

# THE PONY EXPRESS



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AN INDIAN RIVER FARMS HOA PUBLICATION

## NEW INDIAN RIVER FARMS HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in our common area. At that meeting 3 board positions were filled. Currently, there is one board position still available. If interested in being on the HOA board, please let either Denniece Clanton know at UPA or one of the current board members. Our board members are:

Diana Merciez – President

Mike Boungiorno – Vice President

Jim Smith – Treasurer

Jason Copeland – Secretary

Available – Member-at-large



### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. More information about how to register for the meeting will be mailed out by UPA very soon.

### Remaining Board Meetings for 2020

October 13

November 10

## LET'S GET TO KNOW OUR HOA BOARD MEMBERS

We thought it would be nice for our board members to take a minute to introduce themselves to all of us. Let's get to know 3 of our 4 current board members.

**Diana Merciez – President** “Hi, I am Diana Merciez. My family and I moved to Indian River Farms from San Diego in May 2003. My husband Matt and I have 4 adult children: 1 daughter and 3 sons. Our German Shepherd, Jojo, rounds out our family. My background is in finance and I enjoyed a 20-year career with two Wall Street Firms before moving to Virginia Beach. Once here, I worked as an Independent Insurance and Investment Consultant until 2013 when my husband Matt and I temporarily relocated to Japan with his job. A few years ago, we turned our love of photography into a business and opened a photography studio. In my spare time, besides photography, I enjoy reading, cooking, playing trivia, traveling, binge watching TV, rooting for the Clemson Tigers and the Pittsburgh Steelers. However, my favorite pastime is being GG to our 3 granddaughters.”

**Mike Bongiorno – Vice President** “My name is Mike Bongiorno and my wife and I have lived in the neighborhood for 10 years. I worked for over 40 years for the Department of Defense. I retired back in 2011. I have been on the board for 2 years. I got on the board to become more involved with the happenings of our neighborhood. I wanted to help keep us like the neighborhood we fell in love with 10 years ago. I would like to see more of us involved in some capacity. We have committees that remain empty because there is no one to perform the work. I feel if we work together we can get more accomplished than as individuals.”

**Jim Smith – Treasurer** “My wife and I have lived in the neighborhood since 2006 with our 2 children. Originally from Canton, Ohio, I was brought to Virginia to serve in the Navy and joined the Navy Reserves serving as a Senior Chief Petty Officer for a total of 23 years. Currently work as a security manager at Norfolk Naval Station. I serve on the board to assist my community and build better relationships with my neighbors.”

## Beauty Tips

**“Some great fall colors for green eyes are brown, mustard and maroon. For brown eyes: green, taupe and dark orange. For blue eyes: gray, brown and yellow.”**

by Brailleigh M.



## Manager's Report

Another new feature in our community newsletter is this Manager's Report. Each month we will feature something from our UPA Manager, Denniece Clanton. She is always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you, Denniece, for contributing to our newsletter.

“My name is Denniece Clanton and I am your new Association Manager with UPA. I have been in the association management business for a little over two years. I have great communication skills, I am very organized, and I enjoy helping people. I am excited to continue to help maintain a safe and attractive community to live in. Please always feel free to reach out to me with your questions or concerns. I can be reached at (757) 518-3243 or [dclanton@unitedproperty.com](mailto:dclanton@unitedproperty.com). I am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors as well as the residents. I hope everyone has a safe and happy fall!” Denniece



It is almost that “spooky” time of year when our kiddos (and some adults) get dressed up and go out for sweet treats. This year Halloween finally falls on a Saturday! Of course, Covid has put some concerns on this otherwise fun night. We do have some highly creative neighbors, however, and ideas have been posted to our HOA Facebook page about making up goodie bags and setting them up on decorated porches or at the end of the driveways. A no-knock trick-or-treat kind of night. Please see the attached flyer for a creative way to do Halloween in 2020! Another fun idea is to BOO your neighbor. See the cute little images below for a “sweet” way we can spread some Halloween cheer to everyone! A lot of free printable images like these are available on the internet. Have FUN!





## **Board Members/Property Manager/Public Utilities**

**Board Members:** Mike Boungiorno      Diana Merciez  
                                 Jim Smith                      James Copeland

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**Street Lights:** 866-366-4357 or visit:

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/outagecenter/streetlight-outages/outdoor-lightingemail-form>

You may also contact Denniece at UPA and she can submit the outage information.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”

Looking for the ARB Application? Or the declaration, bylaws or rules and regulations? All governing documents and our ARB application can be found on our website at [www.indianriverfarmshoa.org](http://www.indianriverfarmshoa.org)

**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**

PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR FUN WAY TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD! HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR GOOD TIME!



## ABOVE GROUND POOLS – THOUGHTS?



Currently, Section 20 **POOLS** of our Architectural Guidelines, adopted in August 2005, does not allow for above ground pools. However, there has been discussion recently on revising that rule to include the installation of above ground pools. If you have an opinion either way on this topic, please be sure to attend future board meetings to be a part of the discussion. This is your community and you do have a say in how our guidelines and rules are written. As always, our Architectural Guidelines and Rules and Regulations can be found on our website at [www.indianriverfarmshoa.org](http://www.indianriverfarmshoa.org).

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newsletter can be  
found on our website  
[www.indianriverfarms  
hoa.org](http://www.indianriverfarms<br/>hoa.org)

## BMP UPDATE

The Indian River Farms Board filed a lawsuit against the City of Virginia Beach to get a determination on who is responsible for maintenance of the slopes around our BMPs. As a result of that lawsuit, the City settled and created document called the City Assignment. A final version of that document will be mailed out to every homeowner. At the time of this publication, the Assignment has not been mailed out. The short answer is that the HOA is now responsible for maintaining the private property portion of the slopes around the BMP. The board will be soliciting for 3 bids from landscapers on how much it is going to cost the HOA to perform regular maintenance and to remove all the trees. If our board meetings are held virtually, you can register to attend the Zoom meetings and you will be emailed copies of the agenda and board packet materials that are available for everyone to see. Per the UPA Manager, the bids will be included in the packets upon receipt. The Board has stated they hope to have bids by the end of the year.

# **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 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](mailto: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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# 🦇 HALLOWEEN 2020 🦇

IN THE INTEREST OF ALLOWING OUR COMMUNITY CHILDREN TO ENJOY A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE HALLOWEEN, AS A COMMUNITY, WE WILL BE INCORPORATING **SOCIAL DISTANCING** INTO TRICK-OR-TREATING.

🦇 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE OUT CANDY, PLEASE 🦇



\*SET UP A NO-CONTACT TREAT TABLE IN YOUR DRIVEWAY OR NEAR YOUR CURB SO CHILDREN ARE NOT KNOCKING ON DOORS AND CLUSTERING ON PORCHES



\*SET OUT GRAB-N-GO TREAT BAGS THAT ARE SPACED APART SO THAT CHILDREN CAN SAFELY TAKE A BAG WITHOUT CROWDING EACH OTHER OR TOUCHING OTHER CHILDREN'S TREATS

*Thank you for helping us have a safe and fun Halloween!*

