



BLUE RIBBON Community Newsletter

October 2017

Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org

Hello Neighbors

I chaired my first HOA meeting in September and hopefully those that attended felt I did an acceptable job.

Those who were there participated in the format that allows homeowners to speak at the beginning of the meeting. This allows the board to take into consideration the thoughts, opinions and concerns on topics that will be discussed by the board later in the meeting.

The board has tasked UPA to secure 2 additional bids for cleaning up the banks. It is our goal to inform homeowners who live on the BMPs at least 5 days prior to the employees being present on their property.

A new social committee was formed and I am told that plans for several community activities are in the works. Thank you to the women who volunteered.

It is the boards intention to have the

agenda for the meetings posted on the website once we receive it from UPA.

As always, feel free to reach out to any of the board members via email or through UPA. We are here to serve the community and value your input.

Sincerely

Matt Merciez

UPCOMING BOARD
MEETING

NOVEMBER 14

6:30 @ GLENWOOD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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



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 by calling Mark Young @ 757-502-4809 or email mpyoung@unitedproperty.org

2018 HOA Meetings

Once confirmed, 2018 dates will be announced in the next newsletter, posted on Facebook and officially listed on our Website.



Post card reminders will continue to be mailed prior to the meeting.

It is the boards intention to have the meeting agenda listed on the website and on facebook upon receipt from UPA.

You will continue to be notified in advance of any changes.

CHA CHA CHANGES

We had several homeowners come forward and indicate their interest in serving on the Architectural Review Board. In an effort to allow more homeowners to take part in serving on this committee, the board established the ARB for 2017-2018 as follows:

Rachelle Bradley
Richard Rancour
George Houser
Javier Medina



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our neighborhood for 2017 was without an established social committee. We had 3 awesome people step up to fill the void and the board would like to officially offer our thanks.

So to, Theresa Bell, Cindy Rauch and Diana Merciez, we THANK YOU!

At the October HOA meeting the board asked if anyone was willing to volunteer to serve on an official Social Committee.

We had 4 homeowners step up and we thank the following:

Sun Betancourt
Najwa Wynn
Sharolyn Rancour
Tina Suddith

Be on the lookout for exciting events coming up!!

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Our annual Halloween Decorating contest will take place again this year.

Houses will be judged on Sunday, October 29th @ 6:30

(please note this is a change of date from the previous newsletter)

Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top three houses as determined by the social committee.



KICKING IT IN THE KITCHEN

To kick off a new submission idea for our newsletter I've included a favorite fall recipe.

It is my hope that each month that there is a newsletter I will receive YOUR favorite recipes to share with everyone!!

This one is easy but delicious. It is one that you can get the kids involved in making as well.

PUMPKIN FLUFF

15 oz can of pure pumpkin

3.5 oz vanilla instant pudding

1/2 cup milk

8 oz cool whip

Mix pumpkin, pudding and milk

Stir in cool whip.

Chill to ready to serve

Serve as a dip with Nila Wafers or spoon into dessert glasses and eat as a mousse.

TEA TIME

Submitted by: Anita Sumner

One of the greatest things of having children are the memories that are made. Many of those memories are made during playtime. Recently, I was looking for a place to do High Tea with a few of my lady friends and I came across the English Rose Tea Room on Virginia Beach Blvd. I could not believe the adorable settings and décor. At the time I was only looking for something for adults but I noticed that they hosted children's Tea Parties and what came to mind is how much I wished my kids were still young enough to enjoy a real Tea Party. So instead, I pass on this information to you so that you can explore the possibilities and maybe make some memories!

For adults, Tea Lunch from 11 am to 3pm
(Tuesday thru Thursday)

They also hold special events such as Mystery Tea Room. Reservations are a must. You can find them on Facebook.

The English Rose Tea Room
3101 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Suite 111
Virginia Beach. 757-498-1011

Trick or Treat Time

Submitted by: Anita Sumner

Trick or Treat Time,
Have Some Fun.
Practice Safety,
Walk don't Run!
Drive really Slow,
Keep Safety in Mind.
Trick or Treaters'
can Pop out Anytime!

Witches and Gouls,
Enjoy the Treats.
Let your parents,
Check your Eats.

Porch Lights Off,
If no goods.
Keep off the grass,
in the neighborhood.

Trick or Treat
As fast as you can.
Because at 8pm,
Everything has to END
So Goodnight Witches, Gob-
lins,
Princesses, Jedis and more,
Because at 8 o'clock we lock

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 October meeting we did in fact govern the meeting this way and the feedback I received was positive. I realize it is a departure from the usual meeting style so thank you for your understanding and hope you will agree that we can have a more productive meeting following this protocol.

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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Mike Bongiorno

Travel Consultant

757-217-7428

bungie@time4vacation.com

Let us make your holiday meals the easiest ever !!

Cherry wood Smoked Turkey and Ham

2016 World Champion Female Pitmaster Finalist

Champion BBQ at Backyard Price

Bigdogbbqva.com 757-619-0704

Theresa@bigdogbbqva.com

