

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

July 2011



President's Message - Barb Walton, bwalton@jetbroadband.com

I would like to use this space to thank everyone that helps make Ivy Hill a **great** place to live. Lew and I have been property owners here since 1977, so we've come to know the neighborhood fairly well; but we still can be surprised by our wonderful neighbors.

I want to introduce you to Butch and Ann Cook, along with Darla Owens. They decorate the entrance signs to Ivy Hill, Ivy Lake, Ivy Woods and Ivy West each Christmas. Jerry and Jean Cornelius maintain the lights on top of the serpentine walls at the Ivy Hill entranceway. Thank you!

There are numerous neighbors who mow and pick up trash in front of empty lots that adjoin theirs, or are across the street. And how about those who keep their yards in such great shape -- it's not easy to keep your grass mowed, the bushes trimmed and the weeds at bay, but what a difference it makes! Thank you!!

We appreciate those that remember to put their trash can out the night before and to remove it promptly after the trash has been collected. Thank you!!!

And a special big thank you to the dedicated individuals who froze year after year assembling Christmas luminaries and distributed them around the neighborhood; then went out that night to make sure they were lit and picked up the leftovers the next morning. Some of the names that come to mind are: Angela & Radford Smith (Angela's mobility issue never kept them at home), Bobbie Butler (supported us for more than 30 years), Pam Brown (fearlessly picked up bags on Quail Ridge as cars whizzed by) and Bob Russell (bag folder extraordinaire). There are so many of you to thank!

And finally, I commend all of you who serve on various Homeowner boards, as well as the Ivy Hill Ladies Association. We know how time consuming such a commitment can be, but it makes such a difference to the community. Thank you for a job well done!

I know that I've missed many, many individuals. I will be thanking more of our neighbors in future issues; so if there's someone you'd like to thank, please let me know.

Membership Dues

2011 membership dues of \$35 are now due. Your annual dues help fund the maintenance, lighting, and beautification of the entranceways; the Ivy Hill Directory and database; the electronic and hardcopy versions of the Newsletter; mailing expenses; the fledging Ivy Hill website; the Oktoberfest and Christmas events; and numerous other activities. Despite continual increases in prices, the IHHA has been able to maintain our dues constant at \$35 per year throughout the economic downturn by negotiating multi-year contracts for landscaping services. Over 200 Newsletters now go out by e-Mail, reducing duplicating and bulk mailing costs. We need your support to continue to serve the Ivy Hill communities. Please send your \$35 check to IHHA, P.O. Box 353, Forest, Virginia 24551.

Sign Repairs at Ivy Hill Main Entrance

We've received a number of compliments on the new sign at the Ivy Hill main entrance. All of the repairs have now been completed and the surrounding landscaping will be replanted in the fall when it is cooler.



Roadway Maintenance

According to the latest communication with VDOT, they have authorized a contractor to go ahead and repair the snow plow damage to the curb at the Ivy Hill main entrance from the winter of 2009-2010. The contractor will work these repairs into their overall road repair schedule.

Grass-cutting along Quail Ridge Drive and the other publically-maintained roads in Ivy Hill is also the responsibility of VDOT. However, as everyone is aware, the state budget for roadway maintenance has been significantly reduced in recent years due to the economy. Last year VDOT was only given enough funding to cut the grass one time. This year they have enough funding to cut it twice. They have already cut the grass along the highways and primary roads once this year. So secondary roads like Quail Ridge Drive are next on their agenda and the crews will be getting to them as the weather permits.

Christmas Luminaries

We regret to announce that the 2011 Christmas Luminary event has been cancelled. The response to the article in the March Newsletter asking for advanced volunteer commitments for this year's event was insufficient; only two homeowners signed up. In lieu of this long-standing neighborhood tradition, we are considering decorating the main Ivy Hill entrance way this Christmas.



Ivy Hill Website

At their June 2nd meeting, the IHHA Board of Directors voted to create a website for Ivy Hill. A Website Committee comprised of Courtney Allison Brown, Bill Hite, Roger Lohn and Lew Walton was charged with its development. In addition to general community information, planned features of the Ivy Hill website include announcements of upcoming meetings and social events; a list of affiliated neighborhood homeowner's associations, architectural committees, and social organizations with contact information and links; a list of local service providers; lists of services offered by, or wanted by, community members; a Lost & Found page for pets; and a street map. The electronic version of the most recent edition of this Newsletter will also be posted on the website. If you would be interested in helping with the development of the Ivy Hill website, or have ideas about website content, contact Roger Lohn rlohn@jetbroadband.com or Lew Walton at lwalton@jetbroadband.com.



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Congratulations 2011 Graduates!

The Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association congratulates all recent area high school and college graduates and extends our best wishes for your future success in whatever endeavor you choose to pursue.



PAY YOUR 2011 IHHA DUES NOW!



Ivy Hill Golf Club - Eddie Moran,
PGA Head Golf Professional

Summer is now officially here. The days are long – and hot – but the course is still looking great. And on the hot days the pool is also looking, and feeling, great. We have had a lot of activity at the course all spring and summer, and at the pool since it opened on Memorial Day weekend. If you are not already a member, or play golf and haven't played Ivy Hill lately, we hope you will come out and enjoy your neighborhood course. We are even having another series of free women's clinics,

beginning on Mondays in later July; so you women have a great opportunity to learn the game, or improve your skills if you already play.

While we would love you out on the course playing the game, it is important to remind everybody again about the hazards of being on the course when you are not golfing. In June we had an injury where a walker was hit with a golf ball. She came out from some bushes on hole #7, when the golfers didn't see anybody in harm's way. The ball bounced once and hit her in the mouth. There was lots of blood, and a very shook up lady as well as a very upset group of golfers, but no apparent permanent damage.

This could have been a LOT worse. Had the ball not hit the ground first, and lost most of its speed, we would have had a very serious injury, or even a fatality. Our golfers are looking out for the golfers in front of them, and the maintenance staff working on the course know where to be to be visible and out of harm's way. But the golfers are not, and shouldn't have to be, looking out for walkers trespassing on the course. We have had several near misses in the past 4 years since I have been here at Ivy Hill. But this scary incident really brings home the point. Walkers should NOT be on the Ivy Hill Golf Course, *especially* during golfing hours. Even late in the evening, when you think things should be quiet, we have many golfers who play right up until dark.



DON'T MISS THE DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM ON PAGE 7!

Ivy Hill Ladies' Association - Margaret Deist, IHLA President

In April, the IHLA celebrated their 30th Anniversary, with a luncheon at the Ivy Hill Golf Club Pavilion. It was attended by over sixty women of the community, some of which were the original founding members of the club. As it remains today, the purpose of the IHHA then was to provide the women of Ivy Hill with an opportunity to meet their neighbors and to develop a sense of community.

Since it was founded, the IHLA has provided a venue for women to get together for a variety of activities. Some meet weekly for such activities as needlecrafts and bridge. Others, such as the "Lunch Brunch" that go to different restaurants in the area and the Book Club that discuss both old and new books, meet monthly. There are also occasional trips like "Ladies Night Out" to the movies, or visits to other cities to shop and dine. Some of the most enjoyable times are the Social Events held about five times a year, that include the members and their spouses or a guest. The most recent of these was the Father's Day BBQ at the Ivy Hill Golf Club Pavilion.



If you are new to the Ivy Hill Community, have just retired, or feel like getting better acquainted with your neighbors, we would be glad to have you join us! You are welcome to come to any of our events to see if you would like to join this active group! Please call Margaret Deist-534-9675, or Karen Baker-525-5654, for information.

Safety & Security - Gary Reynolds, Bedford County Sheriff's Department

We enjoy a very high quality and crime free life in Bedford County; especially in the Ivy Hills/Ivy Lake area. Yet, we are not immune to crime. There have been several incidents of theft here in the past few months from unlocked cars. By practicing the following common-sense crime-prevention tips, you can increase the likelihood that your home will remain safe and your property will not be stolen:

1. If out of the home for an extended period of time, create the illusion that someone may still be there. Leave a TV or stereo on in a room and use exterior lighting and motion detectors to minimize burglar concealment.
2. Make sure all exterior doors have proper locks and use them. Unlocked doors offer no protection from intruders.
3. Do not leave extra keys under doormats, potted plants or any other obvious outdoor location. Thieves will generally find them. Find an inconspicuous place to hide the keys, or give a set to a neighbor you can trust.
4. Burglar-proof your sliding glass patio doors by setting a pipe or metal bar in the bottom track of the door slide. The pipe should be the same length as the track.
5. Keep garage doors shut.

6. Store cash, jewelry and other valuables in a safe or safety deposit box instead of leaving them lying around the home.
7. Don't leave notes on the door for service people or family members. These alert people that you are not home. Also, stop newspaper and mail delivery when you are away.
8. Lock the doors to your vehicles and secure valuables in the trunk. Thieves like GPS units, computers, iPods, iPads and other property that can be easily sold for quick cash. Placing items under the car seat yet not locking the doors does little to protect your valuables.

If Sheriff Brown or I can be of assistance, please feel free to call us. We will be happy to have a Deputy Sheriff conduct a security survey of your residence. Working together as neighbors and friends, WE are the best protection any community can have!



Wanted

Bridge Players - Several of the bridge groups need players. Ladies and couples interested in playing bridge should contact Jan Koch at 525-2935 or Ruthe Brown at 525-2252.

LCA Carpool - If you have a child enrolled at Liberty Christian Academy and want to participate in a daily carpool from Ivy Hill to LCA, contact Donna Drewry at 239-4620.

IHHA Director Candidates - The IHHA Board of Directors is seeking candidates to stand for election to the Board in 2012. Candidates must live, or own property, in one of the Ivy Hill communities. If you are interested in serving on the IHHA Board, please contact any current Board member.

Website Information - We are seeking up-to-date information from all Ivy Hill homeowner's associations, architectural committees, and social organizations for the Ivy Hill website. If you are an officer of an Ivy Hill neighborhood homeowner's association, architectural committee, or social organization, or know someone who is, please contact Lew Walton at 525-0459 or lwalton@jetbroadband.com with this information. Also, if your organization would like to post additional content on the Ivy Hill website such as meeting announcements, architectural restrictions, or social events, please contact Lew.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR IHHA DUES - GRASS CUTTING IS EXPENSIVE!

New Ivy Hill Directory

We plan to publish a new Ivy Hill address and services directory later this year. Much of the information in the previous 2008 - 2010 edition is out of date. New homes have been constructed and older homes have change owners, so we're requesting **all** residents to fill out the update form below with their current information.



Also, if anyone in your family would like to list a service - the most popular have been babysitting, lawncare, and pet watching - in the new directory, there's a space at the bottom of the form where you can enter that information. If your family has multiple phone numbers, be sure to note which number people should use to contact your family member for the service.

2011 Ivy Hill Directory Update

Address	
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Adults

First Name	Last Name	Phone	Cell	E-Mail

Children (Living at home)

First Name	Last Name	Age

Services (Include name & phone number)

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Mail your completed form to IHHA, P.O. Box 353, Forest, Virginia 24551 or e-mail the information to bwalton@jetbroadband.com

If any of the information on the address label on this newsletter is incorrect, please call Barb Walton at 525-0459 so that it can be corrected.

E-Newsletters

If you would like to receive future Newsletters electronically, send your e-mail address to the editor, Lew Walton, at lw Walton@jetbroadband.com.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION!



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