



THE VILLAGE CRIER

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RIVERSHYRE INCLUDING BRIGHTON, DARTMORE,
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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



RIVERSHYRE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

You and your family are invited to join us at the RIVERSHYRE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST. The breakfast will be Saturday, February 10th from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. The cost will be \$10.00 per family. The menu will include:

Scrambled Eggs
Hashbrowns
Breakfast Steak
Sausage
Sausage Gravy
Grits
Biscuits
Coffee
Orange Juice
Milk



You will have 3 ways of receiving your food this time:

1. Bring you own containers from home and we'll fill them.
2. We will have to-go boxes for you to use.
3. You may eat your food at the clubhouse.

RSVP to Jen at _____ by Feb. 7.

Profits from the breakfast will be used in refurbishing the clubhouse.

SOCIAL AND WELCOME MEETING

The Social and Welcome Committee has changed it's meeting day to Tuesday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. We will be having donuts and coffee at this meeting. We would love to see alot of people come and help us in our monthly "mind meld" thinking of ideas for our community. Kids are always welcome. We are aware that Tuesday mornings are famous for Mother's Morning Out so we promise to be on time and efficient so that you will have time to run your errands. So come have donuts and coffee and lend a hand to participate in your community.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

In light of the recent bus tragedy, parents with children who ride the bus, please go over the bus safety rules with your children. There should be no racing with the bus, as a child could slip and fall causing an injury or tragedy. Children should stay at their designated bus stops and wait for the bus. When entering or exiting the bus, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before getting on or off. Please stress how important it is to follow these simple rules for their safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE



The Annual Rivershyre Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 5th. Start organizing early, because remember your trash could be someone else's treasure!!!



COUPLE BUNCO NIGHT IS COMING!!

Couple Bunco night will be held on Saturday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. The cost will be \$10 per couple. Please bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Bunco is a "no brainer" dice game and a great excuse to socialize with friends. Only 12 couples are allowed so RSVP to Lynne Vaiden, by Saturday, March 10th.

NEW ARRIVALS



MARDI GRAS IS COMING TO RIVERSHYRE!!!!

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN AND CELEBRATE LIKE THEY DO DOWN IN NEW ORLEANS!!! ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH AT 8 P.M. AT THE CLUBHOUSE WE ARE GOING TO EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!!!

OUR MENU FOR THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE:

JAMBALAYA (DON'T WORRY, WE WON'T LET EMERL DOWN AND FORGET THE ANDOUILLE SAUSAGE...BAAM)

DIRTY RICE

MUFFULATTA SANDWICH (MADE WITH THE OFFICIAL OLIVE SALAD)

VEGETABLE TRAY AND DIP

HURRICANES

KING CAKE

TRINKETS TO BRING HOME TO YOUR LITTLE ONES

THE COST IS \$15 PER COUPLE (\$7.50 FOR ONE PERSON - PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU ARE ALONE THAT EVENING). THIS TIME YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRING ANYTHING, JUST YOURSELVES!! RSVP TO JEN OR MARTHA BY FEBRUARY 21. THIS PROMISES TO BE A GREAT TIME. DON'T MISS OUT!!!

HI DE HO NEIGHBOR

I don't have any new people this month for this section, but if you know of someone new to our community, please contact Martha Kapfhammer at

SOME MARDI GRAS NEWS, JUST FOR YOU!!!!



Ever wonder where the customs surrounding Mardi Gras came from? Well, we researched a little history for you.



The French in New Orleans were having private masked balls and parties in 1718. When the Spanish government took over, parties and the street dancing were banned. In 1827, the Americans were in power and the right to party in mask was restored. (Thank goodness!) The celebrations almost got banned again in the 1850's because people got a little carried away with their partying.

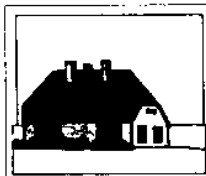
In 1872, a new gang of party boys called the Crewe of Rex formed and their plan was principally to entertain the visiting Grand Duke Alexis Romanoff of Russia. Since America didn't have royalty to properly welcome the Grand Duke, The men in Rex created a "King for the Day" so that the Grand Duke could be royally received.

The first planned parade was based around a theme and used flambeaux to light the procession. At every parade it is customary to proclaim someone "King" and to this day, many parades keep their King's identity a secret until the day of the parade.

The colors of Purple (representing Justice), Green (Faith), and Gold (Power) were selected by Rex in 1872 and given their meanings in 1892. The throwing of trinkets to the crowd started in 1870 by the Twelfth Night Revelers and is a time-honored expectation of the young and old alike. In 1884, Rex started using medallions instead of trinkets. The doubloons represent these today. The doubloon is aluminum and usually anodized in the colors of Mardi Gras. It seems that it is an accepted practice to stomp on them as your way of claiming the doubloon. So watch out for your fingers and toes..... and see you at the Mardi Gras Party on the 24th.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

SOCIAL AND WELCOME COMMITTEE



If you are interested in renting the Clubhouse, please contact Cecilia Johnson at 869-8143. The fee is only \$40.00 plus a \$150.00 security deposit. The clubhouse accommodates 80 people.

Playgroup!!!

Our Rivershyre Playgroup meets every Wed. from 10-11:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Parents and child caretakers are invited to join us for fun and socializing. For more information call Kamey Hawk at



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

You may have noticed that the proceeds from the various meals prepared by the Social and Welcome Committee are being used to build a fund to update our clubhouse. We have already started our updating and the new flooring has been ordered. As soon as the materials are available and the installer is ready, we hope to schedule the installation.

In an attempt to preserve the condition of the clubhouse, an improved method of checking out the clubhouse both before and after a rental is being implemented. Our clubhouse coordinator is Cecilia Johnson and she will meet with the renter at the clubhouse before your rental to verify with you the condition of the clubhouse. As soon as possible after the rental (and it must be soon because we have many back-to-back rentals), the renter will again meet Cecilia at the clubhouse and again the condition of the clubhouse will be checked. A \$150.00 deposit is required to rent the clubhouse and if the condition of the clubhouse is not exactly the same after the rental, then the entire deposit will be forfeited.

We will be required to be very exact during these checks and no one will be allowed to slip through. Our Rivershyre clubhouse is a wonderful asset to our community and should be treated with care by all who enter its doors. We trust that every Rivershyre homeowner who rents the clubhouse will use it as they would a room in their own home.

From the Social and Welcome Committee

Rivershyre is a great place to live... we have some very committed people putting their heart and soul into doing the best job that they can. Meeting new families, planning activities, cooking large quantities of food... these are all things that we've had the chance to do since moving here. Lots of work, yes - but it's fun because we've been doing the work with the new friends that we've made.

We've heard many people say that they wish they lived here and/or wished that their community did things like we do. We should be proud of Rivershyre and our community involvement. We invite all of you to become involved, to come "work" with us or maybe another committee. Many hands make the job easier and the work can be "fun"!

BOARD MEMBER DIRECTORY

Randy Stone	President
Martha Kapfhammer	Vice President
Mat Merriman	Treasurer
Denise McLain	Secretary
Bob Lloyd	Member
Bill Clark	Member
Ray Jasniecki	Member

COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Architecture Control	Jeff Butler
By-Laws	Bob Lloyd
Finance	Bob Lloyd
Grounds and Lake	Randy Stone
Neighborhood Watch	Joyce Rabb
Pool	Mike Plankey
Social & Welcome	Martha Kapfhammer

MONTHLY EVENTS

Architecture	4th Monday, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors	1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
By-laws	Not Scheduled
Finance	2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Grounds and Lake	3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Neighborhood Watch	4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Playgroup	Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
Pool	Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Social and Welcome	2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT RANDY STONE - 1121 RIVERSHYRE DR.



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PRESIDENT

New officers were selected for 2001 at the January Board of Directors meeting:

Randy Stone - President
Martha Kapfhammer - Vice President
Mat Merriman - Treasurer
Denise McLain - Secretary

As the new President, I would like to commend Mat Merriman for the great job he did last year as President. In addition to acting as the community spokesman and chairing the board meetings, Mat took over responsibility of Treasurer for most of the year. He and Bob Lloyd were instrumental in collecting delinquent association dues not only from last year, but also from past years. Mat has always been an active participant in our community and is an integral part of both the Finance and Pool Committees. Thank you Mat.

New Lawn Maintenance Contractor - Sullivans Lawn Service, who had been taking care of the common areas from the beginning, chose not to renew his contract for 2001. He had done an excellent job and we were sorry to see him go. For the last couple of months, the Grounds & Lake Committee has been working hard to select a new contractor. Six requests for proposals were sent out and all contractors responded. After a rigorous evaluation considering numerous factors such as cost, experience, customer satisfaction and quality of work, Ricks Lawn and Garden Service was selected as our new Lawn Maintenance Contractor. Rick is subcontracting Turf Pride to do the chemical applications. Rick has already been busy pruning the crepe myrtles along Rivershyre Drive and we believe he is going to do a great job keeping the common areas in the Villages of Rivershyre looking trimmed and neat.

Christmas Tree Mulch - Residents have deposited about 30 trees in a pile near the clubhouse. We also asked Rick to pile the crepe myrtle branches there too. The Grounds & Lake Committee intends to rent a chipper so we can create some mulch for the common areas. Anyone willing to help out, please contact me or Larry Beran. We will also need to move the chips to the areas needing mulch and spread it out, so volunteers with a pick up truck would be very welcome.

Clubhouse Area Master Plan - The Social and Welcome Committee had a good year holding fund raisers for a playground. They have about \$1800 saved and are eager to get going. The Grounds and Lake Committee is going to work in a joint effort to develop a master plan for the clubhouse area which will include sites for the playground equipment and a review of regulatory requirements. Other items being considered are a seating area and an extension of the parking area at the clubhouse. Earlier discussions included mention of volleyball and basketball courts. We only have so much area available and we want to make the best possible advantage of it, yet keep it attractive looking. The playground equipment is likely to be the first thing installed, but we want to make sure it fits into a long term and grander scheme of development. Members from both committees will be meeting soon to kick off the effort. We would like to get input from any interested resident and are putting out the call for anyone with some architectural or landscaping design or a related construction background.

Rivershyre Website - Bill Clark is our webmaster and has built a very impressive website for our community. He has been working hard on this effort over the last year and recently added the Covenants, Declaration and By-Laws to the website. The website includes email addresses of board members and committee chairpeople and other community information. Copies of the Community Newsletters were added this year and Bill has provided numerous interesting links to other websites. If you haven't visited for a while, please check it out at <http://www.rivershyre.org/>. You'll be impressed.

Animal Waste - Someone brought to my attention that someone has apparently dumped a few bucket loads of animal waste on the street. I need to warn the perpetrator that dumping this in a public area is probably against some law. If anyone sees this act being done, please call the Sheriff's department and report it. The same advice applies to any other unlawful acts (including vandalism or other malicious behavior) being observed in our community. We are all responsible to make our community a secure place to live, so please keep an eye out for suspicious behavior. If anyone is interested in participating in the neighborhood watch program please contact me.

I look forward to working with all of you this year to make our community even a better place to live.