



# River Reader

JUNE 2021

THE RIVER OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION IS A SC REGISTERED 501(c)(3) NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, HAS MANDATORY REGIME FEES AND IS GOVERNED BY COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

**Neighbors, quick note, your HOA board is continuing to operate through the pandemic. We have met maintaining social distancing, using telephone conferences calls and e-mails. It is not as efficient as our in-person board meetings, but most things are getting done in a timely manner. The most important thing is for everyone to continue to stay healthy and safe.**

## Management Company Information

Dorchester Real Estate Services (DRES) is our Management Company.

You may contact DRES for any questions regarding violations, Covenant and Restrictions (C&R) questions, dues information, or payment information.

Dorchester Real Estate Services – Contact Info:

Phone: 843-563-5005

Fax: 843-563-5095

Email: [HOA1@dorchestersold.net](mailto:HOA1@dorchestersold.net) (Julie Eargle)

Mailing Address:

PO Box 116

St George SC 29477

For ARB Requests, please go to

<https://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/arb-requests.html>

and follow the instructions for filling out the form.

## Where can you find us?

<http://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/>

Sign up to receive the newsletter via email!

[www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/e-newsletter-sign-up.html](http://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/e-newsletter-sign-up.html)

Sign up for Next Door to help build a safer community.

<https://riveroakscharleston.nextdoor.com/login>

Log on to Facebook Page to interact with neighbors.

[River Oaks HOA North Charleston](#)

## ANOTHER REMINDER

Burning in your yard is allowable with Fire Department APPROVAL; however, be respectful of your neighbors. Some neighbors may have breathing problems and smoking them out of using their backyards is not neighborly.

# *Always Looking for Volunteers!*

**Homeowners – YOUR HOA needs you to step up. Without the HOA, the lights go out and the greenspace becomes overgrown and your property values could decrease. We want our neighborhood to look appealing.**

## POTHOLE REPORTING

North Charleston Roads – 745-1026

Dorchester County Roads – 832-0070

## STREET LIGHT OUT?

1-800-251-7234

Will need the number on the pole

2020 Board of Directors				
Subdivision	Name	Committee	Phone	Email
Ansley Pointe	Matt Jones	Maintenance	843-494-0069	<a href="mailto:Mattswoodworking@gmail.com">Mattswoodworking@gmail.com</a>
	Vacant			
Appian Landing I	Robin McKeown	Community Outreach	843-991-4302	<a href="mailto:Rmckeown1960@gmail.com">Rmckeown1960@gmail.com</a>
	Vacant	& ARB		
Appian Landing II	Paul Amarendran	Maintenance	843-343-3986	<a href="mailto:Amarendran@knology.net">Amarendran@knology.net</a>
	Vacant			
Appian Landing III	K. Williams	ARB		<a href="mailto:Riveroakshoa@aol.com">Riveroakshoa@aol.com</a>
	A.Wade	C & R		<a href="mailto:Wadeadama2021@gmail.com">Wadeadama2021@gmail.com</a>
Marsh Hall	Vacant			
Marsh Side (only neighborhood in the City of North Charleston)	Jimmy Cooper	Maintenance	843-343-2514	<a href="mailto:Jamesfcooper2@outlook.com">Jamesfcooper2@outlook.com</a>
	Vacant			
Palmetto Plantation	Darrel McKeown	President/Webpage	843-303-9068	<a href="mailto:Darrel@ctelc.com">Darrel@ctelc.com</a>
	Bill Summer	ARB	843-209-2200	<a href="mailto:Wsummer@dorchester2.k12.sc.us">Wsummer@dorchester2.k12.sc.us</a>
River Chase	Ed Nead		843-872-6802	<a href="mailto:Ednead1958@gmail.com">Ednead1958@gmail.com</a>
	Vacant			
Woodington I	Maya Allen	Treasurer	843-696-4621	<a href="mailto:Maya.outlaw@gmail.com">Maya.outlaw@gmail.com</a>
	Vacant			
Woodington II	Ellen Sapp	Vice President	843-810-4737	<a href="mailto:Emhawaii1@yahoo.com">Emhawaii1@yahoo.com</a>
	Cheryl Cannon	Community Advocacy	843-552-9092	<a href="mailto:Ckcannon50@yahoo.com">Ckcannon50@yahoo.com</a>
Woodington III	Edward Corban	ARB		<a href="mailto:qfc1313@gmail.com">qfc1313@gmail.com</a>
	Vacant			

### ROHA Committees

We have committee meetings the **second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm**. We are ALWAYS looking for residents to help. Come join us to help with one of the committees!!! You do NOT have to be on the board to be on a committee; however, ROHA would not turn you away. ☺

- **Community Advocacy** – Community wellness concerns (sewer plant, speed bumps, road resurfacing) –point of contact ([Emhawaii1@yahoo.com](mailto:Emhawaii1@yahoo.com))
- **Community Maintenance** - Lighting, neighborhood signs – points of contact ([amarendran@knology.net](mailto:amarendran@knology.net)) and ([jamesfcooper2@outlook.com](mailto:jamesfcooper2@outlook.com))
- **Community Outreach** – Community Entrance Sign Boards, Community yard sales, parades, get-togethers – point of contact ([Rmckeown1960@gmail.com](mailto:Rmckeown1960@gmail.com))
- **Communications Committee** – Newsletter- point of contact – ([riveroakshoa@aol.com](mailto:riveroakshoa@aol.com))
- **Community ARB** – point of contact ([riveroakshoa@aol.com](mailto:riveroakshoa@aol.com))
- **C& R's** – point of contact ([wadeadama2021@gmail.com](mailto:wadeadama2021@gmail.com))

***We need your talents and willingness to serve and learn!***  
For more information, contact [riveroaksassoc@gmail.com](mailto:riveroaksassoc@gmail.com).

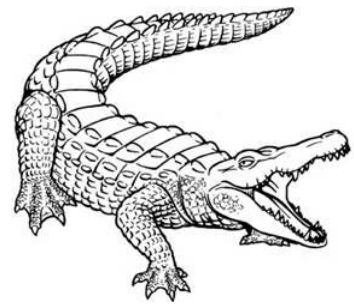
## Alligator Information

Per the Department of Natural Resources website ([dnr.sc.gov](http://dnr.sc.gov)) – if an alligator is causing problems, contact the DNR office. The number in Charleston/Dorchester County to call is (843) 953-9856. For an after-hours emergency, call Operation Game Thief at 1-800-922-5431.

The American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) is the only crocodylian native to South Carolina. Though once listed as a federally endangered species, populations have rebounded and the alligator's status has been upgraded to threatened due to its similarity of appearance to the threatened American crocodile. Populations of alligators in South Carolina have done so well, that the DNR instituted a hunting season in 2008. There are only two species of alligator, the American alligator occurring in the southern United States, and the smaller Chinese alligator from eastern China. American alligators can live to be more than 60 years old and attain lengths greater than 13 feet.

DNR offers these common-sense approaches to dealing with alligators:

- Don't feed alligators
- Keep your distance
- Do not attempt to move alligators out of the road
- It is illegal to harass or throw things at alligators
- Never disturb nests or small alligators
- Do not attempt to keep alligators as pests
- Keep your pets and children away from alligators
- Do not corner alligators
- Do not swim in areas that are known habitats for large animals



## PET HYGIENE REMINDER For Pet Owners –

Our green spaces are common areas that are shared by the ROHA community. Please be mindful of others who do not own pets and enjoy walking through our green spaces. Please clean up after your pets and dispose of the waste responsibly. Dorchester County does not allow animals (dogs and fertile cats) to run at large. The City of N. Charleston Ordinance states in part “(b)Any dog, while on a street, sidewalk, public way or in any park, public square, or other public space, or upon any private property without the consent of the owner, shall be secured by a leash or chain of sufficient tensile strength to restrain the particular dog, or shall be at heel and securely muzzled. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

Pet Owners Reminder “The latest Leash Law information for Dorchester County can be found at:

<https://www.dorchestercountysc.gov/services/code-enforcement/animal-control>

and for the city of North Charleston the information can be found here:

[https://library.municode.com/sc/north\\_charleston/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/sc/north_charleston/codes/code_of_ordinances)



**ARB approval is required before removing a tree from your property.**

If your property is in Marsh Side, contact the City of North Charleston. All other subdivisions contact Dorchester County prior to removing a tree from your property. In some cases, a permit is required to cut down a tree. If it is determined by Dorchester County or the City of N. Charleston that a permit is required, please submit the permit along with your ARB request to remove the tree.

Additional information, including the Tree Remove permit information and county ordinance can be found on the River Oaks Homeowners Association website, under the Resources tab - <https://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/resources.html>.

Dorchester County Department of Planning and Zoning (843) 832-0020

City of North Charleston (843) 202-7200

The neighborhood Covenants & Restrictions vary slightly from subdivision to subdivision, but all were established by the developers and attached to the respective lot's deed to maintain the harmony of external appearance of each subdivision. You should have received a copy of your subdivision's C&Rs and the Association Bylaws at the time of your closing. If you do not, they can be downloaded from the ROHA website under the Documents tab - <https://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/resources.html>

Please take a moment to review the covenants and restrictions that pertain to your subdivision. The parking and storage of RVs, boats, and trailers on a residential driveway is not permitted in most subdivisions. For questions regarding C&R's, contact Julie Eargle at [hoa1@dorchestersold.net](mailto:hoa1@dorchestersold.net).



**SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

**EMERGENCY**

**Call or Text 911**



**NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH**

843-743-7200

**FILE A REPORT BY PHONE-DUTY OFFICER**

843-740-2800

**CRIME STOPPERS**

843-554-1111

**EMAIL VIDEO OR TIP TO**

[NcpdCrimeTip@northcharleston.org](mailto:NcpdCrimeTip@northcharleston.org)

**NARCOTICS TIPLINE**

843-308-4708

**CONCERNS OR ISSUES FOR DISPATCH**

[911.CharlestonCounty.org](http://911.CharlestonCounty.org)

### **Consider joining your board.**

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month. To be a board member, your ROHA dues must be current, and you must be willing to help the neighborhood. The ROHA board votes on leadership positions once a year. Even if you decide not to join your ROHA board, you can still make a difference by showing up to meetings, voicing your opinions and helping around the community.

### **Why you should get involved in your ROHA.**

You can protect the community's property values which in turn helps your home values.

One of the main roles of the ROHA is to help preserve the community's property values by overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of common areas. If the landscaping areas are well taken care of, then the properties are more likely to uphold their value (or even increase in value). Being involved in the ROHA gives you more control over these maintenance decisions and therefore, more control over your home's value.

You can meet new neighbors.

If you are new to the neighborhood, what better way to meet neighbors and make friends than to get involved in your ROHA? Study after study shows making friends is easier when you live close and see each other on a regular basis. Attending ROHA meetings, discussing issues and planning events together will bring you closer to your community and make you feel right at home almost immediately.

You can change rules and/or make new ones.

Are you annoyed your neighbor is throwing loud parties every Saturday? If you feel that the rules need to be changed or new rules need to be implemented, joining your ROHA board is a step towards modifying the subdivision's C&R's. At the very least, you should attend your ROHA meetings to make your opinions known.

You can fix problems in the community.

Whether it is a problem with neighbors, landscaping, or expensive water bills, ROHA meetings give residents a platform to address important issues. If you have heard the same complaint from more than one neighbor, try creating a petition and/or coming up with solutions to the problem. Being a part of the ROHA board allows you to fix problems and change things for the better.

You can gain leadership skills.

Want to hone your leadership skills in a no-pressure environment? Then joining your ROHA board may be the right decision for you. Not only will participating on the ROHA board teach you problem solving and strategic thinking skills, but it will also allow you to polish your public speaking and negotiation skills – all of which help your future leadership abilities.

You can add volunteer experience to your resume.

Looking to beef up your resume? Adding volunteer positions, such as an ROHA board member, is never a bad idea. After all, what employer would not want to see that you are working hard to improve your neighborhood and overall quality of life? Having this volunteer position on your resume proves that you are a community-oriented, civic leader.

## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>North Charleston Fire Department</b>	<b>911</b>
North Charleston Fire Department (Ashley River Location non-emergency)	1-843-552-2425
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Dorchester County Sheriff</b>	<b>911</b>
Dorchester County Sheriff (non-emergency)	1-843-873-5111
<b>North Charleston Police Dept: (Marshside Residents)</b>	
Central Bureau – 2500 City Hall Lane –	1-843-740-2812
North Bureau – 7272 Cross County Road –	1-843-207-0666
<b>Poison Control Center</b>	<b>1-800-222-1212</b>
Dominion Energy South Carolina Gas and Electric (emergency outage reporting)	<b><u>1-888-333-4465</u></b>
Public Works (responsible for street signs, roads & ditch main)	1-843-832-0070
Department of Transportation (medians and road conditions/Dorchester Road)	1-800-657-0330
Dorchester County Animal Control	1-843-832-0015
Red Cross	1-843-744-8021
Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Department	1-843-202-7400
<b>Missing Persons:</b>	
Child Help USA	1-800-422-4453
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	1-800-848-5678
National Runaway Switchboard	1-800-621-4000
United Way Hotline for Locating Services	211

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