



BLUE RIBBON

Community Newsletter

September 2017

Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org

Hello Neighbors

Indian River Farms annual community day was held on Saturday, September 16th. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather for the festivities.

Events in our neighborhood would not happen if it weren't for volunteers who selflessly give of their time. Over the years there have been many who have stepped into this role and they deserve a round of applause for their willingness to serve.

This year's community day was coordinated by Diana Merciez with assistance from Cindy Rauch. A huge thank you to both of these wonderful ladies. We had several of you offer to help with the clean up and Diana and I thank you as well.

Community Day also includes our annual meeting at which time we hold elections for any vacated board seats. Serving on the board of directors is completely voluntary. It can be both rewarding and thankless. It takes dedication and

demands personal sacrifice. It is with this I would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to JANET WILMS for her dedication and support to the board and community for the last 3 years. With Janet's and Cindy Rauch's term being completed there were two vacant seats. Cindy chose to run again and along with Donald Darcy was elected to the board. Thank you Cindy for your dedication. It is good to have you back! We had 4 members step forward and offer their service. In addition to Don and Cindy we also had Sharolyn Rancour and Diana Merciez put forth their names and I thank them also for their willingness to serve our community.

Our next HOA meeting will be held on October 10th at 6:30 pm. Please note that this will be held at Glenwood Elem. School. I look forward to seeing you there!

Matt Merciez

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

2017 HOA Meetings

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.

CHA CHA CHANGES

Immediately following each annual meeting the board convenes and chooses who will fill the various board positions.

This year's board is as follows:

Matt Merciez	President
Don Darcy	Vice President
Cindy Rauch	Treasurer
Tonya Anderson	Secretary
Erick Kearns	Member at Large



INTRODUCING OUR V.P. DONALD DARCY

Hi, I've been married to Melissa for 21 years and we have two awesome daughters. Tara (19) and Breena (17). We've been part of the Indian River Farms community since January of 2013. Melissa is a nurse at Sentara, Tara is a freshman at Shenandoah University and Breena is a Junior at Landstown HS. In July of 2013 I retired from the Navy after serving for 25 years. During that time I was an Aegis Fire-controlman, Legal Officer and Command Master Chief. For the last four years I've been working at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum where I have been an educator, special events coordinator, and currently the exhibits specialist.

Outside of work and school our family is actively involved at our church. Melissa, Breena, and I are all on various boards for staff parish, youth ministries and church discipleship. referee

I also serve as a referee for the Upwards Football program and as the coach for our softball teams.

April of last year our whole family went to Bulgaria on a mission trip to introduce college students to the church and train them for western European job interviews.

Thank you for your votes at the annual meeting. I look forward to applying my sailors take care of sailors outlook to our community as neighbors taking care of neighbors.

Don Darcy

IRF YARD FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER WINNER

Drum Roll Please !!!! And the final winner of Yard of the Month for 2017 is.....

Mike and Marcy Bongiorno
2540 Belmont Stakes Dr



BACK TO SCHOOL

The neighborhood kids have been back to school for a few weeks. Thank you to all the motorists who are vigilant while coming and going.



HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Our annual Halloween Decorating contest will take place again this year. Houses will be judged on October 31st. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top three chosen houses.



ARB COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

As per our Declaration each year the ARB committee is evaluated and any changes will take place with the October 10th HOA meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the ARB committee please contact Mark Young at UPA.

His email is:

mpyoung@unitedproperty.org

You can read more about the duties and responsibilities of the ARB committee on the web site:

Indianriverfarmshoa.org

Information can be found in the Declaration; Article VI, Section 6.1

If you have questions please submit them to the board via email.

boardofdirectors@indianriverfarmshoa.org

THANK YOU

The last couple years brought with it complex issues for the board to undertake with regard to mailboxes and bmp management. Erick Kearns, as board president devoted countless hours to working on these issues along side the other board members. To Erick, Janet, Cindy, Tonya, Stacie and Matt, we appreciate all that your time and effort expended on behalf of the community.

A round of applause goes out to each of your families for their support of you and for the sacrifice they made as well.



BMP UPDATE

In your annual meeting packet was a ballot for amending the declaration as it pertained to the maintenance of the retention ponds and the surrounding banks

The change to the declaration did NOT pass. The HOA will remain responsible for the maintenance of the water and the banks.

We thank you for your patience and willingness to understand the intricacies of this matter. Once again if you have questions, please feel free to contact the board via email.

More information regarding the maintenance will be forthcoming at the October meeting.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Per the IRF bylaws we should be using Robert's Rules of Order to conduct our board meetings. Outlined below is the protocol which we will be using at future HOA meetings.

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

The purpose of the board is to carry out the duties and responsibilities outlined in our community's governing documents. We do not take our fiduciary responsibility lightly. We will do our best to give everyone who chooses to speak the opportunity to do so.

To this end we will be holding the homeowners forum prior to the business portion. We want to make sure that if someone has a concern or opinion it will be heard prior to any discussion or decision by the board.

In an effort to have our board meetings run smoothly and efficiently the following procedures from Robert's Rules of Order will be observed:

1. When an item of business is to be discussed each board member will have an equal amount of time to speak. A board member should wait until all members have weighed in before speaking on the matter again. Board members and community members should remain civil at all times and refrain from interrupting the speaker.
2. If a homeowner wishes to address the board during open forum, they will be asked to register when they arrive. This registration will be used to call in order speakers to the floor.
3. Speakers will be allotted three minutes each. Giving someone else your speaking time will not be permitted.

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4. When a homeowner is speaking, no one is to interrupt them. There should be no cross conversations while a homeowner is addressing the board.
5. All speakers shall remain civil and composed. Speakers should be mindful of the time allotted and upon being told that their speaking time has ended should return to their seat.
6. Only the board president will address the homeowner speaking. No other homeowner will be permitted to interrupt, question or make comments to the speaker. If the board believes it is a matter of importance that another homeowner weigh in they will be recognized by the board.
7. Once the open forum is closed, homeowners are not allowed to participate unless the board specifically requests input.

While some may feel this is restrictive, we assure you that is not the intention. A board meeting is for the purpose of conducting business. Much of this is time sensitive and we must allow time to consider and discuss all options put before us. Meetings must be adjourned by 9pm.

We recognize that many items of business effect some in the community more than others. No decision will be made by the board without taking into consideration the good of the entire community.

FACE BOOK

Our neighborhood facebook page is maintained for the purpose of sharing information with our neighbors.

Please do not use facebook to contact any board member or post questions to the board. Facebook is not a reliable source for information to be disseminated. The board members can be reached through email and we encourage homeowners to reach out to us with questions or concerns.

The board seeks to increase communication with homeowners. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We can be reached at the following email address.

boardofdirectors
@indianriverfarmshoa.org

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: _____

Business Advertisements

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Creating custom sessions to capture and preserve life's precious moments in beautiful and timeless works of art.

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Merciezphotography.com

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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.

Mike Bongiorno

Travel Consultant

757-217-7428

bungie@time4vacation.com

Big Dog BBQ

Virginia Catering and Smokehouse

Let us do the cooking for your next party, celebration or holiday gathering.

Personalized service and Delivery!

Some of menu items:

Cherry smoked Turkey, Maple bourbon glazed ham, Beef brisket, St. Louis ribs, cheesy mac, country style green beans, baked beans, cole slaw and rolls!

Call Theresa @ 757-619-0704