



The Village Crier

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

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A Message from the Association President



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Hi everyone and Happy Thanksgiving.

This month I would like to thank the folks who put in a great deal of time and effort to repainting portions of our clubhouse. There were two Saturdays where volunteers spent hours repainting the kitchen, bathrooms and trim throughout. The next phase of renovations in the clubhouse will be replacing the flooring in both bathrooms and the kitchen. When all is done, the clubhouse will have a nice makeover.

Also, every month a number of people spend their time and effort producing this newsletter. From writing articles, to formatting entries, to mailing out the final product, takes a good deal of work. Based off some of the issues and complaints I receive, it makes me question how much of the newsletter is actually read. Example, we have issues with neighbors not submitting PARs before they make adjustments to their homes. When we ask why that is, the common response is "I did not know I needed to submit one". Yet in almost every edition of the newsletter, it mentions the requirement to submit a PAR. We received one complaint addressing why we don't publish trends with crime in the neighborhood. The newsletter does this under Neighborhood Safety and Watch. I could continue on with other examples, but I think you get my point.

Speaking of Safety, this is an area I would like to address this month. Unfortunately, we have had a rash of vehicles being broken into. With each instance as we understand it, all the vehicles were unlocked when items were removed. You may have noticed a "Lock It or Lose It" sign in the neighborhood – that is the reason. Please, please, check your vehicles before you turn in each night. If criminals and punks know that we have vehicles unlocked at night in our neighborhood, they will be back.

As most of you know, we have a popular nature trail and train track in the neighborhood. Kids and adults alike like to jump off the trestle into the river that borders our property. It is against the law to be on that trestle! Last month three teenagers (not from the neighborhood) were caught on the trestle. I don't know what will happen to them, but in the past, folks caught on the trestle received a very a steep fine. Additionally, one of the kids caught was also arrested for possession of marijuana.

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President ...

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The nature trail also attracted a few girls who decided to spray paint their names on a portion of the boardwalk. Do you know some middle or high school girls with the names Megan, Cheyenn, Tori and Amy? If so, please let me know who they are, so I can take the appropriate actions.

Recently in a neighborhood not far from ours, a middle school girl was dropped off at home from her school bus. Shortly after letting herself into the house, three individuals broke into the house and began ransacking the residence. Fortunately for the girl she was able to lock herself in a bathroom and call her parents and the police. She was not physically harmed, but I imagine the parents and this girl are a bit rattled.

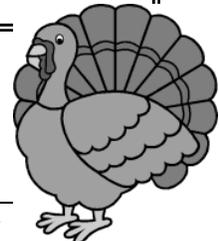
My intent with these examples is to demonstrate the world most of us grew up in has changed. "Leave it to Beaver" Neighborhoods no longer exist. We all need to keep our situational awareness alert to our surroundings – whether you are outside of or in the neighborhood. If we all look out for our neighbors, we enhance our personal safety and the safety of our friends and neighbors. With 275 residents, that is a lot of “eyes”.

Thanks always for those that support, volunteer and continue to make Rivershyre at great place to live.

T.M. Weisz
RCA President

~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre’s sixty-second Yard of the Month can be found at **1146 Parkside Trail**. This competition is sponsored by Philip Jones of Re/Max True Advantage. **(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** ~

Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11 th
2 nd Saturday Rivershyre clean-up day	Saturday, November 14 th
Columbia County Schools closed	November 23 rd – November 27 th
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26 th

**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.

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

2009 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
Holly Bullock	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Bob Petty, Russ Lesesburg Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Bill Rutledge and Travis Walden	Members

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 Jones of Re/Max True Advantage. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Philip at 833-4663.

Active Listings as of 10/15/2009

1158 Oakton Trail	\$219,900
1087 Severn Drive	\$249,000
1081 Rivershyre Court	\$229,900
1212 Oakton Trail	\$259,900
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$249,900
1131 Village Court	\$219,000
1202 Newport Trail	\$224,900
1165 Oakton Trail	\$270,000

Sold Properties 5/20/2009 – 10/15/2009

1181 Rivershyre Drive	\$222,000
1150 Parkside Trail	\$198,000
1141 Rivershyre Drive	\$225,500
1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$205,800
1153 Oakton Court	\$348,500

Pending Sales as of 10/15/2009

1151 Oakton Court

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2734 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$239,960
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$87.75
Average Days on the Market	105 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
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, 7:30 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, 7:30 pm
Pool	3 rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 nd 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.

Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Debbie Weisz at 706-228-7314. 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".

Committee Updates & Notes

Neighborhood Watch & Safety



Hope all the kids had a happy and Safe Halloween! Our goal with Neighborhood Watch was to make sure that all were visible while trick or treating.

I would like to thank all of the parents who faithfully watch their children get on the school bus every morning. I hope that we are being equally diligent in doing it when they get off of the bus in the afternoon. As you are watching your child get off of the bus, please be on the look out of suspicious people who may be following the bus. If you have a latch key child on your street, make sure that they get inside their home safely. There was an incident in Woodbridge subdivision where some people followed a child to her home and broke in. The child was not harmed. She locked herself in a bathroom and called the police. The intruders stole a lot of items from the home. We all need to be vigilant of suspicious people and vehicles who have unreadable or no car tags.

We should all remember that we need to make ourselves more visible when we are walking at night. Please take a flash light or wear some type of reflective clothing. You can see the cars coming; however, they can not see you.

During the Thanksgiving season a lot of us will be going out of town. Be sure and call the Sherriff's Department at 706-541-2800 and put your house on the WATCH List. Also let your neighbors know that you are leaving so they can keep an eye out for you. Stop your paper and the mail. Put light timers on at night so it looks like you are home.

Thank you for locking your cars. So far we have not had any items taken from unlocked vehicles this month. Knock on wood! We had the Sherriff's Department post a LOCK IT OR LOSE IT sign at the front of the neighborhood. We have also been writing it on the information board up front. If you would like to have a copy of the sign to post on your doors going out to your cars as a reminder for your kids, please email me at kbarrett29@comcast.net. I will be happy to email it to you.

We did have an incident in the Nature Area this month. There has been a group of kids who are not from our neighborhood that come here on a weekly basis that have been reported to the Sherriff's Department. Finally they were spotted on the trestle by one of our board members. The Sherriff's deputies along with an officer from CSX Railroad caught them. One was arrested for possession of drugs as well as being sited for being on railroad property. Please contact the Sherriff's Department if you see anyone on the trestle. That is marked no trespassing by the Railroad.

If you have any new neighbors or didn't get a call from the Calling Post for our meeting in September, please email me your contact information at kbarrett29@comcast.net.



COOKIES WITH SANTA

December 12th @ 9:00 am
make sure and bring your camera

RSVP to Joanie Bryant at 706-863-2931 by December 9th.



Light up Rivershyre

The contest, hayride and caroling will be on the **12th of December**. Hayride will start promptly @ **7:00 pm**. (We will be making one hot chocolate stop this year.)



We will have one light up Rivershyre contest winner this year, the category will be traditional.

Have safe and Happy Holidays.

Other Committee/Activity Updates

Grounds and Lake Committee

The Grounds and Lake Committee held its October meeting on Monday, October 19th and made plans for the next neighborhood workday scheduled for the second Saturday in November. A reminder will be placed on the neighborhood bulletin board. Please watch for the posting and lend a hand.

Second Saturdays are becoming a routine here in Rivershyre. That's the one day a month when neighbors are invited to participate in a volunteer effort to help maintain the amenities and appearance of Rivershyre. While we have a commercial lawn service to take care of those chores, most other light repairs and neighborhood maintenance are performed by members of the Grounds & Lake Committee and all of the volunteers that we can encourage to join in. It's a fun and invigorating way to maintain the neighborhood while helping to keep down the costs to the association which ultimately gets passed on to the members if annual expenses exceed annual income from members' dues. And there's always the fun of meeting your neighbors and making new friends. So the next time you see an announcement about Second Saturday, please set aside your Saturday morning from 8am to noon and come on down to the clubhouse and join the party.

During the past several Second Saturdays, volunteers have made repairs to the neighborhood sprinkler system and repainted portions of the clubhouse interior. The clubhouse work was done to make ready for a commercial company to lay new floor tile in the kitchen and restrooms. Future work-day efforts will complete the remodeling.

During the next Second Saturday, we will perform some upkeep and make some repairs to the playground and tennis courts. Please bring a yard rake or shovel to help level the playground chips or a hammer to work on the wooden structures. Remember, it will be from 8am until noon on Saturday, November 14th, weather permitting.

Other activities scheduled for later include clean-up days. Some activities, such as those involving work along the Nature Trail, are best performed late in the

winter when most of the weeds have died back and the slithering critters are not out and about. During these future workdays, volunteers will be needed to make repairs to the two bridges on the nature trail and cut back the growth of bushes and weeds from along the trails.

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 16th. If you would like to join the committee or simply have questions, please visit or drop us an e-mail at rca.gl@rivershyre.org.



Other Committee/Activity Updates

Pool Committee Report

The Pool Committee held it's the last meeting for 2009 on Thursday, October 15th. Now that the pool is closed until next year, our committee's attention turns to planning for the 2010 season. The 2010 edition of the committee will begin its season with its first meeting on Thursday, January 21st. All are welcome to attend the meetings and are encouraged to join the committee. We are always in need of new members to add new energy and fresh ideas. Please consider joining the committee in 2010.

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 2010 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 will also continue the weekly Friday Night "Dive-In" movies and host several theme parties during the season.

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 it can be.

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 2010!

And remember, the 2010 season starts very early with the **Polar Bear Plunge** on JANUARY 2nd. If a chilly dip is not for you, come on out anyway and watch some of your neighbors brave the cold waters.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Architectural Control Committee

The committee would like to begin this month's column with a sincere thank you to all neighbors that have submitted Property Alteration Requests (PARs) prior to beginning outdoor projects or otherwise making changes to their property that require prior approval by the committee. While there have been several situations recently where neighbors failed to obtain the required approval before beginning their changes, many neighbors are taking the time to submit PARs before making changes that require submission of a PAR. Keep up the good work!

For the benefit of all neighbors new to the Villages at Rivershyre, our neighborhood covenants require residents to obtain approval from the Architectural Control Committee prior to making certain changes to their property or the exterior of their home. The mechanism by which such requests are made is through the use of the Property Alteration Request. The form is available on the neighborhood website at www.rivershyre.org. Go to the webpage listed under the heading of "Committees" and find the link to the PAR form within the ACC section. Alterations that require prior approval are listed in the covenants. A link to a copy of the covenants is also available on the ACC webpage. Several examples include, but are not limited to, construction of any sort such as outbuildings, pools, decks, concrete pads, room additions, fences and walls. Additionally, any major alterations in landscaping such as altering the grade of the lot or the removal of trees that are 4 inches or greater in diameter also require an approved PAR.

On another topic, the committee reminded residents in a recent newsletter that utility, recreational or commercial vehicles should not be parked on their property unless stored in a garage or behind an appropriate privacy fence. Furthermore, such vehicles must not be parked at the curb in violation of county ordinances. Several

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residents were notified recently of these restrictions and most all have been very cooperative. We thank them for their effort. However, others have not yet complied and now face fines and penalties. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please review the covenants and if you still have questions, please address them to the ACC via e-mail or at our next meeting.

As always, any questions about the covenants or submitting PARs may be addressed to the committee either at its regular monthly meeting at 7:30PM on the fourth Monday of each month or by e-mail addressed to rca.acc@rivershyre.org.

Paper Cup Turkeys



Kids can make several of these paper cup turkeys so the family can use them as place cards for the big Thanksgiving feast!

<http://crafts.kaboose.com>

What you'll need:

- Paper or foam cup (8.5 oz)
- Acrylic paint in fall colors (brown, tan, orange, red, green, yellow, etc.)
- Large pom-pom for head (brown, yellow, red, orange, etc.)
- Small foam heart for gobbler (to contrast with color of head)
- Small foam triangle (orange or yellow)
- 2 small wiggle eyes
- 3" x 2" piece of orange construction paper
- 1 sheet of white construction paper
- White craft glue
- Scissors

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	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	X	
Paige Jarrard	706-868-7169	X	
Sarine Husein	706-650-7771	X	
Caitlen Taylor	706-855-6638	X	
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	

How to make it:

1. Place cup upside down on work surface and paint brown.
2. To make the feathers, paint the white construction paper with several fall colors, crisscrossing the colors as you go. Let dry.
3. Cut feathers out in one large piece, should be shaped similar to a hand or crown. Cut the tips of each feather into a point.
4. Apply glue to the bottom portion of the feathers and press onto the bottom of the cup. Hold in place for a minute or so to let the glue grab.
5. Place foam heart upside down so that the bumps are facing downward. Glue the foam triangle, point down, onto the upside down heart—the upper points of the triangle will be hanging over the edge. This is the beak and gobbler.
6. Glue the pom-pom to the top of the paper cup.
7. Glue the wiggle eyes and the beak and gobbler to the head.
8. Cut two feet from the orange construction paper and glue to the bottom of the cup.

Tips:

1. Instead of throwing away the paper that you use to protect your work surface from paint, add more color to it to make the feathers!
2. The feathers can be simplified by using a piece of brown, orange, or red construction paper.
3. Make these even more fancy by using actual feathers and by writing the name of your dinner guests on a piece of paper and gluing to the front of each turkey.