



The Village Crier

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

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Safety First!

Its summer time and lots of us are out walking, running, playing, and riding our bikes these days. We'd like to remind you to make sure your children are wearing helmets when they ride their bikes. Accidents can happen to anyone but tragedies can be prevented with a few simple precautions.

In Georgia every child under the age of 16 is required to wear a helmet when bicycling.

The information below was taken from the following website of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/outreach/safesobr/21qp/html/fact_sheets/Bicycle_Helmet.html

- Bicycle helmets offer bicyclists the best protection from head injuries resulting from bicycle crashes, and bicycle helmet laws have been proven effective in increasing bicycle helmet use.
- Bicycle helmets are 85-88 percent effective in mitigating head and brain injuries, making the use of helmets the single most effective way to reduce head injuries and fatalities resulting from bicycle crashes.
- Nationally, bicyclists ages 14 and under are at five times greater risk for injury than older cyclists.
- Each year almost 400,000 children ages 14 and under are treated in emergency rooms for bicycle-related injuries.
- Despite the fact that 70 to 80 percent of all fatal bicycle crashes involve head injuries, only about 20-25 percent of all bicyclists wear bicycle helmets.

Please be safe and happy cycling!

Thank You!

This month a big THANK YOU is given to Stephany Ricker and Kathy Armstrong. These tireless women run the concession stand at the Pool keeping it well-stocked with all the 'goodies' that we have come to expect. The next time you see them at the pool let them know that we appreciate all that they do!

Do you know someone who is making a contribution to our neighborhood that should be recognized? If so, send an email to thankyou@rivershyre.org with a description of this person's contribution and we'll try to put it in the newsletter.

The Villages of Rivershyre

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www.rivershyre.org

Newsletter Changes

You may have noticed a little change in your newsletter this month. It arrived in the mail rather than hand delivery. Philip and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors are copying and distributing our newsletter for us on a trial basis. Let us know what you think. Send any comments to: comments@rivershyre.org.

LUAU PARTY TIME

The long-promised luau party is on schedule and waiting for you to come. The date is Saturday, July 19th at 7:30 p.m. so hire your babysitter (see last month's newsletter listings) and mark your calendar.

On the menu that night will be Hawaiian pulled pork, chicken kabobs, grilled veggies, assorted fruit and pina colada pie for desert -- be sure to come hungry! There will be frozen drinks, beer and soda too. The cost is \$12.00 per person which will include dinner, favors and two drink tickets. Additional drink tickets can be purchased at the party for \$1.00 each. Remember, this is a fundraiser to purchase new blinds for the clubhouse and the proceeds from the party will be used for this purpose.

The party starts inside at 7:30 p.m. with dinner and socializing but after 9 we can move outdoors to the pool area to continue the party under the stars.

RSVP to Jeanna @ 868-7169 no later than Friday, July 11th. Your money must be paid at the time of your reservation and there will be no cancellations so please keep this in mind. Don't delay - make your reservation today!

It's Time for Another Ladies Night Out!!

The Rivershyre Ladies had such a good time at our last night out that we have been asked to do it again. So this time we will be going to Bambu's at the Partridge Inn.

The same details again this time: Thursday, July 17th, carpool from the Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. and don't be late!

Everyone is welcome -- come and have fun with the Rivershyre Ladies!

Babysitters Listing

In our June newsletter, we published the first listing of our residents who were available to provide babysitting services. The response continues to be excellent. We have added some additional individuals to the list and the updated list is enclosed with this newsletter.

If you would like to add your name to the list, please send an email to babysitter@rivershyre.org. Include your name, address, phone number, age, rate, and age range of children you will sit. The list will be published again in a few months with our newsletter depending on the number of additions and neighborhood interest.

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 2032 Edenton Trail or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.

2003 Board of Directors

Martha Kapfhammer	President
Mike Paluba	Vice President
Bill Clark	Secretary
Ray Jasniecki	Treasurer
Becky Brogan	Asst. Secretary
Denise McLain	Asst. Treasurer
Holly Bullock	Member
Bill Ferguson	Member
Randy Stone	Past President

The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 th Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 st Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	4 th Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Grounds & Lake	3 rd Monday, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 nd Tuesday, 10:00 am

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.

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Bill Clark (Acting)
By-Laws & Nominating	Randy Stone
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Mike Paluba
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.

Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Ruth Lloyd at 860-3803 or Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766. The fee is only \$50.00 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 at: www.rivershyre.org/clubhouse.

*** Calendar of Events ***

Luau Party	Saturday, July 19 th , 7:30 pm, at the Clubhouse
Ladies Night Out	Thursday, July 17 th , 6:30 pm, carpool from the Clubhouse

Committee Updates

Termites!

It has been pointed out that quite a few of our neighbors this year have had serious termite problems. If you aren't protecting your home, you may want to consider doing so. Regardless, a quick inspection might save you a ton of money in the future.

Snakes!

There have been quite a few reports of snakes in the neighborhood this summer. Unfortunately, many of them have been poisonous. Please be careful in your yards, the common areas, and the nature area. Don't pick up that snake, you might regret it.

Golf Carts

In an article in the Augusta Chronicle on Saturday, June 22, 2003, it was noted that a recent Georgia Court of Appeals decision reinforced a ruling that **"licensed drivers are now the only people who can operate golf carts on public roads."**

The streets in Rivershyre are "public roads". Therefore, **if you are driving a golf cart in Rivershyre, you must be a licensed driver.** According to the article, "If a child is caught driving a car or cart, Columbia County officers give a verbal or written warning, notify the parents or issue a ticket."

If you own a golf cart, please emphasize the need to obey all traffic laws and to watch for cars and trucks that are much bigger and faster.

Yard Waste & Trash Dumping Continues

We continue to have a problem with one or more individuals dumping yard waste and even trash in the wooded area around the Clubhouse parking lot.

Residents are asked to please keep their eyes open and question anyone suspected of dumping in our Common Areas. You don't have to confront them, get their tag number for us and we'll take care of the rest. We will be talking to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office about dealing with these individuals.

If you see someone dumping, please let Dan Johnson, Chairman of the Grounds & Lake Committee know at 651-1603 or email at DanJ@rivershyre.org.

Grounds & Lake Committee Query

The Grounds and Lake Committee is seeking input from residents about either the replacement or removal of the split-rail fence running along the west side of Rivershyre Drive. The fence continues to deteriorate and will require continuing repairs or replacement. The cost of replacement is expected to exceed \$2,500. This fence is not very visible as you drive along Rivershyre Drive because of privacy fences and trees/shrubs. The fence on the opposite side of the road will continue to be maintained.

Please send your comments to the Grounds and Lakes Committee by email (DanJ@rivershyre.org) or by contacting one of the committee members.

Thanks from ACC

The Architectural Control Committee would like to thank a number of residents who have recently approached the Committee about PAR's, violations, and "what if's?". We very much appreciate the interest in maintaining the quality of homes in Rivershyre. Now, if we could just get a couple of you to join our committee, we'd be set!

If you can spare an hour a month on the fourth Monday at 7:00pm, come on down to the Clubhouse and help us out. If you have any questions for the ACC or wish to submit a PAR, please contact the Acting Chairman of the ACC, Bill Clark at BillC@rivershyre.org.