

# River Reader

April/July 2008

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

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## WELCOME

The River Oaks Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new residents in our community. We strive to do what we can to make your transition a smooth one. We have welcome packages that contain helpful information for new residents. If you would like to receive one call your area representative. If you have a new neighbor take a moment to say "welcome neighbor", introduce yourself by taking them a casserole or baking a cake. It is a great start to being a good neighbor.

## SPRING CLEANING

Saturday, April 19, 2008 has been set aside as a neighborhood clean-up day for all subsections of ROHA. We will meet in the parking lot next to Publix and Subway at 7am. All volunteers are welcome to join in. Bring your rakes, shovels, protective eyewear and gloves. There will be jobs at every level of ability.

## ROHA WEB PAGE

In case you haven't heard our ROHA web Page has been implemented. It is filled with some very useful information. Be sure to check it out. The website address is [http://www.geocities.com/roha\\_sc/](http://www.geocities.com/roha_sc/). You will find the Covenants and Restrictions for each subsection. If you are not sure which subsection your home is located feel free to contact any board member. Check back often for updates such as the new form used for ARB requests.

## HOA DUES

Association dues for 2008 are now past due. Invoices for FY2008 were mailed to residents in December and were payable *January 31, 2008*. If you have not paid this years dues contact Julie at The Behling Company by calling 843-563-4875. She will be able to assist you on how to settle your account.

Mail Payments to: The Behling Company, Inc.  
5736 Memorial Blvd.  
Post Office Box 116  
St. George, SC 29477

\*ARB Architectural Review Board  
Please submit plans and drawings before  
beginning projects

## ARB APPROVAL FIRST

Homeowners in all subdivisions **MUST** have Architectural Review Board (**ARB**) approval for **ANY** change to their property. If you make improvement without first getting **ARB** approval, you will be in jeopardy of having to redo or remove the project. The most common requests are for satellite dishes, fences, paint color, landscaping changes and construction projects including roofs, windows and doors. The preferred placement for a satellite dish is at the rear of the house and not visible from the street. Dish placement requires ARB approval. You may obtain an ARB request form on our website or make copies of the attached copy and send your completed **ARB** request forms to:


ROHA  
P.O Box # 40956  
Charleston, SC 29423  
ATTN: Architectural Review Board

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 7, 2008 Board Mtg 7:00pm @ FDHS  
April 15, 2008 Deadline to file your taxes  
April 19, 2008 Neighborhood Clean-up Day  
May 5, 2008 Board Mtg 7:00pm @ FDHS  
May 26, 2008 Memorial Day Holiday  
June 1, 2008 FDHS Graduation @ 2:00 pm  
June 1, 2008 SHS Graduation @ 6:00 pm  
June 4, 2008 Last Day of school for students

### FUNDRAISER HELP

*The Fort Dorchester High School Band has car wash coupon booklets available for purchase. Each \$25.00 booklet sold will reward the band with \$12.50. This is an awesome opportunity given to us by Joey Peters of Wonder Wash.*



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**Ed Graham**  
843-814-4112

Hi we're Ed & Karen Graham. We've lived here in River Oaks for 13 years. Our business is Real Estate and we have listed and sold more homes in our neighborhood than any other resale realtors. We have one of the most desirable neighborhoods in our area. We may not have an amenity center, tennis court or pool, but we do have a *fantastic* location and that is one of the most important things to consider when making a purchase.

If you know of someone looking to simply move across town or relocate out of state, please consider referring our services to them. We'd be thrilled to assist them.



**Karen Graham**  
843-327-5515



RIVER OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

PO Box 40956
Charleston, SC 29423

Request for Improvement, Change, or Alteration made to the Architectural Review Board

Homeowner's Name:
Homeowner's Address:
Homeowner's Phone Number:
Description of Request:

Required Documents Attached:

- Plat showing the location of all proposed and existing structures (to scale)
Photos of the current and adjacent lots affected by proposed improvement
Exterior elevations of all proposed structures and alterations
Specifications of materials, color scheme, and other details affecting the exterior appearance

Other Documents Attached:

Request delivered by Homeowner to:
Request delivered by Homeowner on:
Request delivered to ARB by:
Request delivered to ARB on:

Date of ARB Meeting for review of this request:
Number of ARB Members in attendance (minimum of three):
Architectural Review Board Members in attendance at review of this request:

[Lined area for notes]

Vote of ARB for review of this request: YES NO

Result of Vote: APPROVED NOT-APPROVED

Comments for Non-Approval to Homeowner:

**THE PURPOSE OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION IS TO:**

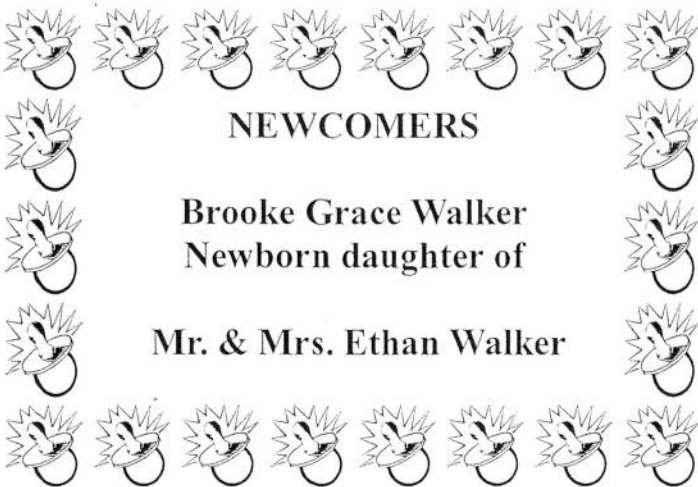
1. Provide a venue for preservation and enhancement of the value of your property.
2. Promote and protect the civic welfare of the River Oaks Community.
3. Provide for the enhancement and maintenance of our entranceways.
4. Monitor and enforce the Covenants & Restrictions.

**IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY**

We've all seen the flowers beginning to bloom, the flowering Bradford pear trees full of their white blossoms and the signs of pollen everywhere.

Now is the time for planting and working the soil if you plan on having a garden. This is also a great time for cleaning out old flower beds to make way for new plantings. But, did you know that newspapers will help keep weeds away!

Start by putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers and put layers around the plants overlapping as you go. Cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic but weeds will not get through wet newspaper.



**CURB APPEAL**

In the near future we will be enforcing the restriction on garbage cans. If your garbage can is visible, it must now be stored in the garage, behind the fence or screened from view. We are asking in advance for all homeowners to address this issue.

Please take a moment and consider what a huge impact this simple task will have on the appearance of our entire neighborhood.

**RESIDENT BURNING ADVISORY**

The following are guidelines as adopted by the Ashley River F.D. as to comply with South Carolina's Open Burning Laws.

1. Under D.H.E.C. regulations the ONLY materials allowed to be burned are landscaping materials grown on your property: i.e. trees, limbs, brush, leaves, grass.
2. You must contact the **SC Forestry Commission** Office at **1-800-986-3746**, this permit will be issued to you over the home free of charge.
3. Upon obtaining your permit number, you then need to **contact the Ashley River F.D. at 552-2425 and give them your name, address, and phone number.**
4. Care must be taken by the occupant burning to ensure the fire does not get out of control. This can be performed by the following:
  - A. Keep a garden hose ready while burning.
  - B. Do not leave fire unattended.
  - C. Cool the area with water when completed
  - D. **KEEP CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE FIRE**
5. If there is a complaint about your fire and the fire department comes out to your residence be advised we will ask you to put out the fire or we will put out your fire, even if you have a permit.

**YOU WILL NOT START OR ADD TO ANY FIRE AFTER 3:00 PM.**

Your assistance in complying with these guidelines will assist with non-essential fire alarms, thereby making this Department available for actual emergencies.

## *SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH*

As you enter the neighborhood on Forest Parkway there is a speed limit sign indicating the speed limit as 25 mph.

There are also white dashed lines indicating two lanes for a short distance. However, once you are passed the dashed lines the roadway become one lane each way only.

The blue reflectors on the road are indicators for the fire department to the nearest fire hydrant not lane dividers.

When leaving the neighborhood from Forest Parkway at the light, there is only one lane for left turns. The farthest outside lane is for left turns. The two middle lanes of traffic are straight ahead lanes. The far right hand lane is intended as a right merge lane.

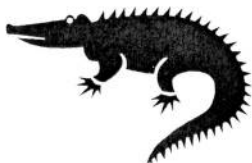
As our population grows we all need to be more mindful of our driving habits. Be courteous and obey the rules of the road. Most accidents can be avoided.

## *MARSH HALL PONDS*

Several months ago a large alligator was removed by a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) trapper. Unfortunately, once the animal was captured it had to be destroyed. As a reminder to residents a sign has been installed near the pond to discourage residents from feeding them. It has been reported that yet another alligator has been spotted in the pond. So, please do not feed the alligator.

DNR officials state when people feed alligators they leave their natural habitat more and more frequently and become more aggressive in their search for food. This could pose emanate danger to residents and possibly small pets.

Remember it is against the law to feed alligators and the Department of Natural Resources will aggressively prosecute anyone caught feeding the alligators.



## *MORE DID YOU KNOW*

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us told us that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean. (I always clean the lint from the filter after every load clothes.) He told us that he wanted to show us something; he took the filter over to the sink, ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material - I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. Well, the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh that's what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free -- that nice fragrance too, you know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box, well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to catch fire & potentially burn your house down with it! He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (& to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out & wash it with hot soapy water & an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. He said that makes the life of the dryer at least twice as long! How about that!?! Learn something new everyday! I certainly didn't know dryer sheets would do that. So, I thought I'd share!

## *NEWSLETTER SUGGESTIONS*

Our neighborhood newsletter is intended to be informative as well as interesting. It's fun to do and not especially difficult, but if you have any suggestions on topics or have an article you would like to share please feel free to do so by e-mailing it to me at [kfggraham@aol.com](mailto:kfgraham@aol.com) or call me at 843-327-5515.

We have tons of great neighbors, but sometimes we get caught up in working that we don't have time to visit with them. Maybe you've got an idea for a block party, if so share it with us.

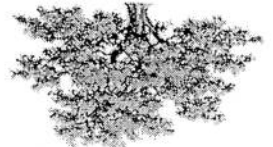
Perhaps you would like to start a group of some sort. People who are natural green thumbs could maybe share some of their gardening tips for the newsletter. Maybe a Bunko group would like to start up. This newsletter is an opportunity to share what you know and/or an opportunity to ask a question.

I would like to thank Kathie Wilbur a previous resident who also worked on the newsletter for some great suggestions for newsletter articles and Kim Kowacich for her continued input and support. Many thanks to both of you!

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## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>Ashley River Fire Department</b>	911
Ashley River Fire Department (non-emergency)	552-2425
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	911
<b>Dorchester County Sheriff</b>	911
Dorchester County Sheriff (non-emergency)	873-5111
<b>Poison Control Center</b>	1-800-222-1212
South Carolina Gas and Electric (emergency outage reporting)	745-6000
Public Works (responsible for street signs, roads & ditch main)	832-0700
Department of Transportation (medians and road conditions/ Dorchester rd)	1-800-657-0330
Dorchester County Animal Control	832-0015
Red Cross	744-8021
Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Department	202-7400
<b>Missing Persons:</b>	
Child Help USA	1-800-422-4453
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	1-800-848-5678
National Runaway Switchboard	1-800-621-4000
United Way Hotline for Locating Services	211