

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

February 2012



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

It's already February, and time for our 2012 IHHA Annual Meeting. We wish to thank John Sharp for graciously agreeing to rearrange his schedule so that he could be our speaker for the evening. I hope to see you at Mountain View United Methodist Church in Forest on Thursday, February 23rd starting at 7:00 PM!

We would like to welcome all our new neighbors! In recent months, a number of homes in our neighborhood have changed hands. If you have not been greeted, or received your welcome packet, please call Beth Manns at 525-2738 or Karen Baker at 525-5654.

February is also the start of our IHHA Membership drive. You will be hearing from Wayne McMillan, IHHA Treasurer, shortly -- but, if you'd like to surprise him -- you may mail your \$35.00 membership check to IHHA, P.O. Box 353, Forest, VA 24551. Be sure to fill out the form at the bottom of Page 6 of this Newsletter and include it with your check so he'll know who to credit.

Thank you so much for your support! I am enjoying working with all of you and am looking forward to spring to get some more projects underway!

New Entrance Lighting

You've probably been wondering about all the stakes and "Miss Utility" flags in the main Ivy Hill entrance. We've contracted with APCO to install lighting along the entire length of the grass "island" dividing the entrance and exit lanes. The light poles will be staggered to the left and the right of the trees so that both the entrance and exit lanes will be illuminated from dusk to dawn along nearly their entire length. In addition to enhanced traffic safety, a bright entrance way can help to deter crime in a neighborhood.



ANNOUNCING
Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association
Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2012
Mountain View United Methodist Church
7:00 pm

Agenda

President's Welcome
Supervisor John Sharp
Approval of Minutes from 2011 Annual Meeting
2011 Treasurer's Report
Review of 2011 & Plans for 2012
Election of 2012 IHHA Board

All IHHA members & prospective members are invited to attend

Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA)

Ladies - Save the date! *Tuesday, April 3, 2012.*

We had such a great time last year at our spring meeting and luncheon that we decided to do it again this year. A soup and sandwich lunch will be available and good fellowship will be included. We are planning to hold this get-together in the Ivy Hills Pavilion and would love to have you as part of this gathering. Any Ivy Hill lady who is a member of the IHLA, or who *might* be interested in joining the IHLA, is invited to attend. More information to come!

If you would like more information on the IHLA, please email Beth Manns at bethmanns@gmail.com, or call 525-2738

Ivy Hill Website

The Ivy Hill website is now live! Visit us at www.ivyhill-forest.org on the world wide web and let us know what you think. The following features have already been implemented:

- Homepage
- Newsletter Page with Current & Past Newsletters (Downloadable)
- Upcoming Events Page
- Recent Events Page
- Ivy Hill Ladies Association Page
- 10 Neighborhood Homeowner's Association Pages
- Local Government, Utilities & Service Providers Page
- Ivy Hill Golf Club Website (Link)
- Lost & Found Page (including lost & found pets)
- Contacts Page

Additional pages are currently under construction based on the feedback you provided through the 2011 questionnaire. This is your website. The website committee of Courtney Allison Brown, Chuck Endicott, Bill Hite, Roger Lohn and Lew Walton would welcome your suggestions.

Contact lwalton@jetbroadband.com if you have content that you would like to propose for the Ivy Hill website.

Ivy Hill History

This aerial photograph from the early 1980's shows what the growing subdivision looked like when the neighborhood was still new. Trading Block Lane can be seen in the right foreground, Hitching Post Lane and Lake Ridge Drive cut across the middle of the photograph, and Quail Ridge Drive can be seen in the distance. Notice the numerous empty lots and how small the bushes and trees look! The tall white "golf ball on a tee" water tower that stood behind



the 11th green was a famous local landmark. The tower supplied water to Ivy Hill homes for many years. Each Christmas colored lights would be strung from the top of the tower all the way down to the ground making it into a huge Christmas tree. Everyone looked forward to the first lighting of the tree which signaled the start of the holiday festivities with its carol singing, luminary night, and Christmas parties.

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.

New Ivy Hill Directory

This is a **final** reminder that we plan to publish a new Ivy Hill address and services directory in 2012. Compilation and editing will begin in the next few weeks. So if you've not already filled out the update form below with your current information, this is your last chance 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.

2012 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)

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

IHLA Christmas Party

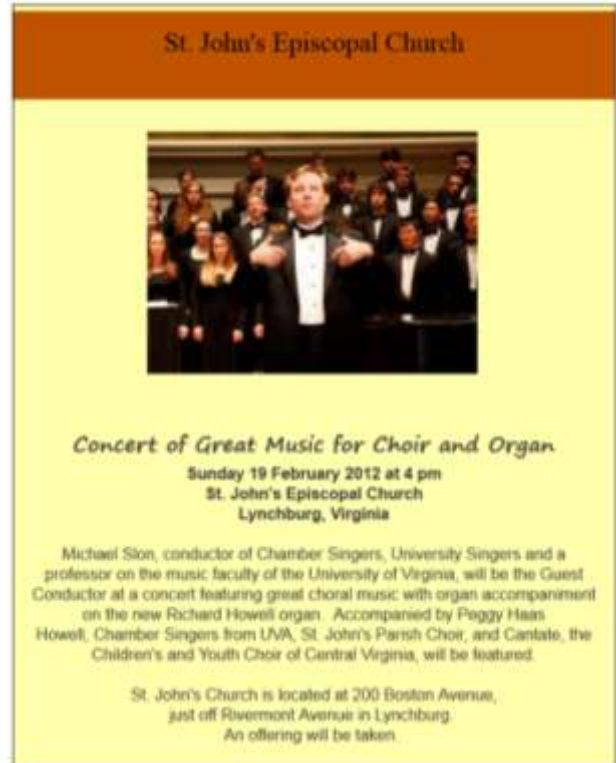
The IHLA Christmas Party was a big success. More than forty couples and several singles attended a catered dinner at the Ivy Hill clubhouse. Leegie Kirby and her committee of Phyllis Mayer, Joyce Baker, Sue Lineberry, Rita Dowling, Nan Perdue and Linda Mayhew turned the interior into a spectacular winter wonderland for the evening while Steve Kirby and Charlie Mayer did the outside decorations. We would also like to send a big thank you to Dean for being our bartender for the evening. Thank you too to Meelheim & Scott Jewelry on Rivermont Avenue for the \$100 gift certificates that were given out as door prizes. Photographs from the event will be posted on the Ivy Hill website (ivyhill-forest.org) when they become available.

Water Music

The Jefferson Choral Society will present an evening of Water Music on Saturday February 25th at 7:30 pm and Sunday February 26th at 4:00 pm at Timberlake United Methodist Church. Selections will include *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, *Shenandoah*, *Deep River*, and many more water-themed tunes.

Upcoming events in 2012 include Carl Orff's masterpiece *Carmina Burana* which will be presented on April 29th at 4:00 pm also at Timberlake United Methodist Church and a benefit for the National D-Day Memorial to be held on Saturday, May 26th at 7:00 pm at the Memorial in Bedford. The latter event will feature patriotic music.

General admission tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. They may be purchased at www.LynchburgTickets.com, Ayler's Farm Store here in Forest, Given's Books and the Silver Thistle in Lynchburg, and numerous other Central Virginia outlets.



Ivy Lake Entrance

The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association sends a big *Thank You* to Jennie Aveson and her family. They recently cleaned up the Ivy Lake entrance, removing debris around the sign and generally sprucing up the area. They have also been picking up litter along Ivy Lake Drive. Thank you for helping keep Ivy Lake beautiful.

Bluebird Houses

In the picture to the right, Ivy West resident Ron Flicker checks the bluebird house that he installed late last year at the Ivy West entrance. Eastern Bluebird populations have declined in recent years to as low as 17 percent of their previous numbers in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Finding suitable nesting sites is perhaps the most severe problem the bluebird faces today. Ron has been doing his part to restore their numbers by building dozens of these bluebird houses and setting them up in the Forest area.



If you are interested in this project, call Ron at 525-7392. If you would like to try your hand at building a bluebird house yourself, plans are available on the internet at <http://www.coveside.biz/peterson-bluebird-house-plans.htm>



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IHHA 2012 Dues

As they have for many years, annual dues for the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association remain \$35. Your 2012 dues are now due. Please fill out the form below and mail it along with your check to Treasurer Wayne McMillan, Ivy Hill Homeowners Association, PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551.

Name(s)	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	

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

I hope you are all looking forward to spring as much as I am. Of course this winter (*so far, at least*), I haven't been staring out at acres of snow covered golf holes, but have been able to see golfers out on the course on most days. A very nice change from the past two winters.



As we head into the spring, I think you will notice some very good changes on the Ivy Hill Golf Course. First, if the weather even half-way cooperates, you should all see the fairways the greenest you have ever seen them. Mike Smith, the Course Superintendent, put down grass seed and fertilizer all over the course this past fall. There is a very solid stand of rye grass under the dormant Bermuda in our fairways, so once the soil temperature warms up just a little more, the fairways should be much greener than at any time since I have been here at Ivy. This improvement will be very visible just from driving by.

When you get on the course you should see other more subtle improvements. With Mike's hard work we have gotten rid of the renegade grasses that got in the greens in last summer's heat. The green surrounds will be improved from last year, and you should also see stronger turf conditions on the majority of the tees. We will be aerifying the greens in late March, but by mid-April the course should be in almost perfect shape.

So get your clubs out and come see us.

If you don't yet play but are thinking of taking up the game of golf, or play but want to improve your game, we will again be offering free golf clinics for both men and women this spring. The women's clinics will be on Monday evenings beginning April 16, and the men's on Tuesdays beginning the 17th. Again, these are free to everyone, even if you are not a member of the club, and we have all the equipment you will need. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity right here in your back yard. Of course I give private lessons too, but the free clinics are a great way to begin or to improve.

We hope you all have a great spring here in the Ivy Hill neighborhood. We hope you enjoy how beautiful the course will be looking once it warms up. And we hope to see you playing golf with us, either in the clinics, on the course, or joining us if you play and want to participate in all the member activities we have at Ivy Hill. If you have any questions, please call me or Ryan (our PGA 1st assistant) in the golf shop at 434-525-2680. See you soon.



E-Newsletters

If you would like to receive future Newsletters electronically, send your e-mail address to the editor, Lew Walton, at lwalton@jetbroadband.com. A downloadable version of this Newsletter and other recent Newsletters can also be found on the Ivy Hill website (ivyhill-forest.org).



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If you received this Newsletter via the US Mail, please check the mailing label for errors. Your name and address will appear exactly the same in the upcoming 2012 Ivy Hill Directory. Contact Barb Walton at bwalton@jetbroadband.com or 525-0459 with any corrections.

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