



The Village Crier

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

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A Message from the Association President

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Hi everyone, I hope you had an enjoyable 4th of July weekend.

A big thanks to those who assisted during last month's work day. Six gentlemen in the neighborhood made some repairs to the playground, cleaned off the tennis court surface, repaired the tennis court gate and fence, and cleared brush from around the courts. These men worked hard and saved the neighborhood several hundreds of dollars. The repairs became necessary due to people climbing over and under the fencing to gain access to the tennis courts. If you would like use of this facility we can provide you with your own key for a small fee (\$3.00). In the future, if someone is caught climbing over or under the tennis court fence, a fine will be imposed.

Just a reminder, if you plan on removing a tree, installing a swimming pool, erecting a fence, or making significant modifications to your home's exterior, a Property Alteration Request (PAR) is required. These forms can be found on our webpage and need be submitted and approved by the Architecture Control Committee before work can begin.

We had some wicked weather last month. Fortunately, our neighborhood did not receive any extensive damage. Our appreciation goes out to those who worked for many hours after each storm to ensure that our swimming pool was operational in record time.

Our neighborhood needs your help. All of our committees are down to a few volunteers. I know you're busy (trust me, I am too), but it really does not require a great deal of time. The majority of those that do volunteer their time in our neighborhood are involved in more than just one area and are getting "burned out". When I ask these folks why they do so much, they respond, "If I don't do it, who will?". Here is an example of what one family is doing: neighborhood board, social and welcome committee, grounds and lakes committee, pool committee, club house coordination, architecture control committee – all that from just one family! There are other families that are doing that much, and in a few cases, more. Please consider donating some time and your talents. Bottom Line: Your neighborhood needs your help.

Thanks again to everyone that continues to make Rivershyre a special place to live.

T.M. Weisz
RCA President

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Rivershyre**

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.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
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	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	X	
Paige Jarrard	706-868-7169	X	
Sarine Husein	706-650-7771	X	
Caitlen Taylor	706-855-6638	X	
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	
David & Sam Reid	706-993-1786		X
Helen Reid	706-993-1786	X	

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

**LET US KNOW ... WE HAVE A GIFT
FOR YOU!**

**PLEASE CALL CAROLYN JULIEN @
706-496-2189.**

**Babysitters
Listing**

If you would like to add
your name to the list,
send an email to:
babysitter@rivershyre.org.

Include your name and
phone number.

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's eighty-second Yard of the Month can be found at **1128 Midford Court**. 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 ~

Independence Day

Monday, July 4th

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

2011 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
Darryl Fisher	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Laura Higgins, Horace Carney and Kay Russo	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 6/17/2011

1087 Severn Drive	\$219,000
1213 Oakton Trail	\$229,900
1103 Rivershyre Drive	\$199,900
1102 Rivershyre Drive	\$240,000
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900
1187 Rivershyre Drive	\$265,900
1096 Rivershyre Drive	\$259,900
2018 Rivershyre Drive	\$284,900

Sold Properties 1/1/2011 – 6/17/2011

1081 Rivershyre Court	\$182,000
1182 Oakton Trail	\$240,500

Pending Sales as of 6/17/2011

1182 Branchwood Trail	\$179,900
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Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	3034 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$211,250
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$69.63
Average Days on the Market	514 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Kim Norland
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 th Monday, 7:30 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, 7:30 pm
Pool	3 rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 nd 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 Debbie Weisz at 706-228-7314. The fee is only \$75.00 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



In June we held our **Refuse To Be A Victim** class which was taught By Carol Rosenqvist, a certified NRA Instructor. We would all like to thank David Logan who lives in the neighborhood for getting Carol here to teach the class. Everyone who attended learned a lot from the class. We had 13 people from Rivershyre and 3 people, who are Neighborhood Watch Captains from other neighborhoods, present. Several others had registered but were unable to attend due to illness. For those of you who missed the class, we may offer it again next year in March.

On July 16 there will be another class offered through the NRA and Pinetucky Gun Club called **Women on Target**. The deadline for registration for that class is July 5. If you are interested, please email me so I can try to get you in. If there is enough interest, they may set up a separate class for Rivershyre on a different date. It will be held at Pinetucky Gun Club which is located off of Deans Bridge Road (US 1) near the Richmond County Landfill. The cost is \$15 per person. This includes eye/ear protection, targets, ammunition, loaner firearms and lunch. You will learn about fire arm safety, how to shoot, how to store firearms safely in your home, etc. It's just for women and is taught by Carol Rosenqvist. Please email me at kbarrett29@comcast.net if you are interested.

There were no incidents in the neighborhood. The only problems we have had is from people who do not live in the neighborhood trying to use the Nature Trail Area and Hardy Lake. These areas are for the use of Rivershyre residents only.

This past month we have had a lot of bad weather. I wanted to give you some contacts you might want to register with to be notified of any potential hazards we may face, not only in our neighborhood but Columbia County.

For the neighborhood: we have an emergency

contact system via email and **The Calling Post** thanks to Phil Alexander. If you did not receive an email from me in June concerning the gas leak, I don't have your contact information. Please email me at kbarrett29@comcast.net.

Columbia County reverse 911: if you have a private number or a cell phone, **Columbia County Emergency System** does not have your contact information. Please register on the "Self Registration Portal" with the county on their website

<https://columbiacountyso.onthealert.com>.

Weather alerts, gas leakages, roads blocked etc : register with Pam Tucker to be on her email list by emailing her at ptucker@columbiacountyga.gov. Be sure that you tell her that you live in Rivershyre. She is trying to set one up by neighborhoods for **Columbia County Emergency Management Services**.

Weather alerts by phone: NBCAugusta.com. They will alert you by cell phone and home phone if there is a severe storm threat such as a tornado spotted in our area.

Going out of town for the summer: register with the **Columbia County Sherriff's Department's House Watch** by calling **706-541-2800**.

Suspicious activity spotted in the neighborhood: call the **Columbia County Sherriff Department** at **706-541-2800**. Please give the dispatcher as much information as you can. Try and get a tag number, color and make of the vehicle, and description of the people involved. I also suggest that you have the deputy call you while they are in route so you can give them further information. The officer may not be familiar with Rivershyre and the neighborhood covenants. You might ask for a follow up call. If the officer cannot locate the

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Neighborhood Watch

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people who may have been in a vehicle, ask the officer to contact the owner. Most importantly, don't approach the people themselves. Let the officers do their job.

Lost your pet – go to www.columbiacountyga.gov go to "quick links" at the top of the page and select "lost & adoptable pets" the fill out the "form", select DOG, ANY AGE, ADOPTABLE, ANY GENDER, ANY COLOR, ANY SIZE, and then select FIND ANIMAL. Don't put the age and gender of the animal. That way it will show all of the animals on file.

Found a pet or spotted a vicious animal- call Animal Control at 706-541-4077.

I hope that you found this information useful and can use it to protect you and your family. Have a great summer. We can always use more volunteers on the Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee.

Pool Committee

Hey Everyone,

Wow!! July is here and that means we are half way through the pool season. We have had some interesting weather so far....the 1st week or so it was chilly and now it's been in the high 90's and stormy (can't imagine how hot it will be for the rest of July and August). But, even with the crazy weather, pool members have been enjoying the sun and the water here at Rivershyre's pool.

Friday Night Float Movie nights have been a big success!!! The first two movies were: "Kung Fu Panda" and "Tangled", however our third movie, "Prince of Persia" had to be cancelled due to the weather. If you have not attended one of our Friday Night movies – what are you waiting for – come on down! The concession stand stays open for your convenience and there is plenty of room in the pool for you to float while you watch the movie. It's FREE for pool members. However, we decided to allow non-pool member residents of Rivershyre and non-resident swim team members to attend, but charge them \$1 per person to come watch the movie. They will be able to get into our pool after 8:30pm on Friday Night Movie Nights ONLY. If you have any movie suggestions, we would love to have them. Just tell one of our pool attendants and please keep in mind, it needs to be

Family Friendly! We generally start the movie about 9:00pm.

As of our last Pool Committee Meeting on June 16th, the Tiger Sharks have won every swim meet. Go, Tiger Sharks!!! The Swim Team Season is almost over and their last meet was on Tuesday, June 28th. I was told by Christine Troutman who manages the whole team, that they have over 90 swim team members. Tim Benkhe and his assistant coaches, Graham Hines and Leah Haney have done a great job coaching all the kids.

Don't forget that Rivershyre's Pool is a great place to hold a party, whether it's for a birthday or for a sport's team or whatever! We have tables under the veranda area, along with two gas grills and then of course the pool to keep everyone cool. You can even hire a pool attendant to help you out. Just visit our website to find out our Party fees and if you have any questions, please just email or call us or ask the pool attendant that's on duty.

Again, the Pool Committee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Come join us – we would love to have fresh new faces and new ideas to help make Rivershyre's Pool even better!!

Lawn and Gardening Calendar

July

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Ornamentals:

- Fertilize shrubbery.
- Divide and transplant liriop.
- Watch shrubbery carefully for water stress, keep adequate water applied, water shrubbery and under trees more often.
- Check shrubbery for insects and control where necessary.

Turf:

- Fertilize lawns if needed.
- Treat for mole crickets in early July.
- Scout for chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns.

Flowers:

- Remove spent flower heads on annuals.
- Fertilize annuals and perennials.
- Seed biennials and perennials.
- Fertilize roses.



Houseplants:

- Fertilize bi-weekly.

Vegetables:

- Plant beans during the first half of the month for continued production.
- Prepare Fall garden plan.

Fruits and Nuts:

- Continue timely application of insecticides and fungicides.

