

# BLUE RIBBON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2019 Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org



Saturday, May 4th 3pm to 6pm Neighborhood Park

Please mark your calendars to come out to the park and enjoy an afternoon of FUN for kids and adults!

This is FREE event sponsored by your HOA. Feel free to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs. Food and beverages will be available @ 5pm.



## 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

A color copy of the newsletter can be found on the website indianriverfarmshoa.org

#### **Board Members and Contact Info**

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**UPA Property Manager** 

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### 2019 HOA Meetings

April 9 June 11 August 13 September 14/annual meeting October 8 November 12



### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Trees: 757-385-4461 Landscape@vbgov.com

Sidewalks: 757-385-1470 pwclrks@vbgov.com

Street Lights: 866-366-4357

https://www.dominionenergy.com/ outage-center/streetlight-outages/ outdoor-lighting-email-form

OR call Jenn Copeland and she can submit the outage information.

## LOOKING BACK

This column "looks back" at the most recent BOD meeting and report on items of interest that were discussed.

- Yard of the month will return for 2019
- Still seeking volunteers for a social committee
- BMP conference call results
- Manager will be utilizing email to send blasts to homeowners
- Adding to the newsletter, the contact information for various city departments

## MAILBOX FLAGS

If any homeowner would like a spare flag for their mailbox, please contact Jenn @ UPA. They are available for pick up from her office.

## MOVING FORWARD

Two dates to add to your calendar.

## May 4th (Saturday)

Community Day 3pm to 6pm In the Neighborhood Park.

We will have food and entertainment for both kids and adults.

## May 18th (Saturday)

Community Yard Sale 8am to 2pm

Advertising will be done for the neighborhood.

Thank you to Theresa Azzarello for volunteering to chair this event.

# YARD OF THE MONTH

Once again the HOA will be holding the Yard of the Month Contest. For 3 separate periods a yard will be selected and the residents will receive a \$25 gift card to Home Depot. A home may only win once per calendar year.

Judges will change each period. If you would like to volunteer to judge please email Jenn. Judges for the April May period volunteered at the March meeting. Only yards visible from the street or sidewalk will be taken into consideration.

#### The criteria in choosing a yard is as follows:

- Visual attractiveness
- Enhances the beauty of the home itself
- Well maintained

#### The judging periods will be:

April/May June/July August/September

Awards will be given out at the end of the second month. A sign will also be placed in the winner's yard and will be removed by a board member the following week.

Announcement will also be posted on IRF's facebook as well as in the newsletter.



## Chocolate Dipped Strawberry "Carrots"

Melt 1 pkg (4 oz) white chocolate Stir in 9 drops yellow food coloring and 6 drops red food coloring

**Cover** baking sheet with waxed or parchment paper.

**Dip** 8 large strawberries leaving the green tops visible, 1 at a time, Into the chocolate. Turn completely, shake off excess.

Place berries on baking sheet.

**Spoon** remaining chocolate into resealable plastic bag or decorator bag and snip off a small piece of the corner.

Pipe lines onto strawberries.

**Refrigerate** 30 minutes or until chocolate is firm.

**Prepare** bed of Grass for your "Carrots" by tinting flake coconut with green food coloring. When ready to serve, nestle berries among the coconut grass. In February, a conference call was held between attorneys representing the HOA, a homeowner and the City Attorney.

Both Attorney's explained to the City Attorney that it would be helpful to all, if the City would take a position in order to save the costs of litigation.

It was noted that the City would have to give a position regardless so asking them to do so prior to litigation was deemed the prudent course to take.

To this end we asked that Jenn request that the City be given a deadline to respond.

## 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:

jrcopeland@ unitedpropertyassociates.com 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.
- 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.
- 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

<u>WARNING</u>: 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	e work.)		
<ul> <li>Landscaping/Gradi</li> <li>Fence</li> </ul>	-	Patio Shed	Other:	
Deck Repair or Replace		Pool Satellite Dish		
Exterior Finish/Cole     Play Structure	r 🖸	Hot Tub 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.

<u>NOTE</u>: 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**

## **Merciez Photography**

Spring mini sessions available now! \$125 includes customized session High resolution digital prints Private online sharing available

Refer a friend who purchases a session and we will waive your next sitting fee!

See our FB page or visit our web site Call to book session!! 757 515 2404 merciezphotography.com



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 Boungiorno

Travel Consultant

757-217-7428

bungie@time4vacation.com

Let us make your holiday meals the easiest ever !! Cherry wood Smoked Turkey and Ham 2016 World Champion Female Pitmaster Finalist Champion BBQ at Backyard Price Bigdogbbqva.com 757-619-0704 Theresa@bigdogbbqva.com