

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

March 2011



President's Message

I believe that spring is in the air. I've noticed that several of the contributors to our Newsletter feel it too. News about the Ivy Hill Golf Club, Forest Library Book Sale, and the Farmer's Market that is coming to Forest soon, make us look forward to getting outside.

Please pay special note to the luncheon invitation by the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association. In honor of their 35th anniversary they are inviting all the ladies of Ivy Hill, Ivy Woods, Ivy West, Ivy Lake, Lakepointe, Fairwinds, Shaker Lane, and Ivy Court to join them for lunch! There is a special invitation inside just for you!

We strive to make this newsletter informative. From time to time, we will also ask for your feedback on various items. In this issue we hope to get your feedback on the Luminaries. In the next issue (June) we'll be soliciting your input for the new Ivy Hill Directory.

As always, if you have any suggestions please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Barb Walton, President, Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association

Farmer's Market

A farmer's market will be held in the Forest Library parking lot this summer every Saturday morning from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm beginning on April 30th and continuing through October 29th. Fresh farm produce including vegetables, fruits, meat, cheese, eggs, regular and gluten-free bread, and other specialty items will be offered for sale. You won't want to miss this opportunity to

buy delicious, truly fresh, right-off-the-farm produce, directly from the farmer, right here in Forest. In addition to the Forest Library, the market is supported by Bedford County and the Virginia Tech Extension Service.



By-Laws Amendment Passes

The Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association By-Laws were amended in February to increase the number of members on the Board of Directors from the original five to "not less than seven (7) or more than fifteen (15)." This was a much-needed change in the opinion of previous IHHA officers, given both the growth of the Ivy Hill community and the growth of the association. Thank you to everyone who participated in the voting, including the more than 50 members who took advantage of electronic voting via e-mail for the first time. The final vote was 142 in favor of the amendment and 1 opposed.

Seven Member Board Elected

In keeping with the amended By-Laws, a new seven-person Board of Directors was elected at the February 24th annual meeting. The members of the IHHA Board for 2011 are: Barb Walton (President), Wayne McMillan (Treasurer), Lew Walton (Secretary), Ed Schwabe, Rene Koch, Jim Valentine, and Roger Lohn. Contact information for all IHHA officers and directors can be found on the back page of this Newsletter.





Ivy Hill Website

It has been suggested that a website be developed for the Ivy Hill Community. A website committee consisting of Bill Hite, Roger Lohn, and Lew Walton visited a number of homeowner association websites in January to see what features they offered and put together a questionnaire to gauge the interest of the community. Recently, that questionnaire was transmitted electronically to a sample of over 100 homeowners whose e-mail addresses are in the Ivy Hill database. If you have an interest in this subject and would like to participate in the study but you did not receive a questionnaire by e-mail, contact any of the committee members. They will be glad to get you a copy of the questionnaire. A recommendation will be made to the IHHA Board later this year once all of the responses have been evaluated.

Christmas Luminaries

At their January meeting the IHHA Board discussed whether we should continue the Ivy Hill Christmas Luminary event for another year. Turnout this past year was significantly reduced requiring the volunteers to work about twice as long as they did in previous years to fill all the luminaries and set them out. In addition, it was noted that many luminaries were never lit and some bags were still laying out several days after the event. This event cannot continue without stronger community support. Therefore the Board is seeking early commitments to volunteer for the 2011 event. Contact any member of the IHHA Board before the end of April if you will be willing to help. If the response is insufficient, the 2011 event will be cancelled.

Repairs at Main Entrance

Work is underway to repair the damage at the main Ivy Hill entrance caused by the March 3rd accident. New Ivy Hill signs will be carved, the 6x6 wooden post supports and surrounding brickwork will be replaced, and the landscaping will be replanted. The lights that illuminate the sign at night also need to be repaired. The repairs are expected to take about two months.



Ivy Hill Architectural Committee

Planning an addition to your home or a major renovation? If so, don't forget to contact the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee who will review your plans to ensure that it meets the standards that we strive to maintain in the Ivy Hill community. A telephone call to Ivy Hill Realty will get you in touch with a representative of the Committee who will return your call promptly.

Ivy Hill Golf Club

In just a few days it will be officially spring again. It is hard to believe how fast time goes by, but I'm still glad to see winter gone and everything turning green again. If you have driven by the course in the last two weeks or so, I'm sure you have noticed how green it is turning.

With Daylight Saving Time here, all the evening leagues are kicking off. The senior men play Tuesday evening, all the men Thursday evening. Couples' Captain's Choice outings are Friday evenings, with dinner following. And there are many other weekly organized activities scheduled for those of you interested in playing.

With the warmer temperatures and longer daylight in the evenings, it is time to remind everybody of a very important safety concern. A golf ball is very hard and travels very fast. And while I don't know of any serious injuries here at Ivy Hill, every year people are seriously injured and even killed from being hit by golf balls. Our golfers are not looking for people walking on the course, and we have had some near misses, especially in the evenings. I have also had calls from our golfers who had to wait for walkers to get out of the way before they could play a hole.

We want you to come out and play the course. (If you don't play golf yet but would like to learn, we are offering free clinics, for men on Monday evenings and women on Thursday evenings, beginning in April.) We want you to enjoy the views of the course. But we do ask that you respect the golfers, and protect your own safety, by not being on the golf course, especially when golfers are there. Thanks for your cooperation here.

While the temperatures continue to warm, many of you may start thinking about cooling off in the summer. Of course we have the pool at Ivy Hill, which will open on Memorial Day weekend, closing on Labor Day. All golfing memberships include use of the pool, but pool-only memberships are also available. They are \$200 for an individual and \$350 for a family. If you would like more information on any of the Ivy Hill memberships, or any information about golf at Ivy Hill, please call me at the pro shop (434-525-2680). We look forward to seeing you over here - golfing or swimming - as we head into our golf and pool season.

Eddie Moran, PGA Head Golf Professional



Forest Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Forest Library will hold their annual book sale on April 30th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Forest Library. All hardcover books are \$1.00, paperbacks are 50¢, and there are many videos, DVDs, CDs and other media. The members-only preview sale for Friends of the Forest Library (FOFL) will be on Friday evening, April 29th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, you do not want to miss this sale! To join the FOFL, come to our special Membership Hour from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm the evening before the sale and you will gain entry to the preview sale at 6:00 pm. You can also donate your used books and media for the sale anytime before the sale during regular library hours.

Now is a great time to catch up on that spring cleaning and help your local library at the same time. Call the library if you have questions (540) 425-7002. (This is a toll free call)

Forest Volunteer Fire Department

The Forest Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) which was founded more than 50 years ago, is an all-volunteer organization. There are currently 42 members. Like the FVFD, the present fire station is over 50 years old. While the FVFD has 10 vehicles, the present fire station has only 6 vehicle bays, all too small to hold the ladder truck and other large equipment which the FVFD needs to service the larger buildings that have been recently constructed in the county, including the new JFHS science wing. It is also located on a road that cannot support a 72,000-lb vehicle which is the weight of a ladder truck.

You can become a permanent part of this new facility by purchasing an Engraved Brick for a one-time donation of \$400 (or \$100 per year for five years). The engraved bricks will pave the walkway into the new station. Your brick will be seen by all the visitors and will be a lasting feature of this very special facility. If you would like to help support this critical community service, contact Bob Bashore at 525-0889.

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*Wednesday, April 13th
11:30 am
Pavilion at Ivy Hill Golf Club*

Reservations required by April 8th

Cash wine bar



Edna Jessee 525-1922
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Thirty-five years ago, the Ivy Hill community was sparsely populated and far from the center of Lynchburg. Most of the residents had moved here from out of state and found it difficult to meet people. A group of women decided to form a club to welcome new residents to the community and to provide social situations where they and their families could get to know one another. The Ivy Hill Ladies Association continues to offer many activities such as bridge, needlework, luncheons, theater outings, and holiday parties to mention a few. Each year several events include not only the IHLA ladies, but also their spouses and/or guests. If you are new to the area, or have lived here for years, we'd love to have you join us.



New Ivy Hill Directory Planned

The Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association plan to publish a new Telephone and Services Directory this year. Watch for an input form in the June Newsletter. In the meantime you can be considering whether you want to have your children, parents, or other live-in listed in the new Directory or if you have a service (babysitting, house sitting, pet sitting, lawn care, etc.) that you, or your children, wish to have listed.



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