



# The Village Crier

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

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Now Hiring

The Rivershyre Pool is now hiring attendants for the summer season, which runs mid-May through Labor Day. You must be 16 or older by May 1st. Please contact Jeanna Baggott at 706-868-7169 or email [jeannabaggott@comcast.net](mailto:jeannabaggott@comcast.net). **Deadline to apply is March 31st.**

March, 2013



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## NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 23**

**11:00am at Clubhouse**

**Hot Dog lunch**

**\$1 = per child**

**No Rain Date**

**RSVP to Joanie by March 20 706-863-2931**

**Bring your Easter Basket**

The Villages of  
Rivershyre

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& Clubhouse Phone  
(706) 854-0229

Pool Phone  
(706) 854-0283

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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:  
[newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).

Include your name and  
phone number.

**Baby Sitter / Yard Work List**

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
Kristen Beasley	706-993-5865	X	
Sohailla Digsby	706-421-6168	X (day hrs)	
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	
Mclain Lambert	706-726-6113	X	
Brooke Hull	410-660-8067	X	

*New to the  
Neighborhood??*

*Let us know ...  
we have a gift  
for you!*

*Please call  
Carolyn Julien @  
706-496-2189.*

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's one hundred and first Yard of the Month can be found at **1161 Parkside**. 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** ~

St. Patrick's Day	Sunday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>
First Day of Spring	Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>
Columbia County Schools – Early Release	Thursday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Easter	Sunday, March 31 <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).

## 2013 Board of Directors

Open	President
Michael Nehlsen	Vice President
Open	Secretary
To Be Announced	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Kay and Al Russo, Jack Bryant, Scott Baggot, Laura Higgins, Chester Smith, Tom DePretoro and John Kennedy	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 2/25/2013

1105 Rivershyre Drive	\$199,900
1156 Oakton Trail	\$199,900
1209 Oakton Trail	\$227,977
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900
1162 Oakton Trail	\$179,900

#### Sold Properties 9/1/2012 – 2/25/2013

1189 Newport Trail	\$211,000
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$215,000
1170 Oakton Trail	\$249,900
1138 Parkside Trail	\$145,000
1079 Rivershyre Court	\$186,000
2015 Rivershyre Drive	\$224,586

#### Pending Sales as of 2/25/2013

1172 Dartmore Trail	\$160,000
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#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2529 sq/ft
Average Sales Price	\$205,247
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$81.16
Average Days on the Market	142

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Open
Finance	Open
Grounds & Lake	T.M. Weisz
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 <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 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



This month we need to talk about Wild Hogs. No, not the type portrayed in the movie by the same name that starred Tim Allen, John Travolta, Martin Lawrence and William Macy.

But first I want to thank all of you for your prayers, phone calls, visits and well wishes while I was in the hospital and recovering. Thanks to you all. I'm on the mend and slowly getting well.

Getting back to those wild hogs again, I'm talking about big, mean, four footed porkers, not a movie. While I was in the hospital, we had several reports of gun shots being fired at 9:00 pm and 2:00 am. The first shot series was heard near Branchwood Trail. The second set was coming from the Nature area. My husband contacted the Department of Natural Resources. The officer told us that the property owners of Germain Island and the Champions Retreat Golf Club at Riverwood had hired someone to hunt the wild boar. They are tearing up the island as well as the golf course. They are allowing hunters on the property to continue to try and get the wild boar population down. Feral hogs are both very dangerous and extremely destructive to the environment. They feed and breed at an amazing pace.

You may also hear gun shots coming from Hardy McManus Road towards the Journey Church. There are around 90 acres that run along the power lines. The property owner is having trouble with coyotes. He has hired hunters to clear them out.

Over the years there has been evidence and sightings of wild boar on Rivershyre property. We also on occasion hear coyotes howling at night.

In good news, since the new signs have been placed in the Nature area, we are having more Rivershyre residents than non-residents taking advantage of it. It really is beautiful there. The water in the marsh area has been up since we have had some rain.

The success of the new signs in finally bringing peace to long suffering residents near Hardy Lake and the Nature Area can be seen in the complete reversal of resident usage versus non-residents since the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December.

From May 20, 2012 through December 5, 2012 of the people using our nature area that we pay for and maintain, only 33% were residents. Fully 62% did not live here or lend any support to the neighborhood. Five percent did read the smaller old signs and left.

Since December 6, 2012 when the new sign was installed, the numbers have stood on their head as residents have retaken ownership of their neighborhood and amenities. The residents' using their property rose to 39%, while non-residents dropped to 8%. The real testimony to the sign's effectiveness is that 53% of vehicles entering the nature area paused, read the sign, and left. (That's a 54 % reduction of non-residents using your property.)

Another way to measure the effectiveness of the new signage is that prior to their installation (using the same dates) Sheriff's Deputies had to be called out 20 times. After installation that number dropped to once.

While we don't have the numbers for Hardy Lake, there's no reason to expect they would be significantly different.

While this turnaround is great news, please understand that each season brings additional users that will pose problems. Until we cycle through a full year, we won't have a complete picture of our success. Together, we will take back our neighborhood, and restore the peace and tranquility we all love.

I attempted to send out a mass email to everyone concerning the Neighborhood Watch and Safety meeting being canceled in February, but I had problems with a lot of the email addresses. If you did not receive an email or are new to the neighborhood, please let me know your correct contact information. My email is [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net).

I hope you can come to the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 PM at the Club House.



**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**YARD SALE!**  
**COMING SOON**

There will be a cost of \$2.50 per family participating, so start going through your attic to get ready for this year's yard sale!

Any questions, please call Joanie at 706-863-2931



Columbia County Sheriff's Dept – reporting suspicious activity 706-541-2800

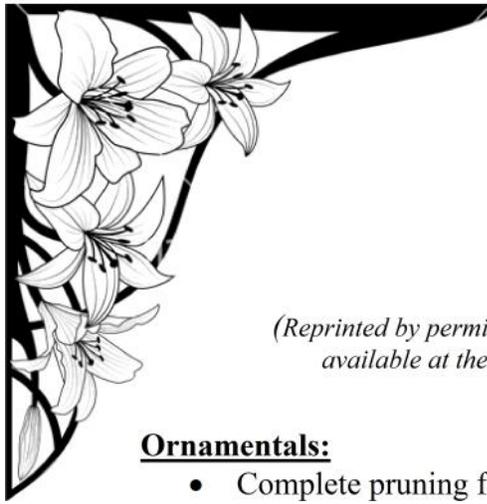
House Watch – whenever you go on vacation – 706-541-2800

Emergencies – 911

Columbia County Animal Control – 706-541-4077

Georgia Burn Permits – available October 1 through April 30 - 1-877-OK2-BURN

Turn in a Poacher – 1-800-241-4113



# Lawn and Gardening Calendar

## March

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### **Ornamentals:**

- Complete pruning for shape
- Prune overgrown shrubbery
- Plant, fertilize and mulch shrubbery

### **Turf:**

- Apply pre-emergence herbicides, if not applied in February. Do not use 'weed and feed'
- Delay fertilizing Bermuda, Zoysia and St. Augustine until soil temperature reaches 65° (about mid-April)
- Don't fertilize Centipede until May 1.
- Top dress lawns, do not use pure sand

### **Flowers:**

- Fertilize bulbs & remove dead flower heads
- Fertilize roses
- Prepare plan for spring and summer plantings of annuals
- Plant perennials and hardy annuals
- Prune butterfly bush to 1/3 original size to promote growth.

### **Houseplants:**

- Fertilize houseplants monthly
- Repot houseplants where needed

### **Vegetables:**

- Prepare soil for vegetable garden
- Bed sweet potato plants for slips
- Cultivate weeds after emergence
- Plant sweet corn at end of month

### **Fruits and Nuts:**

- Do not spray fruit trees with products containing insecticides during bloom
  - Fertilize fruit trees
  - Plant strawberries
  - Spray apple and pear trees for fire blight with agricultural streptomycin when in bloom
  - Prune fig trees in late March
  - Fertilize pecan trees with fertilizer containing zinc
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