



# The Village Crier

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

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## Halloween Parade and Safety

### Afternoon

You'll want to be at the clubhouse on the afternoon of Saturday, October 29th! The Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee and the Social and Welcome Committee are teaming up to bring you a Safety Afternoon topped off with a Halloween Parade and then dinner!

The afternoon starts at 4 p.m. with lots of safety information geared for this season of the year. We'll have quests who will present safety tips for all age groups.

Then at 5 p.m. we're going to have a Halloween Parade! Come in costume and bring your decorated bikes, wagons, strollers, golf carts, etc. This will be one colorful parade!! We will leave from the clubhouse and when we return back to the clubhouse, everyone is invited to stay for dinner. There will be pizza, sodas and a treat for dessert.

This is an event for the whole family and we encourage everyone to come in costume. You can pick up some great safety tips and participate in a Halloween Parade all in the same afternoon!

Please RSVP to Joannie at 863-2931 by October 26th so we'll know how much pizza to order. Come join in the fun on October 29th!

## Rivershyre Fall Yard Sale



The date for the Fall Yard Sale is here – Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The sale starts at 8 a.m. A \$2.50 fee per household covers the cost of advertising in the local newspapers and around the neighborhood. A Social & Welcome representative will be around early in the morning to collect the fee.

If you wish to show the way to your sale with signs or balloons, feel free to do so. Just please be considerate of our neighborhood and remove them after your sale. Hope we have great weather this time with lots of sales!

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual It's Spooky to be Hungry Food Drive

That time of the year is here again – time for our annual volunteer food drive. On **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**, Rivershyre will be participating with over 160 other CSRA  
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## ~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's eighteenth Yard of the Month can be found at **1150 Hartford Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors (833-HOME). 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. The competition will continue to heat up now that summer is here so keep working on that yard so that you too can be rated "Best in Rivershyre".

## 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 \$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".

## \*\*\* Calendar of Events \*\*\*

Fall Yard Sale	Saturday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>
Rosh Hashanah	Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>
Yom Kippur	Thursday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>
Halloween Parade	Saturday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>
Day Light Savings Time Ends	Sunday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>
Halloween	Monday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Fall Back Time Change



Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday morning as the nation moves from daylight-saving time back to standard time. Clocks should be reset to 1 a.m. at that time.

And don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Fresh batteries should be installed at every time change to make sure that the detectors will be working when you need them to.

And don't forget, Arizona doesn't participate in daylight-saving time, so they won't be falling back.

## The Villages of Rivershyre

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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.

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).

## 2005 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Shiron Thomas	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Tim Williford	Treasurer
Dick Huskin, Etta Chaplin, Darrell Speight	Member
Martha Kapfhammer	Past President

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

### 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 and Sharon Jones of Meybohm Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-HOME.

#### Active Listings as of 9/19/2005

1122 Village Court	\$207,900
1089 Severn Drive	\$214,900

#### Sold Properties 6/18/2005 – 9/19/2005

1182 Oakton Trail	\$245,000
1172 Dartmore	\$209,900
1091 Rivershyre Drive	\$202,500
1192 Rivershyre Drive	\$220,000
1183 Rivershyre Drive	\$224,900
1186 Rivershyre Drive	\$219,900
1160 Parkside Trail	\$164,900

#### Pending Sales as of 9/19/2005

N/A

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2729 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$208,831
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$76.60
Average Days on the Market	27.3 days

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Dick Huskin
By-Laws & Nominating	Vacant
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Darrell Speight
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.

## Committee Meetings

Architectural Control	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	As needed
Grounds & Lake	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm
Pool	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 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.

### New to Rivershyre?

We'd like to include your family in our next Rivershyre directory. Call Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766 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.

# Committee Updates & Notes

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## Neighborhood Watch & Safety

### Keeping you informed:

We had several reports in reference to Juveniles jumping from the train trestles between Aug. 18 and Sept. 18. and one domestic disturbance in the neighborhood.

Please remember to report all incidents to your Neighborhood Watch & Safety committee at: [nwatch@rivershyre.org](mailto:nwatch@rivershyre.org) or 706 868-9538. All reports are kept confidential.

October begins burning season. Fires should not be initiated before 8:00 am and should be completely extinguished before dark. In highly populated areas burning should be conducted from 10:00am until 30 minutes before dark. It is unlawful to burn man made materials such as tires, shingles, plastics, etc.

### Permits are required!

#### **From: OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

Georgia Emergency Management Agency

Over 97% of Georgians Eligible for Coverage through the National Flood Insurance Program (Atlanta)

Based on recent statistical analysis conducted using Geographic Information System software by the Office of Homeland Security-Georgia Emergency Management Agency (OHS-GEMA), over 97 percent of all Georgians can purchase flood insurance.

“This finding is very significant considering most homeowner policies do not cover flooding,” said OHS-GEMA Director Mike Sherberger. “In addition, with the recent flooding caused by storms, we have talked with many homeowners who did not realize that they could purchase flood insurance, or were unfortunately told by their agent they could not purchase flood insurance.”

### **Customer Service and Information Center**

For the most current information and resources about Columbia County and the surrounding area call the Columbia County Customer Service Center at **868-3378** or **311**.

## “The Declarations”

### Presented by the

## Architectural Control Committee

In previous columns, we have discussed various right restrictions and obligations contained in the neighborhood Covenants. This month we’ll switch our focus to another important document known as the Declarations. More correctly, this document is entitled “Declarations of Covenants and Restriction Establishing and Providing for the Rivershyr Community Association, Inc.”. The Covenant: Declarations and Bylaws, along with several procedure used by the Association, may be found on the neighborhood website at <http://www.rivershyre.org> following the link to “Documents”.

The purpose of the document is to establish the homeowners’ association and to set down rules for membership. Article I establishes definitions to be used in the document. Article II discusses property. Article III, entitled “Membership and Voting in the Association”, addresses membership and voting rights including the use of proxies and voting by mail. It also covers the quorum requirements for meetings of the association. Article IV, entitled “Property Rights in the Common Properties”, discusses members’ “Easement of Enjoyment” and title to common properties. Article V contains some very powerful language in its discussion of assessments, the personal obligation of homeowner to pay their annual assessments and remedies for the association in dealing with those that fail to meet their personal obligations. Other articles go on to discuss funds of the association, architectural review and general provisions including how the association may be terminated.

Residents with questions about the Covenant: Declarations or Bylaws are invited to attend any of the regular monthly meetings of either the Committee or the Board of Directors. The Committee meets at the clubhouse at 7 P.M. on the fourth Monday of each month. The Board meets at the clubhouse at 7:30 P.M. on the first Thursday of each month. Questions and comments may also be sent by e-mail to the Committee at [acc@rivershyre.org](mailto:acc@rivershyre.org).

During the next several months, we’ll continue our discussion of the Declarations and Bylaws.

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neighborhoods in eight counties. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that Rivershyre has participated and we have had tremendous results. Last year you and your Rivershyre neighbors donated over 1400 pounds of food and baby items and more than \$600. It takes all of us to make this food drive successful, either through volunteer work or by donating.

**Why should you get involved?**

- First, the need is HUGE. In 2004, our regional food bank served over 400,000 people and over 2 million meals. Now, several thousand displaced Katrina survivors reside in our region. **It's Spooky To Be Hungry is allocating 20% of all funds collected this year to help underwrite the additional costs of helping support hurricane victims who have relocated to our region.**
- Second, very little of your time is needed. Spend just a few hours on Saturday morning, **October 15<sup>th</sup>** and you will be helping thousands of families.
- Third, volunteering is a great thing! It builds a sense of community while allowing you to meet your neighbors and demonstrate to your children the important value of helping others. It's a very kid-friendly event!
- Every pair of hands makes a difference. In 2004, the food drive involved 2400 volunteers in over 230 CSRA neighborhoods, schools and community groups. Working together \$46,000 and over 86,000 pounds of food were collected!
- **ALL** proceeds are donated to the Golden Harvest Food Bank and the money collected goes directly toward food purchases. With \$10 Golden Harvest Food Bank can purchase \$70 worth of food – or enough for 40 meals.

**Here's how you can get involved:**

- Volunteer to collect food on Saturday, October 15th from 9 a.m. until noon. We'll meet at 1128 Village Court for coffee and donuts. There will be time to get your instructions and to decorate the wagons, strollers and golf carts for the collection. We need all of these "vehicles" to transport the collection back to our starting point.
- Please donate generously!! Non-perishable food, baby items (diapers, baby wipes and baby food) and money are gladly accepted. If you find that you will not be home during the collection time, please leave your contribution in a grocery bag by your front door for pick-up.
- We're looking forward to 100% participation from this great (and generous) Rivershyre community!!!

To volunteer, please contact **Kristin Frizzi** at 863-2334 or e-mail [frizzi670@comcast.net](mailto:frizzi670@comcast.net).



# Halloween Safety Tips

## Trick-or-Treaters:

- ☞ Carry a flashlight.
- ☞ Walk, don't run.
- ☞ Stay on sidewalks (where possible).
- ☞ Obey traffic signals.
- ☞ Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- ☞ Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- ☞ Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- ☞ Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- ☞ Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume).
- ☞ Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- ☞ Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- ☞ (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- ☞ Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- ☞ Approach only houses that are lit.
- ☞ Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

## Parents:

- ☞ Have your child eat dinner before setting out.
- ☞ Children should carry quarters so they can call home.
- ☞ Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- ☞ If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- ☞ If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- ☞ Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- ☞ You should know where they're going.
- ☞ Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- ☞ Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

## Homeowners:

- ☞ Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.
- ☞ Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a Trick-or-Treater.
- ☞ Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- ☞ If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where Trick-or-Treaters will be walking or standing.
- ☞ Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
- ☞ Healthy food alternatives for Trick-or-Treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.
- ☞ Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins

