



BLUE RIBBON

Community Newsletter

February 2018

Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org

Hello Neighbors

Our first HOA meeting of 2018 was held on February 13 @ Glenwood Elementary. As was requested by a homeowner we held a Town Hall meeting prior to the official business meeting. The purpose was to have an open dialogue regarding the ongoing BMP cleanup and to answer any questions from homeowners.

Main concerns were: Damage to existing lawns by contractors during any cleanup.

The delay of clean up. The window for cleaning up while the trees are still bare and grass dormant is coming to a close.

Water treatment that is on hold until the banks are cleaned up.

All of these are valid concerns and are being addressed. Any additional comments or concerns may be addressed with the board.

To give a short recap on the BMP status:

At the November board meeting a cease and desist letter from Thompson Law Group who is representing four individual homeowners was presented to the board. This prevented the board from moving forward with any contracting of a landscaping company.

The board forwarded the letter to Inman and Strickler, which is the law firm that represents the HOA. They issued a reply to the Thompson Law Group. Both letters can be found on the HOA website.

At the February HOA meeting the board was prepared to move forward with the reviewing and selecting a contractor as we had not heard back from Mr. Thompson. However, the board was informed by Donald Darcy, whom Mr. Thompson represents that a reply was forthcoming. Until this information could be confirmed with the attorneys, the board placed the vote on hold. Homeowners will be kept apprised of any developments.

...President message continued

I was appointed to the board 1 year ago and agreed to serve the community to the best of my ability. Your faith and trust in me has not gone unappreciated and I thank you.

Unfortunately I find that due to my current work schedule I can no longer be an effective representative for our community due to the amount of time that is necessary to devote to the ongoing matters.

Therefore I have resigned from the board effective immediately.

If anyone would like to enter their name as a candidate to serve on the board they may submit their intention to our HOA Manager, Mr. Mark Young . The remaining board members may appoint a new board member at the next board meeting, March 13, 2018.

Sincerely

Matt Merciez

Volunteer's Needed

The Social Committee is in need of some new volunteers as the current committee members have all resigned.

If you would like to serve on this committee please reach out to our HOA Manager, Mark Young and let him know of your interest.

The Social Committee has in the past been responsible for much neighborhood fun. This includes The Yard of the Month selections, Halloween and Christmas decorating contest, Easter egg hunt, the annual meeting food and entertainment and most recently the Thanksgiving gobble and snowman ornament that was gifted to each homeowner.

If you enjoyed participating in any of these activities, PLEASE consider volunteering to be part of this awesome committee.

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

Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org



The Board voted at the November HOA meeting to begin mailing the newsletter to all homes in IRF. This will be in black and white. A color copy can be found on the website

2018 HOA Meetings

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| MARCH | 13 |
| MAY | 8 |
| JULY | 10 |
| AUGUST | 14 |
| SEPTEMBER | 15 (SATURDAY) community day/annual meeting |
| OCTOBER | 9 |
| NOVEMBER | 13 |



Post card reminders will continue to be mailed out by UPA. If any changes to the date a meeting will be held you will be notified in advance.

We will continue to have topics of interest listed on the card and if able, will have the full agenda posted on the website.

ARB Members Selected

Thank you to Janet Wilms and Jim Smith for volunteering to serve on the Architectural Review Board.

Along with current members, George Hauser and Rachelle Bradley, these fine folks make sure any issues in our common area's are being reported to the board. They also review any applications from homeowners for improvements or changes to properties to ensure that they are in compliance with the guidelines set forth in our governing documents.

We appreciate their willingness to give of their time to serve in this capacity.



Volunteer Clean Up March 17 9 to 2pm

Due to the board being under a cease and desist for hiring a contractor to clean up the banks, a community member has proposed March 17th as a neighborhood clean up day for those who live on the BMP.

If you would like to place your bank on the list to be tended, please contact Mark Young at mpyoung@unitedproperty.org

Likewise, if you would like to come out and help your neighbors with clean up, please let Mark know.

Big Dog BBQ will be providing BBQ, rolls and slaw. Please bring your own beverages.

Please note that if you would like your property tended to it is expected that you will be there to help with the clean up.

DEADLINE for sign up is March 10

Exchange Student Opportunity

Hi Neighbors

Have you ever thought of hosting an Exchange Student from around the world?

I have an opportunity for you!

I work for an organization called Youth for Understanding USA (YFU) www.yfuusa.org one of the world's oldest exchange organizations, established in 1951. We bring students from around the world to live with families just like yours. The students attend our local High Schools.

My family and I have hosted several exchange students with YFU and have gained new family members with this wonderful experience.

If you think this is something for you, contact me and we can discuss and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. mbourngiomo@yahoo.com

I am right in the neighborhood so let's talk!

Mike Bourngiomo

KICKING IT IN THE KITCHEN

A neighbor introduced me to this delicious dip and it has become one of my favorites. Try it and I'm sure it will become one of yours as well.

Carmel Apple Dip

8 oz cream cheese

1/2 c. sour cream

1/2 c. powdered sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

1/2 c. caramel sauce/topping

1/2 c. heath bar toffee bits

Apple slices

1. Beat together cream cheese, Powdered sugar, sour cream and vanilla.

Spread in a pie plate

2. Top with the caramel sauce

3. Top with the toffee bits

Refrigerate until you are ready to serve.

Serve with apple slices.

THANK YOU
AND
THANK YOU

December seems so long ago as we count down the days to Spring but this is the first opportunity to publicly thank the Social Committee for the snowman ornament that they made and delivered to each home.

When my granddaughter came home from school she found the bag on the front porch and we opened it together. I explained who it was from and she said, "Isn't that thoughtful" and promptly found a place for it on our tree.

So thank you to those that participated in the making and delivering of the ornaments. And to quote Pasan, "it was very thoughtful!"

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How many of us drive by the flag pole everyday at the front of our neighborhood and don't think about how the flag gets replaced when it becomes worn by the elements.

Sharolyn Rancour had been taking care replacing the worn flags and disposing of them accordingly until recently.

Cindy Rauch has volunteered to take over this role and will be making sure that the flag continues to proudly fly in Indian River Farms.

THANK YOU to both of these ladies for your past and present service.



KUDO'S TO THE KIDS

I know we all like to think kids today have it easier than we did when it comes to schooling. But even with today's technology kids have to still put in the work. So when a student makes the honor roll they deserve to be recognized.

CONGRATULATIONS goes to

Isaiah Simmons

for being named to the Honor Roll @ Landstown Middle School.

Isaiah is the nephew of Tonya and Jason Anderson.



In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low started the Girl Scouts in the USA. 5 years later the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma baked cookies and sold them in its high school cafeteria as a service project.

Fast forward to 2017 when over 175 million boxes were sold!

Our IRF neighbor, 8 year old Taylor Nixon is part of Troop #874 and has been for the 3 years. She has made a large contribution to those boxes being tallied each year. So far this season Taylor has sold 760 boxes!

Taylor has a goal of selling 1000 boxes and it would be awesome to see her hit her goal. So, if you haven't purchased any this year or need a refill, the cookies can be purchased through the end of March.

The cookies sell for \$4 and \$5 per box depending on the flavor. Taylor's favorite kind are Thin Mints and Samoas.

The portion of the proceeds that go to the local troop help fund various projects and outings for the girls.

Taylor's favorite part of selling cookies is getting to eat them! Her least favorite part is having to go out in the cold to sell them.

Taylor is the daughter of Justin and Stacy Nixon and big sister to Colton, 6 and Mackenzie, 2. She also has 2 dogs, Lizzie and Chipper.

In addition to her dedication to her troop she also plays basketball for the YMCA Spurs for which her Mom is a coach. She is in 2nd grade at New Castle Elementary where her favorite subjects are math and reading. She also enjoys swimming when the weather is warm and playing with her sister. (no mention of her brother!) LOL

Her favorite food is: No Surprise...Girl Scout Cookies! Her favorite color is blue and favorite shape is a heart. If given the choice of which TV show to watch, she would choose Casey Undercover.

Taylor's plans for her future include being a Hair Stylist and a Girl Scout Volunteer. The determination she has tells me she will fulfill her goals for her cookie sales and her plans for her future.



If you know of an IRF kid who you think should be in our Kudo's to the Kids Spotlight, send me an email with a brief description and contact information.

I will choose at random, a child to feature in our newsletter from the submissions received. You only need to send it to me once. Anyone not chosen will automatically be rolled over for the next newsletter.

Please send submissions to:
Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org

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 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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