# RIVER READER



#### RIVER OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

**January 2024 NEWSLETTER** 

#### Hello Fellow Homeowners.

The past year was not a bad year or an extremely good year for our community. Basically, we have been maintaining the status quo. However, we are looking forward to keeping our community safe by planning to re-establish a community watch program. This will be one of our main goals for the upcoming 2024 year. Why do we need to do this? We want to be proactive instead of waiting for crime to increase and become unmanageable. I do believe that the most effective way to stop crime is to anticipate it's arrival before it happens. Therefore, we will be soliciting volunteers to help us get this accomplished.

If you desire to be a part of the organizing committee, let us know. Additionally, if you feel that you can contribute to help us improve our neighborhood in other ways, consider becoming a member of our Board. We have several vacancies and the commitment usually only takes 3–5 hours a month. That isn't asking much from you, especially if you have great ideas to present. Please consider it!

If your work and family times do not allow you this commitment, consider sending us suggestions on how we can work better to serve you. You may contact <u>any board member</u>, send an email to <u>RiverOaksAssoc@gmail.com</u> or contact me at Isaac Moore Jr isaacmooreHOA@hotmail.com.

Thanks for being such great neighbors who take pride in keeping their yard and surrounding areas clean and manageable. We can do more if we work together as a TEAM!

Best regards. *Isaac Moore* 

**President, River Oaks Homeowners Association** 

### **Neighborhood Volunteers**

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those neighbors who see a need and fill it. From decorating the neighborhood, to picking up trash along their walks, to helping out a neighbor with lawn care, we appreciate you and acknowledge your efforts!



#### Speed Bumps/Humps/Traffic Calming Devices

This subject comes up regularly on FaceBook, Next Door, etc. Research has been done and the ROHA board is happy to help, however, we need someone to spearhead the project. All information can be found on our ROHA WebPage.

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2024 Budget (Approved)		
Income	Budgeted	
Starting Balance	\$38,700.00	
Deposit	\$75,800.00	
Total	\$114,500.00	
Expenses	Budgeted	
Admin / Office Expenses / Corp Fee	\$400.00	
Bank Charges	\$50.00	
Community Improvements	\$6,000.00	
Community Outreach / Special Events	\$4,000.00	
Electrician	\$1,500.00	
Facility use	\$400.00	
General Maintenance / Repairs	\$2,500.00	
HOA Management Fees	\$13,000.00	
Insurance	\$9,000.00	
Landscape Updating Removal	\$10,000.00	
Landscaping	\$42,000.00	
Legal	\$3,000.00	
Mulch/Pine Straw	\$5,000.00	
Newsletter Printing / Distributing	\$700.00	
PO Box Fee	\$250.00	
Pond Maintenance	\$2,000.00	
Postage / Bulk Mail Permit	\$750.00	
Property Taxes	\$500.00	
Storage Unit	\$250.00	
Street Lighting	\$12,500.00	
Tax Preparation	\$300.00	
Website	\$400.00	
Total	\$114,500.00	

# **HOA Budget**

### **Open Balances**

As of January 2024, there are a total of **59** unique homeowners who owe a total of **7307.92** for unpaid dues for 2023.

Paying your HOA dues is crucial for maintaining our community's wellbeing. These funds support essential services, upkeep, and improvements that ensure our neighborhood remains safe, beautiful, and an enjoyable place to live for all residents.

To confirm if your account with the HOA is in good standing, and to avoid fees and liens, contact the HOA Management Co. at HOA1@dorchestersold.net, or the HOA Treasurer at Treasurer.ROHA@gmail.com.

ROHA Spring

Yard sale 
Saturday, April 6th

8:00 to 1:00



Cedar Grove Shopping Center- This community gathering place is bustling with additional stores and restaurants, including Buffalo Wild Wings, Chicken Salad Chick and First Watch. And more are on the way in 2024. Monitor this progress at <a href="https://www.collettre.com/.../cedar-grove-dorchester-road...">https://www.collettre.com/.../cedar-grove-dorchester-road...</a>. You'll notice some interesting demographics at this site, too. Such as 108,513 people live within five miles and the average household income in nearby neighborhoods is \$108,000 annually.

Interstate 26 Interchange Project- Construction is progressing steadily. Charleston County projects the County anticipates "substantial completion" early in 2026. The planned multi-use Festival Center will soon get traction. You can monitor this project at this link: Palmetto Commerce Interchange <a href="https://www.palmettocommerceinterchange.com/">https://www.palmettocommerceinterchange.com/</a>

## **ROHA Information**

#### **Voting Information**

The following information is provided as a public service for all residents of River Oaks HOA. Our neighbors in Marsh Side are in the city of North Charleston so information regarding North Charleston is also provided. Additionally, we update the

https://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/resources.html page on the RIver Oaks website to include the most up-to-date information.

#### **SCVotes.org** is a complete guide to:

- Voter Registration
- Check my Voter Registration
- Update my Voter Registration
- Get My Sample Ballot
- Find My Polling place (all residents of River Oaks HOA normally vote at the Ashley River voting Precinct located at River Oaks Middle School, 8642 River Oaks Drive, North Charleston SC, 29420. Early voting can occur elsewhere so it's always best to confirm)
- Get my Absentee Ballot
- Voter Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the 2024 Presidential Election

River Oaks is now in House District 109 and there is a special election to be held on April 2nd. Please see additional information @ https://scvotes.gov/state-house-district-109-special-election/.

#### Golf Cart information -

The following are the laws from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety:

- The golf cart must be insured, permitted, and registered with SCDMV using the following link, http://scdmvonline.com/Vehicle-Owners/Types-Of-Vehicles/Golf-Cart.
- The golf cart must remain within 4 miles of an address listed on the SCDMV permit.
- The golf cart may be operated on roads with posted speeds of 35 mph or less.
- The golf cart may be operated during daylight hours only.
- The driver must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license.

## **ROHA Information**

#### **Parking Information**

Street parking is always a concern. In the event of an emergency, parking in the street obstructs emergency vehicles and can cause delays where seconds count. Additionally, parking on the many curves and cul de sacs in our neighborhood can cause cars to have to travel in the opposing lanes, potentially causing an accident or your car being hit. We understand that parking in the street could be necessary at time (parties, get-togethers), but review the covenants and restrictions for your neighborhood to understand if this practice is allowed. This can be written up as a violation so please be aware.



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Social Media -

River Oaks HOA information can be found on the following social media.

Facebook - the official River Oaks HOA page. We strive to provide relevant, accurate information for Dorchester County and city of North Charleston information.

Instagram - RiverOaksHOANorthCharlestonSC. This is new! So please watch for new informative and relevant content.

**Next Door** - the President of the HOA board will occasionally provide updates through Next Door. Please note that ND admins for River Oaks will close discussions for expired posts (e.g. pets found), profanity, and discussions that do not meet the ND guidelines.

## **ROHA Resident Guide**

#### **Emergency Contacts**

911 N. Chs Fire Dept, EMS, Dorchester Co. Sheriff

843-873-5111 Dorchester Co. Sheriff (non-emergency)

843-740-2812 N. Chs Police Central Bureau

2500 City Hall Lane, North Charleston, SC

843-207-0666 N. Chs Police North Bureau

7272 Cross County Rd (not always occupied)

800-222-1212 Poison Control

888-333-4465 Dominion Energy (outage reporting)

843-832-0070 Public Works (street signs, roads & ditch)

800-657-0330 Dept. of Transportation (medians & road

conditions of Dorchester Rd)

843-832-0015 Dorchester Co. Animal Control

843-744-8021 Red Cross

800-848-5678 Nat'l Center for Missing & Exploited Children

800-621-4000 National Runaway Safeline

800-422-4453 National Child Abuse Hotline

211 United Way Crisis Services Locator Management Co.

#### **Dorchester Real Estate Services**

When to contact: HOA violations, C&R, and dues information.

- 843.563.5005
- HOA1@dorchestersold.net
- PO Box 116, St. George, SC 29477

#### **Pothole Reporting**

- 843-745-1026 N. Charleston
- 843-832-0070 Dorchester Co.

#### **Street Light Outage**

- 800-251-7234
- Provide pole number

### Calling All Community Champions: Volunteers Needed to Make a Difference!

We are always looking for the participation of our residents to ensure success at protecting and representing the interests of our residents! Help make the voice of your neighborhood heard by joining the board, or use your skills and talents and make a difference in your community by joining a committee (board position not required).

For more information on the work performed by each committee, visit <a href="https://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/committees">www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/committees</a>. Once you find a committee that interests you, reach out to the committee chair or attend the next HOA meeting!

### **Monthly Board Meetings**



Meetings are open to the public, and are held on the second Monday of each month at 7pm at Christ Community Lutheran Church, located at 8315 Dorchester Road. All are invited!

Reach out to us on <u>our contact page</u> if you would like to speak and be added to the agenda.

**Next Board Meeting: 12 February 2024** 

**Next General Meeting: TBD** 

## **Board Members**

Subdivision	Name	Email
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Woodington I	Vacant	
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Woodington II	Vacant	
Woodington III	Cheryl Cannon	ckcannon50@yahoo.com
Woodington III	Vacant	

- Architectural Reviw Board: riveroakshoa@aol.com
- Community Advocacy Committee: Isaac Moore
- Communications Committee: Dakari Anderson
- Maintenance Committee: Paul Amarendran
- Community Outreach Committee: Isaac Moore
- Executive Committee: Isaac Moore
- Auditing Committee: Kristina Carter

President: Isaac Moore

• Vice President: Vacant

• Secretary: Paul Amarendran

• Treasurer: Kristina Carter

Volunteers needed! <u>Contact us</u> to learn how you can help.

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