



River Reader

March 2018

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.

Dorchester Real Estate Services – Contact Info:

Phone: 843-563-5005

Fax: 843-563-5095

Email: HOA1@dorchestersold.net (Julie Eargle)

Mailing Address:
PO Box 116
St George SC 29477

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

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](#)

ROHA Dues

The 2018 dues were due by January 31 2018. A late fee of \$50.00 will be applied to accounts with payments not received by March 31, 2018. Past due accounts may incur a lien filing at the current prevailing rate of \$110.00.

If you have an issue with bringing your account current, please contact DRES for payment options.

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What is your address??

For most of us, the house numbers on our house, on our mailboxes or on the curb are just part of the landscape. We don't think twice if the numbers are faded or covered by bushes or trees. And most fire departments and emergency personnel have detailed maps of the neighborhoods they protect and are familiar with the locations of streets and hydrants within their jurisdiction.

Because emergency response crews need to find addresses as quickly as possible when called, they often rely on house numbers for quick reference. If the numbers on your home are not easy to find or read, it will take longer for crews to reach you. Victims of heart attack, stroke, or choking need immediate care.

Take a minute to look at your home from the street to see if the house number is easily found from both sides of the house. It could be a matter of life and death!

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!

Report from January 2108 General Meeting

General Meeting minutes are available on the <https://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/meeting-agendas-and-minutes.html> website.

Board Meetings

Held the first Thursday of the Month
at 7:00 pm

Ashley River Fire Department
8045 Dorchester Rd

All are welcome – if you'd like to speak, please send an email to riveroaksassoc@gmail.com to be added to the agenda

ROHA Committees

We have established the committees below and are meeting the **first Thursday of the month at Ashley River Fire Department 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)
- **Community Maintenance** - Lighting, neighborhood signs
- **Community Outreach** – Community yard sales, parades, get-togethers
- **Communications Committee** – Newsletter, Social Media including Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- **Community ARB and CCRs** – Review ARB requests, CCR reports.

We need your talents and expertise!

For more information, contact
riveroaksassoc@gmail.com.

Vehicle Registration in South Carolina

If you meet any of the below criteria, you must register your vehicle in South Carolina:

- Have children enrolled in a public-school district
- Established residency in the state
- Working full time in the state and not maintaining another residence in another state
- Have been driving a vehicle owned by another person for an accumulated period of 150 days (Absentee Owner)
- Permanently employed in this state

Note: The Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing Ordinance does not apply to Active Duty Military.

New South Carolina residents have 45 days to transfer their vehicle registration to this state.

REMINDER – REMEMBER

Common areas belong to the association. Homeowners that violate C&R's by disposing of landscaping or other debris, or in any way destroying or damaging common property will be held liable. This includes tree removal and/or damage to signs.

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 information.

Community Bunco Group!

The third Thursday of the month is a great time to join us from 6:30 to 9 for Bunco! Ladies 18 and older are invited to join this really fun time. You don't have to host – we have a few ladies that open their homes for the group.

It costs \$10 to play with cash prizes awarded. Don't know how to play? No problem! It's really easy to play and there will be lots of help if you need it.

Please bring a snack or dessert to share and your own drinks.

If you're interested, please RSVP to Betsy Mitchum at betsymitchum@gmail.com!



April 14
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!

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI) – This is a Letter to the Editor from the Post and Courier, December 19, 2017

I recently attended a general meeting in my subdivision for updates and issues for discussion among the members. Many problems are handled by certain committees we have organized within the homeowner's association. One homeowner actually owes thousands of dollars. I am sure this is a common problem in other associations in our area.

This is just another example of people in this country — in this case neighbors — who don't pay their fair share, and then "blow off" their responsibilities. It might even be someone who can well afford the dues, but still refuses to pay. How unfair.

The HOA has expenses like lawyer fees, insurance, landscaping, enforcement people who handle the homeowners who are not keeping up their property, and other costs.

Please, if you are a deadbeat, try to change your attitude and be a responsible dues payer. This way, your neighbors don't have to worry about their dues going up.

The one major dilemma we have been facing for as long as I can remember is the rampant refusal of many homeowners to pay their dues.

I have lived here for over 20 years now, and the dues problem has always been a big issue. Our dues are not very high and many homeowners here benefit by the existing amenities paid for by the dues collected.

Donna Shelters
Wynnfield Drive
North Charleston

2018 Board of Directors

Subdivision	Name	Committee	Phone	Email
Ansley Pointe	Matt Jones	Maintenance	843-494-0069	mattswoodworking@gmail.com
	Vacant			
Appian Landing I	Anna Mitchel	Community Advocacy	703-403-0054	Mitchel.anna@yahoo.com
	Robin McKeown	Communications	843-991-4302	Rmckeown1960@gmail.com
Appian Landing II	Paul Amarendran	ARB/Maintenance	843-552-2601	Amarendran@knology.net
	Vacant			
Appian Landing III	Michelle Jackson	Secretary	843-822-7000	Mjackson4@sc.rr.com
	Ernie Kornahrens	Maintenance	843-412-5094	ekornahrens@outlook.com
Marsh Hall	Dean Hinson	ARB	843-760-6850	Dhinson1@sc.rr.com
	Vacant			
Marsh Side (only neighborhood in the City of North Charleston)	Darcia Hicks	President	843-475-7293	odarciam@outlook.com
	Jimmy Cooper	Maintenance	843-343-2514	jamesfcooper2@outlook.com
Palmetto Plantation	Darrel McKeown	Webpage	843-303-9068	darrel@ctelc.com
	Bill Summer	ARB	843-209-2200	wsummer@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
River Chase	Sean Patrum	ARB	843-727-5226	spatrum@gmail.com
	Ed Nead		843-872-6802	ednead1958@gmail.com
Woodington I	Betsy Mitchum	Treasurer	843-552-0945	betsymitchum@gmail.com
	Dennis Shelters	Community Advocacy	843-552-8748	Dandd8@aol.com
Woodington II	Ellen Sapp	Community Advocacy	843-810-4737	Emhawaii1@yahoo.com
	Cheryl Cannon	Community Advocacy	843-552-9092	Ckcannon50@yahoo.com
Woodington III	Jeff Morey	Vice – President	843-552-9012	Jmorey1@sc.rr.com
	Kevin Bruch		843-767-8299	kbruch@sc.rr.com

Responsibility and Respect

River Oaks, like many surrounding communities, continues to strive to be a place that families of all demographic types call home. Unfortunately, we have situations with some properties whether owner-occupied or rentals, where the Covenant and Restrictions are disregarded and have a negative impact on enjoyment of property and property values of surrounding neighbors.

As a reminder, the C&R's were put in place and attached to the land by the builder and not the Homeowners Association.

The following situations are reported on a regular basis and continue to go unresolved. Please review your community's C&R's that are available on the ROHA website.

- *Tractor trailer/cab parking in yards and on the street
- *Excessive parking on the grass leading to bald spots and mud holes
- *Street parking or multiple vehicles overcrowding the driveway and sidewalks
- *Boats, campers, and trailers stored improperly
- *Homes in disrepair: faded paint, rotted wood, unfinished DIY projects, and mold
- *Debris of all kinds some of which pose health hazards, partially dismantled vehicles, and household debris

It is your responsibility, whether you occupy the property or not, to take your neighbors' property value and enjoyment of their property into consideration. Not only is it a sign of respect, it is the right thing to do.



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/>

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