



# The Village Crier

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

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## Rainy Day Funds

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Hmmm – maybe I should not have mentioned “rain” since we haven’t had any in a couple of weeks (as of June 20<sup>th</sup>). Many of our lawns and plants are taking a beating with the heat, and summer is just starting to kick in now.

Our long term funding (or rainy day fund) has presented us with some very colorful dividends! If you have not seen them yet, check out our resurfaced tennis courts. They are U.S. Open blue and green. A lot better than the dull green, cracks and weeds that have plagued the courts for the past couple of years.

Almost 10 years ago, former board president Randy Stone recommended that we start a long term savings fund for various projects that would require a substantial amount of money. In each year’s budget, monies were put aside for projects like the tennis courts, clubhouse, and even the clubhouse road (which is private and owned by the association).

We had saved a little over \$10,000 for the tennis court project. The good news is that the resurfacing cost us \$7,500. We can use the remaining money for other short term projects.

We’ll start putting money aside again for another resurface in 2018.

The Columbia County Greenspace committee will be back for an updated presentation on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm; at the clubhouse. The Greenspace committee would like to move forward and acquire the land needed for the trails from Rivershyre. In order to do that, it will require board approval AND neighborhood approval.

You are invited to attend the meeting and have your voice heard!!! If you have any comments or concerns between now and then, please drop me a note ([Georgiaterp@comcast.net](mailto:Georgiaterp@comcast.net)).

Well, as of June 20<sup>th</sup>, we have nine homeowners who have NOT paid their 2008 homeowners fees. A task that is most unpleasant – we’ll have to go down to the courthouse and do the paperwork to put a lien against each of the homeowner’s property. A job well done goes out to our treasurer, Holly Bullock. At the beginning of June we had 19 homeowners who had not paid. Holly went door to door and rang quite a few phones to get our/your money for the neighborhood.

We’ve heard a number of complaints about the mowing, or lack of it in some of the areas around the neighborhood. We have informed our landscaping company of

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**Have some spare  
time?**

All of the Rivershyre  
committees are looking  
for volunteers. An  
hour or two each  
month will go a long  
way to help your  
neighbors and the  
neighborhood. If you  
can spare some time,  
your help will be  
appreciated.

**Upcoming Events**

The annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade will be held on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10am. A fire truck will lead the decorated wagons, golf carts, strollers, bikes and other parade attendees. This event is always one of the highlights of the year, so come and enjoy!

**SCOOPY-DOO**

DAPHNE  
FREDDY  
GHOSTS  
MONSTERS  
MYSTERY  
SCOOPY-DOO  
SHAGGY  
SNACKS  
VAMPIRE  
VELMA  
WITCH  
ZOMBIE

D T L W E N H P A D  
Q E G I R I V O V O  
S R E T S N O M E O  
H I A C Z E C Y L D  
A P G H O S T S M Y  
G M P Y M N X T A B  
G A D J B E B E C O  
Y V M S I U F R F O  
G H F R E D D Y W C  
B Z K A S K C A N S



**DID YOU KNOW?:** A Star is a gigantic ball of burning gas in space. Stars are much bigger than any planet and give off a lot of heat and light. Our sun is a star.

**JOKES AND RIDDLES**

*Question:* Where did the chip go to swim? *Answer:* Chip dip.

*Question:* Why is it so hot after a baseball game is over? *Answer:* Because all the fans...

**Clubhouse Rentals**

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Alyson Ludwick at 706-855-2844 or Carolyn Julian at 706-496-2189. 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".

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's forty-sixth Yard of the Month can be found at **1145 Parkside Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Re/Max 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** \*\*\*

Independence Day	Friday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade	Saturday, July 5 <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).

## 2008 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Grady Taylor	Vice President
Barbara Broome	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Kathryn Barrett, T.M. Weisz, Kelley Nihill, Bob Petty, Renee Nehlsen, Marybeth and Oscar Valentin	Members

The Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday 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 Re/Max Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

#### Active Listings as of 6/17/08

1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$240,000
1088 Severn Drive	\$254,900
1168 Oakton Trail	\$244,900
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$270,500
1214 Oakton Trail	\$249,900
1195 Rivershyre Drive	\$259,900
1106 Rivershyre Drive	\$278,999
1202 Newport Trail	\$239,900
1215 Oakton Trail	\$265,900
1158 Oakton Trail	\$264,900

#### Pending Sales as of 6/17/08

1122 Midford Court  
2003 Rivershyre Drive

#### Sold Properties 3/21/08 – 6/17/08

1149 Hartford Trail	\$258,000
1086 Severn Drive	\$239,900
1182 Rivershyre Drive	\$246,100

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2,728 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$248,000
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$91.00
Average Days on the Market	78 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Marybeth Valentin
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Russ Leseberg
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Open
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, 7:00 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, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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. Contact Karen Kearns at [thekearns2004@yahoo.com](mailto:thekearns2004@yahoo.com) 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

## ...Rainy Day

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your/our unhappiness and if it continues to be a problem, we can forfeit some of the monthly fees paid to them and/or break the contract with a 30 day out clause. Hopefully it will not come to that.

If you have any problems or complaints, please do not hesitate to contact me.

But here is MY COMPLAINT!!! A handful of residents have complaints or concerns – but they would rather do it anonymously. By not letting me know who you are, the board and I can not follow up or try and get additional information to solve the problem. Even if you have a problem with a neighbor, we'll keep that to ourselves and contact that person as the board and discuss the problem or concern AND NOT who complained.

You might have seen a well dressed young man roaming our neighborhood on foot. That would be Deputy Jones of the Columbia County Sheriff's department. Due to the increase in fuel, Deputy Jones is walking our neighborhood once or twice a day. If you happen to see him – please greet him and offer him a cold beverage on these warm days. He will gladly appreciate your kindness.

A reminder: Please stay off the railroad tracks and away from the trestle that crosses Euchee Creek and the Savannah River. Most of the people who have been stopped, warned, and even arrested are coming from outside of our neighborhood. Many thanks to all parents who have warned their children to stay off of and away from the tracks. CSX thanks you as well!

Pool memberships are up to 93 so far and while we'll fall short of our goal of 120 families, we are closing in on last year's number of 101. We have 17 new members since last year, both from inside and outside the neighborhood.

It's not too late to join!! You need to cool off, and there is no better way than a dip into the pool!!

I hope all of you have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. It will be a perfect weekend to play on the new tennis courts and take advantage of the open pool days July 4, 5, and 6. Come on down and take the "plunge".

Bill Ferguson

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## Neighborhood Watch & Safety



This past month one of our residents garage door was vandalized. There was also an incident where two groups of teenagers were in boats on Betty's branch. One of them had a shotgun and was shooting at the other group. Thank heavens no one was injured. The Department of Natural Resources and the Sherriff's Department arrested them.

As we are walking in the neighborhood during the day and evenings, we need to keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior. I strongly suggest that we all walk with our cell phones day or night just in case we need them. If you do hear gun shots or see people on the railroad trestle, please report it to the Sherriff's Department. Their number is **706-541-2800**.

Its vacation time! As a reminder don't forget to contact the Sherriff's Department and put your house on their watch list. They will make sure all of your windows and doors are locked while you are gone. Their number is **706-541-2800**. Don't forget to set your light timers, stop your paper and mail. You might also want to give an emergency contact number to one of your neighbors just in case something happens while you are gone. Most of all **have a great time!**

## Pool Committee Report

### School is Out & Summer Fun Begins!

The Rivershyre Pool has now been open for about 8 weeks. As temperatures have continued to rise in the CSRA, our pool membership has risen too. We currently have about 97 families who are enjoying one of Rivershyre's greatest assets however we are still shy of our 120 membership goal. See a pool committee member and ask for an application today!

**ALL RIVERSHYRE RESIDENTS** are invited to come out and swim during the Fourth of July Weekend (Friday, 7/4 through Sunday, 7/6). There will be no fees so why not give us a try if you haven't already? Remember, it's never too late to join!

Friday nights at the pool have a new look. Come float with us and enjoy some of your favorite films. Our first Friday Floating Flick was "FINDING NEMO". It was followed by a Saturday evening encore showing of "JAWS". We had a great turnout for kids and adults alike! Many of our filmgoers swam or floated as they watched and almost all of the lounges were filled with viewers as well. Films will be shown **every** Friday evening at dusk during the months of July and August. Some of our upcoming titles are:

Shark Tale  
Ice Age  
Cars  
Monsters Inc.  
Toy Story  
Over The Hedge  
Pirates of the Caribbean

and of course we are open to suggestions! The snack bar is open too, so come out and enjoy some family fun time and the fellowship of your neighborhood community.

The Pool Committee would like to thank Margaret & Bryan Mudrak for their invaluable help in bringing movie nights to the pool. The project

would have never gotten started without their support!

During the second and third weeks of July, Rivershyre will be honoring our servicemen and women by hosting them and their families as our guests. If you see an unfamiliar face at the pool it just might be one of our local deputies or firefighters enjoying some Rivershyre hospitality. Introduce yourself and don't forget to thank them! If you know of a serviceman or woman, feel free to invite them to our pool during that appreciation time. We will be hosting our community helpers from Sunday July 13 to Saturday July 26.

The pool is open for all members every day from 10:30 am to 9:00 pm. When school starts again in August, the pool attendants will be present from 10:30 am until 9:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays and on weekdays from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm. am. Early mornings, from 7:00 am until the pool attendants arrive, and evenings from 9:00 pm until 11:00 pm, the pool will be open to those 18 years and older and those accompanied by such, but no attendants will be available during these periods.

There will be a final Open House on Labor Day, Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We are currently planning an adult only social for when the kids go back to school. We will again have grade level swim parties for students as they return to school. Watch the calendars for all of these upcoming events! If you have ideas you'd like to see incorporated, contact a pool committee member or better yet **VOLUNTEER**. We are always looking for ways to enhance our pool and bring neighbors and friends closer.

**SEE YOU AT THE POOL!**

### A Reminder from the Architectural Control Committee

Residents of Rivershyre please remember that you are not allowed to park/store your boats, trailers, Jet skis, or RV's in your driveways or in the streets of Rivershyre. Please keep them in your garage or behind a privacy fence.

It would also be very helpful if we can remember to park our vehicles in the driveway instead of the streets. Parking in the streets causes a safety hazard.

While we all enjoy planting flowers around our mailboxes please keep in mind not to let them become over grown and unsightly. All mailbox numbers must be clearly visible so please make sure that yours are clearly identifiable!

Please remember that we are in a drought, you should be able to keep your lawn nicely trimmed without cutting it to low and burning it.

Thank you.

### A Message from the Treasurer

Well, the deadline for paying homeowners dues has come and gone, and I'm happy to say that there are now less than 10 Homeowner's who have not paid their dues! I have been in contact with each of them and am hoping everyone will pay before I get those liens filed at the end of June. Please remember that we file liens because this is the only way we can legally collect the money that is owed to the Homeowner's Association when all else fails. Besides, hurting a homeowner's credit rating, the liens (plus fees) must be paid by homeowners at their expense before the home can be resold. Just last week one old lien was paid off and another one has been partially paid. This is good news for our community.

As Treasurer, I am also responsible for the Pool Account. This is maintained separately from the Homeowner's Account but there are some shared bills, like certain utilities and insurance. Essentially, day-to-day costs to operate the pool are paid by membership-generated income alone. Every homeowner and their friends are invited to join the pool. Thanks to the countless volunteer hours of people like Dick, T.M., and Tim, we have been able to run the pool for a lot less money this year. Remember, every homeowner is part owner of the pool, the clubhouse, the tennis courts, the common areas, and the nature trail. All these assets contribute to our property values and make Rivershyre a desirable neighborhood to live in.

Once again I must thank those of you who have paid your dues on time. It makes my job much easier, but more importantly it puts money in our checking account so we can pay our bills.

Thanks,  
Holly Bullock

### 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	



Rivershyre Resident is teaching guitar! \$10 per 1/2 hour - taught by a GHS student.  
If you are interested, please call Jacob Graybill at 706 832-0404.