



# River Reader

March 2020

**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**

## 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.

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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](https://www.facebook.com/RiverOaksHOANorthCharleston)

LexisNexis® **Community Crime Map** is a public crime map that allows law enforcement to share selected crime data with the public. Dorchester County does not currently share information with the website; however, North Charleston does. Logon to <https://communitycrimemap.com/> for additional

**Every homeowner is invited to their board's monthly meeting. The ROHA Board currently meets on the second Monday of each month at Faith Assembly Church Youth Trailer at 7 pm.**

## ANOTHER REMINDER

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



## RIVER OAKS Fall Community Yard Sale

### Yard Sale

**Saturday, April 4, 2020**

**8:00 am To 1:00 pm**



# *Always Looking for Volunteers!*

**Homeowners – YOUR HOA needs you to step up. Only 15 of the 22 positions are currently filled. If you like the lights on and the green space maintained, step up. Without the HOA, the lights go out and the greenspace becomes overgrown and your property values could plummet. I know that sounds like doom and gloom, but if the neighborhood does not look good, then buyers will look at other neighborhoods.**

## 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			
Appian Landing II	Paul Amarendran	Maintenance	843-343-3986	<a href="mailto:Amarendran@knology.net">Amarendran@knology.net</a>
	Vacant			
Appian Landing III	Karlean Williams	ARB		<a href="mailto:riveroakshoa@aol.com">riveroakshoa@aol.com</a>
	Vacant			
Marsh Hall	Dean Hinson	ARB	843-760-6850	<a href="mailto:Dhinson1@sc.rr.com">Dhinson1@sc.rr.com</a>
	Carolyn Amaro		843-760-1529	<a href="mailto:C_amaro@hotmail.com">C_amaro@hotmail.com</a>
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>
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	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	Jeff Morey	ARB	843-552-9012	<a href="mailto:Jmorey1@sc.rr.com">Jmorey1@sc.rr.com</a>
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### ROHA Committees

We have committees and beginning January 2020, are meeting the **second Monday of the month at Faith Assembly Youth Trailer at 6:30 pm**. We are ALWAYS looking for folks 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 ☺

- **Community Advocacy** – Community wellness concerns (sewer plant, speed bumps, road resurfacing) – Ellen Sapp ([Emhawaii1@yahoo.com](mailto:Emhawaii1@yahoo.com))
- **Community Maintenance** - Lighting, neighborhood signs – Paul Amarendran ([amarendran@knology.net](mailto:amarendran@knology.net)) and Jimmy Cooper ([jamesfcooper2@outlook.com](mailto:jamesfcooper2@outlook.com))
- **Community Outreach** – Community yard sales, parades, get-togethers – Robin McKeown ([Rmckeown1960@gmail.com](mailto:Rmckeown1960@gmail.com))
- **Communications Committee** – Newsletter, Social Media including Facebook, Twitter, etc. – Jeff Morey ([jmorey1@sc.rr.com](mailto:jmorey1@sc.rr.com))
- **Community ARB and CCRs** – Review ARB requests, CCR reports. Dean Hinson – ([dhinson1@sc.rr.com](mailto:dhinson1@sc.rr.com))

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

**River Oaks Homeowners – Just a reminder – Please consult the C & R's pertaining to your respective community as several communities prohibit overnight street parking.**

**Homeowner Associations are governed by a chain of governing documents and laws.**

- The **Articles of Incorporation** filed with the Secretary of State provide the legal basis of the association in the form of an Incorporated Non-Profit Corporation.
- The recorded map or '**plat**' defines each owner's title to property including the association's title to common areas.
- The **C&R's (Covenants and Restrictions)** are publicly recorded deed restrictions.
- The **Bylaws** are the rules for management and administration.
- **Local Ordinances**, while not specific to homeowner associations, apply to building codes, animal control, abandoned cars, water restrictions, etc.

**Considerations:**

- State laws affecting Common Interest Communities vary widely.
- Bills affecting Common Interest Communities are frequently being introduced in state legislatures and may be in different stages of consideration, approval, or enactment.
- It is not uncommon to find conflicts within or between governing documents such as the covenants and the bylaws. There may also be conflicts between governing documents and statutes. When this occurs, attorneys must often consider applying Rules of Interpretation.
- Because of the wide variance in state laws, constant changes and possible conflicts in governing documents or statutes, it is strongly recommended that association boards and members seek legal counsel and especially with firms that have expertise or strong practice experience in the area of Common Interest Community law. A good starting point is to check the HOA-USA Partner Directory for your respective state.



**Litter Trashes Everyone!**



Palmetto Pride sponsors a statewide Litter Busters Hotline so you can report litterbugs. The program, made possible thanks to the cooperation of the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Safety, works like this:

- You spot someone tossing litter from an automobile. You immediately call...**877-7LITTER (754-8837)**...and report the location, time and the litterbug's license number. You can also report a violation from the Palmetto Pride website using the form provided on the website.

The litterbug will receive a letter from the Department of Public Safety informing him or her that they can't get away with littering in South Carolina. The letter will explain that if a law enforcement officer had witnessed the littering, it could have resulted in a serious fine or even jail time. <http://palmettopride.org/enforcement/report-a-litterbug/>

**General Meeting Held**

**Tuesday, 2/4/2020 at 7:00 PM at Faith Assembly Church**

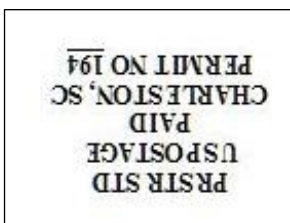
- Voted and Approved 2020 Budget and increase in dues from \$105.00 to \$125.00
- Total Properties 674 – Homeowners In Good Standing 619
- Percentage needed for quorum per bylaws: 5% (31 homeowners)
- Total Proxies – 18 – 12 Yes 6 No
- Total Meeting Ballots – 23 – 23 Yes, 0 No
- Total Votes – 47 – 41 Yes, 6 No
- What these numbers mean is the 7% of home owners in good standing made the decision for 100% of our neighbors.
- The Treasurer obtained 3 home owners to conduct annual financial ROHA audit.
- All members currently on the board except for Kevin Brush agreed to stay. A motion to accept the current board members and Darrel McKeown seconded the motion. The motion passed. The first board meeting was held Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Faith Assembly Church in the Youth Trailer

**Boy Scouts Of America, Troop 484  
Located On Joint Base Charleston**

We would like to say an enthusiastic THANK-YOU for your generous support with our annual "Scouting For Food" drive. Your donations provided over 3700 pounds of food items for the "Tricounty Family Ministries" located close by on Rivers Avenue and the "Backpack Buddies Program" which provides needed food item for some of our disadvantaged children attending our local schools. Again Thank-You!

**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>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 rd)	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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