



BLUE RIBBON

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

My fellow homeowners,

As some of you are aware, our Vice President, Stacy Nixon stepped back from the Board in January. I want to take this opportunity to thank Stacy for her service to our community the last 2+ years, particularly her help with our mailbox project, teleconference line establishment and coordinating having the VB Police speak at our board meetings. Thank you Stacy!

That being said, I am pleased to welcome Mr. Matthew Merciez to the Board of Directors! Matt has graciously volunteered to assume the role of Vice President for the next 2 1/2 years, and will undoubtedly bring outstanding talent to our Board of Directors and community! When you see him, please say hello.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank Najwa Wynn for her dedicated service to the

community as member of the ARB since July of 2015 ; much of that time as the ARB Chairperson.

As the ARB chair, Mrs. Wynn supervised and assisted the ARB in adjudication of all exterior applications. She also spear-headed the initial drafting and ultimate ratification of our updated rules from last year. With Wynn, and the support of the ARB, our community has greatly improved its overall condition in the common areas and fostered outstanding representation and communication from our community.

We appreciate your service to Indian River Farms!

Best regards,
Erick Kearns, President
Board of Directors, IRF HOA

THE PLAYGROUND NEEDS YOU...

As many of you know the children's sandbox in the common area has become a litter box for all the critters roaming the area. Due to the unsanitary conditions the sandbox will be removed. The quote we received for only the removal of the sand was approx. \$ 2500.

Rather than spend HOA funds for the initial phase of removing the sand, I proposed that we can ask for volunteers from the neighborhood to join in on the project.

So please join us in the park

SUNDAY

APRIL 2 @ 1pm

Please bring shovels and wheelbarrows. Water will be provided!

Thank you

Tonya Anderson

Architectural Review Board

I'm hoping the weather will soon be conducive to making good on those projects we have planned for outside our home. I'm sure I'm not the only one, so with that in mind I thought it might be good to review what the ARB does for our community for those who are new to the neighborhood and for those who may just need a reminder.

Whenever you decide to make alterations to the exterior of your property it is wise to review your HOA documents that cover alterations. Many of these will require that an application be submitted to be reviewed by the ARB committee. The committee is made up of homeowners who review the application to ensure that what is requested is inline with our HOA guidelines. You will find the form on the next page and more information can be found on our website.

INDIAN RIVER FARMS OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

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: _____

From the Editor

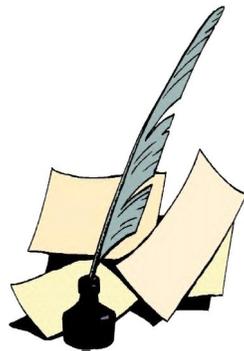
Remember, this is a COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER, meaning anyone can submit an article or an advertisement for your business.

Articles can be submitted via email to

Dianamerciez@gmail.com

Thank you

Diana Merciez



Please take note that the newsletter will be available on line at

www.indianriverfarmshoa.org.

Only those who requested a hard copy will have one mailed. If you would like a copy mailed to your home you can sign up via email or calling Michaela Audet at maudet@unitedproperty.org

2017 HOA Meetings

MAY	9
JULY	11
AUGUST	8
SEPTEMBER	16
OCTOBER	10
NOVEMBER	14



Post card reminders will continue to be mailed prior to the meeting. An abbreviated agenda will be listed on the card as well.

If any schedule changes occur you will be notified in advance.

The **September 16** meeting will take place during our annual Community Day Event.

About our newest HOA board member

Hi,

I am happy to be serving as the VP on the HOA board. For those of you who do not know me, I have lived in IRF since July 2009. My wife Diana has lived here since 2003.

I spent most of my teenage years in Lynchburg, VA. I graduated from Clemson University in 1989 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I went to work for the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and have been there ever since. I am currently the Project Superintendent overseeing the USS Eisenhower.

Diana and I have 4 adult children and 2 granddaughters who keep us quite entertained. Equally entertaining is our German Shepherd JoJo.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time behind the camera taking photos, watching sports, (go Tigers) and riding my motorcycle with Diana.

Matt Merciez

EGGZITING FUN COMING OUR WAY !!!

Hi IRF

The social committee is planning a Spring Fling for April 9th in the common area. We will be having several activities...egg hunt, egg toss, egg relay... are on the list of possibilities. To make sure we have plenty of goodies for all, we are asking for an RSVP with the number of kids and their ages.

Please RSVP by April 2nd on the IRF Facebook page or call Theresa Bell @ 619-0704.

If anyone has any fun ideas or activities they would like to propose, please contact Theresa at the above number.



UPDATE on Neighborhood Watch

Pursuant to the information requested on forming a Neighborhood Watch I contacted our local public safety officer. The following is what I know thus far. I will be attending an introductory class on March 14. If anyone would like to join me, please let me know.

What I do know is that 50% of the households need to sign up to indicate interest.

By signing you will not be obligating yourself to do anything. 15% of the 50% will need to attend approximately 4 hours of training per year. Block Captains and Watchers will also be needed.

I have a list of homeowners who have signed up at the last board meeting, if you would like to add your name to the list indicating only an interest, please contact Theresa Bell @ 619-0704.

ARB Reminder

Please address any concerns regarding the aesthetics of the common areas, violation letters, ARB rules and regulations or compliance should be addressed to our HOA manager, Michaela Audet.

Keep in mind, she does not make up the rules, she only enforces them on behalf of Indian River Farms to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Michaela can be reached by email @
maudet@unitedproperty.org

Or by phone @ 497-5752

Many times a question or a concern is presented at a HOA meeting that the board is unable to answer without further research. To alleviate your wait we are asking those who would like a timely response to please utilize the form below. These forms can be mailed, faxed or emailed to maudet@unitedproperty.org

INDIAN RIVER FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
RULES FOR HOMEOWNERS FORUM

Objective: To have a constructive meeting with input from the homeowners, and for the Board to be able to assist in responding to homeowners concerns.

- Homeowners will sign in at the beginning of the meeting.
- Each homeowner will have time to speak depending on how much time is left at the end of the meeting and how many people sign up to speak. Our hope is that each person will be allowed 3 minutes.
- Time will be kept by the secretary. When the time ends, that will end of the homeowner's time to speak.
- The Board will respond to Owners in writing, prior to the next Board meeting. Homeowners may make suggestions, make comments, or ask questions.

Please fill in the Information below to ensure all concerns are addressed

Homeowner's Printed Name: _____

Homeowner's Address: _____

Homeowner's Signature: _____

Homeowner's Email Address: _____

Homeowner's Phone Number: _____

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Need help in planning that family Vacation, Weekend Get-A-Way or that Bucket List Adventure? I'm here to help and right in the neighborhood. Call and together we can make it happen.

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757-217-7428

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