

RIVERBAY

September, 2012



Lookin' good ...

The Riverbay gardens looked terrific this year. The drip irrigation system worked beautifully throughout the summer, particularly during the very hot month of August. "Warm" thanks are extended

to Christie Turner, Chair, Riverbay Beautification committee, all RBC members and the volunteer crew who helped with summer maintenance/ weeding. 2012 Riverbay summer garden buddies included: Suzanne Burley, Pat Carden, Lynne Hartell, Mary & Jeff Lanctot, Rich Morgano, Pam & Tom Patton, Ann Reydel, Ruth Steeger, Jan & Ken Travis, and Jan Whittaker. Bulb planting and entrance clean-up will be scheduled later this fall with seasonal decorations planned for the entrances in early December--times and dates to follow.



A final word from “Prez” Whittaker~~~~~

It is with a self-imposed term limit of 4 years that I say good-bye to many good friends and neighbors here in Riverbay—but only as ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT. I have no plans to move from this wonderful neighborhood and expect to continue being active in community activities, including Riverbay. However, any organization can benefit from “new blood”—a new leader with fresh ideas and different perspectives. Some residents have inquired as to why annual dues are not mandatory. The covenants governing Riverbay Estates expired 25 years ago with dues becoming optional—now \$30 a year. Activities of the Association are funded by those of you who understand the importance of maintaining the appearance of our community and its impact on our home values. To all Riverbay dues payers—I say thank you very much!

My sincere gratitude is also extended to those who have served with me on the Executive Board over these past 4 years. It would not have been possible for me to do this job without their extensive and caring support. It has been a challenging and enlightening experience to serve as president of the Riverbay Association and I wish the new president well. One of the services that this Board implemented was the compilation and delivery of a WELCOME-TO-RIVERBAY packet to new home owners. And just FYI: 25+ packets have been sent out since January of 2011. Yes, Riverbay is a busy community with residents coming and going. Have an enjoyable Chatham fall and I hope to see you ‘round the ‘hood! I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting next month on Oct. 6.

Jan Whittaker — President- — 2008-2012

RIVERBAY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN : Saturday, October 6, 2012

WHERE: Chatham Community Center [XXX Main St. Chatham]

TIME: 9:30 a.m. Coffee and breakfast treats; 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: “Col. Benjamin Godfrey”, Proprietor, Godfrey Windmill, Chase Park, Chatham

[aka Bill Cullinane, one of many distinguished Riverbay residents and active Chatham volunteers

RIVERBAY OUTREACH: Chatham Food Pantry [CFP]donations will be accepted. Canned, boxed, dry items most needed include: tuna, canned fruits & vegetables, cereal, beans, rice & pasta, spaghetti sauce, oatmeal, toothpaste, or whatever you wish to contribute. Checks payable to the CHATHAM FOOD PANTRY will also be accepted and delivered to the CFP after the meeting.

- ◆◆ PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING ◆◆ ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE
- ◆◆ HEAR ABOUT RIVERBAY, ◆◆ MEET AN OLD OR NEW NEIGHBOR
- ◆◆ LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GODFREY WINDMILL RESTORATION PROJECT

Reminder: Good visibility along our streets is important to both driver and pedestrian safety in Riverbay. It is the property owner’s responsibility to keep roadside plantings on their property trimmed. This is particularly important at corners as town regs call for 25’ visibility each way at intersections. Your cooperation is requested & will be appreciated. Thank you.

2012 Riverbay Annual Picnic

“The Park” came alive on August 4, 2012, when 80+ residents, including 6 children, gathered for the annual Association picnic and celebration of Riverbay’s 50th Birthday. Tables covered with white tablecloths dotted with “locally grown” floral centerpieces -AND- tasty fare (appetizers, side dishes, desserts) contributed by attendees



made for a fun gathering of both “new” and “old” residents, including 4 former prez’ (Photo: L to R Sal Gionfriddo, Bob Hughes, Tom Patton and “Bert” Shupe with current prez, Jan Whittaker-center). Thanks are extended to the Riverbay Picnic Committee—Jean Zilliox, Ann Reydel, and Christie Turner—for all their efforts in planning and organizing this neighborhood event. Let’s do it again in ’13--hope to see you at the Park next year. See www.Riverbay.org [NEWS page] for additional picnic coverage and



more photos.



WHAT'S NEW in RIVERBAY

Several Riverbay residents/business owners have inquired about the possibility of advertising in the Riverbay Newsletter and/or becoming a Riverbay Newsletter sponsor. The Board



discussed this issue and voted to approve this action. Ads or sponsorship by Association

members would help to defray the costs of each newsletter mailing and provide business information that may of interest to Riverbay residents. Details soon to follow---an e-mail alert will be sent to Riverbay residents once this new program is up 'n running with information on how to participate.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW—Part II

A new Riverbay webmaster it is..... Jeff Lanctot has now taken over website and e-mail duties. Many thanks are extended to Ann Reydel who did this for the past several years when it was all e-new and e-challenging. Jan Whittaker will continue as the back-up Riverbay webmaster.

Now due—Dues, Do's, Dooze, Dews—whatever you call them--only \$30 a year

Your dues and contributions help to pay for costs related to entrances plantings, annual picnic, periodic newsletters, yearly mowing and maintenance, flags, the web site, etc. Membership “perks”: Riverbay Directory, posting on web site, “advertise” in the newsletter, and pride in your neighborhood.

Checks may be sent in the same envelope as the ballot--they will not be seen as a “pay-off” THANK to all residents who have already paid dues this year; extra special THANK to those of you who made donations to the Riverbay Beautification Fund—see how your \$\$ have been put to work on the front page.

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