



# The Village Crier

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

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## Collecting Trash!

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Many thanks to those folks who passed along their concerns, worries, and opinions about a proposal of having only one Garbage company collect the entire neighborhood's trash. Many were well thought out and many good reasons were passed along as to why they preferred one company to another.

The two major reasons that your neighbors based their decision on why they were using a particular trash hauler were Recycling and Yard Waste. Many felt very strongly about one or the other. Some so strongly that they would readily object if we chose a company that did not offer what they thought was most important. However, they did thank us for bringing it to their attention, for thinking about the neighborhood as a whole, and letting them offer their thoughts.

Next step: The board is going to review all of the notes we received and from there, decide if we would like to pursue the option of having one trash hauler, or put it to rest.

If the board decides that we should go with one trash company, the final say still belongs to YOU! Per the neighborhood by-laws, we will have to open this to discussion and vote at the September homeowners meeting. (Which might attract a larger crowd than the usual 20 we get each year.)

Please feel free to pass along any additional opinions or thoughts. One note: the board does know this is America, land of the free, and free to make a choice. We are just trying to find ways to improve Rivershyre, keep the neighborhood safe, and keep it clean.

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## Lions and Tigers and Bears and DOGS! Oh my!

While we received many notes about the trash proposal, we also received just as many complaints about barking dogs or dogs using neighbor's yards as restrooms!

There is nothing the board can do about barking dogs or their owners who are oblivious to the noise that they cause. We recommend that you approach your neighbor in a civil manner and pass along the "concern" that their pet is disturbing the tranquility of the neighborhood, and you are a "bit" bothered by the incessant barking.

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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.

**NOTICE ...**  
HARDY LAKE closes at 11pm.

**Dogs, Oh my!**

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Hopefully, your neighbor will realize that the dog is probably being a nuisance and will do his or her very best to calm and quiet the dog so that it will not be a disturbance to you or to your neighbors.

The other option is to call Animal Control (call 311) and lodge a complaint.

As for using your lawn as their restroom, again, please approach your neighbor in a civil manner and point out the problem.

If you do see a dog that is continually roaming the neighborhood, and being a hindrance, please call Animal Control. In the past, they have come into the neighborhood and tried to solve the situation in a manner that would be amenable to both parties.

**Bumper Cars**

And a number of complaints came in about the number of cars that are parked on the street, especially on Rivershyre Drive and Oakton Trail.

Unfortunately, the board or our by-laws can do nothing about the situation. We live on county roads, paid for by our tax dollars, for our use. And under the definition of the word "use" is the word parking.

The by-laws do state that only cars and "light" trucks can be parked on the street. Campers, boats, trailers, work vehicles (after hours) or the like are not allowed to be parked on the street.

**~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~**

Rivershyre's twenty-fourth Yard of the Month can be found at **1195 Rivershyre Drive**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of ReMax 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.

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

Father's Day	Sunday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Begins	Wednesday, June 21 <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).

## 2006 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Grady Taylor	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Martha Kaphhammer	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Lisa McLendon, Darrell Speight	Members

The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday 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 ReMax Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

#### Active Listings as of 5/19/2006

1141 Rivershyre Drive	\$227,900
1151 Parkside Trail	\$233,500

#### Sold Properties 2/19/2006 – 5/19/2006

1089 Severn Drive	\$190,000
1140 Parkside Trail	\$179,900
1214 Oakton Trail	\$246,500
2039 Edenton Trail	\$241,000
1180 Branchwood	\$195,000
1081 Severn Hill Circle	\$183,500

#### Pending Sales as of 5/19/2006

1122 Village Court  
1084 Severn Drive  
1090 Rivershyre Drive

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2576 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$209,690.90
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$81.45
Average Days on the Market	35 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Chuck Faulkner
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Martha Kapfhammer
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Darrell Speight
Pool	Bill Giddings
Social & Welcome	Martha Kapfhammer

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> Wednesday, 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. Call Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766 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

## Neighborhood Watch & Safety

Now that School is out and Summer is upon us outdoor activities will increase. Young people will be spending more time in the streets, and there will also be more vehicular traffic. There will be more activities around Hardy Lake and in the Nature area. While these things are normal and expected, we can also expect an increase in negative behavior. It is important to watch out for harmful behavior and criminal activity. If you observe such activity please report it to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office or your Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee. A safe and secure community starts with its residents!

Puzzle:

In the above paragraph you will notice that certain letters are underlined. If you write letters in order and number them, the following code will decipher a message.

2 15 8 11 29 3 30 13 21 16 23 18 14 5 17 33 12 3 6 20 7

22 17 24 18 26 28 34 19 10 9 32 27

### From the President

You'd think after 15 years that Rivershyre could pretty much run itself, problems would be minimal, and board meetings would run about 30 minutes. Ah, but that would be the "other" Rivershyre, to be found in another galaxy!

Hmmm – where to start. Well, at last count, we are down to 10 residents who have NOT paid their homeowners dues. Obviously, they don't read the newsletter, so it will probably come as a surprise to them when they learn that we will put a lien on their home on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Want to know who those residents are? We'll be posting their addresses on the website in July. We are not looking to shame or embarrass them, but more as a service to the realtors who need to make sure that the houses they are about to sell are free and clear of any such problems. Hopefully by June 15<sup>th</sup>, all will be paid.

A number of neighbors received a letter in their mailbox and it was not from Publisher's Clearing House. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) took a

neighborhood tour and passed along "friendly reminders" to neighbors who's lawn were overgrown, weeds exceeding 6-8 inches in their yards or flower beds; or grass overgrowing the curbs.

The ACC is not looking to be a nuisance. Rather they are trying to keep up appearances and make the entire neighborhood attractive. A local realtor has been pointing out some of the things potential homeowners look for when they come into Rivershyre. Unkempt lawns, especially at the top of the neighborhood are a turn off! Homes bordering on homes for sale that look a bit "rough" are tough sells as well.

The ACC does not want every home to look like it belongs on HGTV, but they are looking for something in the "respectable" department. You'll appreciate their work when it's time to sell your home.

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Want to advertise your business to your neighbors in Rivershyre? We are now offering advertising opportunities on our Rivershyre website ([www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org)). The cost is \$150 per year. For a contract or more information, **please contact a Rivershyre Board member!**

**From the President**

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Because of some vandalism and disturbance problems, we are "closing" Hardy Lake at 11pm each evening. We have asked the Columbia County Sheriff's department to patrol the lake area, the pool area, and the nature trail "after hours" and to arrest anyone found violating the curfews. Parents, please pass along this note to your children (teenagers). It is unfortunate that a few have been spoiling it for the rest of us.

Ok some good news!! We are putting up some new fencing along Hardy Lake, and at both entrances to the nature trail. Once completed, all of the original fencing (some of it 15 years old) will have been replaced. Special thanks to Larry Beran for overseeing the work.

Our lawn maintenance contract is up at the end of 2006. We are currently taking bids for the 2007 & 2008 year. Anyone interested in submitting a bid (or making a recommendation) please contact Larry Beran ([Laberan@aol.com](mailto:Laberan@aol.com)) or Bill Ferguson.

Many thanks to the ladies who have planted flowers at our entrance, and at some of the common areas around the neighborhood. These volunteers (Heather Gaitonde, Holly Bullock, Tanya Dukes and Martha Kapfhammer) have helped Rivershyre maintain its beauty and allure. I have heard many compliments about the look of our entrance from a number of visitors to the neighborhood.

Finally, we are planning a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on JULY 1<sup>st</sup>. Last year over 100 kids and adults participated and we are hoping to double that number this year. Look in the newsletter for additional details.

As always, problems, concerns, worries, opinions, or looking to volunteer! – Drop me an email!

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**Clubhouse Rentals**

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Stephany Ricker at 863-5988 or Kathy Armstrong at 863-4154. 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".

**2nd Annual Patriotic Pancake Parade Coming Soon!!**

Last year's parade was so much fun that we're going to do it again! July 1st is the date for the Parade this year and we hope everyone has included it in the plans for their July 4th festivities.

We're asking Rivershyre families to decorate their wagons, bicycles, golf carts, strollers and ??? in a red, white and blue theme. We'll have lots of noise makers, flags and patriotic accessories to add to your things. There will be prizes for the best decorated vehicle and costume. We'll assemble at the corner of Oakton Trail and Rivershyre Drive at 8:00 a.m. on July 1st and start the parade at 8:30 a.m. Same as last year the parade will lead to the clubhouse where a pancake breakfast will be waiting for everyone.

We want to make this parade lots better than last year's and to do that we need **lots and lots** of people. There are many military families in Rivershyre ---- let's show everyone how much we appreciate these men and women and how proud we are to live in this great nation! So start collecting your red, white and blue flags, streamers, crepe paper and ribbons. You want your decorations to be better than your neighbors, right?!!! There isn't a charge for the pancake breakfast but you will need to call Joannie @ 706-863-2931 to RSVP. We'll need to know how many pancakes to flip!!

Doesn't this sound like fun?? Plan on marching in our Patriotic Pancake Parade --- this will be a great way to start your Fourth of July festivities!!! A flyer will be distributed in June with a reminder about the Parade and a recap of all of the details. Let's show Rivershyre's patriotic spirit again this year --- on an even grander scale!!!

**Message Board**

Please note that the message board at the front of the neighborhood is for the Rivershyre Association messages only. We ask those who need to pass along info to certain neighbors or to celebrate an event, to place a sign on the "island" and to discard it after the event is completed!