



River Reader

March 2019

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.

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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](#)

Homeowner Association Dues

River Oaks Homeowner Association Dues are currently \$105.00 per year and are due January 31st of each year. The dues are applied as part of an annual budget approved by the homeowners to cover expenses associated with operation of the association, maintenance of entranceways and common areas, and Park Forest and Appian Way street lights. A detailed listing of expenditures can be found under the annual budget. If you have questions after your review of the budget on our ROHA Web page, please contact your subdivision board member or any available board member.

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.

General Meeting Held Tuesday, 1/29/2019 at 7:00 PM at Faith Assembly 3001 Landing Pkwy

- Voted and Approved 2019 Budget
 - Total Properties 674 – Homeowners In Good Standing 610
 - Percentage needed for quorum per bylaws: 5% (31 homeowners)
 - Total HOA votes via Proxy 25
 - Total HOA votes via Ballot 19
 - Total Votes for 2019 proposed budget 23 proxies + 19 in person votes = 42
 - Total Votes against 2019 proposed budget 1 proxy = 1
 - One proxy received with both YES and NO marked so this proxy was disregarded.
 - Board member nominations and vote:
 - All members currently on the board except for Michelle Jackson and Betsy Mitchum have agreed to stay. Jeff Morey made a motion to accept the current board members and Darrel McKeown seconded the motion. The motion passed. The first board meeting was held Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Faith Assembly Church in the Youth Trailer
- NOTE: WE HAVE SEVEN (7) VACANT BOARD MEMBER SLOTS. COME OUT AND MAKE YOUR, OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER! Also, everyone is welcome to attend the board meetings and provide in-puts.**

Starting in January 2019 the ROHA Board will be meeting on the second Monday of each month at Faith Assembly Church Youth Trailer at 7 pm.

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!

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2019 Board of Directors

Subdivision	Name	Committee	Phone	Email
Ansley Pointe	Matt Jones	Maintenance	843-494-0069	mattswoodworking@gmail.com
	Vacant			
Appian Landing I	Robin McKeown	Communications	843-991-4302	Rmckeown1960@gmail.com
	Vacant			
Appian Landing II	Paul Amarendran	ARB/Maintenance	843-552-2601	Amarendran@knology.net
	Vacant			
Appian Landing III	Karlean Williams			riveroakshoa@aol.com
	Vacant			
Marsh Hall	Dean Hinson	ARB	843-760-6850	Dhinson1@sc.rr.com
	Vacant			
Marsh Side (only neighborhood in the City of North Charleston)	Jimmy Cooper	Maintenance	843-343-2514	jamesfcooper2@outlook.com
	Vacant			
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	Secretary/ARB	843-727-5226	spatrum@gmail.com
	Ed Nead		843-872-6802	ednead1958@gmail.com
Woodington I	Dennis Shelters	Community Advocacy	843-552-8748	Dandd8@aol.com
	Vacant			
Woodington II	Ellen Sapp	Vice President	843-810-4737	Emhawaii1@yahoo.com
	Cheryl Cannon	Community Advocacy	843-552-9092	Ckcannon50@yahoo.com
Woodington III	Jeff Morey	President	843-552-9012	Jmorey1@sc.rr.com
	Kevin Bruch		843-767-8299	kbruch@sc.rr.com



April 13
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!

REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE

By Paul Amarendran 843 343 3986

We have all heard the above slogan but what are we doing about it? 90-gallon trash cans around the neighborhood are seen, with lids propped open by trash mixed with recyclables! Third world countries don't need lessons in recycling; for them it is an economic necessity. In India, old newspaper is sold by the pound. In Germany, recycling is mandatory. They even have separate bins for green, brown and clear glass. We are throwing precious raw material into our landfills! It takes a whole lot more energy to melt Bauxite (ore) than used aluminum cans. Let's look at each material:

Cardboard: Cartons and corrugated cardboard boxes, if in good condition can be broken down and put in the attic for helping someone move. Other cardboard can be taken to the green dumpster at McDonalds or Hardees (closest to us). Most Fast-food restaurants have this in the back, primarily for their use and do not object to others using it. Only be careful to **flatten the boxes**.

Yard Debris: Leaves, small twigs, grass etc. are collected in a separate, large trash can with markings, "Yard Debris". We don't use the brown-paper bags from Home Depot or Lowes; they are expensive and useless when they get wet in the rain! Also, you cannot stuff them as you can a hard-plastic trash can. You'll be amazed as to how much you can stuff in a can! When this yard debris can is full, (as during fall time), we stuff the regular, 90 gal trash can with yard debris. We (permanently) mark the back of the can, "Yard debris only; no trash today". On such occasions, the can is placed with its back to the road. Large limbs are tied in a bundle and placed at the curb. If you place the limbs in a pile (without tying in a bundle), the trash collectors will NOT take it because they DO NOT have the TIME to load it! I have placed 6 bundles at a time and all of them have been taken.

Kitchen Trash: Onion peels, carrot culls, banana peels and other such organic, biodegradable kitchen waste is collected in a brown-paper bag, inside a plastic bag. On trash-day (also yard debris collection day), the full brown paper bag is taken out of the plastic bag and buried in the yard debris. This is the best compost and also keeps the regular trash can from smelling bad. The smelly plastic bag is discarded in the regular trash.

Paper, Plastic & Aluminum: Collect cans and bottles in a bucket. When full, put in grocery bags. I normally crush the cans and bottles but I just read on Nextdoor that the recycling center prefers them uncrushed. They are to be thoroughly rinsed, especially the milk bottles. Recycling bins don't allow plastic bags. Have a knife handy to slit the bags, dropping only the contents in the bin. Take the plastic bags home and discard in the trash. Most bins take these three items mixed. Closest to us are: 1) Library on Dorchester road, 2) Fire station on cross county road and 3) 4801 Old Fort Dr., Ladson

Electronic devices (TV, computer): Best Buy accepts such items but they charge \$25 for each item **with a screen!** Recycling Center at 757 Beech Hill Rd, Summerville, SC 29485 accepts these items with no charge.

REMINDER

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.

REMINDER

Yes, burning in your yard is allowable with Fire Department APPROVAL; however, be respectable of your neighbors. I'm sure there are some neighbors that may have breathing problems and smoke doesn't help.

2018 has been a good year to homeowners in River Oaks. I am sure we would all like 2019 to be even better. Here are a few observations. 36 homes were sold in 2018. The Highest sold price was Just under \$270K, with the lowest in the mid \$130,000's range. Most were closer to the high end. The average sold price was above 200K at \$208K with average square footage of 1773 sqft the average sold price per foot comes out to be \$119.34. The best part is over half of the homes that sold did so at a price higher than asking, as much as \$12K in one instance! With our perfect location and low HOA fees I expect continued improvements. I can provide a more detailed River Oaks report for those of you who are interested. Just contact Sean C. Patrum at spatrum@gmail.com or at 843-727-5226

ROHA Committees

We have established the committees below and, beginning January 2019, are meeting the **second Monday of the month at Faith Assembly Youth Trailer 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) – Ellen Sapp (Emhawaii1@yahoo.com)
- **Community Maintenance** - Lighting, neighborhood signs – Paul Amarendran (amarendran@knology.net) and Jimmy Cooper (jamesfcooper2@outlook.com)
- **Community Outreach** – Community yard sales, parades, get-togethers – *Looking for Volunteer!*
- **Communications Committee** – Newsletter, Social Media including Facebook, Twitter, etc. – Jeff Morey (jmorey1@sc.rr.com)
- **Community ARB and CCRs** – Review ARB requests, CCR reports. Sean Patrum – (spatrum@gmail.com)

*We need your talents and
willingness to serve and learn!*

Looking for Volunteers!

Homeowners – YOUR HOA needs you to step up. Only 14 of the 22 positions are currently filed. 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.

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