

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

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Hi everyone and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It is hard to believe that we are in the middle of the holiday season. Seems like just yesterday our neighborhood had our Annual Halloween Parade/Dinner/Bonfire. Speaking of that event, what a tremendous turnout we had! By all accounts, this was the largest group we have ever had. A big thanks to the Social and Welcome Committee and Mike Amerson for sponsoring this event.

On a recent business trip I mentioned to one of my co-workers about the Halloween activities we had in the neighborhood. She mentioned how she wished her neighborhood had events like this. As a matter of fact, she stated her neighborhood does nothing except collect homeowner's dues.

Speaking of holiday events, we have another significant neighborhood activity this month. On Saturday 10 December, we have two events. In the morning there will be cookies and milk with Santa down at the Clubhouse, and that same night there will be a hay ride, caroling and a stop for hot chocolate (and adult beverages). This is another event that, year after year, receives many positive comments. We will meet at the Clubhouse, and we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Our final upcoming event to remind you of is our Annual Polar Bear Plunge down at the Pool. Mark your calendars for Saturday 7 January. The time has yet to be determined, but please watch for information on the board at the front of the neighborhood. This event is open to the entire neighborhood. This will be the fourth year for this event and each year the number of "jumpers" and spectators continues to grow.

With all the hustle and bustle during the holiday season, I hope you are able to enjoy some time with your friends and family. Please remember those members of our neighborhood that are separated from their families this season supporting our Nation.

Thanks again to everyone that continues to make Rivershyre a special place to live.

T.M. Weisz
RCA President

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See us at:

www.rivershyre.org

Cookies with Santa

December 10th @ 9:00am

Please RSVP to Joanie Bryant @ 706-863-2931 or
jbryant428@aol.com by December 8th.

On December 10th @ 7:00pm, starting at the clubhouse, we will be caroling our way through the neighborhood on a hayride and making a stop for hot chocolate, Glühwein and cookies.

Please bring your family and voices out and join the fun with us this year...Children please DON'T forget your parents.



~ Rivershyre Yard of the Month ~

Rivershyre's eighty-seventh Yard of the Month can be found at **1158 Oakton Trail**. 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 ~

Cookies with Santa	Saturday, December 10 th
Columbia County Schools Out	December 19 – January 2
First Day of Hanukkah	Wednesday, December 21 st
Winter Begins	Thursday, December 22 nd
Christmas Eve	Saturday, December 24 th
Christmas	Sunday, December 25 th
First Day of Kwanzaa	Monday, December 26 th
Last Day of Hanukkah	Wednesday, December 28 th
New Year's Eve	Saturday, December 31 st

**Babysitters
Listing**

If you would like to add your name to the list, send an email to:
babysitter@rivershyre.org.

Include your name and phone number.

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

2011 Board of Directors

T.M. Weisz	President
Dick Huskin	Vice President
Michael Nehlsen	Secretary
Darryl Fisher	Treasurer
Kathryn and Tim Barrett, Renee Nehlsen, Mike Amerson, Ziad Husein, Laura Higgins, Horace Carney and Kay Russo	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 11/17/2011

1087 Severn Drive	\$219,000
1102 Rivershyre Drive	\$240,000
1134 Rivershyre Drive	\$185,900
2018 Rivershyre Drive	\$269,900

Sold Properties 6/1/2011 – 11/17/2011

1182 Branchwood Trail	\$179,000
1213 Oakton Trail	\$218,000
1103 Rivershyre Drive	\$194,000
1096 Rivershyre Drive	\$240,000

Pending Sales as of 11/17/2011

N/A

Average Sales for Previous 6 Months

Average Home Size	2514 sq. ft.
Average Sales Price	\$207,750
Average Dollar per Sq. Ft.	\$83.22
Average Days on the Market	172 days

Committee Chairpersons

Architectural Control	Open
By-Laws & Nominating	Dick Huskin
Finance	Holly Bullock
Grounds & Lake	Open
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	Kathryn Barrett
Pool	Kim Norland
Social & Welcome	Renee Nehlsen

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, 7:30 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, 7:30 pm
Pool	3 rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
Neighborhood Watch & Safety	4 th Thursday, 7:00 pm
Social & Welcome	2 nd 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 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



Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. Now we are all preparing for Christmas!

Tips for the holidays:

While shopping, be watchful of the people in the parking lot as you are walking to your vehicle. Place your purchases where they cannot be seen. If you are at the mall and intend on returning to the stores, move your car to a different location in the parking lot.

Please make sure that you place your Christmas presents where no one can see them from your front windows. When you purchase large expensive items, crush your boxes so that you don't advertise it to those driving through the neighborhood. Make sure that you have changed your batteries in your fire alarms. If you use wood in your fireplace, please have your flue inspected for excessive creosote. When you go out of town, don't forget to put your house on **House Watch** through the **Sherriff's Department**. Their number is **706-541-2800**. Also let your neighbors know that you are gone so they can keep an eye on your home for you.

For those of us who are trying to walk off those extra pounds we gained during Thanksgiving, please make sure you are walking facing traffic. Wear reflective clothing and/or carry a flash light when you are walking at night.

If you are walking in the nature area during the day, please wear orange. We have had several people who think they can go deer hunting there and on Columbia County property. If you see anyone hunting or hear gun shots, please report it to the **Sherriff's Department** at **706-541-2800**. I have been in touch with them. No one has permission from the **Columbia County Commissioners Office**, the **Water Department**, **Greenspace** or **Rivershyre** to hunt back there nor in the surrounding area. There was a deer hunter spotted in a tree by the short bridge one day this past month. He claimed he had permission from the county to be there. He was lying.

We have had several complaints on dogs running loose throughout the neighborhood. One lady was knocked down by someone's dog. Thankfully she wasn't hurt. There is a chocolate colored Lab that has been

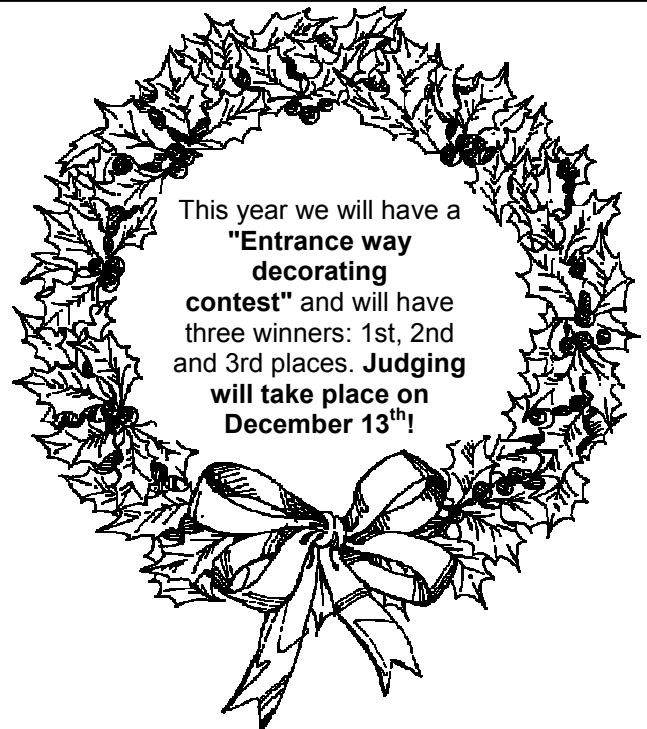
wandering almost daily on Rivershyre Drive. Animal Control has been notified and is on the lookout for it. Please make sure you have your dogs contained in a fenced yard or inside your home. They could be hit by a car, attacked by or attack another dog, or hurt someone else. You never know how they will react to another person or animal when you are not present. You as the owner would be responsible if anything bad happened.

We have had two incidents reported this month. Some power tools and equipment was stolen from a residents' garage between September and November. The other report was about the dog that knocked down an elderly lady.

Neighborhood Watch and Safety Committee will not be meeting in December. Meetings will resume on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 PM. We welcome new members any time who are interested in helping to develop new educational programs for the neighborhood and care about the safety of others.

If you are new to Rivershyre or your contact information has changed, please email kbarrett29@comcast.net. I can email you a directory and add you to our Emergency Contact list.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!



Quarter Updates & News

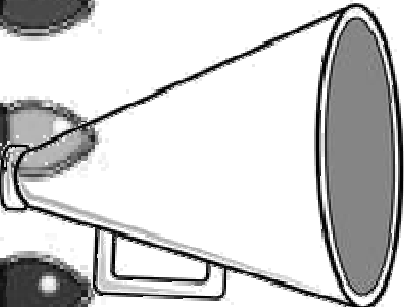
Baby Sitter / Yard Work List

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Sitter</u>	<u>Yard Wk</u>
Kristen Beasley	706-869-0223	X	
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	
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	

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

LET US KNOW ... WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!

PLEASE CALL CAROLYN JULIEN @ 706-496-2189.



Social and Welcome committee is always looking for new ideas for our neighborhood.

Please email me at rca.sw@rivershyre.org with your idea, or stop by at one of our meetings...

Thank You
Renee' Nehlsen

Lawn and Gardening Calendar December

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Ornamentals:

- Plant shrubbery and trees
- Renew mulch around shrubbery
- **Soil Test** every 2 to 3 years

Turf:

- Continue to spray for winter weeds
- **Soil Test** every 2 to 3 years

Flowers:

- Continue winter cleanup in flower beds
- Continue to plant spring flowering bulbs
- Mulch tender perennials to protect from frost
- Remove debris from beds to help prevent disease
- **Soil Test** every 2 to 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
- Till garden soil after crops die down remove debris from garden to prevent disease
- Apply organic matter to garden soils
- **Soil Test** every 2 to 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 to 3 years