



THE VILLAGE CRIER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF
RIVERSHYRE INCLUDING, BRIGTOR, BARTWICK, NEWPORT
AND EDEYTON VILLAGES

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MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!



SAFE AND SECURE

Recently, someone tried to enter a home on Edeyton Trail in the middle of the night. Fortunately, the door was locked and no additional attempts were made to enter the home. The police were called and a report was made. With Christmas approaching, residents are urged to be extra diligent in securing your homes and your vehicles. Make sure you know when your neighbors will be out of town and be sure to let them know when you will be out of town.

Know your contractor: If you are looking for a contractor to do work at your residence, whether its removing trees, remodeling, or putting up fencing, ask your neighbors. There are a few contractors who do work in Rivershyre that are less than reliable and many of us would gladly share our story so that others don't have the same problem. There are many more who do excellent work and would be glad to get a referral from someone in Rivershyre.

Any questions, give me a call at _____ or email me
at wolfpack86@knology.net.

Bill Clark
2032 Edeyton Trail

Santa Clause is coming to Rivershyre!



A VIP will be at the Rivershyre clubhouse on Sunday, December 9 and all of our Rivershyre children are invited to come have cookies with Santa from 3 until 5 p.m. Santa wants to see all of our little ones

and to hear their whispered Christmas requests.

There is a fee of \$3.00 per child and each child will receive a special treat from Santa plus their own individual picture. Do not forget about the cookies, cocoa and milk too!! Reservations will be required in order to avoid long lines and to give each child plenty of time to speak with Santa. You may make your reservations by calling Martha at 650-8766 before December 7th. Dont delay calling because last year Santa was pretty busy!!



DIRECTORY UPDATING CONTINUES!!!!

We are almost finished with the updating of the Directory. However, in an effort to be sure that everyone is included, we are asking one last time for your help. If you are new to River-shyre in 2001, how about calling just to make sure your name has been added to the updated directory. Have a new child, a new phone number or an emergency number? - we'd like that info too!! Would you like to add your name to our Service Directory or maybe you have a teen who likes to baby-sit - make a phone call to tell us that too! You can call Martha at 650-8766 and she will be able to help you with directory questions. Please think about this and make a phone call today because the directory project will be finished by the end of the year.



TENNIS ANYONE???

The grounds and lakes committee would like to get an idea of how much interest our residents have in our current tennis facilities. Our courts don't have any lights, so there is no chance to play at night after work. Please contact Guy Hoffman at 650-2228 or email at HoffmanGuy@bfusa.com, if you think it would be worthwhile to spend \$8500 to install tennis court lights. Please respond by December 15, with your input.

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

BOARD MEMBER DIRECTORY

Randy Stone	President
Martha Kapfhammer	Vice President
Ray Jasnecki	Treasurer
Denise McLain	Secretary

Board Members: Holly Bullock, Bill Clark, Dan Johnson, Mike Paluba, Susan Perfect, and Jen Shimalla

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.
Pool	Wednesday 7 p.m.
Neighborhood Watch	4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Social & Welcome	2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.



If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please contact Ruth Lloyd at 860-3803 or Martha Kapfhammer at 650-8766. The fee is only \$40.00 plus a \$150.00 security deposit. The clubhouse accommodates 80 people. The club-

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY - CHRISTMAS

By Ray Jasniecki



Christmas - It's the most wonderful time of the year. But, it can also be one of the most hazardous times of the year because we are often so preoccupied with buying gifts, decorating our homes, and planning parties that we often overlook basic common sense safety principles. Please keep the following in mind amid the hustle and bustle of the season:

Outside Decorations:

Inspect the ladder for broken rungs, feet and other obvious damage prior to use. Make sure the extension ladder is firmly planted with its feet one-quarter of its extended length away from the house (e.g. a twelve foot ladder should be positioned 3 feet away from the house). Make sure that the feet are resting on a level surface. Extension ladder sections should overlap at least 3 feet. Do not place a ladder in front of the door. Do not maneuver an extension ladder upright as you move it, take the extra time to lower it and carry it parallel to the ground. Do

not stand or climb upon the top two rungs of any platform type stepladders or straight and extension ladders.

Christmas Trees:

A Christmas tree is probably the most beautiful of all decorations. Purchase only living trees with root balls or freshly cut trees. Previously cut trees may have been harvested months earlier and are already dangerously dry. A simple test for freshness is to grasp a branch with your thumb and forefinger and pull towards the tip. The needles should feel soft and very few should drop to the ground. Cut about an inch off the bottom of the trunk and place the tree in water. Use a stand that holds plenty of water so that the tree will not dry out. Keep fresh trees well watered. A tree can become a flaming torch with a fire so hot that it can engulf an entire room within minutes. Remember never block doorways or exits with your tree. In a fire, seconds count and every exit should be available.


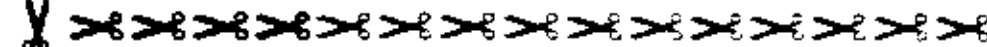
Christmas Lights:

Christmas lights should be approved by Underwriters Laboratories(as evidenced by a UL tag on the cord). Inspect the strands of lights before use, never use strings of lights that have frayed or broken cords. Do not overload electric outlets or overuse extension cords. Typically no more than two or three strings of lights should be connected together and plugged into a single outlet. Demanding too much current from your circuits can make wiring overheat and start fires inside your walls. Make sure the extension cord is approved for its intended use. Never use indoor extension cords outside. Outside rated cords have more insulation than indoor cords.

Candles:

Candles symbolize joy, warmth, security, and light. Keep flames well away from anything that will burn - upholstered furniture, curtains, lampshades, etc. Never leave a candle unattended and keep children and pets away from all candles. Never use real candles on or near the tree. If a candle is used in an arrangement with greens, such as a table centerpiece, keep the greenery moist and discard as it becomes dry. Remember to blow out all candles after your party, and the guests have left.




RIVERSHYRE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
UPCOMING EVENTS
 Cookies With Santa..... Sunday, December 9, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.


FROM OUR PRESIDENT RANDY STONE - 1121 RIVERSHYRE DR.



Traffic Accident: As most of you know, a recent car accident on Hardy McManus Road caused significant damage to the privacy fence on the right side of the main entrance to Rivershyre. Based on information I obtained from the accident report, I called and discovered that neither of the parties involved in the accident lives in Rivershyre. I understand that the party who was rear ended and propelled thru our fence was transported to a hospital for examination but was not critically injured. Holly Bullock notified our insurance company of the damage and we are in the process of getting a repair estimate that will be submitted to the claim agent. I will be pushing to get our front entrance fence fixed as soon as possible. As a safety precaution, please beware of traffic approaching behind you when entering the neighborhood (especially from the west) and remember to always use your turn indicators.

Office Space: The Board needs some office space. Earlier this year, Matt and Robin Merriman donated a file cabinet to the association. It was temporarily put in the clubhouse coat closet. The board needs to put this file cabinet in a secure space so we can store the association records. We also want some space to store reference materials and office equipment that we need to run the association more effectively. The clubhouse is the only community building that we own and is the only viable alternative for that office space. It was observed that the men's restroom has a shower area (that includes several lockers and a shower stall) that has never been used. The concept we came up with is to wall off this unused part of the men's rest room and install a lockable door. The materials that we'd need to implement this project are some framing lumber, a prehung door, some drywall, several shelves, a new electrical receptacle, a lighting fixture and possibly an exhaust fan. We believe the cost for this project is justified and could be limited to the few hundred dollars for the materials, if we can do it using volunteer labor. If you have experience in interior remodeling, please contact me because we could use your advice and/or help to get the plan finalized and the project approved for implementation. I would really like to get this project implemented sometime this winter if at all possible.

Committees: We still need a few more volunteers to help with the Finance, By-Laws and Architectural Control committees. If you can spare a couple hours a month and/or could use a very worthwhile extracurricular activity, please consider helping us out on one of these committees.

Tennis: Anyone interested in getting together to help plan and implement needed repairs and/or possible improvements to the tennis courts, please call me or Guy Hoffman. We are planning on replacing the tennis nets next year.

Happy Holidays to everyone in Rivershyre

Randy Stone