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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF  
RIVERSHYRE INCLUEING, KNIGHTON, BARTMORE, NEWPORT  
AND EDENTON VILLAGES

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!!



## KINDERGARTEN PARTY!!

### Neighborhood Website Continues to Expand!!!!

Have you visited our website (<http://www.rivershyre.org/>) lately? We are averaging about 40 visitors per week to our website which is excellent. It's a great way to communicate with our residents. We are continuing to add information to the website every month to make it more useful to you. Recently a page of Columbia County and other local links were added. In July, pages for each committee will be added so that our residents know what each committee does and who the volunteers are. There are also plans to put more information about our swim team on the site in the near future.

Some of the more popular pages include the neighborhood covenants and restrictions (which can be viewed or downloaded in \*.pdf format), the calendar of events, and the newsletter which is posted each month shortly after it is distributed.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for further expanding and improving our website, please let us know. You can send an email to [webmaster@rivershyre.org](mailto:webmaster@rivershyre.org) or you can call Bill Clark at 860-5192.



If you have a child/children that are going to be new kindergartners this year, plan to attend a party on July 28, from 2-3 p.m. at the clubhouse. This is a great way for them to meet other kindergartners in our subdivision, to ride the bus with, carpool with, etc. For \$1.00 per child, we will make a craft and have a sweet treat. Please call Jen Shimalla at 860-8726 to RSVP.

### ATTENTION AUGUSTA PREPARATORY DAY SCHOOL PARENTS:

If you are interested in forming a carpool to APDS this fall, please email me at [kajode@aol.com](mailto:kajode@aol.com). Or, if you know of other Augusta Prep students who live near Rivershyre, please pass this along to them as well.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY**



The intent of this article is to pass on tips to improve your safety. I hope that you find this informative and enjoyable. You may pass on any feedback to rayndeb@altavista.com. Let's start with heat related illnesses.

Well, it's summertime in Augusta and the living is HOT, HOT, HOT! There are plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities within the Riverhsyre community; maintaining your yard, tennis, biking, jogging, etc. But how can you safely do these activities in 90 degree plus temperatures? The key is knowledge. This article will address the basic signs and symptoms of some heat related illnesses and offer some preventive measures to enable you to enjoy outdoor activities.

The major heat related illnesses, in increasing severity, are heat rash, fainting, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Heat stroke may be fatal. Typically the body will progress through heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke if not acted upon. Heat cramps include painful muscle spasms. Treatment may include drinking fluids to gradually replenish your electrolytes (salt water, Gatorade, etc.) and moving to a cooler area. Heat exhaustion occurs when you become severely dehydrated, symptoms include fatigue, nausea, and clammy moist skin. Treatment includes moving to a cooler area and gradually drinking fluids (cool water) if conscious. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. The body can no longer cool itself and the core body temperature rises. Symptoms include hot, dry, red (or blue) skin, confusion, and seizures. Immediately move to a cooler area, try to cool the body in an ice bath, and get medical attention.

Heat related illnesses may be prevented by gradually increasing your exposure to the heat (acclimatization). Do not go out and try to mow you entire lawn at one time, jog/bike several miles, or play tennis for extended periods of time in the heat. Try to schedule strenuous outdoor activities in the cooler parts of the day (I am not recommending that you cut your grass at 7:00 a.m.!) Prehydrate before you work or play (drink plenty of water) and frequently take in small quantities of water while active (at least three to four times per hour), take frequent breaks in cool areas (work/rest cycles). Do not eat immediately prior to the activities in the heat. Perhaps the most important key to prevention is an awareness of the causes, signs, and symptoms. Now that you hopefully know a little more about heat related illnesses, enjoy your summer and .....Be Safe! (and remember there is always the cool pool. It is never to late to become a member).

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

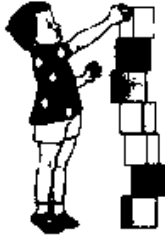
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## COMMITTEE UPDATES



Our Rivershyre Playgroup meets every Wed. from 10-11:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Parents and child caretakers are invited to join us for fun and socializing. For more information call Kamey Hawk at 863-0948.



If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Ruth Lloyd at 860-3803 or Martha Kapfhammer at 850-8768. The fee is only \$40.00 plus a \$150.00 security deposit. The clubhouse accommodates 80 people. The clubhouse phone is 854-0283.

### GROUPS AND LAKES COMMITTEE

On June 18 the Lake and Grounds Committee had the State of Georgia Marine Biologist complete the biannual checking of Hardy Lake. The lake is in good shape and marine life is in balance as to the fish population and water quality. It was recommended that Rivershyre continue its current fishing guidelines which are as follows:

Catch and release all bass (except for trophy size fish)

Bluegill and catfish can be taken out of the lake

Carp are to be released back into the lake as they are grass eating and were purchased to reduce the growth of underwater weeds.

Do not place any shiners or crappie fish into the lake.

### BOARD MEMBER DIRECTORY

Randy Stone	President
Martha Kapfhammer	Vice President
Mat Merriman	Treasurer
Denise McLain	Secretary
Jennifer Shimalla	Member
Bob Lloyd	Member
Bill Clark	Member
Ray Jasniewski	Member

### MONTHLY EVENTS

Architecture	4th Monday, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors	1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
By-Laws	Not Scheduled
Finance	2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Grounds and Lake	3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Playgroup	Wednesday 10-11:30 a.m.
Pool	Wednesday 7 p.m.
Neighborhood Watch	4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Social & Welcome	2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Architecture Control	Jeff Butler
By-Laws	Bob Lloyd
Finance	Bob Lloyd
Grounds and Lake	Randy Stone
Neighborhood Watch	Joyce Rabb
Pool	Mike Plankey
Social & Welcome	Martha Kapfhammer

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT RANDY STONE - 1121 RIVERSHYRE DR.



The clubhouse interior refurbishment is nearing completion. The clubhouse is really looking nice with a fresh coat of paint, new tile floor, new furniture, and new window valences. The Social and Welcome Committee worked hard on this project this year and has done a great job. Martha plans to have the clubhouse refurbishment all finished up and ready for our annual Homeowners Association meeting on September 18th.

The community swimming pool is open and pool activities are in full swing. I understand that over 140 pool memberships have been issued so far this year. If you and your family are interested in enjoying our beautiful pool facilities this year, contact Mike Plankey. The Rivershyre Tiger Sharks have been busy practicing for the local swim meets since the pool first opened. We will be hosting 3 swim meets before the swim club season ends in early July. I went down to check out the June 19th meet against Stratford. Believe me there was a lot of people there and it appeared that everyone was having a good time. I noticed that Dave Walizer was out serving Hawg Wild Barbecue and I understand that he contributed \$150 of the proceeds to the swim team. Many of the parents have been donating food and drinks to support the team. Thanks Dave and thanks to all of the parents and other volunteers that helped support our swim team this year.

Columbia County recently installed some speed humps in our neighborhood. I have heard mixed opinions about them from various residents. Whether you like them or not, it appears that people are driving slower now. Before the humps were installed, it was not uncommon to see some folks doing about 40 mph thru the neighborhood. I would not recommend going over the speed humps at more than 15 to 20 mph under normal circumstances. If you have a stiff suspension, are towing a trailer, have a delicate load or drive a lowrider, you better go alot slower. For those who appreciate the slower traffic, it is largely due to the efforts of Jim Strosneider who worked closely with the county over the last couple years to get the humps installed in Rivershyre.

As mentioned earlier, the Annual Homeowners Association meeting is coming up soon. At that meeting the Board presents a financial status and the 2002 budget. The various committee chairman will report on achievements over the past year and identify planned activities. New board members are also elected during the meeting. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please let me know so we can add your name to the list of nominees. We also put out sign up sheets for those who might be interested in joining a committee or helping out with some volunteer work. If we have time at the meeting, I'd like to briefly discuss the Common Area Master Plan that we are preparing to establish a long term development plan for our recreation areas. Two improvements currently being planned are installing a playground somewhere near the clubhouse and extending the clubhouse parking area. I would like to brainstorm for a little bit at the meeting to hear about any common area improvement ideas that anyone has and find out if anyone is interested in helping us with this planning project. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending the Annual Homeowners Meeting that will be held September 18th at 7:00 in the Clubhouse.

Thank you and have a great summer

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Please remember to submit all articles by the 20th of the month to insure inclusion in the next month's issue of our newsletter. Donna Hanner - 1190 Newport Trail - Phone 868-5925 or e-mail Dhann62@aol.com.