



The Village Crier

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

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FROM THE BOARD:

Recently you should have received notification of the upcoming Annual Rivershyre HOA Meeting. This meeting will occur on Tuesday 25 September, 7:00pm at the Clubhouse. At this meeting you will meet current board members and committee chairs, review the 2012 neighborhood budget, discuss and vote upon the 2013 neighborhood budget, take nominations of new board members, and discuss the possibility for a management company to assist in managing the affairs of the neighborhood. Historically the turn out for this annual meeting has not been high. If you are available on this evening we encourage you to attend.

Volunteers: The neighborhood needs your assistance. As you can see in the positions in this newsletter, there are a number of positions that are currently vacant. Additionally, support for all of our committees is needed. Commitment to your neighborhood does not take a great deal of your time. An hour a month would greatly assist your neighborhood.

FROM THE ACC:

We received a question from a neighbor asking if there is an ACC (Architectural Control Committee). The answer is yes. There are a small group of volunteers that participate in this committee. They review Property Alteration Requests (PARs) and address concerns from neighbors. If you are planning on modifications to the outside of your homes, removing trees from your property, installing a swimming pool or any other type of construction or significant landscaping, please submit a PAR before work begins. You can go to <http://www.rivershyre.org/comm.php> to get a copy of the form.

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Rivershyre

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See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

Babysitters
Listing

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

Include your name and
phone number.

Baby Sitter / Yard Work List

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
Kristen Beasley	706-993-5865	X	
Sohailla Digsby	706-421-6168	X (day hrs)	
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	706-955-9968	X	X
Wesley Valentin	706-955-9968	X	X
Victoria Valentin	706-955-9968	X	
Catherine Weisz	706-228-7314	X	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	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	
Eleida Tyler	706-228-5730	X	
Mclain Lambert	706-726-6113	X	

**NEW TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD?**

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

PLEASE CALL
CAROLYN JULIEN
@ 706-496-2189.

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's ninety-fifth Yard of the Month can be found at **1183 Branchwood Trail**. 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** ~



Early Release – Columbia County Schools	Thursday, September 13 th
Rosh Hashana	Monday, September 17 th
First Day of Autumn	Saturday, September 22 nd
Yom Kippur	Wednesday, September 26 th

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

2012 Board of Directors

Open	President
Open	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
T.M. Weisz	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Kay Russo, Jack Bryant, Scott Baggot	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 8/21/2012

1102 Rivershyre Drive	\$233,900
1105 Rivershyre Drive	\$199,900
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$238,900
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900
1082 Rivershyre Court	\$207,900
1189 Newport Trail	\$224,900
1172 Dartmore Trail	\$189,500
1138 Parkside Trail	\$159,900
2027 Edenton Trail	\$249,900
1156 Oakton Trail	\$209,900
1162 Oakton Trail	\$199,900

Sold Properties 3/1/2012 – 8/21/2012

1196 Rivershyre Drive	\$259,900
1087 Severn Drive	\$185,000
1213 Oakton Trail	\$211,000
1206 Newport Trail	\$194,000

Pending Sales as of 8/21/2012

2015 Rivershyre Drive	\$224,586
1171 Parkside Trail	\$179,900

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2793 sq/ft
Average Sales Price	\$212,475
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$76.07
Average Days on the Market	201.5

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	T.M. Weisz
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Open
Social & Welcome	Open

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 706-854-0229. 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



given to us in several areas.

Criminal Investigations discussed the current drug trends in our county. The main ones are marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine (ice), and spice (which looks like potpourri). Spice is very hard to detect however they do have ways of testing for it. **The drug tip hotline is 706-541-3910.**

Administrative Services covered various types of fraud through debit cards, emails, identity theft, etc. To help prevent fraud, use your bank's on-line bill-pay to pay bills or mail them at the post office, not from your mail box. Don't ever give out personal information or account numbers via telephone or computers. Don't open emails from strangers or people you know that just have a link on them for you to click with no other information on it. It could be a virus. Shred all of your mail and checks with personal information. Do not put it in your regular trash.

Project life Saver is a free service offered for family members who have Alzheimer's. They provide the tracking device and batteries at no charge. If someone wanders off, they can find them and return them to their home.

Traffic Division discussed the new and rather confusing law concerning golf carts. In Columbia County golf carts can be driven on roads where the speed limit is under 35 mph which all of Rivershyre. The driver has to have a valid driver's license. The vehicle must have head lights and tail lights. They cannot be driven on the shoulder, ditch or right of way.

All terrain vehicles are not permitted to be driven on county roads. (They are also not allowed in the Nature Area or Hardy Lake.)

Anyone who is interested in learning more about how the **Sheriff's Department** works can attend the **Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy**. If you are interested in this, contact **Community Services at 706-541-2856**. Several residents in Rivershyre have attended this course and enjoyed it.

There were no incidents reported this month. However, I would like to point out that we are having problems with excessive littering in the neighborhood. The worst areas are the portion of Rivershyre Drive between both of the turns into Oakton Trail. Several young adults have been hanging out in that area at night. Beer bottles and used syringes were found there as well as at Hardy Lake and the Nature Area. If you see anyone littering, please speak to them about it or contact the Sheriff's Office at 706-541-2800.

We are also having problems with nonresidents trying to use our facilities at Hardy Lake and the Nature Area. Remember that you must accompany your guests in these areas. Otherwise, they are trespassing and can be prosecuted.

If you are new to the area or your contact information has changed, please contact me at kbarrett29@comcast.net.

All of the committees in our neighborhood need your support by volunteering. We are not able to promote the special activities and events that you and your families enjoy without your participation and in some cases leadership. Every committee, without exception is lacking in participation. I hope that this changes. This is a great neighborhood with a lot of things to offer which is why many of you live here.

Neighborhood Watch and Safety meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. We should have a representative for each of the villages. Unfortunately we only have 2 out of the 5 areas covered. We hope you will consider joining.

Lawn and Gardening Calendar

September

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Ornamentals:

- Prune shrubbery for shape only.
- Plant camellia and southern magnolia seeds as their pods break open.
- Begin gibbing camellias in early September.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.

Turf:

- Check lawns for disease, treat with recommended pesticide.
- Apply pre-emergence in late September.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.
- Treat fire ants.
- Make LAST application of lawn fertilizer NO LATER than September 15th.

Flowers:

- Fertilize roses early in the month- this is the last application until spring.
- Divide and transplant day lilies and irises.
- Start pansies and gloriosa daisies from seed.
- Delay planting pansies outside until October.

Houseplants:

- Fertilize monthly.
- Check for insects.
- Begin to acclimate outside plants for moving indoors in late September.
- Repot overgrown houseplants.

Vegetables:

- Continue planting fall vegetables.
- Store cabbage, onions, potatoes, etc. properly for overwintering.
- Plant cover crop of rye on unused garden plots.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.

Fruits and Nuts:

- Fertilize strawberries early in the month, divide and reset plants.
- Prune peaches and plums.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.

