

CALLING ALL BABYSITTERS

Summer is upon us and this seems like an ideal time to update our list of responsible young people in the neighborhood who are willing to babysit and/or pet sit. If you would like your name and telephone number to be included contact Mandy McLean by telephone (770 416 8607) or email (mandy.mclean@comcast.net) In the meantime you can contact any one of the numbers listed below.

Drew Bigalow - 770 447 6585

Alexandra Goodwill - 770 582 1587

Maggie Johnson - 770 582 1904

Stephanie Lord - 770 662 0636

Rebecca McLean - 770 416 8607

Michael Watts - 770 242 9469

RIVERVIEW NEWS

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Riverview Executive Committee Initiatives for 2005

Your Executive Committee has set the following objectives and priorities for 2005 not in any special order:

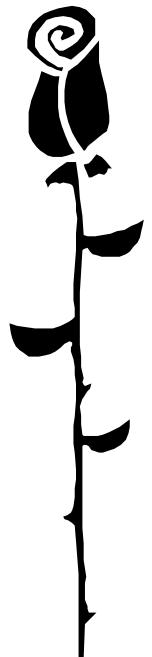
1. To increase attendance at meetings first by finding out what homeowners want from the Association meetings.
2. To encourage as many homeowners as possible to sign the Covenants and to ensure that the Covenants are followed.
3. To ensure that Association dues are collected in full from Association members.
4. To use our collective purchasing clout to negotiate better/less expensive common services.
5. To communicate among ourselves and provide references regarding good experiences with service providers.
6. To create an accurate and comprehensive electronic database of our membership.
7. To resist the rezoning application by the Tae Kwon Do operator at our entrance.
8. To continue to improve the appearance of our neighborhood.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any member of your Executive Committee.

David Goodwill



Riverview President David
Goodwill



RIVERVIEW DUES

Where the Money Goes

by David Goodwill

Many of you may have been wondering where the dues that we pay go. I believe that you can rest assured that the dues we pay in Riverview are very reasonable when compared with other similar neighborhoods nearby and that you get very good value for your money. Your Association Officers and Executive Committee work very hard to ensure that this happens.

The table below shows the budget for 2005. The total income that we have targeted from dues and interest in 2005 is \$35,600.

As you can see, nearly three fourths of the budget goes towards the upkeep of the common areas. I am sure that you will agree that this money is well spent since the entrance and the park are areas to be proud of.

A popular misconception is that we spend "dues money" on social activities. This is entirely untrue. All of the many social events that we hold are required to pay for themselves during the course of the full year.

Here are the details of Riverview Association's planned expenditure for 2005:

<u>Item</u>	<u>\$('000)</u>	<u>%</u>
Grounds upkeep	23.2	65.2
Park upkeep	3.0	8.4
Christmas Decorations	2.5	7.0
Insurance	2.4	6.7
Utilities	1.5	4.2
Taxes	0.8	2.2
Welcome/Bereavement	0.6	1.7
Office Supplies	0.5	1.4
UPCCA Dues	0.4	1.1
Directory	0.3	0.9
Newsletter	0.2	0.6
Miscellaneous	0.2	0.6
Total	35.6	100.0

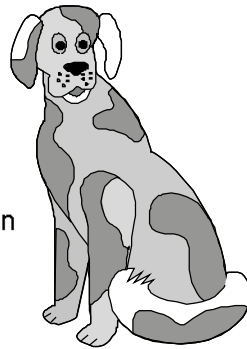


SCOUTING FOR FOOD

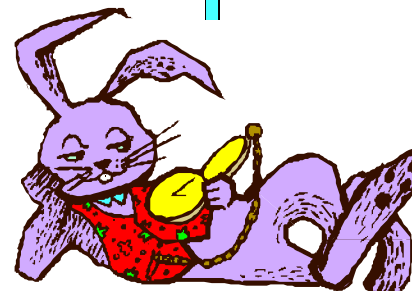
A very big thank you from Riverview's Cub Scouts of Pack 525 for your donations for their recent Community Service event.

IN THE DOGHOUSE by David Goodwill

Please be reminded that pets are not allowed to roam free in Riverview, and if you walk your dog, please have the common courtesy to pick up after it when it does its business. Also, please be courteous to your neighbors, do not let leave your dog out in your yard unmanaged if it is likely to bark, or let it bark unnecessarily at any time. This can cause offense to your neighbors and is tough on neighborhood friendships. It is also against the law!



Classifieds



Very sweet and sociable Rex Bunny with cage and equipment free to good home.

Interested? Call Leslie Johnson at 770 582 1904 and ask about "Frodo".

IN REMEMBRANCE

On March 21st, 2005, Riverview lost a dear neighbor and friend. Noreen Jamison passed away quietly at home, after a long and courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma. Knowing she is at peace and in a better place, is comforting to us all.

We remember Noreen as a beautiful woman – beautiful on the outside as well as within. She always had a kind word to say about everyone, and gave generously of herself to all her friends and neighbors. Since Noreen was an excellent cook, many of us remember her delicious recipes, which she willingly shared. She loved to entertain and opened their home on several occasions for Ladies Luncheons and Christmas Tour. As a talented artist, we remember her artwork displayed throughout the Jamisons' home.

Noreen was a loving wife to Joe, devoted mother to Michael and Michelle and recently, an adoring grandmother to Nora.

It is with dignity and grace she lived, and it is with dignity and grace she left. We miss her.

Jan Smyth

COPS by ANDY McLEAN

COPS program in jeopardy?

One of the challenges we have historically faced with our Riverview COPS program is turnover in our locally appointed officer and a degree of apathy with the purpose of the program. Based on a recent article in USA Today it would appear that our experience is not uncommon:



"Ten years after it's introduction, the grant program known as COPS (for Community Oriented Policing Services) has given \$10 billion to help more than 12,000 police agencies hire and reassign officers. Politicians and police chiefs across the nation have said that COPS is a big reason for the sharp decline in crime rates that began in the late 1990s. But now, with the largest buildup of local law enforcement in U.S. history winding down, a less flattering view of the COPS program is emerging: Federal audits of just 3% of all COPS grants have alleged that \$277 million was misspent and that tens of thousands of jobs funded by the grants were never filled."

The article concludes that there is little evidence that COPS was ever a big factor in reducing crime, and that thousands of local police jobs could be lost if the U.S. Senate follows the House recommendation to remove funding for officers dedicated to COPS.

I will update progress with the COPS program in the next newsletter. In the meantime, it's worth remembering the advice that we are always given: if you see something suspicious in the neighborhood, don't hesitate, dial 911 immediately.



Garden Tour & Tea

The Riverview Garden Tour and Tea was a great success on Friday, April 30th. The event was well attended and enjoyed by many of our neighbors and their friends. Thank you to the Sharon's, the Copelands, and the Araim's for sharing their beautiful gardens with us and a special thanks to the Zambacca's for hosting the lunch at the end of the tour. I'm quite sure that as a result of this tour we will see some garden renovations taking place as some of us try to "keep up with the Joneses" (or rather the Sharons, Copelands and Araims) in our gardens.

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month recipients for starting us off this year with lovely gardens

March - Nunnally & Carol Walters
at 4263 Ridgeway Drive
and

April - Ralph & Merryl Rindick
at 4623 River Court



Upcoming Events

Summer Bar B Q - planned for July. If anyone is interested in hosting this event let Laura or Helen know. Always a lot of fun and a great chance to be with your neighbors.

Welcoming

It has been several months since we have had the newsletter up and running since Dottie took off on the extended cruise. Thanks to Mandy McLean we hope to get back to a regular schedule so we can share news with everyone. We have so many new faces and new friends. Please forgive me if you are "new" and not formally introduced in the newsletter. We would like to begin doing a brief New Family Feature with a photograph in our newsletters. Remember to let one of the members of the social committee know if you have a new neighbor move in next door to you. Please try to attend the association meetings so that new faces get placed with all the new names.



New Family Feature- The Ostwalts. Lisa and Phil Ostwalt moved in at 4255 Gatewood Lane just before Christmas. They are excited to be here and closer to their children's school. Elizabeth (1st grade) and Pierce (4th grade) attend Wesleyan School. They relocated to Riverview from the Roswell area. Phil is a partner with KPMG and Lisa is a Family Nurse Practitioner. They have a friendly yellow lab named Butch.

NEW FAMILIES

Vince and Lois Lyons- 4567 Ridgeway Drive 770-209-4016
Mitch and Kelly Hughes- 4250 Gatewood Ln 770-242-0313
Children -Melanie and Morgan
Brian and Penny Johnston-4419 Riverview Drive 770-448-5501
Keith and Tina James 4526 Ridgeway Drive
Barbara and Pete Luckhurst 4449 Riverview Drive 770-368-8233

New baby- Priscilla Park was born on November 12 to Darlene and David Park. Gilla was welcomed home by her sisters Claire, Anna, Audry and brother Henry. Recently she has been outside watching all her siblings play from the comfort of her stroller. Soon she will be climbing trees with the others.



We thank God for such a healthy and beautiful baby girl! Congratulations to the Park family.