



The Village Crier

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

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Report on Annual Homeowner's Meeting

On Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00pm, the annual meeting of the Rivershyre Community Association, Inc. was held at Rivershyre's Clubhouse. Unfortunately, only 21 homes (not counting Board members and Committee chairs) out of almost 280 were represented. We were fortunate to get enough volunteers to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. Thanks to returning Board members Holly Bullock and Mike Paluba and welcome to two new Board members Phil Manos and Shiron Thomas. Many thanks to all of the volunteers (both past and present) who have served our neighborhood as members of the Board of Directors.

Now, don't breathe that sigh of relief just yet – yes, volunteers came forward to fill our Board vacancies but there are many of our committees that are desperately need volunteers. In the same plain words that were used at the meeting – either we get volunteers to help on our committees or the Board will have to begin looking into hiring a Property Manager for Rivershyre. And the money to pay for this will have to come from each homeowner as **an increase in homeowner's dues of up to \$125** above our current level.

Following is a list of the committees that need help and the number of volunteers that are needed to bring the committee up to a functioning level:

Architectural Control (Bill Clark, 860-5192)	4-5 volunteers	Finance (Holly Bullock, 855-8122)	2-3 volunteers
Grounds & Lake (Dan Johnson, 651-1603)	2-3 volunteers	Social & Welcome (Martha Kapfhammer, 650-8766)	2-3 volunteers
Neighborhood Watch & Safety (Mike Paluba, 651-8779)	4-5 volunteers		

Please see if your schedule will permit you to give an hour or so per month to join one of these committees. Call one of the chairpersons noted above to let them know you want to attend their next meeting. The meeting days and times for each committee can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

We'll be letting you know how our volunteer search is going between now and the end of the year. Don't wait for your neighbor to volunteer – call today and volunteer to join a committee.

**The Villages of
Rivershyre**

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www.rivershyre.org

**Babysitters
Listing**

The most recent listing was printed with our July newsletter. We will publish it again before the end of the year. If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email to: babysitter@rivershyre.org.

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

Thank You!

This month we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Ms. Donna Luce. She volunteered to put together the "care packages" for our troops in Iraq this past spring and summer. Donna's hard work and patriotism resulted in Rivershyre sending four packages to our troops overseas. We're certain they were very much appreciated by the men and women defending our freedom and we'd like to thank Donna (and all of the Rivershyre residents who contributed) for her efforts. Thanks Donna.

Do you know someone who is making a contribution to our neighborhood that should be recognized? If so, send an email to thankyou@rivershyre.org with a description of this person's contribution and we'll try to put it in the newsletter.

? ? ? Fall Family Fun ? ? ?

Our Scavenger Hunt is back this year with added fun things for the whole family to do!!!

The date is Saturday, October 25th and the fun starts at 5:00 pm with pizzas and sodas for the whole family. At 5:45 pm, youth ages 10 and up will have fun hunting while the younger ones (with parent's help if needed) will stay at the Clubhouse to play BINGO. The Great Hunt concludes at 6:15 pm and while the points are being tallied, everyone is invited to serve themselves at the Ice Cream Sundae Bar. We'll have prizes for everyone – those going hunting and those playing BINGO too!

Details for the Scavenger Hunt:

- Team event with up to 4 persons to a team – at least 2 team members must be Rivershyre residents.
- \$5.00 entry fee per team.
- Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.
- The Scavenger Hunt takes place from 5:45 to 6:15 pm and the only means of transportation for participants are bikes, scooters, and foot power.
- Please RSVP to Jeanna at 868-7169 by October 18th with your team members names and you \$5.00 registration fee (no changing will be allowed after you have turned this in).
- Your fee must be paid in advance.

There is no charge for the pizza, etc... for the families that come. However, we will need an RSVP to Jeanna by October 18th in order for the Social & Welcome Committee to purchase enough food and prizes.

This should be a fun event for everyone so be sure to mark the date on your calendar and RSVP early to Jeanna at 868-7169.

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 2032 Edenton Trail or email them to: newsletter@rivershyre.org.

2003 Board of Directors

Martha Kapfhammer	President
Mike Paluba	Vice President
Bill Clark	Secretary
Ray Jasniecki	Treasurer
Becky Brogan	Asst. Secretary
Holly Bullock	Asst. Treasurer
Bill Ferguson	Member
Randy Stone	Past President

The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 th Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 st Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	4 th Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Grounds & Lake	3 rd Monday, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 nd Tuesday, 10:00 am

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.

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Bill Clark (Acting)
By-Laws & Nominating	Randy Stone
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Mike Paluba
Pool	Bill Giddings
Social & Welcome	Martha Kapfhammer

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.

Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Stephany Ricker at 863-5988 or Kathy Armstrong at 863-4154. The fee is only \$50.00 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 at: www.rivershyre.org/clubhouse.

*** Calendar of Events ***

Family Fun/Scavenger Hunt	Saturday, October 25 th , at the Clubhouse
Spooky to be Hungry Food Drive	Saturday, October 25 th , 9:00am
Halloween	Friday, October 31 st
Veteran's Day	Tuesday, November 11 th

Architectural Control Committee

In addition to reviewing property alteration requests (PAR's) each month, the ACC is currently working to address a general concern about the upkeep of yards in Rivershyre. Several of our neighbors have received "friendly reminders" from the ACC recently about their yards asking that they please maintain their yards, including shrubs and flower beds, in a manner commensurate with others in the neighborhood. Over the next few months we will continue to observe the condition of yards and send reminders (and eventually violation notices if necessary) to remedy these problems.

If you will be making significant changes to your property such as adding a fence, removing live trees, adding a pool, etc..., please submit a PAR for review by the Committee prior to taking this action. You can obtain a copy of the PAR form on our website.

Calling All Old Files

Over the years, many of our residents have been involved in the management of our neighborhood either by serving on the Board of Directors or by working with a committee. If you have some old files from your past involvement with the Board or a committee, please let us know. We are collecting and filing these historical documents. If you have any, please call Bill Clark at 860-5192 or Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766 and we'll take them off your hands.

New to the Area?

Contact Ruth Pearl (650-1400), hospitality chair-woman of the Augusta Newcomers Club. The purpose of the club is to offer friendship and to help acclimate residents new to the community. A monthly coffee is held the 1st Tues. of each month as well as a monthly luncheon with special programs held every 3rd. Thursday of the month. Contact Ruth for more information.

Miscellaneous Notes & Reminders

If you walk a dog in Rivershyre, please be courteous to your neighbors and remove any waste your dog may leave behind. Don't let your pets walk through the neighbor's flower gardens. In addition, please be aware that pets urinating can also damage plants and shrubs. Please be mindful of this concern when walking your pets.

ATV's are NOT appropriate for the Nature Trail. Violators should be reported.

Parking in the streets of Rivershyre is **STRONGLY** discouraged. However, if you must on occasion, please pay attention to where you park. Do NOT park in a curve, near an intersection, or block a mail box.

As we noted in last month's newsletter, portable basketball goals should not be left in the street. They are a traffic hazard. After you finish playing, please return the goal to your driveway. The ACC will be addressing this issue over the next few months.

Do you know of a pot hole or other street problem that needs to be fixed in Rivershyre? Yes, there are several that have already been reported to the county. But a few more people calling to report these problems might just help move us up on the list for repairs. If you would like to report a street problem, contact the Columbia County Customer Service and Information Center at 863-3375 or better yet call the Roads and Bridges Department directly at 541-1143.

9th Annual It's Spooky to Be Hungry Food Drive

It's time again for our annual all-volunteer food drive for the Golden Harvest Food Bank. On Saturday, October 25th, Rivershyre will be participating in this effort with many other CSRA neighborhoods. We have collected for "It's SPOOKY to be Hungry" for the past eight years with tremendous results. Last year Rivershyre neighbors donated over 1,200 lbs. of food and baby items and more than \$650! But, it takes you to make it successful, either through donations or volunteering.

Why should you get involved? First, the need is large. In 2002, the CSRA Golden Harvest Food Bank provided over 100,000 meals to needy people. Second, it takes very little time --only a few hours on a Saturday morning. It's also a great way to build a sense of community while helping the less fortunate. Use this opportunity to show your children the important value of helping others. Get your whole family involved!

Please volunteer to help collect food and donations on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 - 12:00. We'll be meeting at 1178 Oakton Trail at 9:00am for coffee and donuts and to get instructions and to decorate wagons, strollers, etc for the collection. To volunteer, please contact Susan Perfect at 210-1749 or Kamey Hawk at 863-0948 or email at Brstolbabe@aol.com or tomahawk@knology.net. If you can't volunteer, please be generous and donate non-perishable food or money. All money goes toward food purchases -- by the way, with \$10 GHFB can buy \$75 worth of food or buy enough for 40 meals! If you will not be at home during the collection, please leave your contribution in a grocery bag by your front door for pickup that morning. We're looking forward to 100% participation from the Rivershyre community!!!!

Directory Updates

The best available information for our directory was recently provided to all homeowners. We have received numerous corrections and updates via phone calls, notes, and emails. We will be publishing a revised directory during the month of October. Please submit any last minute updates or changes to Martha Kapfhammer (650-8766) or by email at corrections@rivershyre.org.

Newsletter Update

Based on the positive feedback received from Rivershyre residents, the Board of Directors has decided to continue distribution of this newsletter via mail with the assistance of Philip and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors. They are copying and distributing our newsletter at no expense to Rivershyre. We thank Philip and Sharon for their support of our neighborhood.

Clubhouse Rentals

As of October 1st we will have a new Clubhouse Coordinator. Her name is Stephany Ricker and her phone number is 863-5988. Helping Stephany will be Kathy Armstrong and her phone number is 863-4154. If you are interested in renting the Clubhouse, contact Stephany or Kathy to check on it availability.

The guidelines for the clubhouse will remain the same: a \$50 rental fee plus a \$150 security deposit. The Clubhouse accommodates 80 people and the rental does not include use of the pool. The Clubhouse phone number is 854-0229. The rental agreement, clubhouse rules, and check-in/out checklists can be found on our website at www.rivershyre.org/clubhouse.

Thank you to Ruth Lloyd for her many years of volunteer work for the Clubhouse. Rivershyre has one of the nicest clubhouses in any subdivision because of our great volunteers!