



The Village Crier

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

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Lots of Christmas Fun in Rivershyre

Santa's coming to Rivershyre again this year! We found out that Santa really likes pancakes for breakfast so we're having a Breakfast with Santa and on the menu will be pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee.



The date is set for Saturday, December 3rd from 9 until 10 a.m. at the clubhouse. Santa has promised to pose for pictures with the children so remember to bring your camera along with you. The deadline to RSVP is November 30th. Be sure to call Joannie at 863-2931 so we'll know just how many pancakes to make! Santa is looking forward to seeing lots of Rivershyre families. This event is free for the families so why not come have breakfast with Santa!!

4th Annual Light-Up Rivershyre Contest is Announced

Again this year our neighborhood will be challenged in this decorating contest. Rivershyre always looks spectacular during the Holiday season making the judging very difficult. Start planning your holiday decorating now -- full details will be in the December newsletter.

Date Change for Social and Welcome Committee Meeting

In an effort to accommodate the current members and in hopes of getting some new members, the Social and Welcome Committee is changing the date of their meeting from the 2nd Tuesday of each month to the **2nd Thursday** of each month. We meet at the clubhouse at 7 p.m. and our meetings usually last about an hour. We plan the social activities for the neighborhood and try to identify the new neighbors to welcome. If this sounds interesting to you, why not join us at our meetings and lend a hand? You can have lots of fun and make new friends. The November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10th at 7 p.m. See you then!

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Ladies Christmas Party

Our annual Ladies Christmas Party is back again this year and you need to circle Sunday, December 11th on our calendar. We'll be starting the fun at 7 p.m.

Watch for your December newsletter because the final details are still being worked on. We're looking forward to seeing lots of new and old faces on December 11th.

Children's Thanksgiving Games

Turkey Hunt

Hide a stuffed animal somewhere in the room. If you don't have a Turkey, dress up a stuffed bear or dog to look like a turkey. Have the children search quietly for the turkey. Whoever finds it gets to hide it the next time.

Word Find

Take a Thanksgiving related word such as: Thanksgiving, Mayflower, Cornucopia, etc. and find as many little words as possible within before the timer runs out.

Example: Cornucopia Words: corn, pin, no, arc, car, nip, cop, cup, on, or, rap...

Example: Mayflower Words: May, flower, flow, flare, lay, low, fear, ear, owe, fly, rye, wear, row...

~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's nineteenth Yard of the Month can be found at **1082 Rivershyre Court**. 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".

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.

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 ***

Veteran's Day	Friday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24 th
Santa Comes to Rivershyre	Saturday, December 3 rd

Newsletter articles are due by the 20th of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: 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 10/17/2005

1089 Severn Drive	\$214,900
1144 Hartford Trail	\$179,900

Sold Properties 7/17/2005 – 10/17/2005

1192 Rivershyre Drive	\$220,000
1183 Rivershyre Drive	\$224,900
1186 Rivershyre Drive	\$219,900
1160 Parkside Trail	\$164,900

Pending Sales as of 10/17/2005

1122 Village Court
1165 Oakton Trail
1132 Midford Court

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2773 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$212,160
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$76.50
Average Days on the Market	28 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 th Monday, 7:00 pm
Board of Directors	1 st Thursday, 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 Thursday, 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

Rivershyre Classifieds



Help Wanted

Grounds & Lakes committee is looking for volunteers who want to help keep Rivershyre beautiful.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the clubhouse at 7pm. Meetings last about an hour. Men & women, young & old may join. No experience necessary

Help Wanted

Treasurer – The Rivershyre board is looking for someone who is good with numbers and is able to help maintain the neighborhood budget and pay some bills. Responsibilities include: knowledge of how a check book works, how to balance a check book, how to pay bills, how to set up simple reports for distribution, reporting monthly to the Rivershyre board.

Help Wanted

Rivershyre Board members – One of the best homeowner’s associations is looking for volunteers to meet once a month for 90 minutes to help enhance our neighborhood, set goals and priorities; solve problems; and stand out within the community. No experience necessary - just energy, a desire to help, and the opportunity to contribute. Call 651-1797 to learn more or apply!

Parents!

Do your children need to earn community service hours for school or church? The Rivershyre Community association can help. Upcoming events include the Halloween parade, Christmas events, neighborhood clean up, Nature Trail trimming; and other projects. For more info, please contact your Rivershyre Board members or committee head members. Help your children – Help Rivershyre!

“The Declarations”

Presented by the

Architectural Control Committee

In last month’s newsletter, we stated the Declarations establish the homeowners’ association and set rules for membership. We also briefly discussed the first four Articles in the Declarations. This month, we will identify the remaining four Articles.

Article V, “Covenants for Assessments” addresses annual assessments, including the regular maximum annual assessment. Also covered is the process for approval of a special assessment and the remedies available to the Association to resolve non-payment of assessments by members.

Article VI, “Funds of the Association”, includes a discussion of ownership and maintenance of common properties and services that may be provided by the Association, should it see fit.

Article VII, “Architectural Review” states all construction, modifications or alterations to landscaping or the exterior of structures shall be reviewed and approved.

Article VIII, “General Provisions” covers a number of items such as the duration of the Declarations, amendments to the document, enforcement of covenants and restrictions and how the Association may be terminated.

Questions about the Covenants, Declarations or Bylaws may be addressed to either the Architectural Control Committee or the Board of Directors at any of their regular monthly meetings. Questions or comments may also be e-mailed to the Committee at acc@rivershyre.org.

Next month, we’ll discuss the Association’s Bylaws.

Committee Updates & Notes Cont'd

Rivershyre Annual Homeowners Meeting

In case you were one of the 250 families who DID NOT attend the annual Rivershyre Community Association meeting, I thought I would pass along some notes from the meeting!

We are very fortunate to have one of the better neighborhoods in the Evans area. For those who are moving in or out, the homes are selling very quickly (many in under 10 days!). Part of the selling point is our great reputation, quality of life, and believe it or not, our active Homeowners Association!

Some of the upgrades we have made this past year include:

- ✓ New Fence along Rivershyre Drive
- ✓ Benches at the playground and the lake
- ✓ Enhancing the foliage and flower beds throughout the neighborhood
- ✓ Partial upgrades to our parking areas on the nature trail and lake
- ✓ Upcoming for 2006
 - Creating an “official” no parking zone on the right hand side of the pool road
 - Widening the nature trail path
 - Additional lights at the pool
 - Upgrading the tennis courts
 - Painting and repairing the outside of the clubhouse

Of course, with any neighborhood, there are going to be problems and concerns!

- ✓ Pool Vandalism
 - We have had a number of break ins and damage.
 - If you know or hear rumors of who might be doing this, please, PLEASE contact the Sheriff’s department. This has got to stop or we are going to see a significant increase in our pool rates AND in our neighborhood insurance costs.
- ✓ Litter
 - We are seeing more trash tossed along the road all throughout the neighborhood! With homes selling for more than \$200,000, we don’t want to make our neighborhood look like a trash pit.

- Please, if you see litter around your home, please take the time to pick it up!
- And if you have teenagers cruising in and out, please ask them to be responsible and not use our streets as trash cans!
- Loitering
 - The lake and the nature trails are not “hang outs”. Several times, the Sheriff’s department has had to come out and round up some unruly types who should not be there or not acting in the proper fashion.
 - Parents – Please talk to your children and teach them how to act properly within our neighborhood, and that our surroundings & our neighbors should be treated with respect!

- ✓ Railroad tracks and bridge
 - CSX is prosecuting anyone found on the tracks or on the bridge. The tracks and bridges are private property and are not part of the Rivershyre neighborhood. Again, you’ll need to warn your children that these are not places to hang out or play.
- ✓ ATV’s & Motorcycles
 - They are not allowed on the Nature Trail or around the lake!
 - We can’t make it any plainer that that. If you, or your children have an ATV or motorcycle, you’ll need to find other places to ride them.
 - They are damaging the eco-system, our nature trails, the walking bridges and disturbing your neighbors (especially after dark!)
- ✓ Car Stereos
 - A number of your neighbors have mentioned that some our neighborhood sons and daughters are “cranking the tunes” as they drive through the neighborhood, especially at night!
 - Legally, they are breaking

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the law by disturbing the peace and calls have been made to the Sheriff's department.

- o Again, ask your children to respect our neighbors and turn down the volume as they drive in and out of the neighborhood

We are in desperate need for Volunteers! All of our committees need your time and energy. All we are asking is an hour or two each month!! I know everyone has a busy schedule, and there are so many things to go or places to go, but it all starts and ends at home, and your home is in one of the best neighborhoods in the area. Please, we need you to continue to make Rivershyre the best place to live!

And very Special Thanks to:

- ✓ Karen Kearns – Newsletter
- ✓ Michael Nehlsen – Website
- ✓ Phillip & Sharon Jones – Printing & Mailing of Newsletter, Reminders, and Yard of the month
- ✓ Larry Beran – Neighborhood Maintenance

If you have any questions or concerns to pass along, or if you would like to VOLUNTEER for one of our committees or sit on our board, please do not hesitate to contact me. My home phone is 651-1797!

Bill Ferguson
Rivershyre Community Association President

Neighborhood Watch And Safety

Animal Care & Control Officers have removed 13 deer from Columbia County roadways within a three day period. All were involved in collisions with vehicles. So far this year, there have been 259 deer picked up

from our roadways. We would like to help prevent this number from increasing! Here are some of the key roadways to keep an eye on in Columbia County:

List of roads that there are normally a large amount of deer pick ups:

- N. Belair Road ♦ Furys Ferry Road ♦
- Harlem Grovetown Road ♦ William Few Parkway ♦
- Washington Road ♦ Columbia Road ♦
- Hereford Farm Road ♦ Wrightsboro Road ♦
- Appling Harlem Highway ♦ Ray Owens Road

Avoiding Deer / Vehicle Collisions

The explosion in the deer population has lead to a continuing increase in deer-vehicle collisions. This trend will only increase as the deer population grows and urban habitats continue to encroach upon rural environments. Most accidents occur between October and December during breeding season, and more than half take place between 5pm and midnight. According to the National Safety Council, there were 530,000 animal-related accidents in 2003 and these collisions resulted in 100 deaths and 10,000 injuries. Call Animal Care & Control Department at 541-4077 or call 3-1-1 and advise of the location and size of the deer for quick removal.

Reminder

If you are going to be away from home for more than a day please do not forget to inform the Columbia County Sheriff's Office at (706) 541-2800 so that they can keep an eye out for you. This helps you and our community.

