included in this month's Newsletter. They are also available on the Rivershyre website at www.rivershyre.org. Please complete the application and either send it with your payment to the committee at Rivershyre Community Association / Pool, P.O. Box

2194, Evans, GA 30809 or bring it by the pool on opening day or later.

This year, the committee will again accept a limited numbers of applications from non-residents, so if you have friends that live outside of Rivershyre but are looking for a pool to join, please bring them as guests and let them try our facilities. The rates for non-resident members also remain unchanged at \$400.

Friday Night Dive-In Movies will continue in 2012. 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.

The committee has been working very hard to make the facility ready for the new season. Committee members and volunteers have spent many hours during weekend work days and even during weekday evenings to refurbish, remodel, and generally spruce up the place. Our most significant improvements include a long overdue replastering of the pool and repair of the broken concrete deck at the base of each of the pool ladders. While we have not yet completed all of the repairs and upgrades at the time this article is being written, we are planning on having the pool ready for the swim team to start their practices during the week of May 14th and have our Opening Day on the following Saturday..

One more word about Opening Day. Remember that **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.


So mark your calendars, watch for further announcements and bring your swimsuit for our Opening Day.



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.

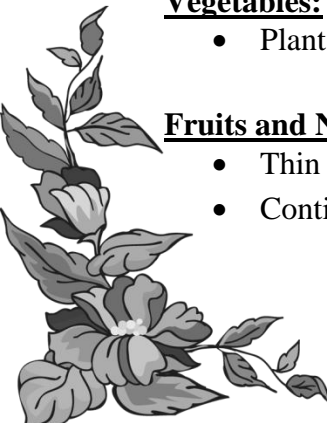
Houseplants:

- 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.
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