

THE PONY EXPRESS



December 2020 Edition

AN INDIAN RIVER FARMS HOA PUBLICATION

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

**Tis the season to bring out the lights
The tinsel, inflatables and everything bright
Decorate the lawn, the porches and homes
With reindeer, snowmen and even some gnomes
Have fun decorating with family and friends**

The top 3 homes will win in the end

First place: \$100 gift card

Second place: \$75 gift card

Third place: \$50 gift card

Judging will take place on December 23rd!





HOA BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2021

Board meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. The meetings will start 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars.

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| January 12 th | March 9 th |
| April 13 th | June 8 th |
| July 13 th | August 10 th |
| September 11 th (Annual Mtg) | |
| October 12 th | November 9 th |

INDIAN RIVER FARMS

Want to keep in touch with what is going on in Indian River Farms?

Make sure to join our Facebook group by searching

The Official Indian River Farms HOA



HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST 2020

Everyone did such a great job getting into the Halloween decorating this year! This year's winners are:

1st Place: 2564 Belmont Stakes Dr.



2nd Place: 2592 Kentucky Derby Dr.

3rd Place: 2545 Belmont Stakes Dr.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



COMMUNITY AWARENESS CORNER
(HOA OFFICIAL BOARD COMMUNICATION)

Board Meeting held November 10th

- The Memorandum from the City has been mailed. Any homeowner who did not receive a copy can view it on the website or contact UPA to have another copy sent.
- The board received bids from contractors for the initial clean up and annual maintenance of the BMPs. Two came in the day of the meeting so the board tabled discussions on them until they could be reviewed.
- The board is currently putting together the guidelines for above ground pools. Once the guidelines have been completed, they will be made available for the community to review. If anyone would like to submit suggestions for the guidelines, please email Denniece Clayton, our HOA Manager.
- The board approved the budget for 2021. Dues will remain at \$135 per quarter.
- Indian River Farms will be holding the annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Gift cards will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Judging will take place December 23rd in the evening.
- The board approved the 2021 HOA board meeting calendar. Regular board meetings will continue to be held at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of select months. The annual meeting will be held on the second Saturday of September. Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. The meeting dates are as follows:

January 12, March 9, April 13, June 8, July 13, August 10, *September 11, October 12, and November 9.

*September's board meeting will immediately follow the annual meeting.





Please remember that the speed limit throughout our neighborhood is 25 MPH. We have a lot of small children, families out walking, and it is getting darker earlier so slow down and be cautious. Thank you.

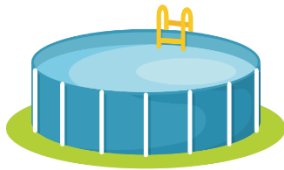
NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The evening of 13 November there were a few cars and trucks broken into in our neighbor. Remember:

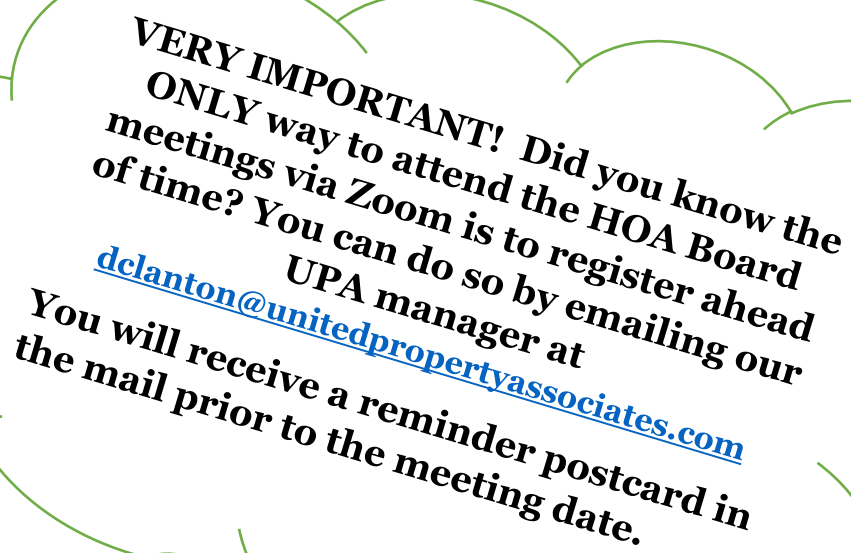
1. Make sure no valuables are left in your vehicles.
2. Make sure you lock your vehicles.
3. If you vehicles get broken into, make sure you report it to the Virginia Beach Police Department Non-Emergency number at (757) 385-5000.

ABOVE GROUND POOLS

Update from the Board:



The board has put together guidelines for the installation of above ground pools. The draft is currently being vetted by our HOA attorney and will be available to be viewed by homeowners soon. In the meantime, homeowners are welcome to send any suggestions or offer input through our HOA Manager, Denniece. Her email is dclanton@unitedpropertyassociates.com



VERY IMPORTANT! Did you know the ONLY way to attend the HOA Board meetings via Zoom is to register ahead of time? You can do so by emailing our UPA manager at dclanton@unitedpropertyassociates.com You will receive a reminder postcard in the mail prior to the meeting date.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY (A Board Communication)

Please consider volunteering for both or either of these opportunities.

1. We need 2 volunteers to assist with judging for our Holiday Decorating. Judging will take place in the evening on December 23rd.
2. Our neighborhood has been without a social committee for a couple years. Theresa Bell has offered to revive the committee but would like others to join.

If you would like to be a part of either of these groups, please email our HOA manager, Denniece at dclanton@unitedpropertyassociates.com



PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOM COOKIES

½ cup granulated sugar

½ cup packed brown sugar

½ cup creamy peanut butter

½ cup butter, softened SAVE \$

1 egg

1 ½ cups Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour

¾ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon baking powder

Additional granulated sugar

About 36 Hershey's® Kisses® Brand milk chocolates, unwrapped

Heat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, beat 1/2 cup granulated sugar, the brown sugar, peanut butter, butter and egg with electric mixer on medium speed, or mix with spoon, until well blended. Stir in flour, baking soda and baking powder until dough forms. Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in additional granulated sugar. On ungreased cookie sheets, place about 2 inches apart. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Immediately press 1 milk chocolate candy in center of each cookie. Remove from cookie sheets to cooling rack.

Italian Christmas Cookies

Family Recipe over 100 years old...

3 lbs. Flour (9 cups)

3 ¾ cups sugar

2 TBSP Vanilla Extract

8 or 9 eggs

1 lbs. Crisco (2 1/3 cups)

2 TBSP Baking Powder

Few drops of milk

Mix all ingredients in one large bowl

Roll, cut out and decorate with colored sugar or maybe fill with nuts or raisins, or anything you'd like.

Bake 350/375 until the bottom is slightly brown (8-10 min).



Board Members/Property Manager/Public Utilities

Board Members: Mike Bongiorno Diana Merciez
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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.

WHY IS OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER IMPORTANT?

The idea of the community newsletter started about 15 years ago to communicate with all homeowners. The format has evolved over the years. The editors have changed. Even the method in which we distributed this publication has gone from mailing, to strictly online and then back to mailing again. Really, it is just a great way to share important information, fun ideas and spotlight some of our talented neighbors. **As your editors, we hope that more people will start contributing to the articles and help us to make this truly a community newsletter. Have a question for the board of directors? Have a great family holiday recipe to share? Any fun family crafts? The best spot to go camping/fishing/hunting? Any great workout tips? Have a small business and want to run an advertisement? The possibilities are endless.** Send it all our way and we will make sure to share it with everyone. You can always email us at newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org. Interesting fact, back in 2005 our Association's Newsletter was adopted as the official form of notification for the Association.

INDIAN RIVER FARMS OWNERS' ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS (revised August 2005)

INTRODUCTION.

The following Rules and Regulations ("Rules and Regulations" or "Rules") are adopted by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.3, and Article VII, Section 7.1(o) of the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Reservations and Easements of Indian River Farms ("the Declaration") until these Rules and Regulations are amended by the Board of Directors.

Notice of these Rules shall be provided by U.S. Mail to each Owner of record in the Association at the address of record with the Association's Manager. Owners shall receive notice of amendments to these Rules by U.S. Mail or by distribution of any amendments in the Association's Newsletter, which has been adopted as an official form of notification for the Association.

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