



The Village Crier

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

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Trashed!

Well, we put our trash idea into the trash!

It doesn't mean it was a bad idea! In fact, we were very, very pleased to hear opinions from more than 20 of your neighbors about our proposal. With the exception of a couple, all were very well reasoned, and thought out as to why they wanted to stay with a particular company or what they thought was important in choosing one company over another.

Ironically – the cost of the service did not come into play. The two major reasons for residents choosing a particular hauler was recycling and yard waste.

One or the other was “the” most important reason and those who expressed their opinion felt very strongly about it.

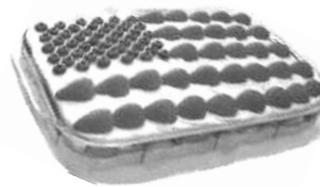
Unfortunately, none of our current trash haulers offers both recycling and free yard waste removal. So that put a major crimp into moving forward with our plan to have one trash hauler serve us. The other was the fact that all three could not offer significant discounts to the neighborhood to make the effort worthwhile.

So out it went. But that does not mean the idea can't come back (one man's trash is another man's treasure!). Future boards might want to try again. Hopefully, they will get as many opinions, or more, from their neighbors.

And many thanks to those who took the time to write or chat with us!

One last trash note – Please bring your cans in at night after your trash service has visited! Some of your neighbors tend to leave the cans out for days at a time. They are an eye sore, and could be a safety hazard!

Easy Flag Cake



- 2 pints of strawberries
- 1 recipe of your favorite white or yellow cake (mix or from scratch, your choice)
- 1 1/3 C of blueberries
- 1 tub of whipped topping

You can make a low fat version if you use angel food cake and fat free whipped topping.

From the President

Our June board meeting was the fastest board meeting I have been a part of in my five years of serving the community. Just over an hour!

But that does not mean much is going on in the neighborhood!

Pool & Clubhouse Parking: Many thanks to Dick Huskin and Stephen Ferguson for getting down on their hands and knees and painting the curb on clubhouse drive. Of course it was one of the hottest days, and it rained three different times, but the curbing is now yellow and we are asking residents not to park along the yellow curb. If you remember, the Sheriff's office had asked that we limit parking to one side in order for emergency vehicles easy access.

We are also asking that no one park on the grassy areas around the clubhouse or the tennis courts. There are sprinkler lines and sprinkler heads that could be damaged from vehicles being parked on them.

Speaking of the tennis courts – parents, we are having some problems with children (and teens) climbing over or under the fence to get into the courts. This is an accident waiting to happen! The tennis courts are for tennis – ONLY! If your family would like to access the courts and would like a tennis court key, please contact me. Keys are \$3 each and will allow access to the courts.

Homeowners Dues – Unfortunately, it looks like there are four residences that have not paid their dues for the year and we have filed liens against their homes. I want to thank all of you for your payment and support. The yearly dues go

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

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.

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's twenty-fourth Yard of the Month can be found at **1168 Claridge Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of ReMax Realtors (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 ***

Patriotic Pancake Parade	Saturday, July 1 st
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4 th

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.

2006 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Grady Taylor	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Martha Kaphhammer	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Lisa McLendon, Darrell Speight	Members

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

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 and Sharon Jones of ReMax Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

Active Listings as of 6/19/2006

1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$269,500
1151 Parkside Trail	\$228,900
1172 Parkside Trail	\$189,900

Sold Properties 3/19/2006 – 6/19/2006

1089 Severn Drive	\$190,000
1140 Parkside Trail	\$179,900
1081 Severn Hill Circle	\$183,500
1192 Rivershyre Drive	\$250,000
1090 Rivershyre Drive	\$240,000

Pending Sales as of 6/19/2006

1122 Village Court
1084 Severn Drive
1141 Rivershyre Drive

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2620 sq.ft.
Average Sales Price	\$214,870
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$82.01
Average Days on the Market	31 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Chuck Faulkner
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Martha Kapfhammer
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Darrell Speight
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.

Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 th Monday, 7:00 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, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 nd Tuesday, 7:30 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.

New to Rivershyre?

We'd like to include your family in our next Rivershyre directory. Call Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766 and she will deliver a copy of our current directory to you. She'll also get your information to update our computer database. If you have a new phone number or a new family addition, call with information too. We want to have as complete and up-to-date directory as we can.

Committee Updates & Notes

Architectural Control Committee

The Architectural Control Committee would like to take this opportunity to discuss several issues; two of recurring themes and one on a new topic.

The ACC has, on several occasions, raised the issue of parking trailers, commercial trucks and other non-conventional vehicles in the streets of our neighborhood. Regardless of these reminders, this unsafe and unsightly practice continues. Residents are reminded that conventional vehicles (i.e., automobiles and privately owned pickup trucks) should be parked in driveways or, if you must, in the street. However, commercial trucks and other non-conventional vehicles including trailers and recreational vehicles may **NOT** be parked at the curb or on the property except that recreational vehicles may be parked on the property **IF** stored out-of-sight in a garage or behind an approved privacy screen. This restriction does not apply to commercial vehicles in use by vendors doing business at the residence provided they do not present a traffic hazard.

Another reminder concerns Property Alteration Requests (PARs). They must be submitted and approved **BEFORE** you make significant alterations to your property such as removing live trees, adding a deck or screened porch, adding a pool, or putting up a fence or a shed. The committee is pleased to say the number of PARs submitted for approval has increased lately. However, there is still room for improvement. You can find the PAR form on our neighborhood website at www.rivershyre.org.

On a new topic, several neighbors have recently asked the ACC why no effort has been made to encourage residents to maintain their garbage receptacles out of sight on days they are not put on the curb for collection. The covenants address garbage receptacles in Article V, Section 3, and say no garbage receptacles may be maintained except in screened areas which conceal them from view from the road and adjacent portions of the property. The

committee reviewed the current situation in the neighborhood and concluded there were a significant number of residents storing their receptacle in view from the road. Some of the properties had no available screened areas while others are not properly utilizing their available screened areas. The committee encourages all residents to consider their storage locations for their receptacles and take the appropriate actions to ensure they are properly screened from view when not scheduled for collection. If a screen must be erected, please remember plans for such screened areas delineating the size, design, texture, appearance and location must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to their construction. The committee will allow a reasonable period for all residents to take the necessary steps to comply with this requirement then will begin notifying those residents that do not comply. The Association itself is not exempt from these restrictions. The Board has recently approved the installation of a small privacy fence near the clubhouse to screen from view the garbage receptacles normally placed at the east end of the parking lot.

The Architectural Control Committee meets monthly on the 4th Monday at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to review PARs and discuss potential covenant violations. All residents are welcome to attend any regularly scheduled meeting. The committee also welcomes new members so if you think you might like to join the committee, please come to our next meeting or send an e-mail to acc@rivershyre.org. The ACC is charged with the sometimes unpleasant task of applying the covenants of the neighborhood that we all committed to complying with when we purchased property in Rivershyre. Compliance with these covenants will help maintain the property values, desirability, and beauty that makes Rivershyre one of the most sought after communities in Evans.

From the President

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towards paying the neighborhood bills like electricity, water, lawn maintenance and special projects.

One special project is the new fencing around Hardy Lake, the nature area, and near the tennis courts. Hopefully, by the July 4th weekend, the work will have started or have been completed. Currently our fencing contractor is having trouble getting the wood and priority goes to the gulf coast needs, first.

Our Neighborhood Watch and Safety committee is in need of volunteers. Darrell Speight heads up the committee and at the past couple of meetings, very few, if any, folks came out for the meeting. If you are interested in helping to keep our neighborhood safe, please contact Darrell (nwatch@rivershyre.org) or drop by the next meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month (July 27th).

Please keep the 19th of September open on your calendars! That evening will be our annual Homeowners Association meeting held at the clubhouse. It will be a great chance to meet the board, some neighbors, and to discuss any neighborhood problems or concerns.

It will also be a chance to review the 2007 budget we are currently working on. We have to pay close attention to our pennies and our bills. If you have been reading the paper recently, you will have read that Georgia Power is raising rates. We are also getting a new contract for lawn service, our insurance rates have increased, and a number of services have added fuel surcharges to cover their costs. Any input from you would be greatly appreciated.

One last note: Our monthly board meeting has been moved to July 11th at 7:30 at the clubhouse. All are invited to attend. Have a great holiday!

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Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Stephany Ricker at 863-5988 or Kathy Armstrong at 863-4154. The fee is only \$60.00 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".

Message Board

Please note that the message board at the front of the neighborhood is for the Rivershyre Association messages only. We ask those who need to pass along info to certain neighbors or to celebrate an event, to place a sign on the "island" and to discard it after the event is completed!

