



BLUE RIBBON

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org

Hello Neighbors

June is here which means school is done and kids are free! This is a reminder to please watch for stray children who may be playing or walking, riding their bikes or skateboards on or near the streets in our neighborhood.

The speed limit is 25 mph in residential areas in Virginia.

Here are some sobering facts on the impact an extra five mph can have.

If you hit 10 people @ 20 mph
9 out of 10 survive

If you hit 10 people @ 30 mph
5 out of 10 survive

If you hit 10 people @ 40 mph
1 out of 10 survive

Please Slow Down!

Lets have a tragedy free summer.

MEET OUR NEW MANAGER

Hello, My name is Jennifer (Jenn) Copeland and I am your new Association Manager with UPA. I have been in the association management business for a little over four years, managing large scale communities as well as condominiums and high rises. I truly enjoy helping people and solving problems, which is why I love working in this profession. I have a strong customer service, organizational and detail oriented background with many years in retail management previous to this field.

I am excited to be working with you and assisting in keeping your community beautiful and in a manner that you will continue to be proud. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 757 995 1391 Or jcopeland@unitedproperty.org

I look forward to meeting all of you at some point. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

Jenn

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

JULY	10
AUGUST	14
SEPTEMBER (SATURDAY)	15
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.

Looking Back

This is a new column in the newsletter that will “look back” at the most recent BOD meeting and report on items of interest that were discussed.

This is for 2 reasons:

1. Not everyone can attend board meetings but this doesn't lessen the interest in what is happening in our community.
2. While minutes of the meetings will cover this information and more, these can not be made public until they are approved by the board at the following meeting. This obviously presents a time delay.

: A bid was accepted for the repairing of the light at the entrance. Pending a revised bid to include the flag light, these repairs should be completed soon.

: We welcomed our new Association Manager, Jennifer Copeland.

: The board voted to hold off on water treatment citing pending reply from the city.

Summer Reminders

If you bag your yard waste for trash pick up, please do not put it at the curb until Thursday evening or Friday morning.

There have been incidents of bags opening when sitting out too soon and grass clippings were washed down the storm drains.

This is not good for the health of the retention ponds and it is quite unsightly.

Please refrain from over fertilizing your yards as rains will wash any excess into the retention ponds.

If you wash your vehicles in your driveway, it is recommended that you use biodegradable, phosphate-free, water based cleaners. Phosphates from soap can cause excess algae to grow.

WE NEED YOU !!!

**Community Day
September 15**

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) has an open slot and the board is looking for a volunteer who wishes to serve on this committee.

When certain exterior alterations are to be performed on a home, an application explaining the alteration is submitted to our Property Manager, at UPA. She in turn sends this to the members of the ARB to review to make sure it is within the architecture guidelines outlined in the rules and regulations portion of our governing documents.

Once per quarter a walk through of the common area is done and any issues are reported to the board of directors.

If you would like to serve on this committee the board invites you to contact Mark Young and let him know. You can email her at jcopeland@unitedproperty.org

Our Annual Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 15th in the park at the front of the neighborhood.

We are asking for volunteers to step forward to help plan this event so that it can be the best ever.

There will be guidance available. Expenses for food and entertainment will be paid by the HOA.

Please contact Jenn Copeland at JCopeland@unitedproperty.org if you would be willing to assist.





Yard of the Month..... it's that time again!!!

Last year a group of judges made up of a members from the board, ARB and social committee selected a yard that met the criteria and the homeowner was awarded a gift certificate to Home Depot.

The judging criteria is as follows:

Visual Attractiveness - Yard must be visible from a public street or sidewalk.

- Beautification - Yard must improve look of the home and neighborhood.
- Overall Maintenance - Well maintained grass, hedges, flower beds, etc.
- Winners may win only one time per calendar year
- 1 yard will be chosen during the following time periods: April/May, June/July, August/September
- The winner will receive a sign they can display in their yard.
- The winner will be featured on FB as well as in the Newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jason and Tonya Anderson

2517 Kentucky Derby Drive

April/May yard of the month

winners !!



CONGRATULATIONS

to all of the graduates in 1927

- ◆ **Alexandra Crawford**, daughter of Rick and Kristy Colli
Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Biological Sciences
Alex has taken the MCATS and will be looking at Medical School next
- ◆ **Shannon Wilms**, daughter of Aron and Janet Wilms
Global Studies and World Languages Academy / Tallwood High School
Shannon will be attending Longwood University to study Neuropsychology and Visual Arts
- ◆ **Emma Laif Pilkington**, daughter of Shawn and Kelly Pilkington
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School
Emma will be attending Coastal Carolina University
- ◆ **Peyton Rauch**, daughter of Karl and Cindy Rauch
Landstown High School
Peyton will be attending Tidewater Community College
- ◆ **Caitlyn Kinsel**, daughter of Jillian and David Kinsel
Salem High School
Caitlyn will be attending ODU to study Nursing
- ◆ **Blake Stevens**, son of Chris and Sonja Stevens
Health Science Academy / Bayside High School
Blake will be attending Westpoint Military Academy



Names of graduates were solicited via facebook. We apologize if anyone was missed.

Kickin' It In The Kitchen

We are in the midst of Grillin' Season and below is a recipe that begs to be added to your summer bbq.

Skewered Cantaloupe

1 firm but ripe cantaloupe

Peeled and cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes

8 wooden skewers soaked in water for 30 minutes

1/4 cup butter

1/2 cup honey

1/3 cup chopped fresh mint

Preheat grill to 325

Thread cantaloupe onto skewers.

Melt butter with honey in small saucepan. Stir in mint.

Brush sauce onto cantaloupe.

Grill skewers, turning as needed.

Approximately 4 to 6 minutes.

Serve with remaining sauce.

BMP UPDATE

The last update on the clearing of the banks of the retention ponds was that we were awaiting legal counsel's response to a cease and desist letter from an attorney that represents 4 IRF homeowners.

A response was sent 12/19/17 from the HOA attorney, Inman and Strickler to Mr. Brett Thompson, attorney representing the homeowners.

On 2/14/18 a reply was received from Mr. Thompson.

These letters can be found on the IRF website under documents

Since an agreement could not be reached by the attorneys, the legal advice received by Inman and Strickler was to seek out an opinion from the City of Virginia Beach. This request was sent on 4/18/18.

Further clarifications were requested by the city and were given. We are awaiting a response from the city attorney Kay Wilson on this matter. We hope to have an answer by the July 10th board meeting.

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:

boardofdirectors@indianriverfarmshoa.org

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 by the board president.
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.

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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Mike Bongiorno

Travel Consultant

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