



The Village Crier

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

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Committee Volunteer Status

As we noted in the last two newsletters, we still need volunteers to help out on our committees. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have five new volunteers for the Architectural Control Committee, two for the Neighborhood Watch & Safety Committee, and one for the Social & Welcome Committee. The new volunteers are greatly appreciated, but we need more help. Our Association is very strong and we have been an all volunteer organization since it began almost ten years ago. We'd like to keep that going. As noted at the annual homeowner's meeting in September, the Board of Directors will begin looking into the possibility of hiring a property manager if we don't get additional volunteers to help on our committees. The money to pay for this will have to come from each homeowner as an increase in homeowner's dues of up to \$125 above our current level. The Board will begin considering this issue in January based on the level of committee participation at that time.

The committees that need help and the number of volunteers that are needed to bring that committee up to a functioning level are shown below:

Finance	2-3 volunteers (Holly Bullock, 855-8122)	Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4-5 volunteers (Mike Paluba, 651-8779)
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Grounds & Lake	2-3 volunteers (Dan Johnson, 651-1603)	Social & Welcome	2 volunteers (Martha Kapfhammer, 650-8766)
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Please see if your schedule will permit you to give an hour or so per month to join one of these committees. Call one of the chairpersons noted above to let them know you want to attend their next meeting. The meeting days and times for each committee can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Don't wait for your neighbor to volunteer -- call today and volunteer to join a committee.

December, 2003

Merry Christmas
&
Happy
New Year

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Thank You!

This month we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the men and women of Rivershyre who have served our community over the past year through participating on the Board of Directors, serving on a committee, and those that donated their time and hard work to make Rivershyre a better place to live. The best way to thank these individuals --- join a committee yourself. With as little as one hour a month, you too can help keep Rivershyre one of the most desirable communities in Evans.

Do you know someone who is making a contribution to our neighborhood that should be recognized? If so, send an email to thankyou@rivershyre.org with a description of this person's contribution and we'll try to put it in the newsletter.

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Rivershyre**

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month.*

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them to: [newsletter@
rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).*

Light Up Rivershyre is Back!

2002 marked the first year Rivershyre held a contest to pick the best decorated and lighted house in the neighborhood. The entire Rivershyre neighborhood looked spectacular last year. Let's see if we can do even better this year.

The judging will be done on the evening of Sunday, December 14th and the grand prize will be a crisp new \$50 bill! We will award the prize that evening and a sign will be placed in the yard of the winning home. Previous year's winners will be not be eligible for 1st prize but will be eligible for the Honorable Mention list. The winner along with what we're sure will be a long list of honorable mentions will appear in the January newsletter.

Rivershyre homeowners gather all of your decorations and ideas and let's make our neighborhood the talk of the county this year!

Ladies Christmas Party

There are just a few days left to RSVP for the Ladies Christmas Party. The night is Thursday, December 11th and the time is 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. And this year it's so-o easy: just bring yourself, a gift for the gift exchange (\$10 limit) and lots of holiday cheer! The Social & Welcome Committee will be providing all the goodies to eat and drink that night.

RSVP to Kathy (863-4154) or Stephany (863-5988) by December 6th. Hurry!! This is one Christmas party you won't want to miss!

Santa Claus is Coming to Rivershyre

On Sunday, December 7th the jolly fellow in the red suit will be visiting the children of Rivershyre at our Clubhouse. He'll be stopping by from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to share some cookies with the little ones and to listen to their Christmas wishes. There is a small fee of \$3 per child and each one will have his/her picture taken with Santa plus they will receive a special treat. And there will be cookies, milk and hot cocoa for the whole family as well.

Don't delay; there isn't much time left to RSVP. Please call Martha at 650-8766 before December 4th. Santa is looking forward to his visit with our Rivershyre children.

Guy's Poker Night Anyone?

Anyone interested in a guys poker night? We've had a few people ask about this and if there is enough interest, we'll get a poker night on the calendar.

Call Bruce Armstrong at 863-4154 to let him know if you'd be interested in playing poker some night.

2003 Board of Directors

Martha Kapfhammer	President
Mike Paluba	Vice President
Bill Clark	Secretary
Ray Jasniecki	Treasurer
Becky Brogan	Asst. Secretary
Holly Bullock	Asst. Treasurer
Bill Ferguson	Member
Randy Stone	Past President

The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

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	4 th Tuesday, 7:00 pm
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, 10:00 am

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.

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Bill Clark (Acting)
By-Laws & Nominating	Randy Stone
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Dan Johnson
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Mike Paluba
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.

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 \$50.00 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 at: www.rivershyre.org/clubhouse.

*** Calendar of Events ***

Cookies with Santa	Sunday, December 7 th , 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Clubhouse
Ladies Christmas Party	Thursday, December 11 th , 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse
Light Up Rivershyre	December (Judging will be Sunday, December 14 th)
Christmas	Thursday, December 25 th
New Years Eve	Wednesday, December 31 st

PAR's Are Required!

If you are going to make changes to the exterior of your home or property such as add a screened porch, install a privacy fence or a pool, remove living trees, or significantly change your landscaping, you **MUST** submit a property alteration request (PAR) for approval. PAR's are reviewed monthly by the Architectural Control Committee.

There have been several instances recently where residents have failed to submit PAR's prior to making the types of changes noted above. When contacted by the Architectural Control Committee, a properly completed PAR has usually been provided. But that's not the way it needs to work. You need that PAR approved first. Before ANY work is done. If this becomes a major enforcement issue, the Committee will be forced to consider proposing fines to the Board of Directors for violators of this very important part of our Covenants.

If you need a copy of the PAR form, please see the Rivershyre website and click on "Documents". PAR's can be submitted by email or can be dropped off with one of the Committee members.

The ACC meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

Street Hazards

Residents are reminded that **parking vehicles in the streets is strongly discouraged**. If you must park a personal vehicle in the street, please use care in where it is parked. Do not park in a curve or other area that is hard for two other vehicles to pass yours.

Residents are also reminded that leaving portable basketball goals in the streets is a significant safety hazard. **Do not leave your goal in the street** even if you live on a cul-de-sac. As these are county roads, the Sheriff's Office may have jurisdiction over any complaints we receive.

If you have a street sign in your yard, is it being covered by a bush or tree? If so, please trim the foliage back so that the sign can be seen clearly by drivers and/or emergency personnel.

Information on Homes for Sale

One of the new items for our monthly newsletter will be information on 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 829-1377.

Active Listings as of 11/18/03

1084 Severn Drive	\$182,900
1125 Midford Court	\$193,000
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$228,900
1209 Oakton Trail	\$214,900
1211 Oakton Trail	\$204,900

Sold Properties 8/18/03 - 11/18/03

1196 Rivershyre Drive	\$230,900
1161 Dartmore Trail	\$183,900
1193 Newport Trail	\$198,400
1083 Rivershyre Court	\$196,600
1133 Midford Court	\$196,000
1202 Newport Trail	\$175,000

Pending (Under Contract)

1166 Parkside Trail

Average Sales For Previous 6 Months

Average Size Home	2750 Sq. Ft.
Average Sales Price	\$190,680
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$70.62

Committee Meeting Schedules

Please note that with the holidays coming up some Rivershyre committees may reschedule their monthly meetings. If you wish to join a committee, please contact the chairperson for that committee to verify when their next meeting will be.

Use of Community Property

Hardy Lake, the natural trails, the boardwalk, the playground, and other common property are for the use of Rivershyre residents and their guests **ONLY**. Residents may not grant privileges to use these amenities to non-residents unless the resident accompanies the guest at all times.

Sheriff's House Watch Program

Are you planning a trip? Are you worried about leaving your home unattended? If you are, register your home with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office House Watch Program. This service, devised and implemented by Sheriff Clay Whittle, calls for a deputy sheriff to check your home several times daily while you're away.

It's so easy to participate. Just call 541-2800 and inform the Sheriff's dispatcher you would like to place your home on the House Watch Program. Then answer a few simple questions pertaining to your home and that's it – enjoy your time away with peace of mind.

Columbia County Customer Service & Information Center

Last month we provide you information on who to call to request that potholes be repaired. As it turns out, the best way to request road repairs or anything else that you need Columbia County's help on is to call their Customer Service number – **868-3375**. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Their website can be found at: http://www.co.columbia.ga.us/Emergency_Services/Customer_Service/citizeninfo.html. There is an online form to submit questions or requests there as well.

Thanks to our very own Pam Tucker, who just happens to be responsible for this excellent program, for this information.

Calling All Old Files

Over the years, many of our residents have been involved in the management of our neighborhood either by serving on the Board of Directors or by working with a committee. If you have some old files from your past involvement with the Board or a committee, please let us know. We are collecting and filing these historical documents. If you have any, please call Bill Clark at 860-5192 or Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766 and we'll take them off your hands.

Help Us Keep the New Directory Up To Date

In an effort to keep our neighborhood directory current, we are asking for all Rivershyre residents' help. If you are new to the neighborhood or if you have a new neighbor, please call either Jeanna (868-7169) or Martha (650-8766). They will get the correct information and be sure it is updated in our computer database. Have a new phone number or a new baby -- they want that info too!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!