



# 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,

Now that our kids are out of school and beginning to enjoy their Summer break, we will see an increase of activity throughout the neighborhood. There will be more bicycles, walkers, joggers, and more on our streets and common areas. Please be cautious and observant as you drive through the neighborhood, because there are still many vehicles going too fast on our streets.

Last month one of our neighbors, Gus Velez, passed away. If you did not know Mr. Velez, I would like to share with you a few things about him. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and faithfully served our nation as a Solider for 23 years including service in Vietnam. Gus was also a dedicated volunteer with our Safety and Watch Committee, and you may have read his article on computer safety that was published in last month's newsletter. Please keep his family in your thoughts.

A big thanks to those who provided items in last month's neighborhood yard sale. We raised just over \$100, all of which will support improvements to our clubhouse.

The Pool is now open! We had a great turn out for our grand opening last month. If you have not had the chance to take a dip in the water this season, the water feels great. Now that the summer swelter is in full swing, the pool is a refreshing outlet.

Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast and parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th. Be sure to watch for more information on the front board, and please remember to RSVP if you plan to attend so we can plan for the amount of food required.

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

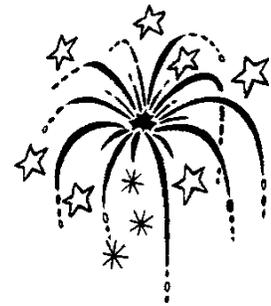
T.M. Weisz  
RCA President

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

**Patriotic breakfast and parade**

June 25th @ clubhouse. Line up @ 8:00am, parade starts promptly at 8:15am, breakfast to follow. Decorate your bikes, trikes, golf carts or walk with us to show your patriotic pride through the neighborhood.

**PLEASE RSVP by June 18th** to Joanie @ 706-863-2931 or [jbryant428@aol.com](mailto:jbryant428@aol.com).



**The Villages of  
Rivershyre**

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org)

**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 and phone number.

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's eighty-first Yard of the Month can be found at **2038 Edenton 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** ~

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Refuse to be a Victim Class (12:00, Clubhouse) | Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Flag Day                                       | Tuesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Father's Day                                   | Sunday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>   |
| First Day of Summer                            | Tuesday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Annual Patriotic Parade                        | Saturday, June 25 <sup>th</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).

## 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 5/17/2011

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1087 Severn Drive     | \$219,000 |
| 1182 Branchwood Trail | \$179,900 |
| 1213 Oakton Trail     | \$229,900 |
| 1103 Rivershyre Drive | \$199,900 |
| 1102 Rivershyre Drive | \$240,000 |
| 1134 Rivershyre Drive | \$185,900 |

#### Sold Properties 12/1/2010 – 5/17/2011

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1081 Rivershyre Court | \$182,000 |
| 1182 Oakton Trail     | \$240,500 |

#### Pending Sales as of 5/17/2011

none

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Average Home Size          | 3034 sq. ft. |
| Average Sales Price        | \$211,250    |
| Average Dollar per Sq. Ft. | \$69.63      |
| Average Days on the Market | 514days      |

## 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

## Neighborhood Watch & Safety



I am very sad to let you know that One of our Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee members has passed away. Gus Velez has been very active with the committee for the past three years.

He has helped to plan many of the classes that we have held as well as writing the section on computer safety for the last few months. He and his wife Celia assisted us in gathering the information for our Emergency Contact list and new Directory. They both were instrumental with coming up with the idea of having a class promoting women's safety. We will all miss Gus, not only as a member of the committee, but also as a dear friend.

**Refuse to Be A Victim Class will be held on June 11 at 12:00 Noon at the club house.** Please contact me at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net) if you would like to attend. We may still have some slots available. The cost of the class is \$10. It is being taught by the NRA. This class has nothing to do with guns. It is strictly on how to keep you and your family safe at home as well as outside of the home. It will be beneficial for teenagers on up to the elderly.

With summer being here, we are having a lot of problems with people who are nonresidents fishing at Hardy Lake and using the Nature Area. If you

see someone that you think does not live in the neighborhood or who is acting suspiciously, please call the **Sherriff's Department** at 706-541-2800.

This past month we had our first incident report with the Sherriff's Department in 12 months. There was a basket ball goal and lawn mower stolen from a fenced backyard on Newport Trail. If you saw anyone taking these, please contact the **Sherriff's Department at 706-541-2800.**

Now that school is out, a lot of families will be going on vacation. Please make sure that you put your house on **House Watch** by calling the **Columbia County Sherriff's Department at 706-541-2800.** They will check your home for you twice a day. It's a great service for everyone. Also be sure to let your neighbors know you are gone and set your light timers.

## 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             |                |
| Eleida Tyler         | 706-228-5730 | X             |                |



**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

### POOL IS OPEN!!!

Hey Neighbors!

Ready for some Summertime fun?!? The pool has officially been open since May 14<sup>th</sup> and the Grand Opening was May 21<sup>st</sup> - this being the day when ALL Rivershyre residents were invited to come and enjoy our wonderful pool. The weather was rather cool the first two weeks we were open (not complaining) but as we all know the temperature tends to heat up fast here in Augusta!!! As of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May, we had 56 members - we are shooting for over a 100 again this year. Visit our website for pool membership info or you may email us at [rca.pool@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.pool@rivershyre.org). May 20<sup>th</sup> was our first day of being open all day. A pool attendant will be at the pool from 10:00am to 9:00pm and during this time the concession stand will be open. They are all CPR certified, however they are not lifeguards. They are there to make sure everyone is a pool member, to serve you at the concession stand, to keep our pool looking nice and clean as possible and to make sure the swimmers are following the rules. Any pool member that is 18 and over can visit the pool from 7:00am - 9:00am and from 9:00pm to 11:00pm. Anyone younger than that must be accompanied by an adult during these hours.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have already had our 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Night Float Movie Night on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. As long as weather permits, we will do our best to have a movie on the BIG screen every Friday night starting at dusk (around 9:00pm) for our pool members. Movie suggestions are welcomed - just needs to be family friendly. Please let one of the pool attendants know and they will keep a list. Look

out for our Movie Night announcement on the board at the front of the neighborhood.

Swim Team is in full force - it's not too late to join!! Please see all the rules on our Rivershyre website [www.rivershyre.org](http://www.rivershyre.org) and click on Swim Team. As of the end of May they had around 65 members and would love to have more. There will be two "home" meets - the first being on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and the second being on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, pool members will not be allowed to swim at this time, however, you can come down to watch and show your support. The Swim Team is one of the things that makes our pool so great. Tim Behnke is the Head Coach and Christina Troutman is the "person in-charge"!! Please give these two and all the others involved with the Swim Team a big "THANK YOU" for all they do.

If you haven't joined yet - what's taking you so long!!! Come check us out - ask your neighbors. You won't be disappointed.

Have a safe and great summer and hope to see you down at the pool.

Kim Norland - Pool Committee Chairperson



## Lawn and Gardening Calendar

### June

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#### **Ornamentals:**

- Prune azaleas and camellias in early June.
- Spray crape myrtles with insecticide for aphid control.
- Take cutting of broad-leaf evergreen and deciduous shrubbery for rooting.
- Do “touch up” pruning when new shrubbery growth reaches twelve inches.

#### **Turf:**

- Plant grass where needed.
- Fertilize lawns if needed.
- Apply second application of pre-emergence herbicide for crabgrass and broad-leaf weed control.
- Check lawn for disease and insect damage.
- Scout for chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns.
- Treat for mole crickets in late June and early July.

#### **Flowers:**

- Continue to plant marigolds, zinnias, salvia, annual vinca, & begonias.
- Pinch terminals of flowers to promote branching.
- Spray roses for insect and disease control.
- Plant dahlias.
- Fertilize roses.

#### **Houseplants:**

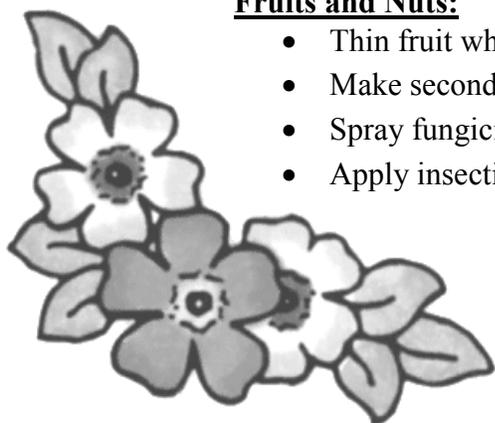
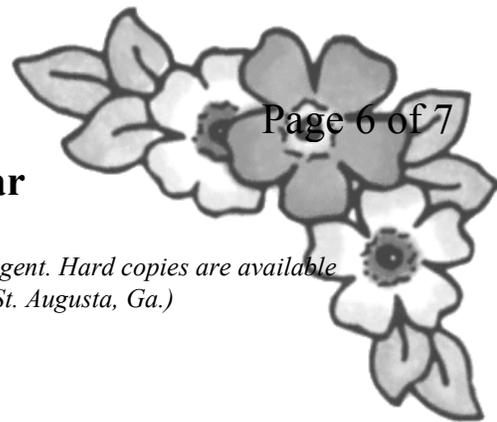
- Fertilize at two week intervals.
- Clean houseplants that have become dusty.

#### **Vegetables:**

- Harvest vegetables at peak quality.
- Make a second planting of beans, sweet corn, squash, okra, & cucumbers.
- Spray tomatoes with calcium chloride to correct blossom end rot.
- Fertilize tomatoes every four to six weeks.

#### **Fruits and Nuts:**

- Thin fruit where set is too heavy.
- Make second application of fertilizer to blackberries and apples.
- Spray fungicide for disease prevention & control.
- Apply insecticide where needed or on schedule.



# **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.

**SATURDAY, June 11 at 12 PM**

Interested? Email

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