



BLUE RIBBON

Community Newsletter

November 2017

Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org

Hello Neighbors

By the time you receive this we all will have digested our Turkey and all the trimmings. But it goes without saying I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. You also should have received the 2018 proposed IRF budget. Per the declaration we must formally adopt the budget at a public meeting. Therefore we have set a meeting for Tuesday, December 12th. This meeting was not on our scheduled meetings for the year but I ask that you get the word out to your neighbors who may not read the newsletter or are not on facebook. I realize this date coincides with the start of Hanukah and I apologize for any inconvenience to our Jewish neighbors and friends.

It may be a bit early but with the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season I didn't want to forget to wish each of you who celebrate a holiday over the next month the very Merriest of Days.

Matt Merciez
Board President

UPCOMING BOARD
MEETING
DECEMBER 12
6:30 @ UPA

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



The Board voted at the November HOA meeting to begin mailing the newsletter to all homes in IRF.

It will continue to be posted on the website for reference purposes and for those who would rather read the electronic version.

2018 HOA Meetings

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| 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

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

By the time this edition hits your mailboxes there will be plenty of holiday lights and decorations adorning homes throughout our neighborhood.

I love looking at the different ideas and marveling at all the work that some of you put into decorating your homes which we all get to enjoy.

This year, once again, you could be rewarded for all your effort.

On Dec. 23 the social committee will be choosing three winners.

There is no theme or guidelines to follow for the contest. They will simply choose their favorites. Good Luck to all but I know that we are all winners in that we live in a beautiful neighborhood!



SOCIAL COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

The newly formed social committee jumped right in and got to work planning some fun events for the community.

Three homes were chosen as winners in the Halloween Decorating Contest. Congratulations to the following winners!

1st 2529 Unbridled Lane

2nd 2564 Belmont Stakes

3rd 2592 Kentucky Derby

These were by far not the only awesomely decked out homes but I fear the rainy weather kept some goblins from messing with electricity! Thank you to those who braved the rainy/windy weather to judge the houses.

Many of you have been “gobbled” this month. If you haven’t, be on the lookout for a gift left on your front porch from someone in the neighborhood. If you find one, then it is your turn to pass on the fun and “gobble” one of your neighbors.

BMP UPDATE

Three companies have submitted bids for the initial cleanup of the bmps. The board reviewed these at the November meeting.

Prior to moving forward with a vote the board was presented with a cease and desist letter from a law firm. This law firm has been retained by 4 homeowners to represent them against the HOA.

The board has turned the letter over to the attorney that represents our HOA and at the time of this article, are awaiting his response and direction.

KICKING IT IN THE KITCHEN

Ham and Swiss Sliders

Submitted by: Sharolyn Rancour

Ingredients:

24 Slices of deli honey ham
6 Slices of swiss cheese, cut into fourths
1/3 cup Mayonnaise
1 tablespoon Poppy seeds
1 1/2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
1/2 cup Butter melted
1 tablespoon Onion Powder
1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
2 packages (12 count) KING'S HAWAIIAN Original Hawaiian Sweet Dinner Rolls

Cut rolls in half and spread mayo on to 1 side of the rolls. Place a slice or two of ham and slice of swiss cheese in roll. Replace the top of the rolls and bunch them closely together into a baking dish.

Step 2 In a medium bowl, whisk together poppy seeds, dijon mustard, melted butter, onion powder and worcestershire sauce.

Step 3 Pour sauce over the rolls, just covering the tops. Cover with foil and let sit for 10 minutes.

Step 4 Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Uncover and cook for additional 2 minutes until tops are slightly browned and crisp. Serve warm.

KUDO'S TO THE KIDS

Our first Kid Spotlight is on not 1 but 2 exceptional IRF kids. Connor Bradley and Kaitlyn Wilms along with 5 of their teammates recently competed against 13 teams and took 2nd place in the First Lego League Regional Competition. This accomplishment advances them to the State Competition where they will compete against 104 teams. This will take place on December 2 and 3 @ JMU.

First Lego League or FLL is an international competition organized for elementary and middle school students. Over the course of 8 weeks the kids work together to free build a robot using legos and various program attachments.

Connor and Kaitlyn participate in FLL through Brickheadz which is an enrichment center located in Chesapeake that teaches kids model building, robotics and build and play skills.

For the competition the kids, utilizing EV3 Mind Storm software, designed, built and auto-

mated their robot, Rover.

The competition is broken into 4 categories.

1. Core Values
2. Robot Design
3. Robot Performance
4. Research Topic/Project

The core values teach sportsmanship and team professionalism. For the next 2 components, they had to master skills in coding, calibrating, using a gyro sensor and troubleshooting.

Whew!! But it didn't stop there.

This year's theme is:

Hydrodynamics.

For this portion the kids were challenged to come up with an innovative idea or an improvement on an existing design. The team chose to focus on gray water.

I was a bit clueless about gray water but Connor and Kaitlyn quickly educated me. Gray water is any used household water that is free of any contaminants.

This water can be recycled using a Gray Water System.

This water can then be used for plant irrigation, laundry and even bathing. This can significantly reduce our footprint on our planet!

The problem the kids identified is that in order for water to be treated in a gray water system it must be contaminate free. Many of the household items we use, such as laundry detergents and soaps, contain contaminates.

The kids focused on a way to make it easier for consumers to know which products are free of contaminates. They designed a universal symbol that can be placed on all household products that are safe to be used with a Gray Water system. When wandering the grocery aisles you would simply choose your product and look for the Universal Symbol on the label.

Now that you are fluent in Gray Water, let's get back to Connor and Kaitlyn. I asked both what they liked best about Brickheadz. Connor said he enjoys being with friends and Kaitlyn's favorite part is creating.

We wish both of these terrific kids the best of luck at their upcoming competition. Give them a big thumbs up when you see them!



Kaitlyn age 9 and Connor 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

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Last month's newsletter contained the outline for Robert's Rules of Order and the boards intent to employ them during our board meetings.

At our November meeting I was late arriving due to a work meeting so the schedule below was not followed. I apologize if this caused inconvenience for anyone.

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

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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Travel Consultant

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