

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

February 2013



President's Message - Barb Walton

On February 21st at 7:00 PM we will hold our annual Ivy Hill Homeowners Association meeting at Mt. View United Methodist Church. This meeting is usually brief, we present the status of the IHHA, review the past year, and elect Board members for the coming year. Please plan to attend! However, if you are unable to do so, you will find a "ballot" in this newsletter so that you can vote in absentia.

This is my last newsletter as President and I would like to thank the Board members that served with me. I appreciate all your hard work. Wayne you kept the financial records in perfect order and dealt with the bulk mailings, we will miss you. Roger has been instrumental in making sure that our property is insured, working with APCO on the lighting and (with his wife Ellie) planning our landscaping. Rene has taken the helm on the Architectural Board. Ed had to take a little bit of a sabbatical, but he's going to pay dearly for it now! Tom, our newest member, helped plan and execute our Christmas decorations and was a superb Oktoberfest Brat Chef! Beth Manns is our Honorary Board Member, and also President of the Ivy Hill Ladies Association, she's a great contributor at our meetings and pitches in with whatever we are doing. Beth is the person who puts out the flags at the entranceways on official holidays. She also is instrumental in our Oktoberfest event, which we hold jointly with the IHLA, she puts together a team of IHLA ladies who cook and serve, decorate and clean up. Beth also helps with the purchasing of supplies and she organizes the entertainment! Lew, I've left for last... he's been my right hand, and sometimes my left too. He keeps the IHHA Minutes, writes this newsletter (no, not this column), helped develop our web site (with Bill Hite), put the directory together, handles the mailing list, takes phone calls, and sends out the lost pet emails - i.e. he's always there to help, but then they all are. Everyone helped with Oktoberfest... which is why it's such a great neighborhood event!

Besides the Board there are many residents who pitch in and make this a wonderful place to live. Everyone who joins the IHHA makes a difference in our neighborhood. The grass gets mowed, the bushes trimmed, flowers planted, signs painted, storm damage cleaned up, entrances lit... the neighborhood is maintained and not allowed to run down. For \$35.00 a year that's a mighty good bargain! Last year's membership was an all-time high. Please take the time to write a check for \$35.00 for this year's dues and mail it to the IHHA at PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551.

I hope to see you at the meeting!



Ivy Hill History

This old photo shows golfers relaxing after their round in the snack bar in the clubhouse not long after Ivy Hill Golf Club first opened. Note the "open concept" bar and the prominent "product placement" Pepsi logos scattered about the decor. (However, one suspects that the happy group in the foreground was drinking one of Anheuser-Busch's fine products rather than Pepsi.)

Ivy Hill was still a working cattle farm for a number of years after the golf course was put in. The grass in the rough was allowed to grow up two feet high or more and then was periodically harvested to feed the cattle. This put a real premium on straight drives and lost balls were often the result if your shot went even slightly off line. One golfer remembers playing in a company tournament at Ivy Hill in 1974 or 1975. He lost two sleeves of balls, shot an 87, and came in second scratch. The winner shot an 84! The course had an intimidating reputation back then. Local

golfers had a saying, "It takes a lot of balls to play Ivy Hill."

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 Ladies Association

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association celebrated the Christmas season with a party held at the Porter House Restaurant. More than 50 people gathered for conversation, drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres on December 7. Thanks go to Carolyn Bosiger, Margie Miller and Marcy Shilling for organizing this event.

Our next gathering will be the semi-annual members' meeting and luncheon, traditionally held the first week of April. It's a little business, followed by a lot of good food. If you are interested in helping with this event, let one of our board members know.

We are also starting to organize for next year, which begins October 1, 2013. We need just a few ladies with a little time to keep our group organized. Again, let one of our board members know if you are interested in serving on the board.

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Donations Needed for Firehouse

The new Forest Volunteer Fire Department firehouse on Rt. 811 is beautiful from the outside but half of it is unusable because the FVFD lacks the funds to finish the interior. If you would like to help support this critical community service, contact Bob Bashore at 525-0889.

Entrance Improvements

By now, you've surely noticed the new light on the "island" at the main Ivy Hill entrance. While the original five lights installed earlier in 2012 greatly improved night driving along the entrance and exit lanes, it was felt that the area near the gazebo was still too dark, especially on the exit road side of the island. So we contracted with APCO to install a sixth light pole on that side nearer the gazebo in line with the other poles. That work was completed late in the year just in time to light up the long December nights. The grass that was disturbed in the process of installing the underground cables will be reseeded in the spring when the weather warms up.

You've probably also noted the new lane striping on the pavement as you turn down the hill onto Quail Ridge Drive and the improved sight-lines achieved by pruning back the trees next to the electrical transformer at the corner. There were several incidents last year of incoming drivers cutting the corner and almost running into outgoing drivers coming up the hill. Hopefully, these changes will prevent a bad accident.

Also, depending on the weather over the next few weeks, you should soon see the results of another entranceway landscaping improvement. Hundreds of daffodils bulbs were planted last fall around the Ivy Hill sign and gazebo. They are early-blooming varieties. So, very soon now they should be blooming and bringing a splash of early-season color to the entranceway.

IHHA 2013 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association will be held on Thursday evening, February 21st at Mountain View Methodist Church in Forest. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and is expected to be brief. The agenda for the meeting follows:

Agenda
Call to Order
Welcome
Approval of Minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Review of Past Year
Election of Directors
Adjourn

Immediately following the IHHA meeting, Beth Wortman (115 Haines Point Terrace) will lead a meeting of lake front property owners to address the current Ivy Lake dam issue. (Note that we only have the meeting room through 9:00 pm.)

New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Michael & Janet Caldwell - 105 Lake Ridge Drive
- Richard & Rebecca Dufour - 1423 Lakepointe Drive

IHHA 2013 Board & Officer Candidates

If you are a member of the IHHA, but are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on February 21st, you can cast an absentee ballot electronically or by mail. To vote electronically, simply fill out the form below, scan it, and e-mail it to the IHHA Secretary Lew Walton at lwalton@jetbroadband.com. (If you don't have a scanner, simply send him an e-mail listing your preferences, and he'll fill out the form for you.) To vote by mail, fill out the form below and mail it to Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association at P.O. Box 353, Forest, VA 24551. Absentee ballots must be received by February 19th. The Secretary will tally the absentee votes and report the results at the Annual Meeting.

IVY HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ABSENTEE BALLOT 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Board of Directors

President - Ed Schwabe
Vice President - Roger Lohn
Secretary - Lew Walton
Treasurer - Bob Harvey
Past President - Barb Walton
Director - Tom Haertel
Director - Rene Koch

To vote FOR all of the candidates above, check here: _____

To WITHHOLD your vote for any candidate, cross out their name in the list above.

Write-in: _____

Member's Signature: _____

You must be an IHHA member to vote.

Lost Dog Found

On January 22nd, Timothy Thomas who lives at 300 Quail Meadows Drive lost his dog Chloe. He contacted the IHHA and we put out an e-mail alert to over 200 residents. However hope faded over the next several days as no one spotted the dog and the weather turned bitterly cold. Bobbie Russell of 246 Shaker Lane received one of the e-mails and passed the information along to Donna Schlapman at 504 Fairview Ct. Chloe had been eating Donna's cat food that she puts out for strays and living in the crawl space under her condo. So on January 28th dog and owner were happily reunited! In a follow-up e-mail Timothy said, "I'm attaching a picture of my hero and angel Donna with my dog Chloe. Thanks to you and Ivy Hill Homeowners awareness, I got my dog back."



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.

Entrance Holiday Decorations

Well it was a close three-way contest, but the judges' votes are in and the winner of the first-ever Ivy Hill entranceway holiday decorating contest is Lakepointe! The judges felt that their display with its combination of greenery, bows, and bulbs for daytime beauty and lights for nighttime bling, provided the best all-around salute to the season. Congratulations to Debbie Farrago and Margie Miller.

The winning Lakepoint team wants to extend a special thank you to Gill Cobb. He was kind enough to let them use his electricity to light their holiday display free of charge. He even came by and offered the use of extension cords and his help. What a great neighbor!

The first runner up in the Ivy Hill entranceway holiday decorating contest was the Ivy Hill main entrance Christmas display with the beautiful Frasier Fir (purchased from the Forest Lions Club tree lot on Highway 221) and the massive light display in the gazebo. The ever-changing pattern of colorful lights sure lit up the long dark winter evenings during December. Congratulations to the Ivy Hill team of Tom Haertel and Lew Walton.

The second runner up in the Ivy Hill entranceway holiday decorating contest was Ivy West. The cheerful greenery and bright red ribbon couldn't be missed by anyone driving north on Perrowville Road. Congratulations to the Ivy West team of Darla Owens and Ann & Butch Cook.

Several of this year's teams say they are already strategizing how they were going to improve their displays next year! Game on!!

How about Ivy Lake? Haines Point? Are you going to let them up-stage your community without a fight again??

Forest Library Book Sale

The Forest Library will be holding its annual book sale on April 20, 2013 at the library. The doors will open at 8:00 am! In addition to the books, there will be DVD's, CD's, children's books and more.

In the interim, should you have any book donations, box them up and drop them off at the library's front desk.

Not a member of the Friends of the Forest Library? Ask the librarian at the front desk and they will be only too happy to provide you with a membership application.



First Place - Lakepointe!



First Runner Up - Ivy Hill Main Entrance



Second Runner Up - Ivy West

2013-2015 Ivy Hill Directory

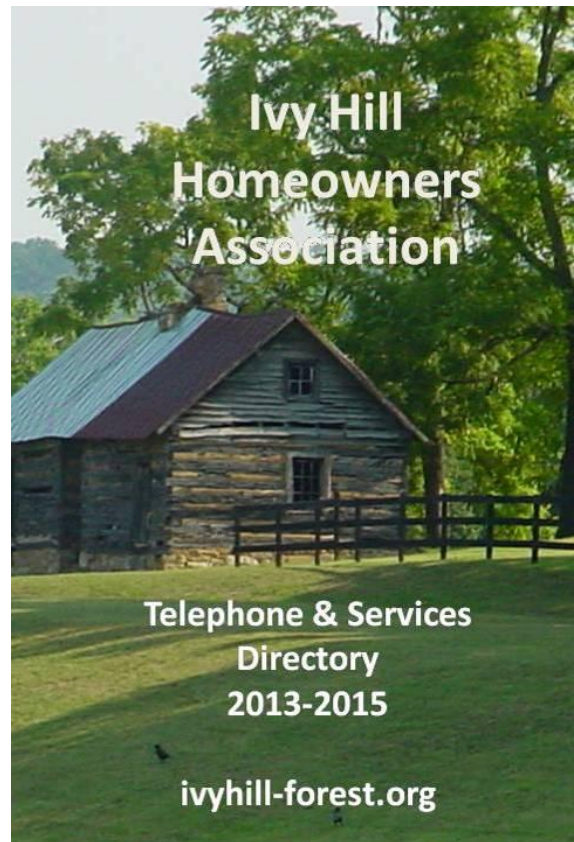
The 2013-2015 Ivy Hill Directory is now available!

More than a hundred new listings appear in the 2013-2015 Directory reflecting both changes in home ownership and the continued growth of the Ivy Hill community since the last Directory was published. In addition, this edition includes several first-time features including:

- Full color front and back covers.
- The two page "centerfold" map has been replaced with a four-page "tiled" map offering greater detail while maintaining the same convenient "book" format.
- An expanded services section.
- Links to the Ivy Hill website ivyhill-forest.org.

The 2013-2015 Directory also includes the following regular features:

- List of IHHA Officers & Board of Directors
- List of IHLA Officers
- Alphabetical Listing of Ivy Hill Residents
- Street Listing of Ivy Hill Residents



Directories are free to all Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and Ivy Hill Ladies Association members. Members can pay their dues and pick up their Directory at the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association annual meeting on February 21st, the April meeting of the Ivy Hill Ladies Association, or by dropping by Barb Walton's house (102 Lake Ridge Drive) on the following days:

Sunday, February 24, 12 noon - 4:00 pm
Sunday, March 3, 12 noon - 4:00 pm
Sunday, April 14, 12 noon - 4:00 pm

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Due to cost considerations, this printing was limited to just the number needed to provide one copy to all current members of the IHHA or IHLA plus projected new members expected to join during the three year period. If you want a Directory, your best bet is to join! Otherwise, you can contact Barb Walton to have your name put on a waiting list. If there are more surplus Directories than anticipated, a few may be sold at a later date. (Members wishing to purchase a second copy can also put their name on the list.)

Vandalism

There have been some unwanted visitors recently in the area around the Ivy Hill realty office and clubhouse. Late at night, people have been seen either on or near patios of some homes. Another resident reported the theft of gasoline from a pickup parked outside. Residents are urged to report all such incidents to the Bedford County Sheriff's office as soon as possible so they can look for patterns

and hopeful catch the perpetrators. Use the non-emergency number 586-7827 unless you see a theft in progress, in which case dial 911.

Our neighborhood has been relatively free of vandalism. A vigilant community can keep it so.

One of our thoughts in adding the entrance way lights was to deter night-time vandalism. We are also investigating adding security cameras at strategic locations around the community. More on that at a later date if we decide to go ahead.

Farmer's Markets

The indoor Farmers Winter Market that was held on Saturday morning, February 9th at the Forest Recreation Center was well attended both by vendors and shoppers. In addition to farm-fresh meats, eggs, winter vegetables, baked goods, jellies, and fudge there was also a broad range of have local handmade crafts including jewelry, pottery, bird houses (hand crafted by Ivy West resident Ron Flicker), knit scarves, and some really cool solid cedar log benches.

Additional Farmers Winter Markets will be held on March 9th and April 13th from 8:00 am to noon. They will also be held indoors at the Forest Recreation Center building in beautiful downtown Forest. From the corner of Rt. 221 and Rt. 811, drive south on Rt. 811 0.3 miles. Make a left on Rustic Village Road. Drive 0.1 miles. The parking lot entrance is on your left. A wide selection of wonderful vendors is expected to participate.

Outdoor Farmer's Markets will resume on the last Saturday in April (April 27th) in the field behind the Forest Library parking lot. The times will be the same as last year; 8:00 am to noon.



2013 Membership Dues

Ivy Hill Homeowners Association dues are \$35/year. If you are new to Ivy Hill or have not joined for 2012, 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.

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