



# 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

Many thanks to those who responded to my notes about the yearly Homeowners meeting. While NO ONE volunteered to help with any of our committees, I did receive some additional suggestions to make our neighborhood "better". I appreciated the responses. Something is better than nothing (and I know at least some of you are reading this newsletter!!)

Here are some of your responses/suggestions:

Please do not leave your trash can out in the street for days at a time. There are neighbors who leave their cans in the street until the next pick up day, which is three or four days later. It is unsightly and can cause some traffic and safety problems (children running out from behind the trash cans).

Please pick up your newspapers on your driveway. There are a number of neighbors who will have three or more newspapers "littering" their driveway or front lawn. (Please note - if you know a neighbor is away and the papers are piling up, don't hesitate and put them somewhere that won't be unsightly and won't call attention to thieves who might prey on our neighborhood, especially during the holiday season.)

Please watch your speed as you drive through the neighborhood. The speed bumps are meant to keep speeds at the minimum and not to be used as "ramps" or "jumps". It has been noted by several neighbors that our high school drivers are especially guilty of higher speeds in the morning before school starts.

Falling Leaves! Now that the Fall season is in full swing, the foliage will be beautiful on the trees, but the hassles come when they hit the ground. Please take a few minutes each week and clean up your yards and please do not let the leaves blow over to your neighbors' yard(s). Also, please note that Columbia County asks that you DO NOT push the leaves down the sewers.

Two requests from me!!

One - That you and your family have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Two - For your New Year's resolution, seriously consider donating an hour or two of your time each month and volunteer for one of our committees. Rivershyre needs your help!!

Happy Holidays!

Bill Ferguson  
President - Rivershyre Community Association

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## 4th Annual Light-Up Rivershyre Contest

Our annual lighting contest is back again this year. Rivershyre always looks so festive during the Holidays making the judging very difficult. There will be two categories again this year: traditional and whimsical. A \$25.00 prize will be awarded to a house in each category.

The judging will take place on the evening of December 8th. The winners from the previous year will not be eligible for 1st prize but will be eligible for the list of Honorable Mentions. Watch the January newsletter for the list of all of the winning houses.



### Ladies Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11th is the date for the Ladies Christmas Party this year and our theme for the night is chocolate! We're asking everyone to bring their most mouth-watering "to-die-for" chocolate dessert to share. Drinks will be provided by the Social and Welcome Committee. We'll also have our famous gift exchange (\$10.00 limit).

RSVP to Heather at 364-0954 by December 8th. The party fun starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 11th. We hope to see lots of friends there - both new and old!

### ~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's nineteenth Yard of the Month can be found at **1195 Newport Trail**. 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".

### \*\*\* Calendar of Events \*\*\*

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Santa Comes to Rivershyre | Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| Light-Up contest judging  | Thursday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Ladies Christmas Party    | Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>    |
| First Day of Winter       | Wednesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Christmas Eve             | Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Christmas                 | Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Hanukkah begins           | Monday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Kwanzaa begins            | Monday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>    |
| New Year's Eve            | Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>  |

### Babysitters Listing

If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email to:

[babysitter@rivershyre.org](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Drop them by 1116 Rivershyre Drive or email them to: [newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).

## 2005 Board of Directors

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|--|----------------|
| 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 11/17/2005

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1089 Severn Drive     | \$214,900 |
| 1159 Claridge Trail   | \$190,000 |
| 1211 Oakton Trail     | \$239,900 |
| 1198 Newport Trail    | \$244,900 |
| 1080 Rivershyre Drive | \$219,900 |

#### Sold Properties 8/17/2005 – 11/17/2005

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1192 Rivershyre Drive | \$220,000 |
| 1186 Rivershyre Drive | \$219,900 |
| 1122 Village Court    | \$197,500 |
| 1165 Oakton Trail     | \$238,000 |
| 1132 Midford Court    | \$225,000 |

#### Pending Sales as of 11/17/2005

1144 Hartford Trail

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Average Home Size          | 2870 sq. ft. |
| Average Sales Price        | \$224,458    |
| Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft. | \$78.21      |
| Average Days on the Market | 25 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 <sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm    |
| Board of Directors          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm  |
| By-Laws & Nominating        | No Regularly Scheduled Meetings    |
| Finance                     | As needed                          |
| Grounds & Lake              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm    |
| Pool                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm |
| Neighborhood Watch & Safety | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm  |
| Social & Welcome            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

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## **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!

## Notes from the Architectural Control Committee

For the past several months, this column has focused on the content of the neighborhood Covenants and Declarations. This month, we'll step away from that subject to address other topics.

It's fall again and true to the name, the leaves are falling. The committee would like to remind residents that yard waste (e.g., leaves, cut grass, etc.) should not be blown into the streets, storm sewers or onto other property that may adjoin yours. This is not only inconsiderate of your neighbors but also illegal in the case of the storm sewers. The leaves and other yard trash that you collect should be bagged and placed at the curb for pick-up by your trash collection company IF your collection company provides that service. Not all companies do so, and some that do, require special notification and/or arraignments. Also, please be aware the Columbia County Landfill does NOT accept yard waste. Those that wish to burn their leaves must remember that Columbia County requires a burning permit be obtained before burning yard debris.

On another subject, an issue that was raised at our recent annual community meeting concerned the potential hazard created by some residents parking commercial vehicles in the street in front of their homes. The committee would like to remind all residents that in addition to creating a hazard, the Covenants do not allow residents to park commercial vehicles at their homes. Commercial vehicles are permitted, however, when used by contractors working at a residence.

Questions about the Covenants may be addressed to the Architectural Control Committee either at its regular monthly meeting at 7:00PM on the fourth Monday of each month or by e-mail addressed to [acc@rivershyre.org](mailto:acc@rivershyre.org).

**Have a Happy Holidays!**

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### 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".



### Knitting Night

The weather's cooler again -- anyone interested in knitting? In January we'll resume our Knitting Night on the 4th Sunday evening of the month at 7 p.m. Will 2006 be the year that you pick up a new hobby?



### Adult Bunco Coming in January

We've had a few requests to have another adult Bunco so we've set the date for Saturday, January 28th. We're thinking along the lines of homemade soup, bread and of course, the Bunco dice game and calling the night Dice, Dough and Soup de jour! Watch for all of the details in the January newsletter.

### Winter Word Search

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| coat    | scarf  |
| cold    | skates |
| frost   | skis   |
| hat     | sled   |
| ice     | snow   |
| mittens | winter |



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