

THE PONY EXPRESS



September 2020 Edition

AN INDIAN RIVER FARMS HOA PUBLICATION



CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Bernhart for Submitting the winning name for our community Newsletter. The Pony Express received the most votes. Thank you to everyone who participated.



NEXT BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be our Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, September 12th, in our Common Area. More information will be mailed out by UPA very soon.

Let's make this newsletter truly a community thing!
Share your ideas and comments with us!



ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND ELECTION

As you can expect, our annual homeowners meeting will look different this year due to Covid19. We will be holding the business portion of the meeting which includes the election for open board positions, but there will be no entertainment or food.

If you cannot attend or do not feel comfortable attending due to Covid19, please return your proxy which will be arriving in the mail soon.

If you plan on attending in person, it is requested that masks be worn, and social distancing be observed.

Sign in will begin at 4:30pm in the park and the meeting will begin at 5pm.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE IMPORTANCE OF A PROXY



Our Annual Meeting will be held on September 12th. At this meeting, we will be having an election for **4 board positions**. As most of you know, our Board of Directors is made up of homeowners elected by fellow homeowners. The Board is responsible for enforcing the rules and regulations, our budget, working with our management company, signing off on contracts that require spending our HOA funds and so much more that impact you as a homeowner. This election coming up in September can only occur if we reach a quorum for the meeting. **If we do not have a quorum, we do not have a meeting.** To that end, UPA will be mailing out an annual meeting packet with information on what will take place at the meeting, candidate forms to be used if you are interested in running for a board position and a proxy form. Proxy forms are important if you do not plan on or simply cannot attend the meeting. It is particularly important that you assign your proxy to someone who is a homeowner here in the neighborhood whom you trust to cast your vote during the election. Carefully consider who that would be and return your completed proxy to UPA.

Again, why is a proxy important? Because your vote is important! It only takes a minute to complete and sign the form. Thank you!

INDIAN RIVER FARMS

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

You may also contact Denniece at UPA and she can submit the outage information.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY



Parents please remind your children not to climb on the playground gazebos. It is extremely dangerous and could also damage the gazebos' roofs.

Looking for the ARB Application? Or the declaration, bylaws or rules and regulations? All governing documents and our ARB application can be found on our website at www.indianriverfarmshoa.org

Remaining Board Meetings for 2020

September 12 (Annual Mtg)

October 13

November 10

A color copy of this newsletter can be found on our website www.indianriverfarmshoa.org

DO YOU NEED TO SUBMIT AN ARB APPLICATION?



This is a frequently asked question amongst homeowners. The answer is probably yes. If you are making any exterior alterations to include adding a new room to your home, a new front door, landscape edging, new shed, fencing or a new pool for example, you will need to submit an ARB application to UPA. The application will then be reviewed by the Architectural Review Board.

The ARB application can be found on our website at www.indianriverfarmshoa.org under the Documents & Forms tab.

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BMP UPDATE

As of the August board meeting, the board stated that UPA would be mailing out the signed City Assignment to all homeowners.



Here we are heading into the last week of summer! 2020 – what a year it has been! Most of our college aged children have already gone back and now we prepare for our elementary, middle and high schoolers to start. Back to school has such a different meaning this year. As we all know, our public-school kids will be starting the school year virtually. It is a challenging time for administrators, teachers, parents and students. With any luck, our Covid case numbers will continue to decline, and our students can get back into the classroom, if that is what you choose. So, enjoy the last bits of summer, fire up those chrome books and grab a healthy dose of patience. WE GOT THIS!

Epic Summer Salad By [Cassie Best](#)



Ingredients

- 400g black beans, drained
- 2 large handfuls [baby spinach leaves](#) , roughly chopped
- 500g heritage tomatoes, chopped into large chunks
- ½ cucumber, halved lengthways, seeds scooped out and sliced on an angle
- 1 mango, peeled and chopped into chunks
- 1 [large red onion](#) , halved and finely sliced
- 6-8 [radishes](#) , sliced
- 2 [avocados](#) , peeled and sliced
- 100g [feta](#) , crumbled
- handful of herbs (reserved from the dressing)

For the dressing

- large bunch [mint](#)
 - small bunch coriander
 - small bunch [basil](#)
 - 1 [fat green chili](#) , deseeded and chopped
 - 1 [small garlic clove](#)
 - 100ml [extra virgin olive oil](#) or rapeseed oil
 - 2 [limes](#) , zested and juiced
 - 2 tbsp white wine vinegar
 - 2 tsp [honey](#)
- **STEP 1** Make the dressing by blending all of the ingredients in a [food processor](#) (or very finely chop them), saving a few herb leaves for the salad. You can make the dressing up to 24 hrs. before serving.
- **STEP 2** Scatter the beans and spinach over a large platter. Arrange the tomatoes, cucumber, mango, onion and radishes on top and gently toss together with your hands. Top the salad with the avocados, feta and herbs, and serve the dressing on the side.

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