



# BLUE RIBBON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2018

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Dear Neighbors

The last board meeting for 2018 was held on November 13. There will not be another board meeting until February 2019 which means this is the last newsletter for the year.

I do hope that everyone has a wonderful and memorable Thanksgiving with family and friends. Traditionally, Thanksgiving has ushered in the Holiday Season but over the last several years the retailers have been pushing that start date earlier and earlier. Have you ever tried to buy anything summer related in late August? Forget it! The stores have packed it up to make room for fall items and winter clothing. Even before the last of the turkey has been eaten and pumpkin decorations have been stored away, we are inundated with advertisements for black Friday sales, cyber Monday deals and more catalogs than you can count. Christmas music has been playing on some radio stations since the first of November and there has already been at least 2 local holiday parades!

Even though I shake my head at the thought of seeing Santa in November it at least makes my offering holiday greetings while I'm still digesting Thanksgiving turkey less of an anomaly.

So to that I say, Wishing everyone who reads this newsletter a very happy holiday season filled with much laughter, joy and many wonderful memories.

*Diana Mercier*

Newsletter Editor

## 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](mailto:Newsletter@indianriverfarmshoa.org)

A color copy of the newsletter can be found on the website [indianriverfarmshoa.org](http://indianriverfarmshoa.org)

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## 2019 HOA Meetings

February 12

March 12

April 9

June 11

August 13

September 14/annual meeting

October 8

November 12



RESCHEDULED COMMUNITY DAY

Will be held May 4th in the common area.

Community yard sale will be held on May 18th.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Anyone can participate by simply decorating the outside of your home. There are no guidelines or requirements. On December 23rd a panel of judges will tour the neighborhood and determine which homes will receive the prizes. If you would like to be part of the panel of judges, please contact Jenn @ UPA. The decision of the judges will be final.



First, Second and Third place prizes will be awarded. The prizes will be VISA Gift cards of \$100, \$75 and \$50.

If for any reason you do not wish to have your home included, please contact Jenn @ UPA and let her know.

## Looking Back

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

- The board is moving forward with the addition of a sidewalk in the park. Look for it by Spring... pending cooperation from the weather!
- The board is accepting bids from landscaping companies to possibly replace our current landscaper.
- Jenn has placed a request to the city to inspect the sidewalks that are being disturbed by tree roots.
- The board elected to hold the Holiday Decorating Contest.

## MOVING FORWARD

As you recall, Hurricane Florence RSVP'd to our Annual Meeting/Community Day so the board voted to cancel. And...then she was a no-show... Etiquette anyone??

The board held the meeting portion in October at the regular board meeting. They also elected to re-schedule the Community Day "FUN" portion. This will be held on **May 4th, 2019** in the common area. Food and entertainment will be provided through the HOA.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help plan and organize, the board would be greatly appreciative. Please contact Jenn or the board to volunteer.

On **May 18, 2019** IRF will hold a Community Yard Sale. The information will be placed on various social media outlets. A banner will be hung at the entrance to the neighborhood. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn or the board.

## Kickin' It In The Kitchen

### ITALIAN NUT COOKIES

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 egg yolks
- 3/4 c. soft butter
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 2 egg whites, beaten
- 1/2 jar of favorite preserves

Combine first 6 ingredients in bowl and mix. Then add flour. Blend at low speed. Roll into 1 inch balls. Dip each ball into egg white and then roll in nuts. Place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake @ 350 for 12 minutes or til firm. Make a depression in the center while cookies are still warm. Fill with preserves.



## BMP UPDATE

Per our HOA attorney from Inman and Strickler, we are awaiting a reply from Thompson and Associates. Both parties must agree to move the matter before a judge before a court date can be set.

As a reminder, the decision to move the matter of who is responsible for the maintenance of the BMPs before a judge stems from a disagreement on the interpretation of our HOA's governing documents.

By having a court rule we will be saving future boards and homeowners from having to revisit this issue of maintenance responsibility.

The City of VB will also be present so our intent is to have them provide clear instructions on how banks are to be maintained. This is important since the City carries out annual inspections on our BMPs.

## Holiday Fun Trivia

Below are quotes from Holiday favorites. See how many you know.

1. I want to live again!
2. It's not just Krist that's on trial.
3. There's no Christmas in the army.
4. Hermey doesn't make toys!
5. Is there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?
6. Why, he didn't stop Christmas from coming at all.
7. Scut Farkus staring at us with his yellow eyes.
8. Are there no work houses? No prisons?
9. You smell like beef and cheese, you don't smell like Santa.
10. Happy Birthday! Hey, I said my first words!
11. Kevin!!!!
12. All day long I listen to people give me excuses why they can't work. My legs hurt, my back aches, I'm only four.
13. Can we take a direct flight back to reality, or do we have to change planes in Denver?
14. Turbo Man, we could use a man like you on the force.
15. The thing about trains, it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on.

1. It's a wonderful life, 2. Miracle on 34th Street, 3. White Christmas, 4. Rudolph, 5. Charlie Brown's Christmas, 6. The Grinch, 7. Christmas Story, 8. A Christmas Carol, 9. Elf, 10. Frosty the Snowman, 11. Home Alone, 12. Scrooged, 13. The Santa Clause, 14. Jingle all the Way, 15. The Polar Express

# 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](mailto: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**

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**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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