

# Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

November 2013



## IHHA President's Message - Ed Schwabe

Fall has arrived in its entire splendor and the leaves in our area are expected to peak in the next week or so. If you have a chance take a ride on the Blue Ridge parkway and enjoy this once a year event, you won't be disappointed!

Oktoberfest 2013 was a rousing success so say the approximately 127 attendees at this year's party. Make sure that you read Lew's article about Oktoberfest in this letter. The accompanying photographs are courtesy of Lew Walton and Roger Lohn, thanks to the both of them for a great job. In addition, I would like to personally thank all of the members of the Ivy Hill Ladies Association the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association for all of the time and effort they expended to make Oktoberfest the success that it was.

Let's all think 25 mile per hour in and around our community! Some folks have contacted me to say that while they were walking or with their pets that some vehicles that came by were speeding and some even had to step off the road to avoid the cars / trucks. Also, please keep in mind the people that are pushing strollers or pulling small wagons with their children; they cannot maneuver in the same way that someone who is just walking on the road. So please, think 25 MPH.

Not a member of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association? The annual fee remains at \$35.00 and I encourage you to return the form that you will find in this newsletter with your payment. Thank you!

## Ivy Hill Ladies Association - Beth Manns, President

Whether you are a new resident or “old” hand, we welcome you to the Ivy Hill Community! The Ivy Hill Ladies’ Association (IHLA) wants to help you become better acquainted with your neighborhood and your neighbors.

The IHLA was founded more than 30 years ago to cultivate the social interests of the Ivy Hill community. Membership is open to all women residing in any of the Ivy Hill neighborhoods: Ivy Hill, Ivy Woods, Ivy West, Ivy Hill condominiums, Equestrian Ridge, Lakepointe, Ivy Lake, and Haines Point.

We meet twice per year, in October and April, and the annual dues are only \$30.00. In addition, we host several parties throughout the year. Some of our events are for members only, and some include spouses/dates and families. In the fall, we plan a neighborhood-wide Oktoberfest in conjunction with the Ivy Hill Homeowners’ Association.

The IHLA also sponsors interest groups. There is a book club, bridge group, a knitting group, and ladies who meet for lunch and to attend plays and take day trips. We are always open to new ideas.

If you are interested in joining us, mail the form below to Margaret Deist, 316 Quail Ridge Dr., with a check for \$30 payable to IHLA. We look forward to getting to know you!

Questions? Call Debbie Farrago, 525-0175, or Lisa Rubilar, 525-1034.

Name_____	Phone_____
Address_____	
Birthday (Mo/Day)_____	Spouse’s name _____
email_____	

## Entrance Decorating Contest

It’s not too early to start thinking about decorating the neighborhood entrances for the holidays. Last year Debbie Farrago and Margie Miller’s Lakepointe team won the IHHA entrance decorating contest closely followed by the Ivy Hill main entrance team (Tom Haertel and Lew Walton), and the Ivy West team (Darla Owens and Ann & Butch Cook). Who will have the best decorations this year?

Talk to your neighbors, put together a team, and come up with a plan for decorating your neighborhood entrance. Then any time after Thanksgiving put your plan in action and decorate your entrance. Judging will be sometime during Christmas week. Plan on taking your decorations down the weekend after New Years.

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## Oktoberfest



Oktoberfest continues to grow in popularity every year. The 2013 edition of Oktoberfest once again filled the Ivy Hill pavilion to overflowing on Saturday evening October 19th.

As usual, the big hit of the evening was the live entertainment, which was provided this year by the local band Jenny Reynolds & Cherry Hill. Jenny Reynolds sang covers and original songs with her wonderful voice while Tommy Cox and William Newman sang backup and provided the acoustic accompaniment. They are talented musicians and put on a great show.

A close second for the big hit of the evening was the selection of three craft beers brewed by the Apocalypse Ale Works microbrewery right here in Forest Virginia; Golden Censor, Hopocalypse, and Glorious Dead.

The food included the traditional brats and dogs, a delicious hot German potato salad (a creation of Chef Tim at the Forest Krogers), kraut, pickled red cabbage, peanut-stuffed pretzels, tossed green salad, and three great German-themed cakes (from Lorraine Bakers, 1219 Main Street, in Lynchburg); blueberry, almond, and apple.

The Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies Association co-hosted the event again this year with the IHHA providing the overall organization and funding while the IHLA took the lead on decorations, food preparation and food serving. Thank you to Beth Manns and Barb Walton for your leadership; thank you to the IHLA committee that decorated the pavilion so beautifully; thank you to the IHLA ladies who ran the sign-in table, prepared the kraut and served the food; thank you to Roger Lohn, Rene Koch, and Lew Walton for cooking the brats and dogs; thank you to Ed Schwabe for putting up the banners and taking them down after the event; thank you also to Ed Schwabe for getting the straw bales and mums; thank you to Tom Haertel for helping with the set up and clean up; thank you to Bob Harvey for arranging the entertainment; and thank you to Bill Allman and the Ivy Hill Golf Club for the drinks and the use of the pavilion.




## Ivy Hill History

This old ad ran in the local newspapers in the late 1980s when the Ivy Hill development was rapidly expanding. Ivy Lake had just been built and the dock by the dam was new. The empty land visible in the background is where Cedarberry Lane and Ivy Point Court are now located.

The Ivy Lake office that is referred to in the ad was a house trailer that was parked for many years just to the left of the boat ramp at the back of what is now the main lake access parking area. The boat ramp existed almost from the beginning of the lake and there was a small gazebo down by the dock. However, almost all of the other improvements that you see now, including the beach and boat house, were built much later after Liberty University acquired Ivy Lake.

The two couples pictured in the ad were not professional models brought in for the publicity photo; they were actual Ivy Hill residents. The couple in the background were Ken and Thelma Whittaker. The couple in the foreground were Al and Jackie Giesselman. They were among the earliest residents of Ivy Hill. Sadly, Ken and Al have since passed away. However Thelma and Jackie are still alive and kicking. Thelma has relocated out of state. Jackie has retired to the Summit.



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Located in the heartland of historic Virginia, Ivy Hill is 6 miles west of Lynchburg in beautiful Bedford County, off highway 221 on state route 663 (St. Stephens Church Road). Our agent will be on duty at the Ivy Lake office from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. today.

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## New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

Jeremiah Candler - 101 Trading Block Lane  
Thomas & Cereace Creasy - 110 Millstone Terrace  
Mark Joseph & Ramona Myers - 207 Lake Ridge Drive  
Michael & Judith Reel - 1074 Lake Meadow Lane  
Sergio Vazquez - 100 Sailview Drive  
Tracy Douthat Misjuns - 605 Fairwinds Court  
John & Bobbie Pearson - 310 Quail Ridge Drive

Scott & Cereace Creasey - 110 Millstone Terrace  
Adam & Lindsay Newman - 412 Quail Hollow Drive  
David & Stephanie Pritchard - 125 Sailview Drive  
David & Lisa Baggett - 111 Lake Ridge Drive  
Benjamin Abraham & Brittany Moore - 106 Ivy West Court  
Michael & Amy Amendola - 110 Hitching Post 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.

## FVFD Open House

The Forest Volunteer Fire Department's open house at the new fire station on Thomas Jefferson Road on Saturday, October 12th was well attended despite the gloomy weather. The FVFD held the open house to celebrate with the community the completion of the exterior of the station. A special dedication was held at noon on the flag pole plaza which incorporates engraved bricks honoring numerous area residents who have contributed to the construction of the fire station. There were tours of the station, fire prevention demonstrations, and vendors selling lots of great items.



While the exterior of the fire house is now complete, only the truck bays are operational in the interior of the building at this time. The entire right end of the building is a two-story hollow shell. It is planned that the first floor will eventually house the FVFD offices and community meeting rooms. The firefighter's lounge and sleeping areas will be on the second floor.

The estimate cost to finish the building interior is \$500,000. So keep your donations coming in!

## Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy driving and helping your fellow neighbor? Would you like to take a "Test Drive" of our program and be partnered with one of our seasoned volunteers to see our program in action?

Bedford Ride is a nonprofit organization providing non-emergency medical transportation and transportation to human service agencies. Our program provides the vehicle, gas and insurance. The volunteer provides a few hours of their time transporting a neighbor in need. We have driving assignments that could fit any schedule. You drive only when you are available.

Do you enjoy talking to volunteers? Bedford Ride is also in need of Volunteer Dispatchers. Dispatchers match the rides to their volunteer list. The rides are given to the dispatcher in advance (training provided). Please call Linda Brake at 540-587-3215 to volunteer. Bedford Ride Volunteers make a difference every day in our community.



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## Feeding Deer

Feeding deer is against the law between September 1 and the first Saturday in January. Deer hunting over bait is also illegal in Virginia. A new regulation has been established that makes any area where deer feed has been distributed a "baited" area for 10 days following the complete removal of the food.

In their natural state, deer are wild animals that have a fear of humans because we have preyed upon deer for thousands of years. However, when deer are fed by people, they lose this fear, becoming less wild and often semi-domesticated.

Fed deer are often emboldened to seek human foods, leading them into conflict with people. Despite their gentle appearance, they can become lethally dangerous during mating season, capable of goring and slashing with their sharp hooves and antlers. There are numerous cases across the country of individuals injured, and in some cases even killed, by deer they treated as pets.

Diseases are a big issue in deer management today across the United States. Feeding deer invariably leads to the prolonged crowding of animals in a small area, resulting in more direct animal to animal contact and fecal contamination of feeding sites. Deer feeding has been implicated as a major risk factor and contributor in three of the most important deer diseases in North America today. These include tuberculosis, brucellosis, and chronic wasting disease.

## Winter Farmer's Market Schedule

By the time you get this Newsletter, outdoor Forest Farmer's Markets will have ended for the season. However, you will still be able to go to the market indoors once every month throughout the winter. The dates are Nov 16, Dec. 7, Jan 11, Feb. 8, March 8, and April 12 and the place is the same as last winter, the Forest Recreation Center on Rustic Village Road. The times are 8:00 am to noon.

Some of the vendors that have committed to these dates will be bringing Vegetables (winter varieties; greens, winter squash, salad mix, radishes), Beef, Chicken, Pork, Trout, possible lamb and duck. The bread vendor will be with us. We will also have crafts. And our own Ivy West resident, Ron Flicker, with his Birdhouses.

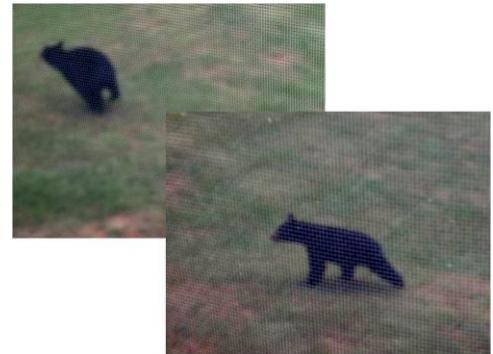


## Winter Party Planned

The Ivy Hill Ladies Association is tentatively planning to host a winter party in January. Watch the Ivy Hill website ([ivyhill-forest.org](http://ivyhill-forest.org)) for details.

## Bear Tales

The black bear that was first sighted in Ivy Hill back in August turned out to be a female. She and her two cubs continue to hang around Ivy Hill although they obviously forage over a wide range. They have been sighted in recent weeks on Quail Ridge Drive, in LakePointe, on Ivy Lake Drive, on Sailview Drive, and even on the golf course.



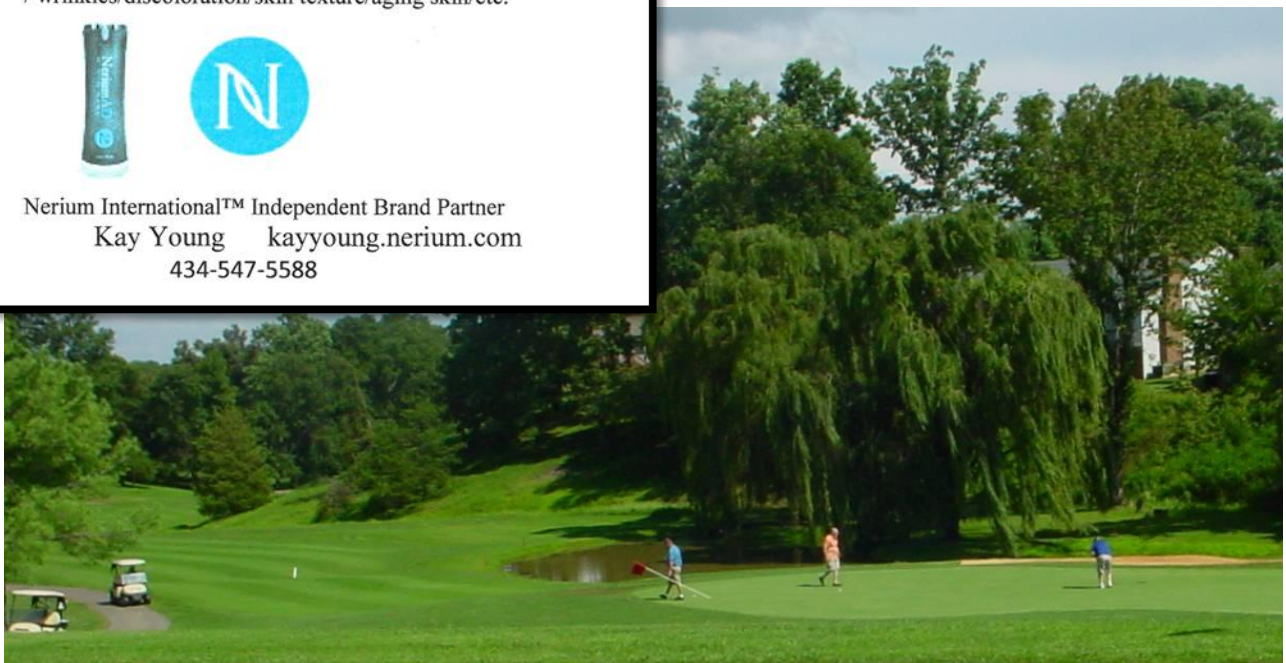
According to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website, black bears will almost always move on if they are cut off from food sources. VDGIF generally will not trap and remove bears from residential areas. It is the residents' responsibility to make the neighborhood unattractive by removing food sources. (The website also recommends shooting it in the rear with a paint ball gun if you can do so safely. It won't hurt the bear permanently, but it will sting enough so the bear won't want to hang around.)

It is illegal in Virginia to feed bears either intentionally or unintentionally at any time during the year.

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**Christmas Home Tour**

The Bedford Council of Garden Clubs is offering a unique Christmas tour of homes on Sunday, December 8 from 1 PM to 5 PM in Bedford. Each of the five houses will be decorated by a different garden club and will depict a different area of the state: Williamsburg, Blue Ridge Mountains, Eastern Shore/Northern Neck, Central Virginia and Northern Virginia.

A local garden club, Garden Thyme, which originally formed as an off-shoot of the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association, is in charge of the tour this year. We are also decorating a home (see photo to the right).



The proceeds from the tour will be used to support Bedford County through educational programs, beautification projects, and donations to non-profit organizations.

Tickets for the tour are \$15. This entitles you to visit the five houses and the Bedford Columns (photo to the left), where refreshments will be served. Tickets may be purchased from the following locations: Aylor's Farm and Garden on Highway 221; Basketcase on Old Forest Road; Givens Books on Lakeside Drive; and Stellar One Bank on Forest Road.

The following Garden Thyme and IHLA members are also selling tickets: Debbie Farrago, Betty Ann Hyssong, Beth Manns, Margie Miller, Vicki Sharrett, or Marcy Shilling.

Check out our web site for more information: [www.bedfordcouncilofgardenclubs.org](http://www.bedfordcouncilofgardenclubs.org).

**2013 Dues**

*Ivy Hill Homeowners Association dues are \$35/year. If you are new to Ivy Hill or have not yet joined for 2013, it's not too late. 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.*

Name(s)	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	



## Proposed By-laws Change

As reported in the August Newsletter, attendance at IHHA annual meetings has dwindled over recent years to as few as a dozen members. 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.

In that same newsletter, we asked for feedback on this proposal. A number of you contacted a Board member or e-mailed us on the subject over the following weeks. The response was overwhelming. Everyone who contacted us on the subject said they favored making this change. So here's your chance! See the ballot below. You can cast your vote using any of the following methods:

- Fill out the ballot and mail it to the Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association, PO Box 353, Forest VA 24551.
- Fill out the ballot, scan it, and e-mail the scanned image to the Association's Secretary at [lwalton@jetbroadband.com](mailto:lwalton@jetbroadband.com).
- E-mail Lew Walton the required information and he will fill out the ballot for you.

Per Article V, Section 6 of the By-Laws as currently amended, "These By-laws may be amended only by the affirmative vote of members representing thirty-five percent (35%) of the total lots whose owners are members of the Corporation." We currently have 312 paid members. So we need 110 "Yes" votes to make this change to the By-laws. Please vote!

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.

## **Ballot**

Article II, Section 4 shall be amended to read as follows: "The first meeting of the members of the Corporation, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held within one hundred and fifty (150) days from the date of incorporation of the Corporation. 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. *Alternatively, the Board may elect to conduct all business normally conducted at the annual meeting, such as presentation of the annual financial report and election of Directors, entirely via written and/or electronic communications.*" [The italicized words shall be added per this amendment.]

I Vote:                       YES     NO

Name:

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