



# River Reader

August 2014

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

## 2014 Board of Directors

### Ansley Pointe

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### Appian Landing I

Phyllis Lambert 909-4506

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### Appian Landing II

Paul Amarendran 552-2601

Vacant

### Appian Landing III

Darcia Hicks Treasurer 475-7293

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### Marsh Hall

Dean Hinson ARB 760-6850

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### Marsh Side

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### Palmetto Plantation

Bill Summer ARB 552-0706

Rhonda Long 760-9954

### River Chase

Karen Graham ARB 207-9912

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### Woodington I

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### Woodington II

Betsy Mitchum Newsletter 530-4126

Sean Patrum 727-5226

### Woodington III

Jeff Morey VP/Newsletter 552-9012

Kevin Bruch President 767-8299

**\*ARB Architectural Review Board**

**Please submit plans and drawings before beginning projects**

## *Farewell!*

Homeowners of the River Oaks Association, it is time to say farewell to a member that has moved on. Mr. Paul Kowaciah and Ms. Kim Kowaciah have folded their tent and moved on. Although they were not the founders of our association, they spent many long hours making our neighborhood better. As board members, they volunteered for many of the activities that the board ran to improve our community. Many of the community events weren't necessarily their ideas, but whole heartily through themselves into them to make them a successful happening. You could also find them cleaning up our neighborhood during scheduled clean-up days or if a tree happen to come down in some ones yard. Kim, Paul thank-you for your service.

## ***BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED***

With the departure of Paul and Kim we are now down to 11 board members. That is only half of the members we should have on the board. Actually we should have 22 board members, 2 board members per sub-division. If you would like to make a difference, contact one of the sitting board members or come to your ROHA Board Meeting at the fire department in front of Bosch on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

## ***Community Yard Sale***

1. It is a great time to clean out those garages and attics. We will be having out 2<sup>nd</sup> community yard sale on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am.
2. We had a great turnout last year of homeowners that participated and lots of customers that came out and shopped.
3. The HOA will post the yard sale information on our face book page, Craig's List and in local newspapers. (Continued page 2)

## *Community Yard Sale*

4. Homeowners need to make their own signs.
5. To add some additional fun to the event, we are asking those at participate with a yard sale, e-mail your name and address to the HOA. At the end of the day the HOA will draw a participant's name. That homeowner will win a gift certificate to Applebees.
6. E-Mail your entry to [betsymitchum@gmail.com](mailto:betsymitchum@gmail.com), Ms. Mitchum is the ROHA Community Events Coordinator.
7. Let's make this event even better than our last.

### **River Oaks Newsletter Ads (Approximate Size)**

**For those that are interested we are getting advertising back into the newsletter.**

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**The charge: \$50.00 for a double business card size ad for each newsletter.**

## **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.

## **How about a little levity? With a tongue-in-cheek twist?**

### **An Angry Wife**

An angry wife was complaining about her husband spending all his free time in a bar, so one night he took her along with him. "What'll you have?" he asked.

"Oh, I don't know. The same as you I suppose," she replied.

So, the husband ordered a couple of Jack Daniel's and threw his down in one shot. His wife watched him, then took a sip from her glass and immediately spat it out.

"Yuck, that's TERRIBLE!" she spluttered. "I don't know how you can drink this stuff!"

"Well, there you go," cried the husband. "And you think I'm out enjoying myself every night!"

### **POTHOLE REPORTING**

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

### ***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.

### ***Covenants & Restrictions (C&Rs)***

You can view or print a copy of the Covenants & Restrictions for your subdivision by contacting your area representative found on the Board of Directors page or by selecting the following link that will take you to the Property Management Company's website.

<http://carolinahoa.com/River-Oaks-Info.html>

*Welcome to our neighborhood a great place to come home to!*

The River Oaks Community consists of eleven subdivisions located on a tract of land that was once several small plantations and later owned by the Boy Scouts of America. We are located between Historic Summerville and Downtown Charleston with easy access to major roadways like I-26 and I-526. Whether it is a day of shopping or time for that do-it-yourself project we are less than 5 miles from the Northwoods Mall and Home Improvement Stores like Lowes and Home Depot. There are a variety of family restaurants, entertainment, pharmacies, medical and dental facilities, auto parts/service centers and churches of all denominations only a few minutes away. We are part of the Dorchester District 2 public school system and Eagle's Nest Elementary and Rivers Oaks Middle schools are located within the our community. With community, friends and convenience our neighborhoods are a great place to live if you work in Summerville, North Charleston, or downtown. Our community web page is: (<https://sites.google.com/site/riveroakshomeownersassociation/home>)

**Residential Yard Debris Burning**

State law requires that you notify the Forestry Commission prior to burning outdoors. In most cases, the law applies to burning leaves, limbs and branches that you clean up from your yard. The notification law does not apply within town or city limits.

The toll-free number below allows you a quick, easy way to make your yard debris burning notification. Just dial the number, listen to the message, and leave your name, address and phone number.

The law requires that you clear a firebreak around the burning site and have the right equipment available to keep the fire under control. You must also stay with the fire until it is completely safe.

In addition to state laws regulating outdoor burning, there may be other local ordinances. Be sure to check on this before burning. For County call 1-800-986-3746.

**ARB Application & Review Process**

In order to maintain the harmony of external design and location in relation to the surrounding structures and topology, most of the Covenants & Restrictions (C&Rs) require a written request be submitted to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and the homeowner receive written approval prior to making changes to the exterior of their homes. The types of changes that require approval are detailed in the respective subdivision's C&Rs. Although the C&Rs for the Woodington subdivisions do not specify ARB review and approval, these homeowners are strongly encouraged to submit an application to ensure that the changes are not in violation of the Woodington C&Rs. There is no charge for the application process and the ARB must receive the application with sufficient time to review and provide a written response prior to making any changes. The ARB meets every two weeks and is required to provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of the original request. The application can be downloaded from ROHA Website. (<https://sites.google.com/site/riveroakshomeownersassociation/home>)



***Neighborhood Improvements***

This is the next improvement that is being planned for our community. We are looking at upgrading our badly maintained street signs and posts. However, our project planner has departed our neighborhood. So in order to proceed we are going to have to make a decision.

First if we do it ourselves, it is going to take a bit of volunteer assistance.

Second if we contract the project out, it is going to cost the ROHA more that originally planned.

The County has approved the design and installation.

One has been installed on Aurora Drive, and with that installation even more was learned about the project.

There will be more to come. Also remember we can always use your knowledge on the board.



## How We Can Create A Strong Community

A hive of bees is a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes mightily to the success of the hive.

The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee not only understands the interrelationships that exist between it and the rest of the members of its community, but is willing to accept some of the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary.

As homeowners, we too can choose to recognize the interrelationships that exist between ourselves and our neighbors and how those interrelationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can also choose to take some of the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to improving those relationships and in the process improve our community.

In order for our community association to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility.

For example: We all must obey our governing documents, we agreed to do that when we closed escrow. By obeying community rules and regulations, we contribute to our community and accept the role of a rule abiding member. Each year we conduct an Annual Meeting at which time we elect our Board of Directors, although we don't have to participate in the election process, choosing to do so contributes to the success of our community. Our role as a rule abiding member expands to include that of a voting member. We also have the opportunity to attend our Board of Directors meetings in order to better understand the business decisions made by the Board. When we choose to attend those meetings, our role as a rule abiding, voting member now expands to include that of a participating member. And when we choose to serve on community committees or the Board of Directors, we accept another role and become a rule abiding, voting, participating and contributing member.

So, let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and, like the bee, work together at making our community the best place to live that it can be!

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