



## BLUE RIBBON

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

October 2019

[Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org](mailto:Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org)



OCTOBER 26

2—5 pm

Come out and join the fun in our neighborhood park!

There will be bounce houses, lawn games, pumpkin decorating and more!

Kids can come dressed in their Halloween costume for a chance to win one of 3 prizes!

Food and drinks will be provided @ 3:30.

This is a free event so spread the word to your neighbors and check out the neighborhood Facebook page for more details.

## 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)

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

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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.

- \* board discussed need to amend the ARB application
- \* landscaping companies will be contacted to solicit bids for 2020
- \* BMP update given
- \* board members selected for positions
- \* meeting dates for 2020 were selected

## Board Seats

There were no names submitted for the ballot therefore the board members stayed the same. As of October the board positions are held by:

President: Diana Merciez

Vice President: Mike Boungiorno

Treasurer: James Smith

Secretary: Donald Darcy

Member at Large: Sun Betancourt

## ARB UPDATES

Our HOA Manager is revising the Exterior Alteration Application. The main change is that all applications submitted will be reviewed and a decision rendered by the ARB within 30 days of submission. Please note that if additional information is required on a specific application, the 30 days begin once the requested information is submitted. The ARB reviews all applications submitted via email. This is meant to expedite the decision making process. However, if the ARB has questions or they can't come to a unanimous decision, they may request a meeting with the homeowner. All applications are reviewed in compliance with our community's Declaration and Rules and Regulations. Both of these documents can be located and reviewed on our website: [Indianriverfarmshoa.org](http://Indianriverfarmshoa.org) under the documents tab.

Thank you

Sharolyn Rancour

## Halloween Decorating Contest

Break out the ghouls and goblins, witches and ghosts, spiders and snakes! The evening of October 31st the HOA board will conjure a group of judges who will decide who they think has the best decorated houses and award prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Only the front of your homes will be judged.



## Kickin' It In The Kitchen

### SPOOKY SNACKS

**Antipasto Eyeballs:** take mozzarella balls and make a small slit in the center. Insert pimiento-stuffed olives. Wrap in prosciutto. Serve with crostini

**Sausage Axes:** cut small wedges of kielbasa; fry in an oiled skillet. Pierce with a sharp chopstick and insert a thin breadstick. Serve with ketchup, bbq sauce for your bloody ax.

**Ghost Crackers and Dip:** Brush wonton wrappers on both sides with melted butter. Fit each into a mini muffin cup. Bake @ 350, 5-7 minutes. Let cool and draw eyes with edible marker.

Puree a 15oz can each of pumpkin puree and drained chickpeas, 1/4 cup each tahini, water and olive oil. 1 garlic clove, juice of 1 lemon, 1 tsp each salt, cumin and 1/4 tsp cayenne. Serve with your ghost crackers.

## BMP UPDATE

Our HOA Attorney served the City of Virginia Beach in an attempt to get a Declaratory Judgement as to who they would hold responsible for our BMP maintenance. They had a deadline of September 25 in which to respond. They did respond however they declined to give a determination. The position that they continue to hold is that if the city finds it necessary to issue a fine then they will issue it to both the homeowner and the HOA. This would then force a court to decide since both can not be held responsible.

At this time our attorney is preparing discovery to proceed to court to have a judge made a determination.

Upon submission to the court, the judge will have 30 days to issue a decision. This could be done in 2 ways. 1. All discovery is submitted, the judge reviews and issues a decision. 2. The judge will have both parties appear (our attorney and the city attorney) to present their case. This will be open to any homeowner to attend but no homeowner will be allowed to speak per court procedure. If it is the latter all homeowners will be notified of the date by mail.

## Board Meeting Information

Meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of the meeting months. With the exception of the September meeting which is considered the annual meeting and is held on a Saturday.

Meetings begin @ 6:30pm and are held @ Glenwood Elementary. If any changes are made homeowners will be notified.

Meetings may be attended by any person residing in Indian River Farms.

There is a homeowner forum at the beginning of each meeting for any one who wishes to speak on a topic. Each homeowner is given 3 minutes to speak. If time permits additional time may be allotted.

Meeting minutes can be found on the website.

## Board Meeting Dates 2020

Meetings will be held:

January 14

February 11

April 14

June 9

Aug 11

September 12 (annual meeting)

October 13

November 10

## 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)*

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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.

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