



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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**Happy
Fathers
Day!** ★

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Hi everyone.

The other night I almost witnessed a tragic event in our neighborhood. A speeding car narrowly missed an adult that was riding a bicycle. If not for the quick reaction of the bike rider, there may have been a serious incident. I cringe at the thought if this bike rider had been a child. I could not get the tag number of the vehicle, but the driver was a young male. Please, please, please, slow down. If you have a son or daughter that drives, please talk to them about speeding in the neighborhood. Now that our kids are out of school, more of them will be on the streets riding bikes, running and walking.

If you didn't know, the nature trail is open again! Last month we spent two backbreaking weekends rebuilding the river bank and replacing the bridge at the trail. We had approximately 20 volunteers throughout the day to help with this. This was the largest amount of volunteers we can recall in the past few years. I want to thank all of them! I would also like to personally thank one of our neighbors, Mike Amerson who provided us with heavy moving equipment, trailers, generators, and every tool imaginable to rebuild this bridge. With Mike's assistance and the numerous volunteers, we saved approximately \$12,000 in labor costs. Come down and enjoy one of the unique aspects of our neighborhood – our nature trails.

Speaking of nature, please take a look at the trees in your yard. We have noticed recently that there are a few dead ones throughout the neighborhood. If you have a dead tree and would like to remove it, please submit a PAR. So far the ACC has not disapproved a single PAR for the removal of dead trees. In addition to dead trees being unsightly, they can also be a safety hazard. If you have a dead tree in your yard and are informed of that tree, you could be held liable if that tree falls and causes damage to the property of your neighbor or the neighborhood.

Recently a homeowner contacted us and asked that we address some pet issues – dog owners not policing up after their dogs and unleashed animals. In the past we have addressed the issue of unleashed dogs. Columbia County has a leash law and owners are required to leash their pets if they cannot keep them under control. In regards to picking up after your pets, please be courteous. It is very easy to see why a homeowner would be upset when they find dog feces in their yard and they do not own a pet. When my family walks our dog, we ensure that we are carrying

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See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

President ...

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a bag or something to recover what our dog will drop. If you are a pet owner, please do the same.

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

T.M. Weisz
RCA President



~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

|| Rivershyre's sixty-ninth Yard of the Month can be found at **1185 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 ~

Flag Day	Monday, June 14 th
Father's Day	Sunday, June 20 th
First day of Summer (Summer Solstice)	Monday, June 21 st

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.

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: 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 5/17/2010

1087 Severn Drive	\$239,000
1168 Oakton Trail	\$237,800
1165 Parkside Trail	\$199,900
1109 Rivershyre Drive	\$244,900
1182 Oakton Trail	\$294,900

Sold Properties 12/19/2009 – 5/17/2010

1212 Oakton Trail	\$245,000
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$235,000

Pending Sales as of 5/17/2010

1135 Rivershyre Drive

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	3113 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$240,000
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$77.10
Average Days on the Market	220 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 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

Pool Committee

Hello Everyone,

As I'm sure most of you all know – the pool is officially open!!! May 2nd was our soft opening and we had a great turnout for our first day. When asked if the water was cold, everyone pretty much said “yes, but they didn't care”. They were there to SWIM!!! Our official Grand Opening Day was on May 8th. The Social/Welcome Committee graciously served a great lunch of hot dogs, chips, baked beans and macaroni and cheese. With it being “Mother's Day” weekend – we didn't have as big of a turn out as we hoped for, but we have made up for it since then. We are already up to 91 pool members for the 2010 pool season and those of you that haven't joined yet – come on, what are you waiting for?!

We will start our “Friday Night Floats” very soon. For you “new” members that do not know what that means..... we show a movie on Friday nights at the pool on a big screen. You can get comfortable on one of our lounge chairs or you can float in the pool while watching the movie. PLEASE, look out for our first Friday Night Float announcement on the board at the beginning of the neighborhood.

The Swim Team has also officially begun; however, there is still time to join.

Just for the month of May, we booked 3 parties already. It's a great place to celebrate a birthday or a sports team party. You can reach us by emailing us on: www.rivershyre.org to reserve a time slot.

Please remember to say “thanks” to Dick Huskin, Tim Taylor or any of the other pool committee members. They all volunteer a great deal of their time keeping the pool and the pool house in “tip top” shape and looking great!!

Have a great and safe summer!!
Kim Norland – Pool Committee Chairperson

A Message from the Treasurer

Hi Rivershyre Residents,

Well the front board may say "12 people haven't paid their homeowner's dues yet" but actually we are down to 8 now! And we also have 2 promises to pay soon. So, as it stands now I will only have to file 8 liens in June.

Thanks to all of you who have paid. Your dues keep the streetlights on, the grass mowed, and the clubhouse maintained. These are just a few ways your dues bolster property values and help make Rivershyre a great place to live.

Thanks,
Holly Bullock. Treasurer

Chicken Chili Cheese Cups

from FamilyFun Magazine



Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup cooked chicken, finely diced
- 1 (4-ounce) can diced green chilies
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack
- 30 mini phyllo shells

Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 350°. In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs, cream, salt, and pepper. In another bowl, toss together the chicken, chilies, cilantro, and cheese.
2. Place the phyllo shells on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Spoon 1 rounded teaspoon of chicken filling into each shell, then add about 1 teaspoon of the egg mixture. Let the shells sit for about a minute so the egg can settle to the bottom. Then add about another teaspoon of egg to each shell, filling it close to the top.
3. Bake the cups until the custard is set, about 15 minutes. After the cups have cooled, freeze them for up to 2 weeks. To serve, simply reheat them in a 350° oven until heated through, 10 to 15 minutes. Makes 30 quiches.

Other Committee/Activity Updates



TIGERSHARK NEWS

Swim season is going strong! A lot of the splashing in the pool you hear is from our neighborhood kids practicing for the team. You can check out the swim team website for all of the practice times, up to date news, as well as meet results. www.rivershyre.org/rts

A huge thank you is for Rivershyre Resident Eddie Jordan and PAPA John's Pizza for sponsoring the swim team again this year. We ask all residents and swim team members to support PAPA Johns since they are supporting our neighborhood kids.

Hot Dog Monday Nights will start on June 7. Please bring a dish to share and the Coaches will be giving out ribbons from the previous meet. We will do this every Monday Night in June.

We have the following home meets and we ask that you come out and support the Tigersharks. All meets start @ 6:00pm

June 8 Tuesday – Farmington
June 15 Tuesday – Augusta Country Club

Our away meets are:

June 1 Tuesday @ Knob Hill
June 22 Tuesday @ Augusta Jewish Community Center
June 29 Tuesday @ Woodbridge
July 8 Thursday – Divisional Championships @ Augusta Aquatic Center

It is never too late to come and join us for the summer/swimming fun. Coach Alex says that everyone is welcome. 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."

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.

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

Ways to Make Your Backyard More Fun

Decorate With Strands of Light

It's easy to create a little ambience for an outdoor supper party or an evening storytelling hour. Just turn off the floodlights and plug in a strand or two of holiday lights.

Materials

- Miniature low-heat outdoor holiday lights
- Zip ties or plastic gutter clips

Instructions

1. Wrap the lights around a porch or fence railing, drape them over the shrubs, or string them between trees.
2. To secure them in place, use zip ties or plastic gutter clips. You can even put the lights on a timer so they automatically shut off at bedtime.

Provide a Stage

Budding thespians, talent show contenders, and aspiring fashion models alike will be drawn to this portable platform. There'll be no stage fright when it comes to constructing it either. It can be made using large cardboard squares or constructed with wood using four identical sections that fit together to form a roughly 8-foot square -- just the right size for putting on a performance, pitching a tent, or establishing home base for a game of hide-and-seek. Rearrange the pieces into a walkway and you've got a ramp for a fashion show.

Other Committee/Activity Updates

Neighborhood Watch & Safety



On April 22 we had our annual **Safety Night Out Program** On **How to Protect Yourself from Fraud and Various Scams**. Deputy Richard Robinson from Columbia

County Sherriff's Department and Kathryn Barrett from Wachovia Bank covered various check, phone and sales scams, protecting you and your family on the internet, how to detect counterfeit money etc.. Everyone who attended had lots of questions and concerns for all of the topics that were covered. I think we all learned a lot from this program. If you would like more information about fraud, scamming, and identity theft you can go to www.wellsfargo.com and click on **Fraud Prevention and Internet Security** on the lower left portion of the screen.

If you have any suggestions for future programs, please email me.

Speaking of safety, summer vacation time is here. Please make sure that you put your home on the **House Watch** with the **Sherriff's Department** by calling **706-541-2800**. Set your light timers, stop your paper and mail, and let your neighbors know you are gone. Most importantly make sure that your home is secure before you leave town.

There have been several incidents of items being stolen from vehicles in several neighborhoods in Columbia County. Some were locked and some were broken into. We did have one incidence in our neighborhood where things were removed from a locked tool box on a truck. Please make sure you keep your vehicles locked and expensive items out of sight. If you notice anyone around a vehicle

that should not be there, please notify the Sherriff's Department immediately.

We are still having problems with dogs not being on a leash. Please make sure that your dogs are under control. The children are out of school and playing all over the neighborhood. We want them to enjoy their summer and not have to worry about them being injured. Remind your children to wear their bicycle helmets when riding. When they are out at night, make sure they have on reflective clothing or have a flash light.

I would like to thank those who have contacted me this past month with their information for the Emergency Contact list. If you have a new neighbor or I don't have your information, please email me at kbarrett29@comcast.net.

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	