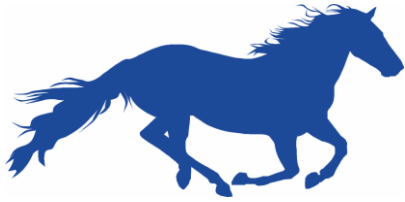


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## JUNE BOARD MEETING



The next meeting of the board of directors will be held on Tuesday, June 8th, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please email Shawna Cosby, if you wish to attend and you will be sent a Zoom link.



## HOA BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2021

Board meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. The meetings will start 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars.

January 12<sup>th</sup>

March 9<sup>th</sup>

April 13<sup>th</sup>

June 8<sup>th</sup>

July 13<sup>th</sup>

August 10<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup> (Annual Mtg)

October 12<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>

## **BMP MAINTENANCE**

By now you should have received a letter in the mail from UPA explaining the schedule for the inspections and maintenance of the BMPs. This letter serves as the required notice for bi-weekly and monthly inspections from (SPM) Stormwater Pond Management Company for the term of their contract.

Currently, the water is being treated to remove algae blooms as well as duckweed.

The water's edge and banks are being treated to remove cattails, phragmites and hardwoods. Per the contractor, this is an ongoing process that may take up to 6 weeks before you see improvement in the overall appearance. The banks are also due to be mowed by SPM next month.

SPM will be addressing remaining issues with the banks once they get the vegetation under control.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawna Cosby, our Property Manager with UPA. She can be reached via email @ [Scosby@unitedpropertyassociates.com](mailto:Scosby@unitedpropertyassociates.com)



## **YARD OF THE MONTH**

The Yard of the Month is starting back up again. It will run from April through September. Judging will be held at the end of May, July, and September. The winning homeowners will have a sign put in their front yard and a small gift from the HOA Board. Good luck, everyone!!

## NEW HOA BOARD MEMBER



Welcome, Dylan Nelson, as the newest board member for our HOA. Thank you, Dylan, for offering to volunteer to serve our community.

## BMP USE

A couple of homeowners have brought up a concern of people fishing along the banks on the 3 waterways in our neighborhood. Here is some general information.

For all homes along each of our BMPs - your property extends into the waterway behind your home and is your private property. Control of that area or any area on your property is your responsibility. The HOA only has responsibility for the maintenance of the banks.

You have the right to ask any individual that has not been authorized there to leave. If they fail to do so you can call the police and report the issue.

We have a sign at the entrance of the neighborhood that states this area is Private Property. Understand it is not in a good location for anyone entering to see. The HOA Board will be discussing the potential of moving that sign at our June 9th meeting. We will also be discussing the possibility to place additional signs (attach to existing city poles) at the entrance to each BMP.

As always if you have any issues or concerns as it relates to our neighborhood, please contact Shawna Cosby at [scosby@unitedpropertyassociates.com](mailto:scosby@unitedpropertyassociates.com).

## ARB APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder to all homeowners - (Note – the information below came directly from the Architectural Guidelines in the Resale Certificate Package all homeowners have).

“Before commencing the construction, erection or installation of any building, fence, wall, animal pen or shelter, exterior lighting, sign, mailbox or mailbox support, or any improvement or other structure on any lot, including site work in preparation therefore, and before commencing any alteration, enlargement, demolition or removal of any improvement or any portion thereof in a manner that alters the exterior appearance (including paint color) of the improvement or of the lot on which it is situated each Owner shall submit to the ARB a complete application...:”

**The application can be found at our HOA website - [www.indianriverfarmshoa.org](http://www.indianriverfarmshoa.org) (then look under Documents and Forms). The form is self-explanatory and easy to follow.**

Remember: Additions or improvements to the exterior of your dwelling in general require ARB approval, such as pools, sunrooms, screened porches, decks, patios, fences, the addition or extension of landscaping beds, irrigation system installation and so on. Major improvements to the interior of the dwelling that change the exterior appearance of the dwelling also require ARB approval.

**Rule of Thumb** – any time you are making any changes to the exterior of your home or landscaping around your home contact Shawna Cosby at [scosby@unitedpropertyassociates.com](mailto:scosby@unitedpropertyassociates.com)





## **Board Members/Property Manager/Public Utilities**

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

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/outagecenter/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lightingemail-form>

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