



The Village Crier

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

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A Message from the President

They always say that you can make statistics work for you, as long as you twist them long enough.

So let's see, 272 homes in Rivershyre and 27 Rivershyre homeowners showed up for the yearly homeowners meeting: That would mean 10% of the neighborhood attended! The good news is that we actually had an increase over last year's meeting. I guess I don't have to tell you the bad news.

Just to highlight some things from the meeting:

Financially, we are in pretty good shape. Unfortunately, our bills, like yours keep increasing, but we have been very smart in budgeting and spending (Thank you Randy Stone and your board members!) over the years.

Our only concern is that our Lawn Maintenance currently eats up 60% of our yearly budget. We are currently requesting bids for 2007 & 2008. We have also added some additional areas to be maintained and we will request that the neighborhood be mowed on a weekly (7 day) basis during the growing season.

No doubt that will raise our rates. We'll see what the bidding process brings about.

Our Grounds & Lakes crew did another great job this past year. However, Dan Johnson, who has headed up the committee for the past six years has decided to step down from his position. We are looking for volunteers to help out. Anybody in the 90% who did not show want to volunteer??

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It's Parade Time Again!

We're having another parade again in Rivershyre and this time it's going to be a Halloween Parade! The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th at the clubhouse. Everyone is asked to come in costume and bring your decorated bikes, wagons, strollers, golf carts, etc. We want to be one colorful, spectacular parade!!

Our parade will leave from the clubhouse and when we return, everyone is invited to stay for dinner. There will be pizza, sodas and a dessert treat. After dinner more fun activities are planned like hay rides and piñatas. This is a great family event and everyone is encouraged to come in costume!

You'll need to RSVP to Joannie at 863-2931 so we'll know how much pizza to order. We'll need to have these names by October 25th. Better hurry and call today -- this is one parade that you won't want to miss!

October, 2006



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Babysitters
Listing

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.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere a sign!



One of the ways we try and keep Rivershyre clean and pristine is to limit signage at the front of the neighborhood and throughout the common areas.

We have informed all of the realty companies that their signs are only allowed in the front lawn of the home. NO SIGNS at the front entrance. We do not want to junk it up like other neighborhood entrances.

The only exception is on Sunday's for open house. The signs go up Sunday morning and go down Sunday evening.



We ask those families who are trying to sell their home on their own to comply with the same rules. Also, if you are having an event at the clubhouse, we ask that any signs or balloons that you place around the neighborhood be collected and disposed of the day after your event.

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's twenty-seventh Yard of the Month can be found at **1085 Severn Drive**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of ReMax 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** ***

Pool Referendum Discussion	Tuesday, October 3 rd @ 7:30pm
Columbus Day	Thursday, October 12 th
Spooky To Be Hungry!	Saturday, October 28 th
Halloween Parade	Saturday, October 28 th @ 5:30pm
Daylight Savings Time Ends	Sunday, October 29 th – Turn your clocks back one hour!
Halloween	Tuesday, October 31 st

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

2006 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Grady Taylor	Vice President
Craig Trout	Secretary
Martha Kaphhammer	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Lisa McLendon, Darrell Speight	Members

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 ReMax Augusta Realtors. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip or Sharon at 833-4663.

Active Listings as of 9/19/2006

1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$262,900
1149 Hartford Trail	\$233,900
2036 Edenton Trail	\$268,900

Sold Properties 6/19/2006 – 9/19/2006

1166 Claridge Trail	\$175,000
1084 Severn Drive	\$230,000
1141 Rivershyre Drive	\$227,900
1172 Parkside Trail	\$188,000
1132 Midford Court	\$243,900
1196 Newport Trail	\$255,000

Pending Sales as of 9/19/2006

N/A

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2522 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$217,508
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$86.14
Average Days on the Market	31 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Chuck Faulkner
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Martha Kapfhammer
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 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 Wednesday, 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. 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

New Look For the Rivershyre Website

A new look is taking shape for the Rivershyre website. Several changes have recently been made to the neighborhood webpage with many more to come over the next few months.

Our website was conceived and implemented several years ago with a number of objectives in mind. First and foremost, it was intended to be a tool for the association to communicate with the members. In that vein, some of the most significant changes to take place involve improving the channels of communication. For example, the community calendar has been upgraded to improve its versatility and function. Additional changes are being considered that will allow direct input by the viewer. Another significant change designed to aid communications will be the addition of links to community surveys and polls and the introduction of a feedback forum. These new features will allow the association to gauge the opinion of members concerning issues and topics important to the improvement of our community.

Other objectives of the website upgrade will focus on updating the appearance and adding some entertaining features. The design changes will replace the current parchment background with a lighter and brighter appearance. More photographs will be utilized to promote our neighborhood's amenities and highlight some of our community activities. However, to protect our privacy, security features will be added to limit access to some features to just Rivershyre residents.

Please visit our site at www.rivershyre.org and try out some of the new features as they are added. Remember, the purpose of the website is to serve the community so please provide some feedback to let us know how we're doing and to tell us what you would like to see. Currently input may be provided via e-mail directly to our community webmaster at webmaster@rivershyre.org or to any board member at addresses listed on the website. And don't forget, new features such as the feedback forum and community surveys are coming soon.

Vandals!!!

During the weekend of September 15 & 16, some unwelcome guests visited Rivershyre and decided to spray paint some lawns and at least one vehicle. They also stole a very large UGA flag off of someone's front porch.

We are "assuming" they were from outside the neighborhood because they spray painted some anti Greenbrier slogans and touted Evans high school. Some who were vandalized did submit a report to the sheriff's department.

Darrell Speight, Neighborhood Watch & Safety Chairman would like to remind anyone who has been (or could be) vandalized to please submit a report to the Sheriff's office. Additional reports mean additional patrols throughout the neighborhood.

Also, if you plan on leaving on vacation, please call House Watch (call Columbia County at 311) and the Sheriff's Department will inspect your home, daily, while you are gone. This is a free service and will increase the sheriff's visibility in the neighborhood.

Halloween Safety

- ☛ Children should go out during daylight hours unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
 - ☛ Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves.
 - ☛ Stop only at familiar houses in your own neighborhood unless they are accompanied by an adult.
 - ☛ Small children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween. Make sure an older sibling or adult is with them.
 - ☛ Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.
 - ☛ Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
 - ☛ Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
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A Message from the President

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Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has also done a great job this past year. They have stepped up their efforts to maintain the neighborhood's beauty and charm while having "everyone" adhere to the rules and regulations of the neighborhood; they are getting and approving more Property Alteration Requests (PARs); and they are making more "inspection" tours of the neighborhood to quell any problems that might arise. The best news coming from the committee is the support of your neighbors. There has been very little "animosity" within the community.

Darrell Speight gave an overview of the Neighborhood Watch and Safety committee. Darrell is still trying to make the clubhouse a substation for the Sheriffs department, but the hold up is on the county's end. Darrell is hoping to get the ball rolling again this year or in early 2007.

Social and Welcome has had another tremendous year with children's events. Last year's Halloween parade and breakfast with Santa saw lots of children and families participating. The 2nd annual Fourth of July parade saw an increase in fire trucks and sheriff's cars participating as well. It looks like their niche is with children's events, but they are still hopeful the "adult" events will see more participation this fall and in 2007.

The pool committee presented their case to the community as to why they will be asking for a "special referendum" to help cover their current budget shortfall. Currently on the table are two proposals. One is a one time assessment of \$90 per family (paid over two years). The second would make everyone a member of the pool and each homeowner would pay \$189 per year and then eventually dropping down to \$156 dollars per year.

There were a handful of questions from the audience, but all were asking for clarification and how the referendum would be held. A couple of "financial" suggestions were made as well. At the next board meeting on October 3rd, we will have further discussions.

The only major questions or concerns coming from the audience were:

- Availability (and communication) in clubhouse rentals We will look into how to make that more "customer friendly"
- General neighborhood communication (highlighting events and programs)

- Lawn maintenance (which we hope to fix with the new contract)

The official meeting lasted 1 hour and 15 minutes. I would like to thank the 10% who took the time to come out and participate (and gobbled down the great food prepared by Martha Kapfhammer).

Additional Notes:

The Columbia County Greenspace committee would like to make a presentation to the board and to the neighborhood. The tentative meeting date is Tuesday, November 7th. Check next month's newsletter and the front board for updates.

We are currently updating our website and adding a community calendar. We are also looking at creating a monthly "poll" to check the neighborhood's pulse on various issues.

Comments, Questions, or Concerns! Please don't hesitate to contact me!

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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".

Message Board

Please note that the message board at the front of the neighborhood is for the Rivershyre Association messages only. We ask those who need to pass along info to certain neighbors or to celebrate an event, to place a sign on the "island" and to discard it after the event is completed!



Reminder – Pool Referendum Discussion to be held Tuesday October 3rd at the clubhouse at 7:30pm during the board meeting. All are invited to attend.

12th Annual It's Spooky to be Hungry Food Drive

That time of year is here again time for our annual volunteer food drive!

On Saturday, October 28th, Rivershyre will be participating with over 160 other CSRA neighborhoods in eight counties. This is the 12th 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 \$640.00! 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. Our regional food bank serves over 400,000 people and over 2 million meals.

Second, very little of your time is needed. Spend just a few hours on Saturday morning, October 28th 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 importance of helping others. This is a very kid-friendly event!!

Every pair of hands makes a difference. In 2005 the food drive involved 2,600 volunteers in over 230 CSRA neighborhoods, schools and community groups. Working together \$56,000 and over 98,000 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 28th from 9 a.m. until noon. We'll meet at 1128 Village Ct 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, you may leave your contribution in a grocery bag by your front door for pick-up.

We're looking forward to 100% participation from our great (and very generous) Rivershyre community!!

To volunteer, please

frizzi670@comcast.net.

Come, enjoy a day out
the hungry!

contact Kristin Frizzi at 706 863-2334 or e-mail

Remember, many hands make the work load lighter.

in the fresh air with friends while helping to feed