

# WELCOME TO THE RIVER OAKS



## FAMILY OF NEIGHBORHOODS

We hope you will find the following information useful to you as a new homeowner in our community.

More information can be found on the ROHA Website at the following link;

<http://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/>

We also have a FaceBook Page – [River Oaks HOA North Charleston](#)

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Mission Statement

The River Oaks Homeowners Association (ROHA) was started by a few individuals that were concerned about maintaining property values and the overall appearance of our community.

The association has representatives from each of the eleven subdivisions (Ansley Point; Appian Landing I, II, III; Marsh Hall; Marsh Side; Palmetto Plantation; River Chase; and Woodington I, II, III). The first Board meeting was held in March of 1997. The mission of the ROHA is:

- a) To provide a venue for preservation and enhancement of the value of the property of the
- b) To promote and protect the civic welfare of the River Oaks community, and particularly of the members of the association;
- c) To carry out its purpose without engaging in any business activities or pursuits, and without taking action for pecuniary profit;
- d) To provide for the enhancement and maintenance of entryways to the River Oaks community from Dorchester Road, the entryways to individual subdivisions, the roadside areas along Park Forest Parkway and Appian Way, and of existing roadway islands, and the improvement of street lighting and other safety enhancing measures, and may enter into necessary agreements and obligations needed to address those concerns, upon approval of the membership, by majority vote, of a budget sufficient for the purposes.
- e) To assist subdivision organizations regarding violations of covenants and restrictions provided it is feasible to do so.

## Covenants and Restrictions (C&Rs)

The C&Rs vary slightly from subdivision to subdivision but all were established by the developers and attached to the respective lot's deed in an effort to maintain the harmony of external appearance of each subdivision. C&Rs are enforced through a property management company. You should receive a copy of your subdivision's C&Rs and the Association Bylaws at the time of your closing. If you do not, they can be downloaded from the ROHA website <http://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/covenants--restrictions.html> or you can contact your subdivision representative to obtain a copy. Questions or concerns regarding the C&Rs can be directed to your subdivision representative. Names of representatives can be found under the Board of Directors listing on the ROHA Website - <http://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/meet-the-board.html>

## **Board of Director and General Meetings**

General Meetings are normally held twice a year and dates are published in the newsletter and with signs posted in the neighborhood. The General Meetings are normally held the last Monday of January and the last Monday in October at 7:00 pm at Christ Community Lutheran Church 8315 Dorchester Road.

Board of Director Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at Christ Community Lutheran Church, 8315 Dorchester Road. Board meetings are open to homeowners however you must contact the secretary (riveroaksassoc@gmail.com) at least one week prior to the meeting to be added to the agenda.

## **Planning and Codes Enforcement**

The following are strictly prohibited as a part of Dorchester Code:

- Commercial vehicles, unlicensed, or unregistered vehicles are not to be parked on any lot, land, or street within the River Oaks Community
- Large items that need to be disposed of should not be placed at the street more than 24 hours prior to the arranged pickup. Items left at the street for an extended period of time may be ticketed by Codes Enforcement.
- It is the responsibility of the homeowner to contact their preferred trash removal company for weekly service or to remove large unwanted items.

## **Homeowner Association Dues**

River Oaks Homeowner Association Dues are \$125.00 per year and are due in January. 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 found here - <http://www.riveroaksnorthcharleston.com/annual-budgets.html>.

Dorchester Real Estate Services represents the association as the management company for billing and collection of association dues and enforcement of code restrictions.

Questions regarding billing and/or code enforcement can be submitted in writing to the address below or by calling:

Dorchester Real Estate Services

217 N Parler Ave

PO Box 116

St George SC 29477

Phone (843) 563-5005

Fax (843)563-5095

Email - [hoa1@dorchestersold.net](mailto:hoa1@dorchestersold.net) (Julie)

## Public School System

The schools for our community are in the Dorchester District 2 school system and information can be found by going to the following website:

<https://www.ddtwo.org/> or contact the individual school below:

- Eagle Nest Elementary School - 843-695-2460
- River Oaks Middle School - 843-695-2470
- Fort Dorchester High School - 843-760-4450

## Voting Information – as of July 2024

Go to [SCVOTES.ORG](https://www.scvotes.org) for information including:

Online Voter Registration

Check My Voter Registration

Update My Voter Registration

Get My Sample Ballot

Find My Polling Place

Get My Absentee Ballot

All River Oaks Neighborhoods vote at the Ashley River voting Precinct located at River Oaks Middle School, 8642 River Oaks Drive, North Charleston SC 29420. Please note that early voting locations may differ. Check [SCVOTES.org](https://www.scvotes.org) for updated any changes.

All River Oaks Neighborhoods are represented as below (as of July, 2024)

SC State Senators - [Lindsey Graham](#) (next election 2026) and [Tim Scott](#) (next election 2028)

US Congressional District 06 - [James Clyburn \(D\)](#) (next election 2024)

SC Senate District 41 - [Sandy Senn](#) (R) (Ms. Senn has lost the primary in June 2024 – election is in November 2024)

SC House District 109 - Tiffany Spann-Wilder (D) [nfo@spannwilder4sc109.com](mailto:nfo@spannwilder4sc109.com)

Dorchester County Council District 03 - Ms. Rita May Ranck (843) 955-9708 [RMRanck@DorchesterCountySC.gov](mailto:RMRanck@DorchesterCountySC.gov)

Dorchester County School District 02 - school board members are listed here - <https://www.ddtwo.org/district/board-of-trustees>

Magistrate Jury 182 - <https://www.sccourts.org/magistratecourt/magistrates.cfm?countyno=18>

For our neighbors in Marsh Side - as residents of the City of North Charleston, you are also represented by North Charleston Council District 9 representative [Kenneth L. Skipper](#).

## Animal Control

Dorchester County does not allow animals (dogs and fertile cats) to run at large. See Sec 4.7 of the Code of Ordinances. “Upon conviction, any person violating this chapter shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500.00 or 30 days in jail, or both. Each day during which the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.” Information for North Charleston ordinances for those residents of Marsh Side can be found here -

[https://www2.municode.com/library/sc/north\\_charleston/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR.CH4ANFO\\_ARTIANCO\\_S4-5RECORULAEN](https://www2.municode.com/library/sc/north_charleston/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR.CH4ANFO_ARTIANCO_S4-5RECORULAEN)

Dorchester County and the City of North Charleston ask that, if you have an issue with a neighbor and their pets, you:

- a) Discuss the problem with the owner
- b) Call Animal Control at (843)875-0051 for Dorchester County and (843)740-2815 for residents of Marsh Side

<b>Other Important Phone Numbers - Websites</b>	
North Charleston Fire Department Station 11 (non emergency)	843-552-2425
Dorchester County Sheriff (non emergency)	843-832-0300
Summerville Medical Center (non emergency)	843-832-5000
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Spectrum Customer Service	(877) 994-1466
Spectrum Office on Trolley Road	843-874-2389
WoW Internet/Cable/Telephone	843-225-1000
Charleston Water System	843-727-6800
SCE&G Emergencies	911
SCE&G Downed/Sparking lines	1-888-333-4465
SCE&G Gas Leaks	1-800-815-0083
SCE&G Customer Service	1-800-251-7234
Pothole Reporting North Charleston	843-745-1026
Pothole Reporting Dorchester County	843-832-0070
Dorchester County Code Enforcement	843-832-0020
Republic Services Trash/Recycle collection	843-552-4751
Priority One Trash/Recycle collection	843-875-2556
Dorchester County Sewer Treatment Facility	843-832-0075
Streetlight Outage Will need the number located on the pole	1-800-251-7234
Dorchester County Website	<a href="http://www.dorchestercounty.net">www.dorchestercounty.net</a>
North Charleston Website	<a href="http://www.northcharleston.org">www.northcharleston.org</a>