



# River Reader

October 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

**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:

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Fax: 843-563-5095

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Mailing Address:

PO Box 116

St George SC 29477

## 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 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, October 3, 2020

8:00 am To 1:00 pm



# *Always Looking for Volunteers!*

Homeowners – YOUR HOA needs you to step up. Only 14 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>
	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	Jeff Morey	ARB/News Letter	843-552-9012	<a href="mailto:Jmorey1@sc.rr.com">Jmorey1@sc.rr.com</a>
	Vacant			

### ROHA Committees

We have committees meeting the **second Monday of the month 6:30 pm**. We are ALWAYS looking for folks to help! However, since COVID-19 is still upon us, you will need to contact your ROHA President he sets up the conference calls to help keep us safe. 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) – 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 Entrance Sign Boards, 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).

Operating Account	2021 Proposed Budget	Assumptions/Comments
<b>Income</b>		
Checking account balance		
Projected Unallocated Carryover From 2020	\$29,041.03	Assuming No Off The Wall Expenditures
Annual Dues	\$84,250.00	100% pay rate of 674 homes at \$125.00 - Note: Late Fees, C&R Fins and Admin Fees are not budgeted
Interest Income	\$10.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$113,301.03</b>	
<b>Expense</b>		
Management Fees	\$11,700.00	Contract Fee of \$975.00 per month to handle C&R violations/dues invoices/owner accounts
Newsletter General Printing	\$2,400.00	Mandatory 4 printings (February, May, August, November) Average \$600.00 per printing - Electronic delivery option offered to reduce cost.
Newsletter Distribution	\$700.00	Mandatory 4 printings (February, May, August, November) Average \$175.00 per printing - Electronic delivery option offered to reduce cost.
Website	\$0.00	Web Page Fee
Special Events	\$750.00	Spring/Fall Yard Sale, Veterans Day, Christmas, Merial Day, Fourth of July
Postage	\$1,440.00	Office \$765.00 – C&R Violations Letters & Annual Billing - Electronic delivery option offered to reduce cost.
Mail Box Fee	\$134.00	ROHA Post Office Box
Facility Use	\$100.00	Meting Space - Donation to Faith Assembly
Tax Preparation	\$400.00	Tax Return Preparation Fee <b>Paid \$300 this year</b>
Legal	\$4,500.00	Attorney Fees (SC Supreme Court Ruling - an attorney is required to file/release property liens in SC) Lowest cost \$60.00 per filing/release.
Electrician	\$4,000.00	Maintenance for up-lighting at marquee signs, communication board and islands on Appian Way & Park Forest Parkway
Emergency Fund	\$1,500.00	Increase to \$20,000.00
Landscape Services	\$37,200.00	Current contract fee landscaping - 51 Visits Per Year
Landscape Updating Removal	\$11,000.00	Neighborhood entrances/buffer zone from ballfield to Marshside - Priorized by condition based on quotes.
Mulch/Pine Straw	\$6,000.00	Base on current budget 1000 bales est - to be reviewed and only ROHA property
Pond Maintenance	\$1,600.00	\$125.00 Per Month for Service
Community Improvements	\$8,000.00	Neighborhood entrances sign repairs/cleaning - Prioritized by Condition base on quotes
Dominion Electric	\$11,000.00	Street Lighting on Appian Way and Park Forest - Must Pay
Insurance	\$9,500.00	Includes GL and D&O Insurance
Storage Unit	\$400.00	Storage of records
Property Taxes	\$500.00	Common Areas
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$112,824.00</b>	
10% failure to pay	\$11,330.10	
<b>Realistic Income</b>	<b>\$101,970.93</b>	
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>\$477.03</b>	

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

## Magnetic Sensors Under Road Surface

Have you encountered the following scenario?

You are at a traffic light and it is red. There is a very long line of cars in front of you but the light does not turn green! Come to find out that the first car has stopped well short of the thick white line (about 1 ½ car lengths short). (e.g.) The left turn light to get on to Midland Park road from Rivers Avenue, which is a one lane turn-lane. Actually, it happened to my wife right here, as she was leaving our River Oaks subdivision on Park Forest Parkway, to get on Ashley Phosphate! Two cars had stopped short of the line by a considerable distance on both lanes. She had to pass on the left to get to the front position after which the light turned green!

Most people are aware that there are magnetic sensors buried under the road surface, to send a signal to the system that a vehicle is present. You can see the tell-tale markings on the surface as to the presence of these sensors, also known as Induction Loops. Next time you stop at a light, please pull up to the thick white line.

Additional info: The primary, reliable and most common traffic light sensors are induction loops. Inductive loops are coils of wire that have been embedded on the surface of the road to detect changes in inductance and convey them to the sensor circuitry in order to produce signals.

The loop is usually fed with a given frequency from a generator, resulting in an induced magnetic field. And as the magnetic field continues to build due to continuous flow of current, the coils will achieve a stronger field that can last for a period of time even after the switch is opened.

For more information, go to the SC DOT website that also explains this action – <https://www.scdot.org/travel/signals-work.aspx>. Here's the link for loop detectors with pictures!

Your Friendly Neighbor – Paul Amarendran 843 343 3986



**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**  
NepdCrimeTip@northcharleston.org

**NARCOTICS TIPLINE**  
843-308-4708

**CONCERNS OR ISSUES FOR DISPATCH**  
911.CharlestonCounty.org

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

Meetings are once a month, the second Monday. To be a board member, you ROHA dues must be current and 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.

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.

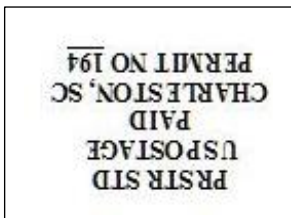
### **Pet Hygiene REMINDER For Pet Owners –**

Pet Owners, our neighbor's yards and our HOA green spaces are not our pet's toilet. Our green spaces are common areas that are shared by the ROHA community. Please be mindful of others that do not own pets and enjoy walking through our green spaces. Everyone needs your help to clean up after your pets and to dispose of the waste responsibly. Your understanding is appreciated.

## 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

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?nodeId=COOR\\_CH4ANFO](https://library.municode.com/sc/north_charleston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH4ANFO).



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