



# The Village Crier

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

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## Happy Holidays

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**Fa, La and La**

Date: Sat Dec 22nd  
Time: 7pm

Please meet at Clubhouse at 6:45pm

Half way stop at 1156 Parkside Trail for Hot Cocoa, snacks and a fire pit to warm up!

RSVP to Joanie by Dec 19th  
706-863-2931

**POLAR PLUNGE!**

Saturday • Jan. 5 • 10AM  
At the Pool

Jumpers and Spectators welcomed  
• Open to the entire neighborhood

The Villages of  
Rivershyre

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Rivershyre Association  
& Clubhouse Phone  
(706) 854-0229

Pool Phone  
(706) 854-0283

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Babysitters  
Listing

If you would like to add  
your name to the list,  
send an email to:  
[newsletter@rivershyre.org](mailto:newsletter@rivershyre.org).

Include your name and  
phone number.

**Baby Sitter / Yard Work List**

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
Kristen Beasley	706-993-5865	X	
Sohailla Digsby	706-421-6168	X (day hrs)	
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	706-955-9968	X	X
Wesley Valentin	706-955-9968	X	X
Victoria Valentin	706-955-9968	X	
Catherine Weisz	706-228-7314	X	
Leah Haney	706-868-7429	X	
Christy Shay	706-210-9034	X	
Sarine Husein	706-650-7771	X	
Caitlen Taylor	706-855-6638	X	
Tori Williams	706-854-9569	X	
David & Sam Reid	706-993-1786		X
Helen Reid	706-993-1786	X	
Eleida Tyler	706-228-5730	X	
Mclain Lambert	706-726-6113	X	



~ **Rivershyre Yard of the Month** ~

Rivershyre's ninety-eighth Yard of the Month can be found at **1102 Rivershyre Drive**. 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** ~

First Day of Winter	Friday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>
Christmas Caroling Hayride	Saturday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Columbia County Winter Break	December 24 – January 4
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas	Tuesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>
Kwanzaa Begins	Wednesday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's Eve	Monday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>

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).



## 2012 Board of Directors

Open	President
Open	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
T.M. Weisz	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Kay Russo, Jack Bryant, Scott Baggot	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 11/30/2012

1105 Rivershyre Drive	\$199,900
1172 Dartmore Trail	\$179,900
1107 Rivershyre Drive	\$225,000
1162 Oakton Trail	\$189,900
1209 Oakton Trail	\$249,700
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900

#### Sold Properties 6/1/2012 – 11/30/2012

1087 Severn Drive	\$185,000
1196 Rivershyre Drive	\$259,900
1213 Oakton Trail	\$211,000
1171 Parkside Trail	\$172,000
1206 Newport Trail	\$194,000
2015 Rivershyre Drive	\$224,586

#### Pending Sales as of 11/30/2012

1189 Newport Trail	\$214,900
1138 Parkside Trail	\$149,900
1079 Rivershyre Court	\$185,000

#### Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2796 sq/ft
Average Sales Price	\$213,769
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$78.00
Average Days on the Market	148.1

## Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	T.M. Weisz
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Open
Social & Welcome	Open

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, 7:30 pm
Board of Directors	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 pm
By-Laws & Nominating	No Regularly Scheduled Meetings
Finance	As needed
Grounds & Lake	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:30 pm
Pool	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 \$75.00 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 706-854-0229. 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



Christmas is coming, so here are a few safety tips for shopping and your home.

While shopping:

1. Don't let your wallet or debit/credit cards out of your sight.
2. Be aware of your surroundings when you are going to and from your car.
3. Put all purchases in your trunk.
4. If you make several trips to your car to put gifts into it, move to a different parking place.
5. Only make purchases on line with companies you know.
6. Check your checking account and credit card statements carefully to ensure all purchases are yours.

At home:

1. Don't put gifts where others can see them through your windows.
2. Don't put large boxes from expensive purchases on the street. Cut the boxes up and place them in your trash can.
3. Cut off your Christmas tree lights when you are not home.
4. Have your chimney checked for creosote before you use it this winter.
5. Change your batteries in your fire alarm.

While traveling:

1. Put your house on **House Watch** by calling the **Columbia County Sheriff's Department** at **706-541-2800**.
2. Set your light timers; stop your paper and mail.
3. Let your neighbors know you will be gone so they can watch out for your home.
4. If you stop along the way on your trip, make sure all gifts are out of sight.

This past month I have received several complaints about dogs running loose in the neighborhood. If you see an animal loose, please call **Columbia County Animal Control** at **706-541-4077**.

We have several people skate boarding in the neighborhood without wearing safety equipment. They also are all over the road, darting in and out of traffic during the day, as well as at night. Please talk with your children about safety measures they need to take while doing this. They are not in a vehicle and do not have the right of way on the roads. Skate boarding is fun. However, it also can be very dangerous, especially at night with no lights or reflective gear.

I have been in touch with the **Columbia County Water Department** again concerning the odors we are getting from the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the sewer lines. I was told by Wayne Eubanks, the Columbia County Utility Supervisor, that there is a lot of construction going on over there with manholes open and swampy dirt being dug up. There is good news coming though. The Director has hired Turnipseed Engineering to investigate and present a solution to the odor problem in that area.

You can contact Wayne Eubanks at 706-447-7710 or email him at [WEUBANKS@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:WEUBANKS@columbiacountyga.gov) if you have any questions or smell the odor. If you email him or have to leave him a message on his voice mail, please give him your name, address, and contact information. Let him know the date, time and area where you smelled the odor. I am glad that the county is listening to us and is working on trying to resolve this matter.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year to come. We can use your help with Neighborhood Watch and Safety next year in planning programs for the neighborhood. We will resume our meetings on Thursday January 24 at 7 PM.

If your contact information has changed or you are new to the neighborhood, please email me your information at [kbarrett29@comcast.net](mailto:kbarrett29@comcast.net).

# Lawn and Gardening Calendar

## December

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### **Ornamentals:**

- Plant shrubbery and trees.
- Renew mulch around shrubbery.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.

### **Turf:**

- Continue to spray for winter weeds.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.

### **Flowers:**

- Continue winter cleanup in flowerbeds.
- Continue to plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Mulch tender perennials to protect from frost.
- Remove debris from beds to help prevent.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.

### **Houseplants:**

- Give plants as much light as possible.
- Keep soil in holiday plants moist.
- Increase humidity around plants by grouping or placing on trays of pebbles with water.

### **Vegetables:**

- Plant asparagus in late December.
- Make next year's garden plan.
- Continue to harvest Fall vegetables.
- Till garden soil after crops die down, remove debris from garden to prevent disease.
- Apply organic matter to garden soils.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.

### **Fruits and Nuts:**

- Plant fruit trees when available at nurseries. Consult Cooperative Extension and local nurseries for recommended varieties and pollinators for our area.
- Soil test every 2-3 years.

