



WELCOME TO RIVER OAKS

31 Aug 2006

On behalf of the River Oaks Community, we welcome you.

River Oaks, previously a plantation, was purchased by the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts eventually sold the property to a group of developers. Our community consists of eleven subdivisions: Ansley Point, Appian Landing I, II, III, Marsh Hall, Marsh Side, Palmetto Plantation, River Chase, and Woodington I, II, III.

Our homeowners' Association was started by a few individuals who were concerned about maintaining property values and the overall appearance of the area. We held our first board meeting in March of 1997. By-Laws established and adopted by the original members govern the Association. The Association in turn enforces the Covenants and Restrictions that were established by the developer. You should have received a copy of the Covenants and Restrictions at the time of your closing, which details the "do's and don'ts" of the neighborhood. If you did not receive it or have any questions, please contact a representative of the Homeowners' Association and a copy will be provided to you.

The purpose of the Homeowners' Association is as follows:

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 and Restrictions.

You have made a good choice selecting the River Oaks Community. We think you will find it to be a peaceful and enjoyable place to live.



TELEPHONE

Bell South – Residential and Business

Connection and billing info: Residential (888-757-6500) / Business (866-620-6000)

www.bellsouth.com

- ** Establish new service
- ** Change or move existing service
- ** Order new products or services
- ** View and pay bill on-line
- ** Check product pricing and availability
- ** Review product and feature usage instructions

Knology – Residential, Cable and Internet – 225-1000 – www.knology.com

Time Warner Cable – Residential, Cable and Internet – 873-7000 – www.rr.com



ELECTRICITY and GAS

South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. – 554-7234



TRASH REMOVAL

PRIORITY-1 WASTE COMPANY – P.O. Box 1139, Summerville, SC – 875-2556

Yard Debris: Monday: Brown Paper or Trashcan, Limbs <4” dia & < 4’ long
 Household Trash: Tuesday
 Recycling: Thursday: Paper and Co-Mingle Alternate Every Other Week
 Quarterly Pricing: With & Without Recycling (\$57 / \$39 as of Aug 2006)

SUBURBAN DISPOSAL SERVICE – 150 Suburban Lane, Summerville, SC – 873-4810

Yard debris: Monday: Brown Paper, Limbs <4” dia & < 4’ long & bound
 Household Trash: Tuesday
 Recycling: Friday: Paper and Co-Mingle Alternate Every Other Week
 Quarterly Pricing: (\$48 as of Aug 2006)

WASTE INDUSTRIES – 237 Farmington Road, Summerville, SC – 875-4900

Yard debris: Friday: Brown Paper, Limbs <4” dia & < 4’ long
 (Monthly Price - \$10 as of Aug 2006)
 Household Trash: Thursday – (Quarterly Price - \$48 as of Aug 2006)
 Recycling: Thursday: Paper and Co-Mingle Every Week
 (Monthly Price - \$10 as of Aug 2006)

Marsh Side is provided trash removal by the City of North Charleston (745-1026)



WATER/SEWER

Commissioners of Public Works – 103 St. Phillip St., Downtown Charleston – 727-6800
www.charlestoncpw.com
Office Hours: 8:00 – 5:00 Monday through Friday - \$50 - \$55 origination fee



LIBRARY

Dorchester County / Summerville – 76 Old Trolley Road, Summerville – 871-5075



NEWSPAPER

POST and COURIER NEWSPAPER – 554-5400

The Summerville Journal Scene – 873-9424



CABLE

Knology (Telephone, Cable, Internet)
3270B Associate Drive, North Charleston – 225-1000

Time Warner Cable (Cable, Internet, Telephone)
410 Trolley Rd, Summerville – 873-7000



POLITICAL INFORMATION

For voting purposes, all residents except those residing in Marsh Side are in the following districts:

U.S. House of Representative – District 1

S.C. Senate – District 41

S.C. House of Representatives – District 98

North Charleston City Council – District 1 – Only Residents of Marsh Side

ROHA split between Dorchester County District 3 and 4

Dorchester County Council – District 3 – Marsh Side side of Park Forest Parkway

Dorchester County Council – District 4 – Marsh Hall side of Park Forest Parkway

Dorchester County Voter Registration

We are in the Ashley River Precinct

Although your mailing address is North Charleston, Marsh Side is the only subdivision in City of North Charleston and served by that Community. We are located in unincorporated Dorchester County. Dorchester County provides all services for the remaining subdivisions.



NEAREST HOSPITAL

Summerville Medical Center
295 Midland Parkway, Summerville – 832-5000



SCHOOLS

River Oaks is in Dorchester County District #2 School System

Our local schools are:

K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 – **Fort Dorchester Elementary School** (832-5550) – all kindergarten classes are all day and there are child development classes for children 4 years of age.

6, 7, 8 – **Oakbrook Middle** (873-9750)

9, 10, 11, 12 – **Fort Dorchester High School** (760-4450)

Students should register at the appropriate school. Immunization records and proof of residence (current electric bill) are required. Bus service is provided to all public schools within our subdivisions. For additional information on the public school system call appropriate schools or the District Superintendent (873-2901).

NOTE: There is a new elementary school slated to open in the back of our subdivisions in the fall of 2006 and a new middle school to open in the back of our subdivisions in the Fall of 2007.

ANIMAL CONTROL



Dorchester County has a leash law, which provides that a dog not run at large off its owner's property. Cats that are deemed a nuisance also fall under the jurisdiction of animal control. Violation can bring a fine up to \$500.00 and /or imprisonment of up to 30 days. This problem arises so frequently in the County that the following guidance is offered in hopes it may lead to a solution:

First – discuss the problem with the dog owner

Second – call the County Animal Control Officer (875-0051)

Third – Visit the County Magistrate's Office (873-0370) to make out an arrest warrant against the owner and be prepared to appear in Court at a later date

** NOTE: The number to animal control for Marsh Side is 740-2815 (N. Charleston)

RABIES



The State of South Carolina requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies by the time they are 6 months old and on a yearly basis thereafter. If your pet is currently immunized against rabies with an out-of-state 2-year vaccine, it will need to be re-vaccinated within a year of its last shot.



PLANNING and CODES ENFORCEMENT

Dorchester County – 832-0013
North Charleston / Marsh Side – 740-2627

Commercial vehicles, unlicensed/registered vehicles are not to be parked on any lot, land, or street within the River Oaks Community. Codes Enforcement will also ticket residents who place unwanted items at the street for an extended amount of time, such as old broken A/C units, water heaters, furniture, etc. Residents are to contact their trash company to make arrangements for pick up of large items. They are not to be placed by the street until a pick up time has been established.



HOMEOWNER DUES

Mandatory River Oaks Homeowners' Associates dues are due January and run through December 31st. The annual budget covers expenses for landscaping, streetlights, administrative costs, quarterly newsletters, postage, taxes, Christmas parade, and improvements to the community. No member of the River Oaks Board of Directors is paid. All efforts by the Association are on a voluntary basis. Any questions pertaining to your invoice should be directed to:

The Behling Company
P.O. Box 116
St. George, SC 29477
(843) 875-4102
behlinghoa@bellsouth.net

Please do not call the Behling Company with any questions other than invoice issues. All questions should be directed to your representative as listed in the River Reader Newsletter.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ashley River Fire Department	911
Ashley River Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	552-2425
Emergency Medical Services	911
Dorchester County Sheriff	911
Dorchester County Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	873-5111
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
S.C. Electric and Gas (After Hours)	745-6000
Public Works (Responsible for Street Signs, Roads & Ditch Maintenance)	832-0700
Dept. of Transportation (Responsible for the Medians and Road Conditions on Dorchester Rd)	800-657-0330
Dorchester County Animal Control	832-0015
Red Cross – 5290 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston	744-8021
Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Department	202-7400
Missing Persons:	
Child Help USA	800-422-4453
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	800-843-5678
National Runaway Switchboard	800-621-4000
United Way Hotline for Locating Services	211