



River Reader

April 2013

**THE RIVER OAKS COMMUNITY HAS MANDATORY REGIME FEES
AND IS GOVERNED BY COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS.**

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***ARB Architectural Review Board**

Please submit plans and drawings before beginning projects

January General Meeting

The proposed budget for 2013 was reviewed and voted on. The result of the vote was forty-eight (48) yes and eight (8) no, the 2013 budget passed as presented. Nominations and elections of the 2013 board members was conducted and there are still a number of vacancies. If you are interested in participating and making a difference in your community please contact one of the current board members. Minutes for the meeting are available on the ROHA Web Page at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/riveroakshomeownersassociation/home> or simply go to Google and type Google Sites River Oaks and the first link will take you to the page.

*Let's Get the "C" on
in The River Oaks Community*

You may have noticed there have been several projects completed that have added to the appearance of our neighborhood but it takes more appearance to make a neighborhood a community. With that in mind we are starting the "4 C" initiative to make our neighborhood a community.

Caring: Know someone working on a home project that looks like it is too much for one person? Take some time out of your busy schedule to lend them a hand you never know when you are going to need a hand yourself.

Cleaning: Keeping our common areas clean and tidy helps with the appeal of our community and increases our property values. Please clean up after your pet and while you are on your walk take a small bag along and pick up some of the litter that seems to never stop coming. We also had our first clean-up in March and although the weather did not cooperate, we made a dent in what needs to be done. Keep your eyes open for the next announcement for a community clean-up and donate a couple of hours of your time to make this a nicer community.

Preventing Crime: Crime seems to be on the increase in the area so stay aware when you are driving home, out on a walk, or just gazing out the window and report suspicious activity.

Community Events: The Christmas Parade in December was the best ever and in addition to the parade we are planning more community events this year. Planning and coordinating events takes a significant amount of time and the task is greatly simplified with the number of people involved. Please consider volunteering and watch for dates and details in the announcement flyers and the ROHA Web Page.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- April** - Facebook Challenge
May - 1st Annual Marsh Hall Bridge Run
August - River Oaks is going to the Dogs
September - Neighborhood Yard Sale
October - Chili Cook-off and Cake Sale
December - Christmas Parade

APRIL 15th – 30th

Facebook Challenge

We are having a Facebook contest between all the subdivisions in River Oaks. The way our challenge will work, you will need to like the River Oaks Facebook Page and then look for the post for your neighborhood. We will see which neighborhood get the most likes. The challenge will start April 15th which is an easy date to remember if you haven't filed your taxes and the challenge end April 30th. So like your subdivision and get your neighbors to do the same. Which subdivision is the most liked? LET'S SEE!

May 18th

River Oaks Fun Run

Calling all runners and walkers we will be having a one mile race for walkers and a 5k race for those that really are up for a challenge. The race will circle through the neighborhoods and end with a crossing of the Marsh Hall Bridge. If you thought the Cooper River Bridge was challenging wait until you tackle the Marsh Hall Bridge at the end of a 5k. Please show your community spirit and plan on joining us on May 18th for this first ever spectacular event. The winner will be recognized in the July Newsletter and will have community bragging rights for a year. Please contact Betsy Mitchum if you would like to volunteer to help with setup and coordination of this event or send an email to riveroaksevents@gmail.com.

August

River Oaks is going to the Dogs

Details of this event will be in the July Newsletter.

Thank-You River Oaks Home Owners

This past February the Boy Scouts of America Troop 484 held its annual Food Drive. As in past years the River Oaks home owners have shown their generosity and this year is no exception with donations of over 3,450 pounds of food. The food was donated to Tri-County Ministries and really locally to the Back Pack Buddies.

Lights at Appian Landing Entrance

The street light and sign lighting at the Appian Landing entrance on Park Forest Parkway have an underground wiring problem. SCE&G have been notified and we hope to have the issue resolved as soon as possible.

POTHOLE REPORTING

North Charleston Roads – 745-1026
Dorchester County Roads – 832-0070

Child Safety

Parents, believe it or not the ROHA and even the schools work fairly hard to get the sidewalks installed along Appian Way. However, they do little to protect your children, if your children don't use them. With the hundreds of speeding vehicles on Appian Way that include cars, buses and construction trucks, your children need to stay out of the streets and on the sidewalks.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION IS TO:

1. Provide a venue for preservation and enhancement of the value of your property.
2. Promote and protect the civic welfare of the River Oaks community.
3. Provide for the enhancement and maintenance of our entranceways.

Improvements

We have completed several of the projects that were proposed in 2012. All of the entrances now have lighting on the signs and the retaining walls at Palmetto Plantation and Appian Landing are complete. These projects have had a big impact on the appearance of our community but projects can only be planned and completed if and when funds are available. If you have not paid your 2013 dues please do so

RIVER OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

TREASURERS SUMMARY REPORT for 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE January 1 2012

14380.18

Deposits

2012

Dues	61,527.27
Late Fees	2,143.89
Newsletter Ads	
C&R Violation Fees	370.50
computer repay	600.00
PARADE	452.00
previous dues	325.00
Transfer from M. Market	\$ 7,500.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS

72,918.66

Total

87298.84

DEBITS

Actual 2012

Budget 2012

Lawn Maintenance	23,748.00	23,748.00
Electricity	5,762.29	7,000.00
Water	422.20	420.00
Invoicing Agent	5,400.00	5,400.00
C&R Agent	3,600.00	3,600.00
Insurance	3,279.00	3,100.00
Pond Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Postage	568.11	2,000.00
Legal Fees	8,330.00	1,000.00
Pine Straw & Installation	4,781.00	5,000.00
Newsletter	699.08	1,000.00
Taxes	101.42	400.00
Tax Preparation	500.00	500.00
Corporation Fee	25.00	25.00
Bulk Mail Fee	190.00	200.00
Bank Fees	52.00	100.00
Facility Use	100.00	100.00
Mail Box Fee	86.00	70.00
Christmas parade	380.40	50.00
Supplies	36.00	100.00
Street Sweeping	1,500.00	1,500.00
Improvements	25,676.71	25,000.00

TOTAL DEBITS

\$86,737.21

\$81,813.00

NUMBER OF UNPAID DUES AS OF THE REPORT DATE

59

NUMBER OF PAID DUES AS OF THE REPORT DATE

615

MONEY MARKET BALANCE

\$2,259.70

JUST FOR LAUGHS

A Florida senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

“Amazing,” he thought as he flew down I-95, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a Florida State Trooper, blue lights, flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, “What am I doing? I’m too old for this!” He pulled over to await the trooper’s arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the Corvette. He looked at his watch and then said, “Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding a reason I’ve never before heard-I’ll let you go.”

The old gentleman paused then said, “Three years ago, my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back.”

“Have a good day, Sir,” replied the trooper.

Crime Watch Notes

Burglary Ring Round-Up

Everyone should have seen the news on the recent arrests of a burglary ring. These arrests should help with the break ins occurring in our neighborhood. Seven young men were arrested on March 12, 2013 and a few days later a 54 year old man known as Crazy Bob from Crazy Bob’s Electronic Store was arrested as the ringleader. Police believe Crazy Bob persuaded the young men to break into homes to steal specific items for his business.

Always be vigilant within our neighborhood and call 911 if you notice any suspicious activity, people, and/or vehicles.

You are cordially Invited to attend the

River Oaks

Bible Study

Every Thursday at 7:00 PM

Raul & Kamala

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