



# The Village Crier

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

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## Message from the Association President

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Hello Neighbors,

Independence Day, also called the Fourth of July, is a U.S. holiday observed to commemorate the adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Although observance of the holiday began in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, the day was not made a legal holiday until 1941. (Just a little history)...I hope everyone had a safe and happy Independence Day!

This month I received a recommendation from one of our residents to highlight a neighbor who has been quietly contributing to our neighborhood for years without an ounce of recognition. His name is Steve Dexter. You may have seen Steve walking the streets of our neighborhood keeping himself in shape while at the same time picking up trash and debris along the way. Steve is another great example of a neighbor who takes pride in the neighborhood. Thank you Steve!

I was driving down Hardy McManus a while back and saw a sign at the childcare center just down the road from our neighborhood. It said "The Word for the Day is Responsibility". I thought that was a very appropriate statement. Since the last edition of the newsletter we've had a significant number of residents pay their homeowners dues. Thank you for being responsible. We can now count the number of noncompliant residents on one hand. I also saw another sign in a neighborhood that stated "Please take care of your yards, take pride in our neighborhood". I like that message too. I am asking all homeowners to take responsibility for your yards. Since the grass grows faster this time of year, you may need to cut it more frequently. I've noticed some overgrown trees, bushes and shrubs throughout our neighborhood, let's trim them up. If you have flower beds or gardens, let's tackle those weeds. These simple tasks will dramatically improve the appearance of your residence and our entire neighborhood. Additionally, for our neighbors that are in the process of selling their homes, neater yards to their right and left sides would greatly help them. Again, if the work seems a bit too much for you, look in this newsletter for the names and numbers of teenagers that are eager for a little extra work this summer.

Now that we are approaching the middle of summer, I would like to put in a reminder about the policy of parking recreational vehicles (boats, motor homes, trailers, jet skies, etc.) on your property. If you are loading, unloading, cleaning, etc, you can park in your driveway for 48 hours. Any longer than that, the item

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## The Villages of Rivershyre

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& Clubhouse Phone  
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Our E-Mail Addresses:

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

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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:

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

Include your name, address, phone number, age, rate, and age range of children you will sit.

## Message ...

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needs to be parked in your garage, behind a fence, or somewhere outside of the neighborhood. Incidentally, Columbia County does not authorize any recreational vehicle parking on a public street for more than 12 hours.

Recently, I received a call at home on a Sunday afternoon from a neighbor who noticed an unfamiliar vehicle (and occupants) parked in a neighbor's driveway. This was just a week after a vacant home in the neighborhood was broken into and reported by another resident. The county sheriff's department was informed and they sent out a patrol car. Long story short, these gentlemen were doing some repairs to the residence. However, when the homeowner was informed of what had occurred, he was very appreciative that someone was looking out for him. This is a good news story. Lets all keep an eye out for our neighbors. Undoubtedly, 275+ sets of eyes can be very effective in keeping our neighborhood safer.

I'm sure most of you have noticed the vandalism to our sign while exiting the neighborhood. I hope that whoever did this was just driving through the neighborhood and not a resident. This sign is not the typical white board you find at Wal-Mart. It is designed specifically for outside use and as a result, it will cost a little more than the average white board to replace. If you have any information on this incident, please contact me so we can prosecute.

Thanks always to those that continue to volunteer their time. Again, let's take some pride in this special neighborhood of ours.

T.M. Weisz, RCA President

## ~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's fifty-eighth Yard of the Month can be found at **1132 Rivershyre Drive**. 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 ~



Patriotic Parade	Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Clubhouse
Independence Day	Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>
inaugural Second Saturday program	Saturday, July 11 <sup>th</sup> – more info on front board

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).

## 2009 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Bob Petty, Russ Lesesburg, Mike Amerson, David Basskette, Ziad Husein, Bill Rutledge and Travis Walden	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 6/20/2009

1087 Severn Drive	\$249,000
1123 Midford Court	\$269,500
1171 Parkside Trail	\$229,900
1181 Rivershyre Drive	\$219,900
1166 Claridge Trail	\$204,900
1158 Oakton Trail	\$239,900
1091 Rivershyre Drive	\$234,900
1151 Oakton Court	\$214,900
1198 Newport Trail	\$265,800
1081 Rivershyre Court	\$245,900
1212 Oakton Trail	\$259,900
1150 Parkside Trail	\$205,900
1141 Rivershyre Drive	\$241,500
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$269,900

#### Sold Properties 1/20/2009 – 6/20/2009

1170 Claridge Trail	\$182,500
1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$205,800
1088 Severn Drive	\$214,900

#### Pending Sales as of 6/20/2009 - none

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2543 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$201,066
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$79.00
Average Days on the Market	153 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Holly Bullock
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, 7:30 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 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".

# Committee Updates & Notes

## Neighborhood Watch & Safety



Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It's nice to be out of the drought and have water up at the lake! Just hope that you are all remembering to put your house on the **HOUSE WATCH** with the **Sheriff's Department** when you go

on vacation. You can contact them at **706-541-2800**. Don't forget to stop your mail, newspaper and let your neighbors know you are gone.

Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee need your help in continuing to update our Emergency Contact list. So far we have verified the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of 149 residents. We have another 128 to go. Most of you have been contacted by Rita Perry and Celia Velez. They have done an outstanding job in gathering information of the list. A few have emailed me their information. We would really like to have those who have not been contacted, email me at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net). If you have any new neighbors, please ask them to email me their information. We would hate to have an incident occur and not be able to get in touch with everyone either by phone or email.

We are working on getting speed humps on Oakton Trail. There have been numerous complaints about people speeding down the hills and through out that part of the subdivision as well as on Rivershyre Drive. Please remember the speed limit is 25. A lot of people are walking at night because of the summer heat. Please wear reflective clothing and carry a flash light so you can be seen by on coming traffic.

On June 7 a home on Rivershyre Court was illegally entered. A neighbor had noticed a strange vehicle parked in the driveway of a home that was for sale. He reported it to the Sherriff's Department. Thanks to his report the kids were caught! Thank you so much for looking out for your neighbors! You have set a great example for being a great neighbor as well as what being a part of a Neighborhood Watch Community is all about!

On June 8 someone damaged our message board at the front of the neighborhood. It had just been refurbished. If you know who did it, please contact

the Sherriff's Department. This board is used to try and keep everyone in the neighborhood aware of current events.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. We will be planning a neighborhood trip to visit inside the dam at Clark's Hill (Lake Thurmond for those from South Carolina) in September. If you are interested in going on the tour, please email me at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net). All family members are welcome!

### A Message from the Treasurer Association Dues Update

#### Hooray!!

The residence of Rivershyre came through. I am down to only 3 homeowners' dues that have not been collected! I have only filed one lien this year. This is very good considering all the bad news you hear about the housing market, recession, and the economy in general!! Thank you all for paying.

You won't have to worry about dues for another nine months!.....March 15, 2010!

Thanks,  
Holly Bullock, Treasurer, RCA

### July 4<sup>th</sup> or Summer Menu Idea

#### Barbecued Flank Steak Menu

Flank steak marinated in soy sauce and lemon juice, then grilled to succulent perfection, takes center stage in this unforgettable meal.

**Top Chef Tip:** If you don't have time to grill corn on the cob, you can microwave the ears. Wrap each husked ear in waxed paper. Place four ears in a microwave-safe baking dish and microwave on 100% power for 9 to 12 minutes.

#### The Menu

*Peach and Berry Salad(or any salad)* – See pg 7 for recipe

*Barbecued Flank Steak*

*Corn on the Cob* served with butter

*Flag cake* (purchased from the bakery – or homemade) OR

*Homemade Ice Cream*

# Committee Updates Cont'd & More

## Pool Committee Report

Well, we're up and running with another pool season. The Rivershyre pool facility opened for the 2009 season on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and hosted a Grand Opening Party the following Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

All Rivershyre residents were invited to participate in the activities during the Grand Opening Party. Hot dogs and several side dishes were provided by the Social & Welcome Committee, roasted Chicken was for sale and many other side dishes and deserts were contributed by the party goers.

Many of our pool-related activities that were presented for members last year will be back this season. We've already begun our weekly Friday Nite Dive-In Movies and we will also be having various other special activities throughout the season. Please join the pool and join the fun.

Now that school is out for the summer, the pools are open daily from 10:30am until 9:00pm for swimmers of all ages. Attendants are on duty during these hours to keep the pool facility and Concession Stand operating smoothly. During the period from 7am until 10:30am and again between 9:00pm and 11:00pm, no attendants will be present however the pool will generally be available for adult swimmers (18 years and older). Those younger than 18 years may only use the facility during these periods if they are accompanied by their own parent or adult guardian. The Concession Stand will be closed during these periods. No one is permitted to use the facility between 11:00pm and 7:00am.

Occasionally, the pool facility must be closed due to bad weather or the need to clean or add chemicals to the pools. When these conditions exist, signs will be posted warning members that the pools are temporarily closed. This is occasionally the case when members arrive after 9:00pm or before 10:30am and find signs stating the pools are closed. Sometimes the attendants must place the automatic pool cleaner into the pool or add chemicals before they leave in the evening, leaving the pools closed until they return at 10:30am the following day

and check the chemical levels and remove the automatic pool cleaner before opening the pools.

Speaking of our attendants, I'd like to introduce this year's staff. Like last year, all are from Rivershyre.

Jessie Usry, Emily Weisz, Larry & Mitchell Hogue and Bryan Armstrong are back from last year. Joining them this year are Chelsea Nihill, Jen Norland, Tyler Jarrard and Brandon Shay. They are managed by Tracey Hogue. Jeanna Baggott and Kim Norland are co-managers of the Concession Stand and have put in a lot of effort to get the Concession Stand stocked and operating smoothly. Tom Mulherin is serving as Business Manager this year with the duties of managing the financial and record keeping aspects of pool operation. When you visit the pool, please introduce yourself and get to know our fine staff.

In addition to our staff, numerous volunteers have stepped up and provided many hours of hard work to get the pool facility open this year. Kathy & Bruce Armstrong, Debbie & T.M. Weisz, Tim Taylor, Bob Norland, Al Russo, Kevin Belanger and others, along with our staff, did an excellent job of remodeling the interior of the Concession Stand, restoring the cabinets in the restrooms and filling and placing the flower pots about the deck. Thank you each and every one! In short, we've had the help of many volunteers and if I missed a name, I apologize but please know your help is very much appreciated.

I also want to thank Holly Bullock for her tireless efforts to keep track of membership dues and other pool funds that are an integral part of the general funds of the Rivershyre Community Association. Holly's work as RCA Treasurer has been invaluable.

One last comment. The Rivershyre pool facility is  
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here for the benefit of its members. If you are not yet a member, please give it a try. Memberships are still available by completing the application in this newsletter and either mailing it with your check to **RCA/Pool, P.O. Box 2194, Evans, GA 30809**, or dropping it by the Concession Stand at the pool. This year we are also offering a payment option of using PayPal for those that might find on-line payment a convenience. Due to a 3% fee added by PayPal, we must pass this surcharge along to each member choosing to use this payment option. If you are interested in using PayPal, please send an e-mail to [rca.pool@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.pool@rivershyre.org) for payment instructions.

Come on out and join the fun. See you at the pool!

**Grounds & Lake Report**

The Grounds & Lake Committee held its most recent meeting of 2009 on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The agenda included a continued discussion of the lawn care service and what steps the committee needs to take to secure satisfactory service, either by the current provider or future providers. Also discussed was a review of the repairs made to the clubhouse by the termite contractor because of past damage from the insects. The termite contract contained a damage repair guarantee and the contractor completed the repairs necessary to correct the damaged column at the entrance to the pool enclosure. Other topics included proposals for new flooring in the kitchen and restrooms in the clubhouse and replacement of the fence at the neighborhood entrance.

For the past several years, the committee has relied on several Community Clean-up Days each year to take care of various tasks such as removing storm debris and making minor repairs to neighborhood amenities. Volunteers were called on to help committee members during these periodic workdays. While our first workday of 2009 was very successful with a good turnout, the following workday wasn't as well supported and thus has left us with a number of tasks remaining to be completed.

Unfortunately, this lack of volunteers is a chronic

problem and frequently leaves too much work undone. We still need to repair the playground equipment, remove several dead or dying trees, make some much-needed repairs to the footbridge along the Nature Trail and do some painting and repairs at the clubhouse. To meet these needs, the committee would like to implement a program of regularly scheduled workdays designed to take on smaller tasks but do so on a regular monthly basis. The new program will be called "Second Saturday" and will call for the help of interested volunteers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Our inaugural Second Saturday will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> so please watch for the notice on the Bulletin Board and lend a hand on any of the Second Saturday workdays.

The committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. Please feel free to visit at any meeting. Any questions should be directed to the committee by sending an e-mail to [rca.gl@rivershyre.org](mailto:rca.gl@rivershyre.org).

**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
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	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	X	
Scott Mudrak	706-855-6949		X
Zachary Raines	706-854-8191		X

# Other Updates

## Notes from the Architectural Control Committee

We consider Rivershyre to be a great neighborhood with many beautiful homes. However, sometimes the beauty of the home isn't the first impression taken away by our visitors. Often the first part of the property that might be seen by a visitor is the mailbox at the curb. As such, attention to the small details such as mailboxes can really help make a good first impression on visitors, or at least help prevent making a bad first impression.

We are asking each homeowner to please examine your mailbox and help us make good first impressions by making any needed repairs. If you find any rust, a broken door or latch, a missing or broken flag or your numbers are not visible; your mailbox needs immediate attention. Also check the post for your mailbox. It should be a natural wood post. It also should be firmly planted and not leaning. Many homeowners have planted perennials around their mailboxes but some of these vines have almost hidden the mailboxes. Please take some time to trim these so that any weeds are removed and your box number is visible. By the way, Columbia County requires that the numbers on mailboxes be at least 3 inches high, visible from both directions and at a height of no less than four feet.

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, boats and motor homes 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 are in compliance with county codes and do not present a traffic hazard. While parking of such vehicles on the property is unsightly and a violation of the neighborhood covenants, the parking of such vehicles in the street becomes a safety hazard and a violation of Columbia County Ordinance 82-143, that states, in part, it shall be unlawful for an owner to allow his vehicle and trailer subject to this division to be parked on any county public street or other public right-of-way, except for loading and unloading, not to exceed four hours, except for motor homes, camper trailers and moving vans which are in the process of being loaded or unloaded, not to exceed 12 hours.

In short, non-recreational vehicles that do not have the appearance of "conventional automobiles, jeeps and pick-up trucks" are not permitted to be parked in the neighborhood by residents or guests and while recreational vehicles are allowed, they must be screened from view.

If you have any questions about the neighborhood covenants or policies, please contact the ACC by e-mail at [rea.acc@rivershyre.org](mailto:rea.acc@rivershyre.org) or visit us at one of our monthly meetings. The ACC meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month and we welcome visitors and new members.

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### Peach and Berry Salad Ingredients

3 fresh peaches, 2-1/2 pints blackberries, 1 pint strawberries (hulled and sliced), 1/4 cup honey, 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom

### Cooking Instructions

Bring medium pot of water to boil. Add peaches and blanch for 30 seconds. Drain and transfer to medium bowl. Cover with cold water and cool. Drain, peel and slice.

In a medium bowl, combine peaches, blackberries, strawberries, honey and cardamom. Toss together and refrigerate.