



# River Reader

March 2017

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

### River Oaks Homeowner Association

#### Celebrating 20 Years

The River Oaks Homeowners Association (ROHA) was incorporated April 15, 1997, by an all-volunteer board of homeowners that desired to follow the Covenants and Restrictions as designed by the builder of each community in a joint effort to preserve and enhance each member's property value. Joining the 11 subdivisions into one association took many volunteer hours that included door-to-door interactions, tons of paperwork and time, and dedication to bring the association into existence.

With the legal work completed that bound all homeowners to pay mandatory dues to help fund the Association's efforts to enhance and maintain the entryways to the River Oaks community from Dorchester Road, the individual subdivisions, Park Forest Parkway and Appian Way, the Association was able to get to work. Through the years, the enhancements have included street lighting, subdivision sign up-lighting, well-maintained landscaped entry ways and ponds, and most recently community information boards along Park Forest Parkway and Appian Way.

Homeowner participation in the association goes beyond paying dues and following the C&R's. ROHA has hosted several events throughout the years in an effort to engage homeowners and to build a stronger sense of community. Some activities have included: Christmas Parade, Fall Festival, ROHA 5K Bridge Run, Hotdog Meet-and Greet, Spring/Fall Yard Sales, and most recently Thank A Vet.

Communicating with homeowners is a priority that has evolved from newsletters and flyers to a website, Facebook page, and a presence on Next Door. The goal is to reach ROHA members through multiple platforms and to be relevant and informative in the communications.

What will the next 20 years look like? The all-volunteer ROHA Board needs to hear from homeowners to make decisions that speak to our ever-changing demographic so that ROHA is a neighborhood of choice for all stages of life. We invite and need you to get involved. Support a committee. Become an area representative. Attend meetings. Be the change that you want to see and help ROHA continue to be a great place to live.

### New FACEBOOK Page

Log on to Facebook Page to interact with neighbors.  
<https://www.facebook.com/River-Oaks-HOA-North-Charleston-SC-1696636750657541/>.

*Thank You!*

To all the homeowners that turned out for our General Meeting! We had some wonderful new folks volunteer to be on the Board.

We met the quorum required and the 2017 Budget and By Law Changes passed. Please see the minutes for the meeting here <http://bit.ly/1RQD5z3>.



April 8  
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

The ROHA Board will advertise on the community information billboards on Park Forest Parkway and Appian Way. We will advertise on the ROHA Facebook Page and on the Website – spread the word!

2017 Board of Directors				
Subdivision	Name	Committee	Phone	Email
Ansley Pointe	Matt Jones		843-494-0069	<a href="mailto:mattswoodworking@gmail.com">mattswoodworking@gmail.com</a>
	Vacant			
Appian Landing I	Anna Mitchel	ARB	703-403-0054	<a href="mailto:Mitchel.anna@yahoo.com">Mitchel.anna@yahoo.com</a>
	Vacant			
Appian Landing II	Paul Amarendran	ARB	843-552-2601	<a href="mailto:Amarendran@knology.net">Amarendran@knology.net</a>
	Vacant			
Appian Landing III	Michelle Jackson	Secretary	843-822-7000	<a href="mailto:Mjackson4@sc.rr.com">Mjackson4@sc.rr.com</a>
	Ernie Kornahrens		843-412-5094	<a href="mailto:ekornahrens@outlook.com">ekornahrens@outlook.com</a>
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	Vacant			
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### ROHA Online

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 SC.](#)

Sign up to LexisNexis Community Crime Map - <https://communitycrimemap.com/> to be notified about crime in our community. Please note that Dorchester County *does not* participate but the city of North Charleston does.

For General Information and contacts visit 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.

### 2017 ROHA Dues Now Due

A **\$50.00 late fee** will be applied on **April 1, 2017** for all current year dues not received as of **March 31, 2017**. Please make checks payable to ROHA and mail to:

BB&T  
P.O. Box 628207  
Orlando, FL 32862-8207

If you are having difficulty paying your dues, please contact Halcyon (843-291-2686) to discuss payment arrangements. Every reasonable effort will be made to help you to bring your account up-to-date.

## ROHA Committees

We have established the committees below and are meeting the **third Tuesday of the month at Faith Assembly Church – 3001 Landing Parkway – at 7:00 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) – *Anna Mitchel* ([mitchel.anna@yahoo.com](mailto:mitchel.anna@yahoo.com))
- **Community Maintenance** - Lighting, neighborhood signs – *Paul Amarendran* ([amarendran@knology.net](mailto:amarendran@knology.net))
- **Community Outreach** – Community yard sales, parades, get-togethers – *Michelle Jackson* ([mjackson4@sc.rr.com](mailto:mjackson4@sc.rr.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))
- **Webpage Design** (temporary) – Work to establish new web presence for ROHA – Contact Michelle Jackson at [mjackson4@sc.rr.com](mailto:mjackson4@sc.rr.com) if interested.

For more information, contact [riveroaksassoc@gmail.com](mailto:riveroaksassoc@gmail.com).



## POTHOLE REPORTING

North Charleston Roads – 843-745-1026  
Dorchester County Roads – 843-832-0070

## STREET LIGHT OUT?

Will need the number on the pole – call 1-800-251-7234

## Neighborhood Sign Out?

Paul Amarendran - [Amarendran@knology.net](mailto:Amarendran@knology.net)

## The Facts about Covenants and Restrictions

Every home in the River Oaks Homeowners Association community is subject to Covenant and Restrictions (C&R's) that were attached by the Builder and run with the land. Some common enforceable C&R's provisions are also County Codes (CC) that may be considered misdemeanors and may be fined by the enforcement agency. Below is a basic list that is common to most of the neighborhoods. A complete list of C&R's by community are on our website and were also given to you at closing when you purchased your home.

**C&R - Architectural Review** approval prior to the start of external home improvements to include fences, paint color change, erecting structures, and roof replacement.

**C&R / CC - Prohibition of residential use of property for business activity** that is not legally licensed. Zoning codes also govern home business activity and should be researched before starting any business that potentially violates the single-family residential use property zoning code.

**C&R / CC - Offensive activity/nuisance** that includes illegal activity and public health and safety concerns. Dorchester County and the City of North Charleston Code Enforcement include dogs that bark excessively and pets that defecate on others' property, the accumulation of dead trees, uncut grass, weeds, undergrowth, trash, garbage, debris, or any other unsanitary condition to be prohibited nuisances. The City of North Charleston also includes stagnant water, oil, grease and inoperable vehicles (incapable of self-propulsion) in this category.

**C&R - Restrictions on parking and trailer/vehicle storage** that also includes boats and commercial vehicles over one (1) ton capacity.

**C&R / CC - Proper garbage and refuse disposal** interpreted to include the excess storage on driveways, porches, and portions of the yard that are visible from street view. Refer back to Offensive activity/nuisance for guidance. Dorchester County includes inoperable vehicles in this category and under its Abandoned Vehicle code states “a vehicle shall be determined to be abandoned if the vehicle fails to display a current license plate within 90 days after its expiration date or which is partially dismantled or wrecked or incapable of self-propulsion or of being moved in the manner for which it was originally intended and remains in such condition for a period of 60 days or more.”

C&R's for each neighborhood can be found at this link -

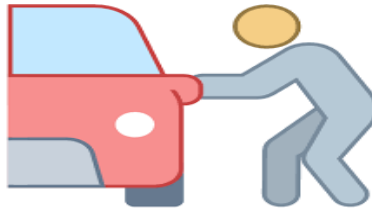
<https://goo.gl/fhoHfY>

## Preventing Car Break-ins

No neighborhood is immune from car break-ins. It happens in all counties and municipalities. And they are not car break-ins but thieves taking advantage of an opportunity because the homeowner has left the doors unlocked.

Tips:

- Secure your vehicle safely in the garage OR park your vehicle as close to the residence as possible. Lock your car as soon as you get out of the car!
- Do not leave anything in your vehicle that would tempt somebody to break in. Remove valuables or secure them out of sight in your trunk. Dorchester County is facing a rash of guns that have been taken out of cars.
- If you see something, say something!
- Light up your house. Turn on porch lights, lights by your garage and yard lights if you have them.



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