



# BLUE RIBBON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors

It seems like I just published the November Newsletter and here we are 2 months into 2019 already. If you are like me you are ready to put the winter weather in a bubble and blow it away and welcome the warm days of spring!

With nicer weather around the corner our association manager asked that I publish a reminder that if you will be making any changes to the exterior of your house or yard you must submit an application for the ARB committee to review. If you have any questions on what is or isn't allowed, you can consult your HOA book you received when you purchased your home. You can also look on the HOA website under documents, rules and regulations. If you aren't sure whether to submit an application, please contact Jenn.

If you have been to the park in the last month you will notice the addition of a sidewalk. This was a project that was initiated by a homeowner at a board meeting. To that end I would encourage all homeowners to make suggestions on how we can make improvements to our neighborhood. While the board can not guarantee all suggestions will be implemented they will take all suggestions under advisement.

*Diana Merciez*

Newsletter Editor

## From the Editor

## 2019 HOA Meetings

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)

A color copy of the newsletter can be found on the website [indianriverfarmshoa.org](http://indianriverfarmshoa.org)

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March 12

April 9

June 11

August 13

September 14/annual meeting

October 8

November 12



### **RESCHEDULED COMMUNITY DAY**

Will be held May 4th in the common area.

Community yard sale will be held on May 18th.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Once again our neighborhood looked very festive for the holidays.

I am sure it was hard to choose which home deserved the awards but they did decide on the following 3 homes. CONGRATULATIONS!!!



FIRST PLACE 2592 KENTUCKY DERBY DRIVE

SECOND PLACE 2517 UNBRIDLED WAY

THIRD PLACE 2536 UNBLIDLED WAY

## Looking Back

This column "looks back" at the most recent BOD meeting and report on items of interest that were discussed.

- Jenn will be initiating an email blast for reminders of board meetings, etc.
- Entertainment and Menu decided for May 4th Family Day.
- Follow up to the city regarding trees and sidewalks being done by Jenn.

### Newsletter Advertising

A reminder that if you own or run a local business and would like to advertise in our newsletter, you are encouraged to place a FREE ad.

Simply email the ad to the following.

**[newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org](mailto:newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org)**

If any questions, please submit to the same email.

## MOVING FORWARD

Two dates to add to your calendar.

### **May 4th (Saturday)**

Community Day 3pm to 6pm  
In the Neighborhood Park.

We will have food and entertainment for both kids and adults.

If you would like to volunteer to help organize the festivities your help would be most appreciated. Please contact Jenn or one of the board members and let them know your willing to pitch in.

### **May 18th (Saturday)**

Community Yard Sale  
8am to 2pm

Advertising will be done for the neighborhood.

## Kickin' It In The Kitchen

### St. Patrick's Day

### Ice Cream Sandwiches



#### Ingredients

- 3 tbsp butter
- 10 oz bag of marshmallows
- 6 cups Lucky Charms cereal
- 1 pint ice cream

#### Directions:

1. Grease a medium sheet pan
2. In saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Once melted add marshmallows. Stir until completely melted. Remove from heat and quickly stir in cereal. Stir until coated.
3. Using wax paper or spatula, press mixture into sheet pan until about 1/2 in. thick.  
Let cool at least 20 minutes.
4. Using a cookie cutter, punchout equal number of circles. Place 1 scoop of ice cream in between circles.
5. Freeze until ready to serve.

## BMP UPDATE

In December the board was advised that the city was looking into the matter further. We expected a response by our February 12 meeting but they did not reply in time.

We asked that Jenn to follow up with both the HOA attorney and the city to see if any progress has been made in seeking a resolution.

As a reminder of what the board hopes to achieve:

A clear and binding resolution as to who is responsible for the maintenance of both the water and the banks of the BMPs. This is to include where easements lie and who can enter.

Clear directions on how the banks are to be maintained so as to not incur any fines or assessments from the city.

# ROBERT'S RULES Of Order

Per the IRF bylaws we are to 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*

*Homeowner Forum*

*Management Report*

*Treasurer Report*

*Committees Report*

*Old business*

*New business*

*Comments / Announcements*

*Adjournment*

If you are unable to attend a meeting but have a comment or question for the board, you may email these to:

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

Here are some key objectives for all 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. If a homeowner has something to add that is pertinent they are asked to raise their hand and wait to be acknowledged by the board president.
4. Board members during discussions shall each have an opportunity to weigh in. 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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