

Country Club vs. HNA vs. HOA

The expansive Houndslake community has several organizations that residents can participate in. There is a Country Club, a Neighborhood Association, and several Homeowners Associations.

Houndslake is a charming, mature neighborhood of over three hundred acres, offering residents a variety of home styles, established landscapes, and numerous amenities. Located within the Houndslake neighborhood is Houndslake Country Club. The Country Club offers three nine-hole golf courses as well as dining options, social activities, tennis, pickleball, and a pool. Residents may choose to join the Country Club to enjoy the amenities it offers, there are different membership levels to choose from. Please visit www.houndslakeecc.com for more information.

The Houndslake Neighborhood Association (HNA) is a volunteer organization that strives to enhance and beautify the neighborhood. The HNA promotes a sense of community, unity, and safety. The HNA has a board of directors that are elected by neighborhood association members every 2 years. Membership in the HNA is open to all residents in Houndslake and the HNA represents all sections of Houndslake. Membership is annual and there are different levels of membership available. Please visit www.houndslakeassociation.com for more information or to join. The HNA encourages all residents to participate, it is not mandatory, but participation allows the HNA to continue neighborhood projects, provide social activities, and work with the city/county on issues affecting the Houndslake neighborhood.

The HNA gives residents a forum to exchange information, discuss projects and common concerns in the neighborhood. The HNA hosts social events to have fun and keep lines of communication open with neighbors. The HNA allows the Houndslake neighborhood to have a clear, organized way to speak with city and county officials and to meet with representatives of other neighborhoods from around the city through the Aiken Council of Neighborhoods (ACoN). The HNA is a voice between residents and the city, we represent the interests of the neighborhood with local government.

The residential areas of Houndslake are divided into 22 different sections. Each section has different protective covenants to help ensure the neighborhood maintains property values and continues to be a beautiful place to live.

Within Houndslake, several of these sections are also governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA). For example, the Reflections area, the Villas, and the Bungalow Village have HOAs. A Homeowners Association is a legal entity, usually created when the area is first developed, to maintain common space areas and enforce private deed restrictions. In addition to the Houndslake covenants, the areas included within a HOA will have their own covenants and restrictions specific to the HOA section in which they are located. There may be common areas that are deeded to and owned by the HOA, the HOA provides upkeep and maintenance of these areas. The HOA requires mandatory dues and enforces maintenance and specific design standards within its neighborhood sections. The HOA may also provide social activities for residents. Most HOAs have an

elected board of directors and have regular meetings. An HOA may also work to address resident concerns and discuss business matters pertaining to their section of Houndslake.

The main difference between neighborhood associations and homeowners associations is the neighborhood association is voluntary and focuses on the concerns and desires of neighborhood residents, whereas the homeowners association is mandatory and focuses on common spaces/home maintenance and design standards for that neighborhood area.

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Houndslake Country Club	Membership is voluntary	Offers amenities to members such as golf, dining, tennis, pickleball, pool
Houndslake Neighborhood Association (HNA)	Membership is voluntary	Offers members social activities, a forum to address neighborhood concerns, a unified voice between

Homeowners Association (HOA)	Membership is mandatory	Membership dues provide common space maintenance, neighborhood design standards, a forum to address resident concerns within their specific
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A resident can be a member of all 3 organizations within Houndslake. A resident can be a member of the Country Club, the HNA and live within a section governed by an HOA. Even if a resident lives within an HOA, we still encourage participation and membership in the HNA. The HNA's focus is on the entire neighborhood, all 22 sections of Houndslake.