



The Village Crier

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

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Labor Day



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Green – with envy!

I have been attending various Rivershyre functions for 12 years and I do believe that the turnout for the Greenspace presentation was the largest we have ever had – for any type of meeting. We counted close to 60 residents who came by to understand what the county is “proposing” and to ask questions of the committee.

Yes, it did get a little heated, but it showed that the community at large cares very deeply about this topic. There were residents who were very much for the opportunity to have a trail pass through our nature area, and others decidedly against. I was quite pleased with the number of comments and questions. No matter what side of the issue each resident was on, everyone was pleasant and polite to all who expressed a personal opinion.

Most importantly, it did not get ugly like the Stratford – Greenspace meeting. Many thanks to all who attended, and those who could not but followed up with me before or after the meeting. It was great to see a strong turnout.

So what’s next?

The Rivershyre Board has a number of follow up questions for the Greenspace committee. There has been talk of “purchasing” the land from Rivershyre. But we are not sure how much land and how that will affect the nature trail. We are also asking about “alternative” routes and looking for more detailed information how the trail and our homes will be safeguarded from “undesirables”.

At the next board meeting (September 2nd); we will review any additional information the Greenspace committee sends us and decide what next steps need to be taken.

As I have mentioned before, the board can **not** make the final decision to move forward or not. It will be put to a neighborhood vote. Our initial thoughts were to send out ballots around October-November, but we’ll need to see how the Greenspace committee would like us to proceed and if they submit a proposal to us within the next month.

I do have some materials the Greenspace committee would like to distribute to interested homeowners. If you would like to receive the info, please send me an e-mail to Georgiaterp@comcast.net.

I am very envious of the crowd that came out for the Greenspace folks. I hope just as many or MORE will come out to the yearly homeowner’s association meeting on

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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	

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See us at:
www.rivershyre.org

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".

**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.

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's forty-eighth Yard of the Month can be found at **1160 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 *****

Labor Day & Pool Party	Monday, September 1 st
Annual Homeowners Association Meeting, 7pm	Tuesday, September 16 th
Columbia County Schools – Early Release Day	Thursday, September 18 th

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: 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, 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 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 8/17/08

1087 Severn Drive	\$249,000
1106 Rivershyre Drive	\$278,999
1158 Oakton Trail	\$264,900
1114 Rivershyre Drive	\$276,000
1185 Oakton Trail	\$234,900
1123 Midford Court	\$294,500
1135 Rivershyre Drive	\$249,900
1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$240,000
1171 Parkside Trail	\$234,900

Pending Sales as of 8/17/08

1195 Rivershyre Drive
1213 Oakton Trail

Sold Properties 5/20/08 – 8/20/08

1149 Hartford Trail	\$258,000
1086 Severn Drive	\$239,900
1182 Rivershyre Drive	\$246,100
1122 Midford Court	\$267,280
2003 Rivershyre Drive	\$253,888
1214 Oakton Trail	\$244,000

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2872 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$251,528
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$87.57
Average Days on the Market	61 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Marybeth Valentin
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 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 Thursday, 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. Contact Karen Kearns at 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.

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September 16th – 7pm at the clubhouse. Several board members noted that we should re-invite the Greenspace committee to come out for that meeting to increase attendance. Not a bad idea!

But you should come out anyway. This is a chance to hear about what happened in the past year and to learn about our plans for the next year. It is also a great time to air out any problems or concerns you might have; offer up suggestions to enhance our community; and perhaps volunteer to join the board or any of our committees. I would love to surpass the 60 resident mark for the meeting!!

Please, please come out!

Additional notes:

Again, many thanks to Holly Bullock and her husband Steve (Soprano) Bullock for getting every homeowner, except one, to pay their 2008 homeowner's dues. Holly even closed out a number of liens and received payment from past years as well. It is so nice to have a nice thick checking account to pay our bills and put money into long term savings plans. Thank you all for your help, understanding, and patience.

Last month, I had mentioned that we had some vandalism in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, a couple of the vandals were from our neighborhood. They were caught, restitution is being made, and their parents will be keeping them on a very short leash!

Again in late August, some other vandals came through the neighborhood and knocked over several garbage cans and decided to throw some garbage cans over the pool fence and into the pool. Those big containers are pretty heavy, even when empty, so they had to do a lot of work to create a lot of work for our pool attendants to clean up. All Rivershyre residents – if you see or hear suspicious activities, please do not hesitate to call the sheriff's department. They will come out to

investigate and you will remain anonymous.

Floating Friday nights have been a great success at the pool. Many thanks to the pool committee for making the effort and taking the time to make the pool feel like the old drive-ins that were popular when “some” of us were young. Crowds have been as large as 40 to 50 adults and kids. Events like this are what make Rivershyre stand out amongst all the neighborhoods in the area.

Property Alteration Requests (PARs) – Don't forget, if you plan to make any changes, updates, rebuilds, or plan any “major” work to your home (outside) or property, you will need to submit a PAR to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). A PAR is usually attached to this newsletter, or can be found on the www.rivershyre.org website. If you have any questions or would like to submit a PAR, please contact Marybeth Valentine (mbov94@aol.com 706-364-4082). (And please give the ACC ample time to review your request.)

Remember to mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 16th, 7pm at the clubhouse. This is our yearly meeting and everyone **should** attend! I hope to see you there!

Bill Ferguson
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Yearly Homeowners Association Meeting

**Tuesday, September
16th 7pm at the
Clubhouse.**

Committee Updates & Notes

Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee



I hope that everyone had a good summer. Now school is back into full swing as well as the school buses running through the neighborhood. I am really proud of all of the parents that we have here that personally make sure that their children get on and off the buses safely! You don't see that in other areas.

Now that traffic is picking up in the neighborhood, I would like to pass on some helpful hints. When you are walking, please make sure that you are facing traffic. That way you know if someone is coming around the corner too fast and you can get out of the way. If you are walking at night, please wear something reflective or carry a light. It's really dark in some areas especially on the stretch between the two entrances of Oakton Trail on Rivershyre Drive. You want to make sure that the on coming cars can see you.

Bicycle riders are supposed to ride with the flow of traffic. If a rider is under 16, they are supposed to have on a helmet. We will be offering a bicycle safety course during our fall

festival in October.

There are no laws governing scooters. However, I think as parents we need to make sure that our children are riding these safely. They should wear a helmet and not zig zag across the road when there are on coming cars.

We are still having problems with a lot of dogs running loose that are not on a leash. Columbia County does have a leash law. It's to protect your animals and your children. I would hate to see someone's dog getting hit by a car much less biting a child.

We have had a few incidents in the neighborhood this past month. There was a vehicle that had a window broken. We also had someone hit two mail boxes, a pole and wipe out the [Comcast](#) box one morning.

In October we will be teaming up with Social and Welcome to put on a Fall Festival. We are looking for volunteers to help with events. So far we will be having the Bicycle safety, Eddie Eagle and the Ident-a-kid. We are working on other activities as well. Please contact me at kbarrett29@comcast.net or come to our next meeting which is the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

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Pool Committee Report Summer is Coming to an End

* The Rivershyre Pool Season winding down. This year our pool membership increased to 100 families. We are still shy of the 120 membership goal we hoped for but this number represents our highest rate of membership during the past few years. Our membership consisted of more Rivershyre residents this year than in previous years. Thanks to everyone who joined! We hope you had an enjoyable pool season and to see you all again next year!

* If you have not already done so, please use your concession cards. NO refunds will be given for unused portions of cards. We are tapering down our items and selling out as much as we can

* Friday night movies continue to be a success at the pool. This weekly event has been a big draw for kids of all ages! It's been great to see families bond in a relaxing atmosphere. The movies will continue on Friday evenings until the pool season comes to a close.

* Rivershyre Pool received many thanks from our

guests during the last few weeks of July. In fact, some of our community helpers enjoyed our hospitality so much that they have inquired about becoming members themselves. Thanks for your hospitality Rivershyre!!!

* The pool will be open to all Rivershyre residents during the Labor Day Weekend. If you have not previously come to the pool, check us out! We'd love to have you as members next year! The Season-Ending party will be on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st. **ALL** Rivershyre residents as well as regular pool members are invited.

* After that time, the pool will remain closed during the week. The pool will be open for all members from 4:00pm to 9:00pm on Fridays and 10:30 am until 9:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays after September 1st. Pool attendants will be present during those times. No firm date has been set for closing for the year. The pool will be subject to close at the discretion of the pool committee.

Happy Fall Y'all!

A Reminder from the Architectural Control Committee

Please keep in mind that just because you submit a PAR doesn't mean that you can go a head with your plans, **according to the covenants and by-laws you *Must* have written approval from the ACC Before any work begins.**

Also remember that even though the ACC meets monthly it may take some time before hearing from us. If you have submitted a PAR and have not had any contact from the ACC please get in touch with us A.S.A.P. We meet monthly on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. acc@rivershyre.org

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