



The Village Crier

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

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Another year in the books!

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Last month, we had our yearly neighborhood association meeting, and like the previous 10 years of meetings, about 22 homeowners showed up and about 30 people overall were in attendance.

I believe the largest attendance we've had was the year that the pool financing efforts were brought before the neighborhood. Nothing out of the ordinary this year (and the Greenspace issue had its own special meeting). We did have guest speaker – our sheriff's department representative who patrols our neighborhood from 6pm to 6am. Patrolman Jerry Jones noted that we have one of the best neighborhoods that he oversees. Our neighborhood is easy to work with, always amenable to his needs, no major infractions or problems.

He did have a concern with our youngsters (under the age of 18) roaming the neighborhood after 10pm. Patrolman Jones made it crystal clear that if he finds anyone under 18 out on the streets after 10pm, he will pick them up and he will escort them to their home and have a conversation with their parents.

Parents – he was quite serious about this issue. We have had a small rash of vandalism problems this year and Patrolman Jones takes that quite personally. Please, know where your children are at all times and make sure they are close by – after 10pm. You don't want him knocking on your door with your child at his side.

Each of our committee chairs gave a brief presentation on the happenings with their committees. Each started and ended asking for volunteers. Remember, it is never too late to volunteer an hour or two of your time each month. We did get some neighbors to sign up for some committees. We still need board members and there is always room for you on any committee!!

Some meeting highlights:

- We'll be putting a new roof on the clubhouse later this fall. Part of the cost will be covered by insurance (hail damage). The rest of the monies will be coming from our long term fund for our club house roof.
- Our current landscaping contractor has agreed NOT to raise his rates if we sign a two year agreement. Based on the cost of gasoline, we are getting a pretty good deal on this. The board had budgeted an extra \$1,000 per month to cover expected cost increases. In the past, the Grounds & Lakes committee has reviewed proposals from other landscaping companies. For most, the cost was well higher

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 25th will be our annual Halloween parade. It will start at 4:30 (pizza and drink to follow). Decorate your bikes wagon, golf cart and yourself. Watch and Safety committee will have other activities starting @ 2:00. Please bring your family down to the club house and enjoy all the fun! RSVP to Joanie by Oct 22nd 706-863-2931.



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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".

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's forty-ninth Yard of the Month can be found at **2027 Edenton Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Re/Max Augusta (**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 ***

Yom Kippur	Thursday, October 9 th
Columbus Day	Monday, October 13 th
Halloween Parade	Saturday, October 25 th
Halloween	Friday, October 31 st

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.

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

Active Listings as of 9/17/08

1106 Rivershyre Drive	\$278,999
1158 Oakton Trail	\$264,900
1114 Rivershyre Drive	\$276,000
1087 Severn Drive	\$249,000
1171 Parkside Trail	\$234,900

Pending Sales as of 9/17/08

1123 Midford Court
1135 Rivershyre Drive
1213 Oakton Trail

Sold Properties 6/17/08 – 9/17/08

1122 Midford Court	\$267,280
2003 Rivershyre Drive	\$253,888
1195 Rivershyre Drive	\$248,000
1086 Severn Drive	\$239,900
1182 Rivershyre Drive	\$246,100
1214 Oakton Trail	\$244,000
1185 Oakton Trail	\$231,900

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2,870 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$247,295
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$86.16
Average Days on the Market	62 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.

Committee Updates & Notes

Another Year...

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than our current agreement and those who bid under our current agreement could not pass along any credible references.

- The bridges on the nature trail are showing their age. We currently have a “patch” to cover a hole. Later this fall, the Grounds & Lakes committee (and volunteers like you) will help to repair the bridges. Further announcements will be posted on the board at the front of the neighborhood.
- Long Term Funding
 - The board will be creating two new categories where monies will be pushed to and saved until needed (like our tennis courts and clubhouse roof).
 - Pool – For any major work or repairs that will be needed in the future
 - Emergency Funds – Since the cost of additional insurance is exorbitant; the board will allot \$1,000 a year to this fund. This fund will cover any storm damage or any damage to Rivershyre property NOT covered by our basic policy
- Parades – Any parade held in Rivershyre will require road closures. County regulations require Rivershyre to close the roads to traffic while a parade/event is in progress. Most parade routes make a circle from one end of Oakton trail to the other and Rivershyre Drive between the two Oakton trail entrances. Our next two parades will be a Halloween parade and a Christmas parade. Please keep an eye on the front board for dates and times.

For those who attended the yearly meeting, THANK YOU for showing an interest in your neighborhood. And many thanks for your

questions and concerns. Here is a quick overview of the discussion topics:

Speed Bumps on Oakton Trail:

- A resident with small children wanted to request that the sheriff’s department patrol our streets for speeders. Specifically on Oakton Trail where there have been several complaints about speeding. Because of manpower issues, the Sheriff’s department can’t be there all the time. So a request was made about adding speed bumps.
- Speed bumps are a county responsibility. In order for the county to install them, it would require a majority of residents on Oakton trail to request that they be installed.

Mowing the Island on Parkside Trail

- A resident was concerned that an island on Parkside Trail was not getting any upkeep and wanted to know why it was not covered under the Landscaping maintenance contract the RCA has entered into.
- Many years ago, previous owners of the homes surrounding the island volunteered to maintain the island. Since that time, those homeowners have left the area and none of the current homeowners are maintaining the island. The Grounds & Lakes committee will review the matter and make a recommendation to the board.

Doggie Rest Stops

- We have a new neighbor in Rivershyre and she noticed right away that those people who walk their dogs have no problem letting their pets “do their business” on someone else’s lawn – specifically, her lawn. Pet owners - please respect the “sanctity” of your fellow neighbor’s lawns and property. Other people’s property is not your personal litter box!

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Rivershyre sponsored parties for adults

- The question was raised why Rivershyre no longer has events catering to adults. In the past there were events planned that were adult oriented but were poorly attended. The Social & Welcome committee will look at hosting an event for adults in the near future. (If you have an idea for a party or want to help, please contact Renee Nehlsen @ 706.8691878)

Additional Updates!

Clubhouse Rentals

- Starting in 2009, the cost to rent the clubhouse will increase to \$75 per event. The increase will help to cover our aging appliances. It looks like we'll need a new water heater before the holiday season.

Greenspace Update

- The board has submitted a number of follow up questions to the Greenspace committee. We are awaiting their response. I do have a copy of their August presentation. If you would like a copy, please drop me a note (georgiaterp@comcast.net).

Trestle Jumpers

- A number of people (of all ages) have been caught at the rail road trestle. The good news is that none of the jumpers are from Rivershyre. The bad news for them is that they will be prosecuted and fines are handed down.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday, October 7th – 7:30 pm at the clubhouse. I encourage you to drop by and sit in on the proceedings. You just might enjoy it so much that you'll want to volunteer!!

Bill Ferguson

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Pool Committee Report

Well, the 2008 pool season is now history, and we hope fond memories for our members and guests.

The committee thanks all of the members who made this season possible. Without your support, operation of the pool facility would not be possible.

Our primary goal was, as always, to provide a safe and enjoyable amenity for the residents of Rivershyre. After that, we wanted to increase the size of the membership in order to generate the funds necessary to continue to make the required repairs and desirable improvements in the facility. The pool membership has been declining over the past several years. Reversing this trend is very important. While we didn't sign up the number of members we had set as a goal, we did achieve a modest gain, rather than continuing the negative trend. Continuing this increase in membership will be just as important again in 2009.

One objective in 2008 was to provide something special most every week for our members. We hosted the entire neighborhood on three occasions starting with our Grand Opening Party and continuing through the Fourth of July weekend and ending with the Labor Day Closing Party. We also held party nights for the Middle School and High School students. Our most popular events, however, were our new Friday night "Dive-In" movies. All of our events were promoted with the objective of providing a safe and fun place for Rivershyre families to spend the summer days and evenings. We expect to continue all of these activities in the season to come. Please consider the pool a great place to spend your leisure time and don't forget to sign up next year.

We also could use your ideas and feedback on what you liked about the pool and what you didn't care for.

This year many volunteers worked hard to make

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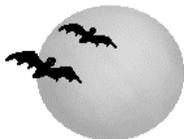
this season happen. First and foremost, our committee made thing happen. Thank you Alma Acosta, Jeanna Baggott, Tracey Hogue, Bill Ferguson,

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Jeannie Forester, Susan Perfect, Mona Rodgers, Tim Taylor, Tim Troutman, T. M. Weisz and our Treasurer, Holly Bullock. This group comprised the pool committee for the 2008 season. Other special volunteers that helped with everything from providing the attractive potted plants around the pool deck to doing the remodeling of the restrooms and the exterior of the pump house were Heather Gaitonde, Bruce Armstrong, Scott Baggott and Debbie Weisz. We also owe thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with the parties, dinners and movie nights.

I especially want to thank our 2008 pool staff. Jeanna Baggott and Tracey Hogue did a great job of managing the attendant staff and concession operations. Our attendants also did a great job of keeping the pool operating in a safe and enjoyable manner. Thanks go to Bryan Armstrong, Stephen Ferguson, Larry Hogue, Mitchell Hogue, Ross Jarrard, Jessie Usry and Emily Weisz.

Now that the pool is closed until next year, our committee's attention turns to planning for the 2009 season. The next meeting of the pool committee will be 7:30pm, Thursday, October 16th. This will be the last meeting of the committee during 2008. The 2009 edition of the committee will begin its season with its first meeting next January. All are welcome to attend the meetings and encouraged to do so. We are always in need of members to

**Daylight Saving Time**

On Sunday, November 2 (the first Sunday in November) at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States. This is the second year that Daylight Saving Time is four weeks longer due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005. We "fall back" at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November by setting our clock back one hour and thus returning to standard time.

And don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

Easy Costume Ideas**The Finest Fireman**

1. Use a yellow raincoat and regular pants from your closet. Wrap black electrical tape twice around each arm of the raincoat and twice around each leg of the pants (toward the wrist and the ankle, respectively).
2. Pick up a plastic fireman's hat at a local party store, spray-paint the hat black and let it dry.
3. Have your child throw on a pair of black boots or shoes, and he's ready to go!

Workman Costume

1. Cut the sleeves off an old flannel shirt and wear it over a long-sleeved thermal shirt.
2. Strap on a tool belt, add some old hand tools, and smudge on brown face paint for a hard-working look.
3. Hand the builder a pair of work gloves, a hard hat, a tape measure, a toy walkie-talkie, and work boots (or any shoes), and he'll be ready to tool about the neighborhood.

Spa Girl

1. First, have her put on a plush terry bathrobe and wrap up her 'do in a hand towel secured with a safety pin and covered with an eye mask.
2. Press on some fake nails and eyelashes for the full treatment look.
3. Apply green face paint, leaving an inch around the eyes and mouth for a mask effect.
4. Have her grab a gift bag, comb, and handheld mirror, put on a pair of slippers, and take a deep, relaxing breath before heading out on the town.

Interested in the Rivershyre Tiger Sharks? Contact: Tim Troutman at 706-855-2892

tatroutman@RDBrownContractors.com

Neighborhood Watch & Safety



Mark your calendars for:

The Neighborhood Fall Festival and Halloween parade

Saturday, October 25 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

All kind of special events will be going on all afternoon!

2:00 PM **Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program** for preK to Third Grade, Presented by Columbia County Sherriff's Department.

2:30 PM **Bicycle Safety Class** for all ages- bring your bikes and safety gear, Presented by Columbia County Sherriff's Department.

3:00 PM **Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program**

3:30 PM **Bicycle Safety Class**

All after noon: **IDENTI-A-KID**

Canine Unit will put on demonstrations!

The New Fire House Fire Truck from Station #5

4:30 Everybody Line Up for the **Halloween Parade** led by the Columbia County Fire Department – all members of the Columbia County Sherriff's Department including the Bicycle Patrol and Canine Unit are invited to participate.

Pizza and drinks following parade. Please RSVP to Joanie Bryant at 706-863-2931 by October 22 for the Halloween Parade and Pizza and Drinks.

All of this is provided by Neighborhood Watch and Safety, Social and Welcome Committees, Columbia County Sherriff's Department and Martinez-Columbia County Fire and Rescue Department.

Hope you can all come and bring your kids. We can use volunteers that day to help the kids attend all of the events. Please contact me at kbarrett29@comcast.net if you are interested.

Other news:

You missed a great Annual Homeowners Meeting this month. Deputy Jones who handles our neighborhood from 6 pm to 6 am came to meet everybody. He did let us know that we have some of our teenagers wondering around at night through the neighborhood. He is stopping them to make sure that they are where they are supposed to be.

This month we have had two incidents in the neighborhood. One was credit card fraud. In this case the card owner was lucky. The store contacted the card holder to let them know they thought something was suspicious about the purchase. The other was some items stolen from someone's garage. There was no sign of forced entry.

Halloween is on a Friday night this year. We will have lots and lots of trick or treaters throughout the neighborhood. Please make sure that your children are walking with a flashlight or are wearing something that glows in the dark. We want to make sure that the cars coming in and out will see them easily. We want all of the kids to have a fun and safe Halloween!

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	