

The Village Crier

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

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Chilly Times Ahead

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The weather is getting cooler and there is frost on the pumpkins. I am not sure if the chill running down most of our backs is from the weather or from the current economic mess we are in right now. The question being asked everywhere is “how much have you lost in your 401K so far?”. I always used to joke that I had a better chance of doubling my money by playing the ponies. Hmmm – maybe I should have. At least I would have had some fun losing the money!!

Currently, our Rivershyre savings have been spared from the economic chaos. We have close to \$50,000 tucked away in CDs and the money is being saved for long term projects. One project that was paid for this year was our tennis courts. We have some other projects that we’ll have to start seriously looking at; but for now, things look good.

Hopefully, attached to this newsletter, you will find the 2009 Rivershyre budget. As you will see, our costs and bills are going up like yours. We did get a reprieve with our 2009-2010 landscaping costs. Even though the price of gas is like a roller coaster ride, it looks like there will be no increase in cost. That’s probably the silver lining we’ll have for this year.

We’ll be increasing homeowner’s rates by 5% for 2009 and the board will decide when we want to look at a one time “step increase” to cover the cost of a homeowner management group (this will require a neighborhood vote).

If you have any questions about the budget, please drop me a note or give me a call. One of the ways we try to save money is getting volunteers to help out with various projects and on committees. We can always use your help. The board will be looking for new members for 2009 and our committees can always use more bodies. Anyone who would like to help with our Christmas festivities, please contact Renee Nielsen (renee.burton@knology.net).

Last month, I noted that a neighbor had asked about putting speed bumps on Oakton Trail. In years past, the neighborhood had to petition those on the streets affected and pass along the petition to Columbia County. Now we learn that in order for speed bumps to be built, there must be at least 251 vehicles traveling on a city road each day and a percentage (I’m still not sure what that number is) must be exceeding the 25 mph speed limit. At this time, the board is not planning any action for or against the speed bumps. But we do ask ALL Rivershyre residents to obey the 25 mph speed limit. The children and pets of Rivershyre thank you for using caution while driving.

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See us at:

www.rivershyre.org



Upcoming Events

Cookies with Santa at 9:00am on December 13th at the Clubhouse. Please RSVP to Joanie 706-863-2931 by December 6th.

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

tatroutman@RDBrownContractors.com

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** ~

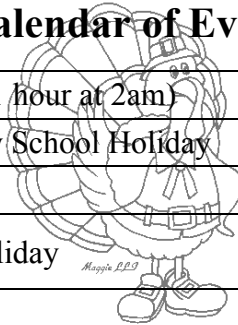
Rivershyre's FIFTIETH Yard of the Month can be found at **1128 Village Court**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Re/Max Augusta (**706-833-4663**). The monthly winners will have a very nice sign placed in their yard signifying that they have been selected as having the nicest yard in Rivershyre.

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.

*** **Calendar of Events** ***

Daylight Savings (Fall back 1 hour at 2am)	Sunday, November 2 nd
Election Day – Columbia Cty School Holiday	Tuesday, November 4 th
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11 th
Columbia County School Holiday	November 26 th – November 28 th
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27 th



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 10/17/08

1158 Oakton Trail	\$254,900
1170 Claridge Trail	\$209,900
1114 Rivershyre Drive	\$264,000
1087 Severn Drive	\$249,000
1123 Midford Court	\$288,900
1171 Parkside Trail	\$234,900
1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$229,900
1088 Severn Drive	\$234,900
1081 Rivershyre Court	\$275,000

Pending Sales as of 10/17/08

None

Sold Properties 7/17/08 – 10/17/08

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
1135 Rivershyre Drive	\$242,500
1213 Oakton Trail	\$226,000

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2,872 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$217,285
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$78.10
Average Days on the Market	52 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

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Do you think your home or someone's home in the CSRA area is pretty special?? The Augusta Chronicle is looking for home ideas to highlight in the Saturday Homes page. If you would like more information or if you would like the Chronicle to visit, please contact Nikasha Dicks at 706.823.3336.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday and don't forget to call Columbia County House Watch if you leave town! (Housewatch: 706.541.2800)

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Grounds & Lake Committee Report

The Grounds and Lake Committee held its October meeting on Monday, October 20th and made plans for the next neighborhood workday scheduled for mid-November. The exact date and time will be posted on the neighborhood bulletin board. Please watch for the posting and lend a hand.

Scheduled activities include replacement of the water heater at the clubhouse, repair of the playground equipment and removal of some accumulated storm debris at Hardy Pond. While many other items are in need of repair and several areas need cleaning up, these will have to wait until our midwinter workday sometime in January or February. Some activities, such as those involving work along the Nature Trail, are best performed during the winter when most of the weeds have died back and the slithering critters are not out and about.

During future workdays, volunteers will be needed to make repairs to the two bridges on the nature

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trail, lay some new sod in some of the landscaped areas and make some additional repairs at the clubhouse. Dates for those workdays will be posted on the neighborhood bulletin board as the dates get closer. Whenever such a notice is placed on the board, please lend a hand and join us in helping to take care of our neighborhood. All of these efforts are accomplished with volunteer help and your help is greatly appreciated.

The work of the committee and its volunteers is not limited to just the workdays that are held several times a year. Many smaller chores such as making adjustments and minor repairs to the neighborhood sprinkler systems are handled on an as-needed basis. Other tasks include making minor repairs at the clubhouse and everyone's favorite, emptying the trash cans at the playground, Hardy Pond and the Nature Trail.

The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Rivershyre Clubhouse. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17th. If you would like to join the committee or simply have questions, please visit.

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	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	

Pool Committee Report

The Pool Committee held its the last meeting for 2008 on Thursday, October 16th. Now that the pool is closed until next year, our committee's attention turns to planning for the 2009 season. The 2009 edition of the committee will begin its season with its first meeting on Thursday, January 15th. All are welcome to attend the meetings and are encouraged to do so. We are always in need of new members to add new energy and fresh ideas. Please consider joining the committee in 2009.

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

Our objective in 2009 will be, as always, to provide a safe and enjoyable amenity for the residents of Rivershyre. We hope to provide something special most every week for our members. We expect to host the entire neighborhood on several occasions starting with our Grand Opening Party. We also expect to continue the Friday night "Dive-In" movies.

All of our events are aimed at providing a safe and fun place for Rivershyre families to spend the summer days and evenings. 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. Please help us make the pool the best facility we can.

Again, let me say thanks to each and every one of you! Your membership made the pool season possible and your continued membership will ensure future seasons. Please join us again in 2009!!

Neighborhood Watch & Safety

Hope everyone enjoyed the Fall Festival and Halloween Parade. We would like to thank the Columbia County Sherriff Department and

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Martinez Evans Fire Department for making this a very special event. Neighborhood Watch and Safety as well as the Social and Welcome Committee appreciate all of the volunteers that helped make it possible.

October has been a quiet month in the neighborhood. The only problem we had was a red van that was going from house to house trying to clean people's carpet in "one room" for free. The van was unmarked and had a South Carolina tag. Fortunately one of our residents called the Sherriff's Department and had them escorted out of the neighborhood. Remember nothing is free. They were probably going to case the house and come back and take things. Please don't let anyone in your home or buy anything unless you see a business license.

Fall is here and leaves are piling up. Please remember you can't burn them without a permit from the Fire Department.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner. Please let your neighbors and the Sherriff's Department know if you are going out of town. The Sherriff Department can put you on their watch list. Their number is **706-541-2800**. Its time to get your fire places cleaned before you use them this year. We have already had some chilly nights in October!

Deer season is here and the deer are running through out the neighborhood. Please be watching for them. Remember there is no hunting allowed on Rivershyre property.

Neighborhood Watch and Safety will not be meeting for the next two months due to the holidays. If you have any problems or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at kbarrett29@comcast.net.

