



# BLUE RIBBON

## Community Newsletter

December 2017

[Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org](mailto:Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org)

Hello Neighbors

The year is quickly winding down with so much left to do...but it wouldn't feel like the holidays without all the hustle and bustle.

We have been enjoying the awesome lights and decorations that have lit up IRF over the last couple weeks. After a long day at work seeing your homes reminds me of what is important. Which is family. I hope that each of you reading this can say the same whether your family is near or far.

To my fellow board members and ARB committee members, I want to personally thank you all for your support as the board president these last several months. I wish each of you Happy Holidays and look forward to a productive 2018.

To my IRF neighbors, My and Diana's holiday wish is for all to have peace, love and joy this season and throughout the New Year.

Our next board meeting is slated for February 13 but please do not hesitate to contact any board member or Mark Young if you have any concerns or questions pertaining to our HOA.

*Matt Merciey*

Board President



## From the Editor

Remember, this is a COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER, meaning anyone can submit an article or an advertisement for your business. Articles can be submitted via email to

[Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org](mailto:Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org)



The Board voted at the November HOA meeting to begin mailing the newsletter to all homes in IRF. This will be in black and white. A color copy can be found on the website

## 2018 HOA Meetings

FEBRUARY	13
MARCH	13
MAY	8
JULY	10
AUGUST	14
SEPTEMBER	15 (SATURDAY) community day/annual meeting
OCTOBER	9
NOVEMBER	13



Post card reminders will continue to be mailed out by UPA. If any changes to the date a meeting will be held you will be notified in advance.

We will continue to have topics of interest listed on the card and if able will have the full agenda posted on the website.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Please note that the new date for judging will be December 22 @ 7pm. So be sure to have those lights plugged in and inflatables inflated! The top 3 homes will find a little extra something in their stocking!

So many of you have truly embraced the decking of the halls and your homes all shout "look at me"!

Take a walk or drive around our neighborhood and you can't help but get in the holiday spirit!!



## ARB VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We currently have an open position on the ARB Committee. This position would be as an alternate.

An alternate serves in the absence of one of the three voting members.

If you are interested, please submit your notice in writing to the following email.

[boardofdirectors@indianriverfarmshoa.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@indianriverfarmshoa.org)

Deadline for submissions is January 30, 2018

## BMP UPDATE

As you all know, in November the board was presented with a cease and desist order by a law firm that is representing four homeowners. The board has been in discussions with the attorneys that represent our HOA as to how to proceed.

The attorney's from both firms will be working to resolve this issue and you will be kept apprised of any new developments.

Thank you

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## KICKING IT IN THE KITCHEN

Submitted by: Diana Merciez

### PINEAPPLE FILLING

(delicious as a side dish when serving ham)

1 15oz can crushed pineapple  
9 slices white bread, cubed  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup melted butter  
4 eggs, beaten

MIX: butter, sugar and eggs

STIR IN: pineapple and cubed bread  
(I just tear mine into pieces)

Place in deep casserole dish

Bake 1 hour @ 350



# KUDO'S TO THE KIDS

This month's spotlight is on Natalie Smith. She is the daughter of Jim and Stacy Smith. Natalie is 10 years old and is in the 4th grade.

Natalie has been a part of the Hurrah Players since the age of 6. The Hurrah Players is located in Norfolk and is Virginia's leading family theater company.

Natalie began her career at a local dance studio where she took classes in ballet, tap and hip hop. She enjoyed this but she wanted to perform in shows. That's when her mom told her about Hurrah Players.

Her first role was in the production of *3 Blind Mice*. Since that first role she has gone on to win roles in *Sing Out America*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Aladdin*, *Lion King* as well as performing in two seasons of the *Hurrah Holiday Special*. The holiday shows have concluded for 2017 and Natalie is taking a

rest before auditions begin for *Peter Pan* this spring.

Natalie is one dedicated 10 year old. She currently takes classes three days a week in four different disciplines.

1. Jazz
2. Acting
3. Hip Hop
4. Musical Theater

When she is involved in a performance she spends up to 6 weeks attending rehearsals.

Shows are held in Norfolk but they have also traveled to North Carolina and Williamsburg for performances.

For Natalie, the best part of being of her Hurrah family is being around other people who have the same love of performing. It "feels like a family" says Natalie. She has no plans on leaving the Hurrah Players anytime soon. She would like to continue until she leaves for college!

Natalie has dreams of making it on Broadway where many former Hurrah Players have made their mark. One of Natalie's favorite TV series is FLASH starring Grant Gustin in the role of Flash. She was excited to recently discover that he began his career at Hurrah Players.

Natalie is making great memories and also some extra special ones. Her mom Stacy has been right there along side of her for the Holiday Production for the last two years. I'm sure later in life the memory of sharing her love of performance with her mom will have become one of her most treasured memories.

When you see Natalie you might want to ask for her autograph. It just might be quite valuable one day!

If you get the chance to attend a show you won't be sorry. Check out [Hurrahplayers.com](http://Hurrahplayers.com) for more info.



Natalie Smith, age 10

If you know of an IRF kid who you think should be in our Kudo's to the Kids Spotlight, send me an email with a brief description and contact information.

I will choose at random, a child to feature in our newsletter from the submissions received. You only need to send it to me once. Anyone not chosen will automatically be rolled over for the next newsletter.

Please send submissions to:  
[Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org](mailto:Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org)

# HOA Due's

The quarterly dues will remain the same for 2018.

For those of you who remit payment via payment books, these will be mailed out shortly.

If you receive your booklet after the payment is due, a grace period to remit payment will be honored for a limited time.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Young @ United Property Associates.



Last year one of our fellow neighbors noted that they fished Christmas tree's out of the BMP.

Disposing of your tree in the BMP is not allowed.

The city of Virginia Beach has several disposal sites as well as a curb side pick-up. Please utilize one of these options.

Thank you



# ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Per the IRF bylaws we should be using Robert's Rules of Order to conduct our board meetings. Outlined below is the order of how the meetings will be conducted.

**Call to Order**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

**Home owner Forum**

**Management Report**

**Treasurer Report**

**Committees Report**

**Old business**

**New business**

**Comments / Announcements**

**Adjournment**

Here are some key objectives for all future meetings.

1. During Homeowner Forum, all comments will be addressed to the board. No other homeowner should comment unless called upon by the speaker to clarify. Homeowners will remain respectful at all times.
2. Homeowner Forum will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Those who request speaking time are asked to sign up prior to the meeting's call to order. A sheet will be provided.
3. Upon closing of Homeowner Forum all further discussion will take place by the board members. They may call on a homeowner for input however at no other time should homeowners interrupt or interject.
4. Board members during discussions shall each have an opportunity to weigh in with their opinions or suggestions. Each board member shall be given the opportunity to speak when discussing a topic. Board members shall remain respectful to others in attendance at all times. If needed, a second round of discussions will take place once everyone has the chance to weigh in.

**INDIAN RIVER FARMS OWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

**APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

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**PLEASE MAIL OR DELIVER TO:**

INDIAN RIVER FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
525 South Independence Blvd., Suite 200  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
Phone No: (757) 497-5752      FAX No: (757) 497-9133

**WARNING:** Exterior alterations commenced without prior approval of the Architectural Review Board (ARB) are in violation of the covenants and at the applicant's own risk. (Read your Indian River Farms documents thoroughly. Please review all the Conditions, Restrictions, Easements, Charges, and Liens.)

**FROM:**      (Please print in ink or type.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_      Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR:**      (Check appropriate work.)

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Grading   | <input type="checkbox"/> Patio          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed           | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deck                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool           | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repair or Replace     | <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite Dish | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Finish/Color | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Tub        |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play Structure        | <input type="checkbox"/> Driveways      |                                       |

**DESCRIPTION OF ALTERATION:** Supplemental sheets, sketches, plats, all city and state permits, and architectural drawings, fully describing the proposed alteration, must be attached before the ARB will review the application. In case of an exterior color change, a sample of the new color, along with a description of the existing color, must be submitted. **Please submit written explanation of alteration when necessary, on separate sheet.**

**NOTE:** The ARB has thirty (30) days from the date a complete application package (including required signatures, plats showing location of alteration, pictures, and/or sketches of alterations, etc.) is received to approve, deny, or respond in reference to each application. By signing below, you acknowledge that if the modification(s), as constructed, differ in any way from those described herein, your approval will not extend to such modification(s).

Applications are to be received in the Association Office no later than the twentieth (20) of the month in order to be reviewed at the next ARB meeting, which is one week prior to the Board meeting. Any application received after the twentieth will be reviewed at the next subsequent meeting.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**757-515-2404**



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Mike Bongiorno

Travel Consultant

757-217-7428

[bungie@time4vacation.com](mailto:bungie@time4vacation.com)

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**Bigdogbbqva.com 757-619-0704**

**Theresa@bigdogbbqva.com**

