

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the local sales tax?

The local sales tax is 7%, with a maximum of \$300 on any single purchase.

## What about property taxes and insurance?

Sample taxes due on a primary residence for 2010:

Home value	Annual tax
\$200,000	\$1,074
\$300,000	\$1,574
\$400,000	\$2,073

If you are 65 or older you can also register for the homestead exemption which reduces your taxable value by \$50,000.

**Insuring your home:** Insurance can vary greatly depending on your choice of coverage, deductible and agent. Pricing is competitive, so your best option is to shop around. Contact us for more information if you need assistance.

## What schools would our children attend?

### Dorchester Dist. 2 public schools:

- Summerville High: ..... 2 miles
- Gregg Middle: ..... 2 miles
- Knightsville Elementary: ..... 3 miles

### Private schools:

- Pinewood Preparatory (K-12) ..... 7 miles
- Summerville Catholic: ..... 7 miles

## Who are the local utility providers?

- SCE&G (electric & gas) ..... 800-251-7234
- Dorchester County Water and Sewer ..... 843-832-0075
- Time Warner (cable TV, internet and telephone) ..... 866-749-2641
- Suburban Disposal (trash and garbage collection) ..... 843-873-4810

## Do you have a Homeowner's Association?

Yes. The Ponds Community Association ("PCA") is the entity responsible for management, maintenance, operation and control of the common property of the community. Dues are \$700/year.

## Where are the closest medical facilities?

- Summerville Medical Center ..... 7 miles

## Where is the airport?

- Charleston Intl. Airport ..... 13 miles

## How close are the fire department, police and EMS services?

Fire, Police and the EMS are all located within The Ponds community.

### Community Resources:

- Drivers Licenses (DMV) ..... 800-442-1368
- Dorchester County Voters Registration ..... 843-563-0132
- Summerville Library ..... 843-871-5075
- Summerville Journal Scene subscriptions ..... 843-873-9424
- Charleston's Post & Courier subscriptions ..... 843-577-1046
- U.S. Post Office ..... 843-873-3571

## Are there shops and restaurants nearby?

Yes. Please see our extensive lists of Summerville shops and restaurants in the Local Area section of [www.DiscoverThePonds.com](http://www.DiscoverThePonds.com).

## Where is the closest storage facility for boats and RV's?

- Grand Oaks Self Storage ..... 0.5 miles (843) 871-1776

## How far is it to the beaches?

- Sullivan's Island ..... 39 miles
- Folly Beach ..... 34 miles
- Isle of Palms ..... 42 miles

## Where are the local golf courses\*?

- Miler Country Club ..... 4 miles
- Pine Forest Country Club ..... 6 miles
- Legend Oaks Country Club ..... 5 miles
- Coosaw Creek Country Club ..... 10 miles

\* All of the above are Semi-Private Courses.

# NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

## Schools:

- Summerville High School .....2 miles
- Gregg Middle School.....2 miles
- Knightsville Elementary.....3 miles
- Pinewood Preparatory.....7 miles
- Summerville Catholic.....7 miles
- Trident Technical College.....20 miles
- Charleston Southern University .....12 miles

## Shopping:

- Central Crossing** .....4 miles
  - Publix
  - Piggly Wiggly
  - First Federal Financial Center
  - CVS Pharmacy
  - Walgreens
  - Auto-Zone

- Oakbrook Shopping Center** .....6 miles
  - Bi-lo
  - Walmart
  - Sears Grand
  - Restaurants
  - AAA Travel / Car Care
  - US Post Office
  - Bank of America
  - Wachovia Bank
  - Sentry Hardware
  - Oakbrook Movies 8

- Azalea Square/ North Main Market**.....7 miles
  - Target
  - Petsmart
  - Lowes / Home Depot
  - Best Buy
  - World Market
  - Kohl's / Belk
  - Walmart
  - Staples
  - Starbucks
  - Azalea Square Cinema 16

## Services / Health Care:

- US Post Office .....6 miles
- Dry Cleaners.....5 miles
- Self Storage .....0.5 miles
- Summerville Medical Center.....7 miles
- Trident Hospital Complex.....12 miles

## Attractions:

- Historic Downtown Summerville .....6 miles  
*A day in Summerville: Stroll through quaint shops and businesses such as historic Guerrins Pharmacy, lunch at a local landmark restaurant and explore the Timrod Library, Town Hall or the Summerville Dorchester Museum. Then take in a play at the Footlight Players Theater for a full day of Summerville charm.*
- Historic Plantations and Gardens .....15 miles
- Historic Charleston .....25 miles
- Sullivan's Island .....39 miles
- Isle of Palms .....42 miles
- Folly Beach.....34 miles

