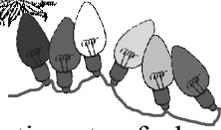


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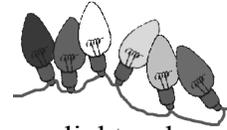
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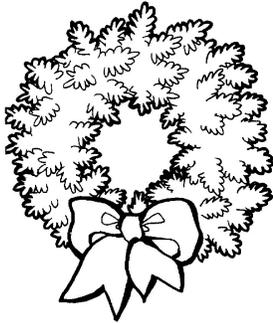
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Happy Holidays



December, 2007



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It is starting to feel a bit like Christmas! Christmas lights decorating the neighborhood, a bit of a chill in the air, and Santa came by to have breakfast with the good little boys and girls of Rivershyre. All we need is some snow or rain.

Lots of rain or snow.

I hope all of you had a chance to read the letter the board sent out over the Thanksgiving holiday. We are in serious need of volunteers. We would rather have a large number of neighbors donate some of their time each month than have to charge each homeowner an additional \$50 (estimated) per year.

If we don't get enough volunteers, we are going to ask the neighborhood to vote for a change in the neighborhood covenants to allow the board to raise your yearly dues by more than 5%.

The board's concern is that as board members leave, there will be no one to take on the basic responsibilities to keep Rivershyre going. Please note that all of the board members are also sitting on various committees as well.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Columbia County Greenspace Committee

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the trail will now begin at Patriots Park and work its way to the Riverside boat ramp. The Greenspace committee would like to run the trail along Euchee Creek in our nature trial area. In order to use some of our land, the Rivershyre community will need to approve the use of our land.

Here are the current options that are in front of the board right now:

Option 1 – Conservation Easement which would reduce the property taxes by approximately 50%, and the possible donation or purchase of a 30' access easement to allow for the future greenway.

Option 2 – Donation: This would involve donating the Greenspace parcel to the county which would relieve the financial burden of maintenance and liability.

Option 3 – Fee Simple Purchase: An appraisal of the property establishing fair market value would have to be done (usually \$2500 - \$3000 acre). The county would then

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A Soldier's Christmas Prayer



Dear God, I'm far away tonight
From all that I hold dear,
Surrounded by the sand and dust,
Not falling snow this year.
In the distance there's a muffled roar
Instead of steeple chimes.
Can you hear me God, above the noise
That marks these troubled times?
I would like to ask a favor,
It's not a lot you see,
To send a message from my heart
To those now missing me.
To tell them that I am safe and sound
With soldiers brave and true,

That in the night I feel your hand
Take mine and guide me through.
I pray the ones I love will know
How much I miss their smile.
I close my eyes and travel home
Each night for just a while.
So God, I know your listening
to many payers like mine,
From all the soldiers missing home
This year at Christmas time.
Bring this world some Peace & Hope,
Protect us from above,
So we can spend next Christmas Eve
Home with the ones we Love. Amen

Written by a soldier named Christina



~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's fortieth Yard of the Month can be found at **1130 Midford Court**. This competition is sponsored by Philip and Sharon Jones of Re/Max Realtors (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** ***

1 st Day of Hanukkah	Wednesday, December 5 th
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Friday, December 7 th
1 st Day of Winter	Saturday, December 22 nd
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24 th
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25 th
1 st Day of Kwanzaa	Wednesday, December 26 th
New Year's Eve	Monday, December 31 st

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

2007 Board of Directors

Bill Ferguson	President
Grady Taylor	Vice President
Barbara Broome	Secretary
	Treasurer
Chuck Faulkner, Dick Huskin, Bea Romeo, Russ Leseburg	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 11/20/07

1216 Oakton Trail	\$246,900
1080 Severn Hill Circle	\$254,900
1186 Rivershyre Drive	\$259,900
1147 Hartford Trail	\$234,900
1168 Oakton Trail	\$259,900
1196 Newport Trail	\$274,900
1088 Severn Drive	\$259,900
1087 Severn Drive	\$259,900

Pending Sales as of 11/20/07

N/A

Sold Properties 8/20/07 – 11/20/07

2030 Edenton Trail	\$249,900
2036 Edenton Trail	\$268,000
1175 Parkside Trail	\$235,000

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2758 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$255,788
Average Dollar Per Sq. Ft.	\$93
Average Days on the Market	41 days

Committee Chairpersons

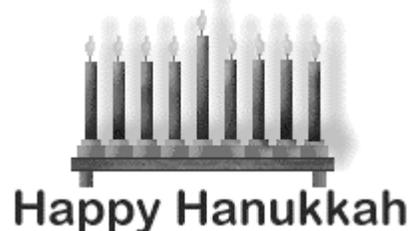
Architectural Control	Chuck Faulkner
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Bea Romeo
Pool	Open
Social & Welcome	Angie Shay

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.



Committee Updates & Notes

Happy Holidays

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negotiate a selling price with the HOA.

Option 4 – A combination of Donation and Fee Simple purchase: This option would benefit the HOA in two different areas. First it would give the HOA capital to use in needed areas around the neighborhood as well as possibly providing a tax credit for other areas owned by the HOA.

Currently, Rivershyre falls into phase 4 or 5. So we are looking at 2010 at the earliest. In the next year or two, the Greenspace committee will ask Rivershyre for a commitment.

Tennis Courts:

We are about to sign a contract to have our tennis courts resurfaced. The approximate price will be around \$10,000. Money has been put aside for 12 years to pay the tab. We expect the work to start in March (after the winter season) and it should take about a week to complete.

Clean Up Day

The Grounds and Lakes committee has tentatively scheduled a clean up day for Saturday, December 8th at 9am. Meet at the clubhouse and bring along work gloves and some muscle! Watch the message board at the entrance for updated information.

Pool

The Pool committee has been looking at water and electricity usage this past year. They have found that the pumps cost \$1 an hour to run, which averages about \$800 per month. They will be looking for ways to conserve energy, while maintaining water quality.

The committee is also looking at redoing the water pipes that bring water to fill the pool, the clubhouse, and the sprinklers in the area. Currently, we are paying \$4 per 1,000 gallons of water and we are charged a sewage fee based on

the water flow. Redoing the pipes will alter the flow to the pool, thus reducing sewage fees.

House Watch

Many of you and your neighbors will be traveling over the Christmas holidays. Don't forget to call House Watch – a free service of the Columbia County Sheriffs office. Officers will check on your home each day that you are gone to make sure all is well. It also enhances their presence in our neighborhood, and keeping everyone safe. Give them a call at **706.541.2800**.

The Rivershyre Board would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2008!

Bill Ferguson

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Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Stephany Ricker at 863-5988. 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".

Sweet Potato Surprise ★★★★★

from FamilyFun Magazine

RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

Casserole

- 4 sweet potatoes, baked and mashed
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Topping

- 1 cup grated unsweetened coconut, dried or fresh
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup margarine

1. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, mix the sweet potatoes, sugar, margarine, milk, eggs, and vanilla extract until well combined. Transfer the mixture into a 2 1/2-quart baking dish.

2. In a separate bowl, combine the topping ingredients with a pastry cutter or your fingertips until crumbly. Distribute the topping over the sweet potatoes. Then bake the casserole for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Serves 6 to 8.



<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
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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	

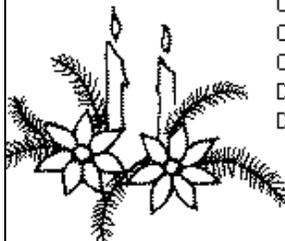
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