

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

July 2012



President's Message - Barb Walton

As I'm sure you are aware, it's been extremely hot recently. Thank you to everyone who helped out their neighbors and friends during the recent storm and power outage, I know that it was greatly appreciated! I am sorry to say that, as a result of the storm, the Bradford Pears at the Ivy Hill entrance need to be removed. Clean-up work is scheduled to start soon and will hit the IHHA account pretty hard. If you have not paid your IHHA Dues yet this year, please consider doing so at this time.

The housing market is picking up and a number of homes in our community have new owners. We wish to welcome you to our Ivy "family"! If you will either call or email me with your name(s), address and phone number I will see that our records are updated and pass your information along so that you can be properly greeted. I am also available if you have any questions.

On a sad note, Allen Harvey, the developer of the Ivy Hill communities, passed away last month. We wish to honor him for establishing this wonderful neighborhood that we all call home.

We wish you a summer of fun and adventure (no more power outages)! Hopefully, you'll find time to relax, use the lake and play some rounds of golf! Don't forget to check in at the Pro Shop for pool and golf information.

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Congratulations 2012 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.



Architectural Committee

The Ivy Hill Architectural Committee was recently reorganized. The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association formally took over responsibility for the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee in April. A call for volunteers was posted in the May Newsletter and all members of the previous Architectural Committee were invited to join the new Committee. The members of the new Committee are Rene Koch, Ellie Lohn, Roger Lohn, Ed Schwabe and Lew Walton. Rene Koch is the Chairman of the Committee. He can be reached at renekjr@msn.com or 525-2935.

The Architectural Committee reminds all residents that Article 5 of the Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions states "No building, fence, outside lighting, screen planting, or other improvement shall be erected, altered, or placed on any lot unless building plans, specifications, and site plans showing the location of such improvements have been submitted in advance in writing to and have been approved in advance in writing by the Architectural Committee..." So if you are considering any improvements to your home, do the right thing, and contact the Architectural Committee before you start construction.



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New Entrance Landscaping

Most of the landscaping surrounding the new sign at the main Ivy Hill entranceway has been completed. Be sure to check it out. We plan to add some spring bulbs at the appropriate time. See also the photo on Page 8 of this Newsletter.

Ivy Hill Ladies' Association - Beth Manns, President, bethmanns@gmail.com

On June 23, the ladies of Ivy Hill kicked off their summer with a gourmet dinner at the new Louise's Fine Dining Room in Forest. Chef Michelle Hamrick (also chef/owner of Gerald's in Wyndhurst) created a wonderful meal for 33 members and their guests.



Jo Wyatt and her committee of Marianne Simmons, Jean Gleitz, and Mary Williams deserve kudos for the job they did organizing the event. The tables looked beautiful with fresh floral arrangements. Several door prizes were donated by local businesses and distributed to the guests. The food was plentiful, delicious and truly gourmet as promised.



The evening was capped off with a musical performance by local professional musician Frank Coffey, who played several favorite numbers on the saxophone and the flute.

The IHLA has three more social events already planned for later this year. The first is our fourth annual Oktoberfest, planned in conjunction with the IHHA. This event will be at the Ivy Hill Pool Pavilion on October 27 at 5:00 p.m. We will again feature live music by local band Wild Card, a very popular addition made last year.

The second social event is our (also annual) election day coffee which will be held, you guessed it, on election day morning.

And finally, the Christmas party committee suggests you reserve the evening of Friday, December 7, for this social event at the Porterhouse Restaurant.

If all this sounds like fun and you would like more information about the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association, contact Beth Manns at 434-525-2738 or bethmanns@gmail.com.



Newsletter Ads

Would your business be interested in advertising in the IHHA Newsletter? Ads are only \$25 per issue and reach more than 600 Ivy Hill households. If so, contact Barb Walton at bwalton@jetbroadband.com or 525-0459.

FVFD Open House

The Forest Volunteer Fire Department held an open house on Saturday, May 5th at the new Forest Fire House on Thomas Jefferson Road (Route 811). The truck bays in the south wing of the new fire house are finished and in use; the Fire Department relocated all their vehicles from the old "downtown" fire station at the beginning of the year. (The new owner plans to site a micro-brewery in the former fire house.) However, the main two-story administrative heart of the new fire house is currently an empty shell. We were shown markings on the main floor where the walls will be and where various functions will be performed. The upper floor plans tentatively include provisions for sleeping quarters for night-shift personnel should that become necessary in the future as the community grows.

An estimated \$200,000 is required to finish the new Forest Fire House, which the FVFD must raise through donations from the community. If you would like to help support this critical community service, contact Bob Bashore at 525-0889.



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Forest Farmers Market

Attendance at the Forest Farmer's Market has seemed to grow almost every week in the two months since it opened for the season. More and more vendors are participating offering a wider selection of foods and crafts; some from as far away as the western side of Bedford county and even a few from the surrounding counties. The word is spreading and as a result more and more area residents are turning out each Saturday morning to stroll along the pavilions buying home baked breads and pastries; fresh vegetables and fruits; meats and eggs raised on local farms; jams, jellies & honey; bedding plants; and unique quality crafts.

The Market will be held every Saturday through October 27th in the parking lot behind the Forest branch of the Bedford Public Library. In addition, two holiday Markets will be held this year; a Thanksgiving Market on Saturday, November 17th and a Christmas Market on Saturday, December 22nd. Contact the Market at Forestfarmersmaket221@gmail.com .



Allen Harvey

We note with sadness the passing of Allen Harvey who died on Wednesday, June 20th after a long battle with cancer. Mr. Harvey founded Ivy Hill and was instrumental in the early development of both Ivy Hill subdivision and Ivy Hill Golf Course; built Ivy Lake; started Ivy Hill Realty; and with the help of his extended family and various business partners created many of the special neighborhoods in the Ivy Hill community.

His funeral at Fort Hill Memorial Park was attended by hundreds of relatives, friends, neighbors, and local dignitaries. It featured a military salute performed by the VFW and a flyover by five of his Silent Aviator buddies; fitting tribute to this World War II era bomber pilot who loved to fly and kept a plane at Ivy Hill airfield for many years.



Ivy Hill History

This old gazebo formerly stood on the north shore of the pond on the sixteenth hole to the right of the serpentine bridge. It's full history is unknown. It predated the construction of the golf course and the flooding of the pond by many years. It once overlooked a swimming pool that was subsequently filled in and is now at the bottom of the present water hazard.



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.

Ivy Hill Website

Several neighborhood homeowners associations have not yet provided input for the Ivy Hill website. If you are an officer of a neighborhood homeowners association in Ivy Hill, please visit the website at ivyhill-forest.org and check out how your neighborhood is presented. Then contact the webmaster, Lew Walton, at lwalton@jetbroadband.com or 525-0459 to talk about how you want to add to or upgrade your webpage. The Website Committee will work with you to add content so that your special neighborhood is portrayed the way you want it to be. The Ivy Hill website is frequently visited by realtors and people looking to relocate to central Virginia. Sales of existing homes are on the rebound. This is a great way to tell future neighbors why they should consider buying a home in your neighborhood.

IHHA Dues

As they have for many years, annual dues for the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association remain \$35. Your 2012 dues are now past due. If you have not already joined for the year, please complete the form below, enclose it with your check payable to "IHHA" and mail it to Ivy Hill Homeowners Association, PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551. Thank you for supporting your association.

Name(s)	
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June 19th Windstorm

On the evening of June 29th a derecho "straight line" windstorm hit Ivy Hill about an hour after dark with strong winds that were variously reported to be 55 to 75 miles per hour. The windstorm was part of a powerful line of thunderstorms that did extensive damage and knocked out power over a broad area that included West Virginia and Tennessee in addition to Virginia. Damage in the Ivy Hill neighborhoods included downed trees, torn roofing, broken gutters, smashed windows, and overturned outdoor furniture on existing home sites and framing blown down on one house that



was under construction. Three of the remaining seven Bradford Pear trees on the "island" at the main Ivy Hill entrance were totally destroyed and one was badly damaged.

The power was out in Ivy Hill from late Friday evening until early the following Tuesday evening. Residents pitched in to clear downed trees and debris off the streets. Neighbors with generators helped neighbors without power when they could by recharging cell phones, refrigerating medicines, and making ice.

Canoe for Sale

15' Coleman fiberglass canoe for sale. Rated for 3 people. 570 lbs. Excellent condition. Comes with 3 paddles, 3 adult and 4 children life vests, adult back support and automobile rack pads. \$350 firm. Call Bruce or Margaret Deist at 534-9675.

Recycling

We're fortunate to have one of the premier recycling centers in central Virginia right here in Forest. All Ivy Hill residents are urged to recycle their newspapers, cans, bottles, cardboard, plastic containers and other recyclable items. It's convenient and the right thing to do. The Forest recycling center is located on the south side of Highway 221 just past Ayler's Country Store as you head east from Forest towards Lynchburg. The recycling center is open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, seven days a week (and it's free to Bedford County residents).

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