

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

October 2011

You are invited to the
3rd Annual Ivy Hill Oktoberfest
Celebration

Featuring – Live



Saturday, October 22nd

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Ivy Hill pavilion
Free to all residents of the Ivy Hill communities

Sponsored by IHHA & IHLA

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

Mark October 22nd on your calendar now! The annual Oktoberfest celebration, featuring live entertainment for the first time, will be held that Saturday evening from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Watch for the banners and signs that will go up around the neighborhood the week before the event. Admission is free to residents of all the Ivy Hill communities.

The menu will include bratwurst, hot dogs, sauerkraut, red cabbage, German potato salad, and dessert. Beer, lemonade, and iced tea will also be available. Oktoberfest entertainment will be provided by the band "Wild Card".

We hope that you will join in the festivities at the Ivy Hill pavilion. it's a wonderful opportunity to see old friends and meet new neighbors!

Wild Card

Oktoberfest entertainment will be provided this year by the band Wild Card. Wild Card band members have many years of combined experience playing a variety of music throughout Central Virginia. When they say they do a little bit of everything, that's exactly what you are going to get. From Creedence Clearwater and Van Morrison, to Miranda Lambert and Lady Antebellum, and everything in between, all of your favorite songs will be brought to life with lively rhythm and tight harmonies.

The musicians in the Wild Card band are: Chase DeWitt (guitar & vocals); Ashley Carter (guitar & vocals); Ricky Robertston (drums & vocals); and Bob Harvey (bass & vocals). Chase DeWitt began playing guitar in the early '90s and joined the local band Doubleshot as lead guitarist. In 2006 he and his sister-in-law, Ashley, started the duo Chasin' Ashley and performed covers and originals throughout the Lynchburg area. Chase also served as the lead guitarist for Off The Cuff Band before he and Ashley decided to expand the duo to a full four piece group. Singer/songwriter Ashley Carter, a self-taught guitarist, has a BFA in musical theater and has performed from Atlanta to New York. Ashley plays an energetic rhythm guitar and is the band's lead vocalist. She also has several original compositions that the band performs periodically. Her energy both on and off stage is contagious and guarantees an exciting performance. Ricky Robertson started playing drums in the '60s and has played in several bands over the years. In 1990, Ricky and his brother formed the band Doubleshot, an eight piece rock/soul band that opened for such acts as Junior Walker and The All Stars, The Drifters, and Bill Deal and The Rhondells. After 18 years, the band Doubleshot retired. Ricky was approached by Chase and Ashley with an opportunity to play something a little different and now provides not only the beat but great vocals. Bob Harvey has also played with numerous local bands over the years and has recently joined Wild Card to bring his enthusiasm for bass and vocals to this dynamic group.

Providing exciting music and entertainment are their true passions and this becomes evident when Wild Card takes the stage.



Ivy Hill Ladies' Association - Beth Mann, IHLA President

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association will begin a new fiscal year with a meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m., at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on Perrowville Road. Both the meeting and membership are open to all ladies who reside in the Ivy Hill communities. At that meeting, the following board of officers will commence a one-year term:

Beth Manns, President
Brenda Harvey, Vice President
Patricia Bonning, Secretary
Margaret Deist, Treasurer



The Board is excited about plans for the year ahead. The plans include a neighborhood-wide Oktoberfest on October 22, a Get-Acquainted Coffee on November 15, a Christmas party the weekend of December 9/10, a luncheon and meeting in April of 2012, and a summer party to cap off the year. Come find out more at the October meeting.

In addition to social events, we have many interest groups: Froggers (a knitting/hand stitching group), Lunch Bunch, book club, bridge groups, and travel groups. We begin the year with about 50 members, many of whom are new, which is a tribute to a great year past and a dedicated out-going board. The IHLA wishes to thank past board members Margaret Deist, President; Karen Baker, Vice President; Marcy Shilling, Secretary; and Carolyn Bosiger, Treasurer. These ladies are to be commended for their years of service. Thank you!

For more information about the IHLA, call Beth Manns at 525-2738.



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

We made it through a brutal summer!! The weather was the hottest it has been in my 15 years as a golf pro, and for a while the course, and especially the greens, were feeling the stress of all the hot days and nights. But Mike (the course superintendent) and his crew worked long and hard and got everything healthy again by the first of September.

As we head into fall, you will probably see the course look the best it has ever looked. The greens are almost fully healed from the September aerification, and overseeding has begun. The Bermuda grass fairways were fuller this season than ever, but with the first frost they will go dormant and turn brown. But we are already overseeding the fairways, so the seasonal rye will be greening up on fairways and tees before the bermuda grass browns. And we are putting more seed out this year than in years, so you will be seeing green for

the months ahead.

So not only will you enjoy the beauty driving by, but playing the course will be even more fun. While many people hang up the clubs in the fall, this may be the best time of year to use them. The weather in October is usually crisp and clear, and all of our weekly activities are continuing through the month. If you are considering joining Ivy Hill Golf Club, this is also a great time. We have some really good fall and winter joining incentives.

So when you drive by the club and see all the beautiful green fairways, tees, and greens, get your clubs and come on out. We would love to see you here playing with us – in October, and throughout the year.



Identity Theft - Mike Brown, Sheriff, Bedford County

One of the fastest growing crimes is identity theft. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. The crime takes many forms. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a telephone account in your name. Identity theft is serious. While some identity theft victims can resolve their problems quickly, others spend hundreds of dollars and many days repairing damage to their good name and credit record.

Identity theft starts with the misuse of your personal such as your name and Social Security number, credit card numbers, or other financial account information. Skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to get hold of your information, including:

- Dumpster Diving - They rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.
- Changing Your Address - They divert your billing statements by completing a change of address form.
- Stealing - They steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information.



Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information:

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- Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
 - Don't use an obvious password like your birth date or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
 - Keep your personal information in a secure place at home.

If you suspect you are an identity theft victim, immediately cancel credit cards and contact your bank to stop payments. Then, contact the sheriff's office so that we can begin an immediate investigation.

Roadway Maintenance

You may have noticed a crew working on the curb at the main Ivy Hill entrance in late August. They repaired the snow plow damage from the winter of 2009-2010. Thank you VDOT!

Littering along Ivy Hill roadways remains a problem. VDOT denied our request for anti-littering signs along Quail Ridge Drive due to budget limitations. However, they do have a supply of Adopt-a-Highway signs. If you would be interested in adopting part or all of Quail Ridge Drive or another Ivy Hill roadway, contact VDOT at 586-7941.



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Don't forget to update your directory information. See the form on Page 7.

Dog Attacks

About a month ago, a family cat was attacked on Lake Ridge Drive and severely injured by a large black dog with wavy hair weighing between 50 and 70 pounds wearing a collar with a shiny tag. Unfortunately, the cat has since passed away. The attack occurred around 3:00 AM and was witnessed by a neighbor who managed to chase the dog away. Three weeks previously, another pet cat was attacked and killed during the night in front of the owner's house on their driveway at another Lake Ridge Drive address. Earlier this summer a large dog attacked and killed a pet cat on Ivy Place. That attack also occurred during the night. More recently, one of the cats that lived at the Ivy Hill Realty office was killed under similar circumstances. No one witnessed the latter incidents. However, the similarity in timing and the geographic proximity of the four attacks makes it likely that the same dog was responsible. If you have a cat or other small pet, you may want to keep them in at night until this dog is caught. If you know anything about this dog, please contact Lew Walton at the e-mail address on the last page of this newsletter.

Ivy Hill Website

The Website Committee comprised of Courtney Allison Brown, Chuck Endicott, Bill Hite, Roger Lohn and Lew Walton continues to make steady progress on the Ivy Hill website. Watch for the initial unveiling on the internet later this fall. The domain name is www.ivyhill-forest.org.

Ivy Hill History

Did you ever wonder what this area looked like before Ivy Hills was developed and Ivy Lake filled up? This photo, from Allen Harvey's collection, shows young people hiking and Ivy Creek running free near where Ivy Lake is now. At one time the creek powered a mill that was used to grind cattle bones to make bone meal. The Butler's house on Ivy Island is built on the site of the old mill which originally stood on a low hill above the creek.



If you have interesting information about the history of this area, or old photographs that you would be willing to share with your neighbors, contact the editor Lew Walton at lwalton@jetbroadband.com. We would love to include them in a future Newsletter.

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New Ivy Hill Directory

This is a reminder that we plan to publish a new Ivy Hill address and services directory early next 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 if you've not already filled out the update form below with your current information, there is still time to do so.

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 your address is incorrect on the label on this Newsletter,
contact Barb Walton at 525-0459 so it can be corrected!**

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