

# Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

August 2013



## IHHA President's Message - Ed Schwabe

Summer is a wonderful time to get outdoors and enjoy all of the beauty that is all around us here in Virginia. If you haven't done so already go out and hike, bike, fish in Ivy Lake and of course go swimming. I wish all of you a safe and pleasure filled summer season.

On behalf of the entire Board of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association we congratulate all of the 2013 graduates and wish them all every success in the future.

Oktoberfest in Ivy Hill is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ivy Hill golf course pavilion. As in the past we have scheduled great food, refreshments and entertainment. So mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you on the 19<sup>th</sup> for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon!

Not a member of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association? The annual fee is still \$35.00 and I encourage you to return the form that you will find in this newsletter with your payment. Mail your payment and the form to; Ivy Hill Homeowners Association, PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551.

On behalf of the Board and myself I would like to thank you for your past support. Should you have any articles, or issues that you would like to see in the newsletter please let us know. We will do our best to include it in the next issue!

## **Ivy Hill Ladies Association - Beth Manns, President**

The women of Ivy Hill are planning an end-of-the-summer family cookout. Save the date now for Sunday, August 25, at 5:00 p.m. The location is the Ivy Hill Pool Pavilion. More details will follow.

Our association's interest groups also have been active all summer, getting together to eat lunch out, play bridge, discuss books, and knit.

Get to know your neighbors better by joining us! Just call or email Beth Manns at 525-2738 or [bethmanns@gmail.com](mailto:bethmanns@gmail.com) to get more information.

## **Oktoberfest**

Mark Saturday, October 19th on your calendar! On that day the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies Association will once again team up to host Oktoberfest. Come to the Ivy Hill pool pavilion between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm for food, fun, live entertainment, and beer.

As usual, the menu will include bratwurst, hot dogs, sauerkraut, red cabbage, German potato salad, and a desert. A new addition this year will be craft beers brewed by the Apocalypse Ale Works microbrewery right here in Forest Virginia. If you haven't had a chance to try their beers yet, you are in for a real treat! Lemonade and ice tea will also be available.

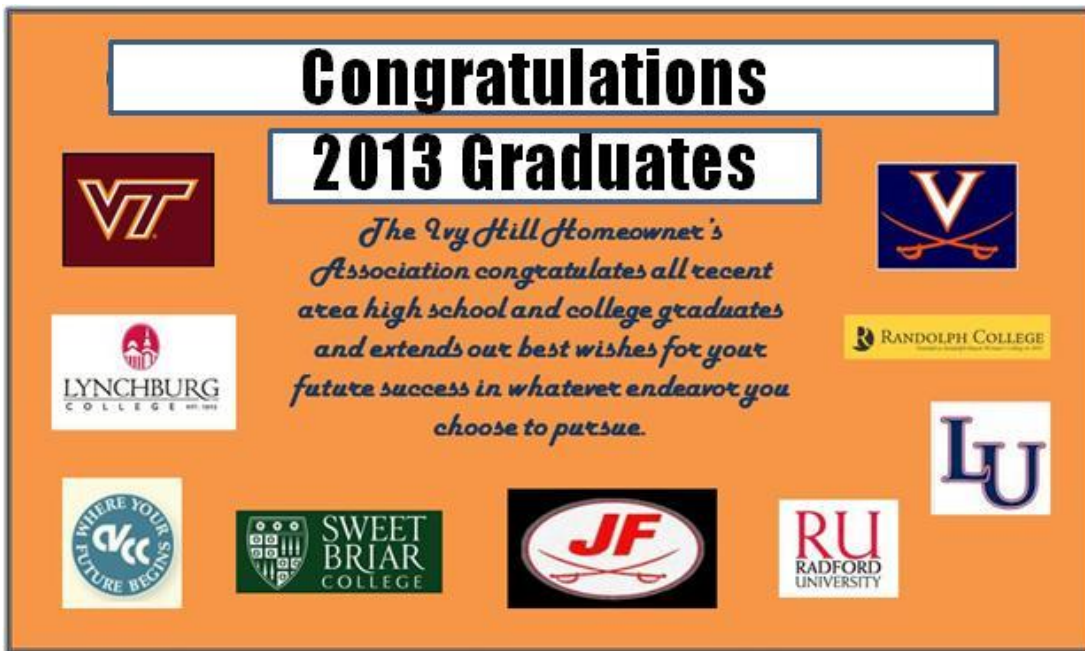
Banners will be posted at the entranceways a week before the event. Additional information will be posted on the Ivy Hill website ([ivyhill-forest.org](http://ivyhill-forest.org)) as the date approaches.

This event is free for all Ivy Hill residents. Non-residents can join the fun for \$10 a head.

## **Jenny Reynolds & Cherry Hill**

This year, the live entertainment at Oktoberfest will be provided by local band Jenny Reynolds & Cherry Hill. Jenny Reynolds & Cherry Hill was formed in 2011 with musicians from Lynchburg area bands Volume 3 and the Paddy Dougherty Band. In a very short time, Jenny Reynolds & Cherry Hill has evolved into a powerful unit featuring the incredible vocals of Jenny Reynolds and the songwriting and musical talents of Tommy Cox, Tim Echols, Eric Hollandsworth, Daniel Kepel-Young and William Newman. Their unique acoustic approach to covers and original songs keeps audiences wanting more. Their self-titled debut album of all original music was released in September 2012.





**Ivy Lake Status - Fred Sloan**

The shorefront property owners--that group of the greater Ivy Hill community targeted by LU for payment of 50% of the spillway modification cost--met on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The results of a survey exclusively of Ivy Lake shorefront property owners were discussed. While everyone is willing to work towards preservation of the lake, the majority of respondents believe that LU, as owner of the dam, is responsible for the costs. Six representatives were elected--John Butler, Marty Giudice, Anne Klokow, Gary Reynolds, Dave Roberson, and Fred Sloan--to provide a focus group to coordinate further discussion and meetings. Members of this group have held several committee meetings and also had a meeting with representatives from LU. While no solution was generated, each party came away from that meeting with a better understanding of the other side's position.

Since that meeting, LU has communicated to the DCR its intention not to comply with the new regulations and has become more adamant in its opposition to the need for any spillway modification. We concur with their assessment that the hypothesized calamitous precipitation in such a defined area is highly unlikely. We also believe that the DCR's regulations are over-reaching and do not take the history of the dam's safety into account or provide a cost-benefit analysis for mandated repairs.

Although not a solution to the current problem, the committee believes that the creation of a Watershed Improvement District might solve future issues of lake maintenance and governance. This would require acceptance and commitment by a much larger pool of property owners; not just shorefront owners.

We are hoping that the DCR and state legislators will re-examine the regulations, review the improbable precipitation scenario, note the safe operating history of Ivy Lake dam, and come to their senses. In the meantime, LU has committed to continuing to maintain the dam under the prior rules and regulations.

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## Ivy Hill History

The documented history of the land that became Ivy Hill begins in the late colonial period when Reverend Charles Clay purchased a tract of land adjacent to Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. However, Native Americans hunted this land for thousands of years before the Europeans settled here. The tribe most associated with this area today, the Siouan-speaking Monacans, were actually later arrivals. Their oral traditions suggest that they conquered this territory from an Algonquian-speaking tribe, variously identified as the Tacci or Doeg. This conquest occurred about 400 years before Europeans arrived in Virginia. The Monacans, Tacci, and Doeg tribes are all classified by archeologists as part of the "modern" Woodland Indian culture. This culture persisted in Virginia and elsewhere along the east coast of North America from about 1200 BC to 1600 AD. Woodland peoples had a sophisticated tribal culture. They built permanent villages, farmed, made beautiful pottery, and lived a relatively sedentary existence. No remains of Woodland culture settlements have ever been found in Ivy Hill. However, the residents of their known Central Virginia settlements undoubtedly hunted this land.

The era before the Woodland culture is called the Archaic period. It lasted from about 8000 BC to 1200 BC. Archaic peoples lived a less settled existence. They were more nomadic than the peoples of the Woodland culture. Consequently, they did very little farming. They relied primarily on hunting, fishing, and gathering to feed their families.



Projectile points (arrowheads and spearheads), knives, scrapers, and other stone tools from both the Archaic period and the later Woodland culture abound in Virginia. Three such artifacts, including this badly damaged specimen, were recovered over a several year period while tilling a large multi-family garden behind the 15th green. The point broke off in modern times during handling. The presumed tail behind the notches either broke off in ancient times or was broken off by the blades of the tiller. It was never found. The stone appears identical to rocks found in the same garden. So it was probably made locally. A similar intact specimen was dated at approximately 6000 BC.

The most ancient Native American culture in North America is the Paleoindian culture. It dates from roughly 15000 BC to 8000 BC. The famous Clovis spear points were made by these people. They were completely nomadic. They didn't build permanent settlements. Instead, they relied entirely on hunting, fishing, and gathering for their existence. Clovis points have been found in Virginia, but none in Ivy Hill so far.

## New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Jerry Smith - 310 Quail Meadows Drive
- Adam & Bridget Houlihan - 1913 Eastway Lane
- Doug & Ashley Schemeler - 244 Shaker Lane

If you know of a new resident in Ivy Hill, or a house that has changed hands recently, please contact Lew Walton (lwalton@jetbroadband.com or 525-0459) so we can update our database and make sure new neighbors are greeted.



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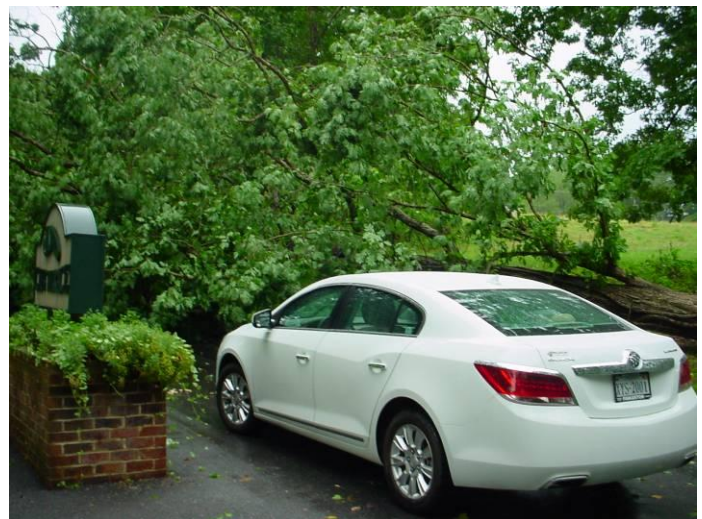
**Hours**  
 Mon-Fri 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sat 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM  
 Saturday 11:30 AM – 9:00 PM

**Directory Pick-up**

Attention all Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and Ivy Hill Ladies Association members. If you are an IHHA or IHLA member and have not yet picked up your 2013-2015 Telephone & Services Directory, please call Barb or Lew Walton at 525-0459 and arrange a pick-up time. There were only a limited number of these neighborhood directories printed and we want every IHHA member and IHLA who wants one to have one. This is your final chance. Any Directories left over by the end of the year will be sold to anyone in the neighborhood who wants one (or any member who wants a second copy).

**Storm Damage**

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, a brief but powerful thunderstorm blew up rather unexpectedly in the middle of the afternoon. The accompanying winds brought down trees and large branches all over the neighborhood, including this huge tree. It fell across the roadway just above the Club Terrace entrance sign, completely blocked the route in and out of those townhouses for a while that evening. Power was also knocked out all over Ivy Hill for several hours. However, we generally fared much better here in the neighborhood than the folks did in some other parts of Bedford County. The property damage was more severe elsewhere and in several of the surrounding areas the power remained out for days.



**Annual Meeting Changes Under Consideration**

Article II, Section 4 of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association By-Laws, as amended on September 17, 2009 reads in part, "Subsequent regular annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days after the close of the Corporation's fiscal year on a date and time set by the Board of Directors." Since the IHHA's fiscal year corresponds to the calendar year, the annual meeting is usually held in February. As specified elsewhere in the By-Laws, the main functions of this meeting are for the Board to present to the membership the annual financial report and for the membership to elect the Directors for the new year.

However, other than the 2013 annual meeting where the rapidly-evolving Ivy Lake dam situation drew over 100 members, attendance at the annual meetings has dwindled over recent years to almost nothing. For example, only 13 non-Board members showed up for the annual meeting in February 2012. This has required the Board to employ proxy voting via e-mail and snail mail to assure a quorum to conduct business.

Several members have told us that they feel that they get enough information about the Association's activities via the quarterly Newsletter and so do not feel the need to attend the annual meeting. They suggest that the annual meeting be done away with, that the annual financial report be simply attached to the first Newsletter of the year or be posted on the Website, and that the new Board be elected via e-mail and snail mail.

How do you feel about such a change? Do you feel that the Newsletter keeps you adequately informed about the IHHA's activities? Would an all-mail/e-mail voting system work for you? Would you rather see the money spent on annual meetings be directed instead towards the Association's main mission of preserving and enhancing the neighborhood? Most importantly, would you vote for such a change in the By-Laws? **Contact the editor at [lwalton@jetbroadband.com](mailto:lwalton@jetbroadband.com) or any Board member and let us know what you think.**

We don't want to initiate the amendment process unless we have positive feedback indicating overwhelming support for such a change.

Note that no change is contemplated to Article II, Section 5 of the By-Laws that allows a Special Meeting of the corporation to be called at any time "by resolution of a majority of the Board of Directors or upon a petition signed by Members representing at least ten percent (10%) of the total votes of the corporation". So we could still have a mass meeting if a hot topic occurs to warrant it.

**2013 Dues**

*Ivy Hill Homeowners Association dues are \$35/year. If you are new to Ivy Hill or have not yet joined for 2013, 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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## Drowning in Ivy Lake

It was reported about 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> that a man was drowning at Ivy Lake. Police, fire, and rescue personnel from the surrounding area turned out in force.



Rescue boats were launched. However, the victim could not be located. Hope faded rapidly as the afternoon wore on. The rescue effort morphed into a recovery effort.



Divers began to search the lake bottom. A body was finally recovered around 5:00 pm.

As this Newsletter went to print, the victim's name had not yet been released. Authorities had only identified him as a Hispanic male.

We extend our condolences to his family and friends. We are so sorry for your loss.



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