



# BLUE RIBBON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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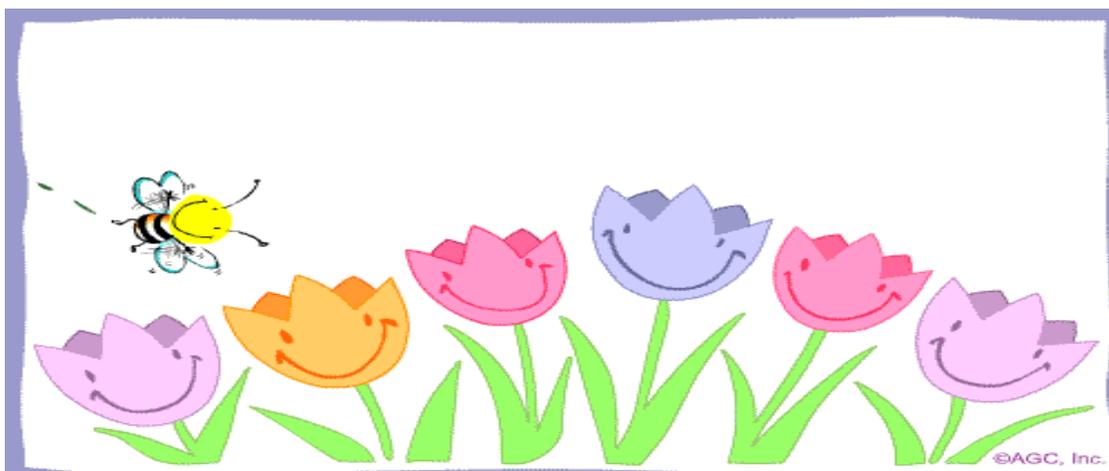
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## IT'S SUMMER TIME

The lyrics go “those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” and I hope despite the craziness of life you will be able to slow down and enjoy some lazy days!

Congratulations to all of the IRF graduates!! We wish you all much happiness and success wherever your path takes you!

Please make sure you take extra care when driving through the neighborhood as there are many children out and about.



## 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)

August 13  
September 14/annual meeting  
October 8  
November 12

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

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**Street Lights:** 866-366-4357

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/outage-center/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lighting-email-form>

OR call Jenn Copeland and she can submit the outage information.

## LOOKING BACK

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

- An update on the tree replacement was given by Jenn. The project was not approved as of yet despite one city employee telling Jenn that it was. The arborist will be following up with Jenn.
- Pressure washing of the fence in the front of the neighborhood will be done.
- The term of two positions on the board will be expiring in September.

## YARD SALE

We received feedback from the yard sale held in the neighborhood in May and several good suggestions were made to improve it for next year. The most recommended suggestion was to hold it in the park for increased visibility.

## Community Day

The annual meeting will be held on September 14th in the park. This meeting is mandatory and we must have a quorum to meet requirements set forth in our governing documents.

In order to fulfill this requirement and be able to hold a vote of any new board members there needs to be a minimum of 25% of homeowners present or have submitted their proxy if they will not be present.

You will be receiving a letter from Jenn Copeland outlining the process for submitting your name if you desire to run for one of the two board positions that will be available. You will also receive a proxy form you can complete if you will not be able to attend.

Volunteers are needed to plan the entertainment/meal portion of the day. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jenn Copeland and let her know your interest.

# YARD OF THE MONTH

Once again the HOA will be holding the Yard of the Month Contest. For 3 separate periods a yard will be selected and the residents will receive a \$25 gift card to Home Depot. A home may only win once per calendar year.

Judges will change each period. If you would like to volunteer to judge please email Jenn. Judges for the April May period volunteered at the March meeting.

Only yards visible from the street or sidewalk will be taken into consideration.

## The criteria in choosing a yard is as follows:

- Visual attractiveness
- Enhances the beauty of the home itself
- Well maintained

The judging periods will be: June/July August/September

Awards will be given out at the end of the second month. A sign will also be placed in the winner's yard and will be removed by a board member the following week.

Announcement will also be posted on IRF's facebook as well as in the newsletter.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jason and Tonya Anderson

Kentucky Derby Drive

YOM winners for April/May

## Kickin' It In The Kitchen

### Layered Pasta Salad

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups medium pasta shells cooked and drained
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 10 oz peas (if using frozen, thaw and drain)
- 6 oz smoked ham, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup halved grape tomatoes

#### MAKE IT:

- Layer first 4 ingredients in clear 3 qt serving bowl.
- Mix may and dressing and spread over salad. Top with cheese and tomatoes.
- Cover and refrigerate several hours or until chilled.

## BMP UPDATE

The city disappointed by not providing a response to the attorney's request for an answer on bmp responsibility despite the city asking for additional time back in April in order to research.

At this time the board does not have confidence that the city will respond and therefore have asked Jenn to request the HOA attorney to move forward with setting a court date.

For our new neighbors who may not be aware, the board is involved in settling the dispute of who is responsible for the maintenance of the 3 ponds in the neighborhood.

If you would like to read the correspondence between the HOA attorney (Inman and Strickler) and the attorney representing a homeowner, you can find these on the IRF website.

[Indianriverfarmshoa.org](http://Indianriverfarmshoa.org)

Under documents

BMP legal letters

## 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:

*[jrcopeland@](mailto:jrcopeland@unitedpropertyassociates.com)*

*[unitedpropertyassociates.com](mailto:jrcopeland@unitedpropertyassociates.com)*

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 .
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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*Mike Bongiorno*

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