

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

February 2014



IHHA President's Message - Ed Schwabe

I'm hoping that everyone is healthy and that you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully your New Year's resolutions are on track.

Here we are in 2014 with many new things that we want to accomplish and projects to start and complete.

It has come to our attention that some residents are allowing their pets to roam free in our community. This is addressed in our Regulations and Restrictions for Ivy Hill and is unacceptable. Keep in mind that a resident has the right to call the Bedford County Sheriff's Office – Animal Control and have the pet removed from their property. I would ask that everyone consider their neighbors and control their pets and while walking keep them on a leash and clean up after them.

In this newsletter you will note that we have a new format that includes our annual financial information and the Board and nominee candidates that require your consideration and voting. I urge everyone to vote and if you would like to become involved in the Ivy Hill Homeowners Board or, the Ivy Hill Ladies Association please contact me or any of the Board members for further information.

I would like to thank all of you who are members for your past support and remind everyone that the 2014 membership campaign is underway. Not a member of the Association? Our annual fee is only \$35.00 so I encourage you to return the form that you will find in this newsletter with your payment.

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Recent studies show that those who maintain more social contacts are healthier and happier! That's what our association is all about: fostering friendship among women in our neighborhood. To join, contact Margaret Deist at 534-9675. The modest dues (\$30 per year) go directly into the events we sponsor during the year. Remember, no woman is an island . . .

Speaking of islands, our "Beach Party" on January 18 was a smashing success!! It was cold outside, but inside the club house everyone enjoyed the sunshine of good food, friendship and conversation. *Father's Table* caterers provided delicious appetizers, chicken barbecue, and key lime tarts. Warm thanks to Carolyn Bosiger and Marcy Shilling for organizing the event, and to all who helped make it happen.

IHLA members are also socializing through various groups:

- Book Club meets every 1st Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in members' homes (although not in February). In March, the group will discuss *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Talks Too Much* by Susan Cain, and in April they'll talk about *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. The group reads both fiction and nonfiction, and selects books by consensus. Members take turns leading the discussion. All are welcome, even without having read the book! If you have a new year's resolution to feed your mind, join Book Club by calling Brenda Harvey(525-0484).
- "The Froggers" (also known as "The Rippits"—because that's just part of knitting) meet most Tuesday mornings to work on knitting or other handcraft projects. Knitting guru Barb Walton is on hand to help people through those "rippit" moments, which are actually fun when accompanied by friends. Here's another way to feed your creative self. Call Barb for more information (525-0459).
- For a good time without any "strings" attached, join the Lunch Bunch, which will meet next on Tuesday, February 18 at noon at *Isabella's*. Contact Jan Koch if you'd like to come to lunch, or join a group that plays bridge, goes on day trips, and attends the dinner theater (525-2935). If there's someplace you'd like to eat or visit, let Jan know!

Our executive committee is now comprised of Debbie Farrago (525-0175), Lisa Rubilar (525-1941) and Bonnie Wishon (525-8145). Beth Manns continues on the board, along with Margaret Deist as treasurer; Carolyn Bosiger and Marcy Shilling as co-chairs of the Social Committee, with Marianne Simmons a member; and Brenda Harvey as Welcoming Coordinator. We hope you'll join us!



Vandalism

Someone vandalized the sign at the Ivy Lake entrance over the holidays. If you have any information about this incident, contact the Bedford County Sheriff's Office at (540) 586-4800. The IHHA is working with the homeowner's associations of the affected neighborhoods to replace the sign.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The consensus winner of the annual Ivy Hill entranceway holiday decorating contest for 2013 was the Ivy Hill Main Entrance team of Tom Haertel and Lew Walton! They really kicked it up a notch this year by stringing hundreds of white lights in the four Crepe Myrtle that surround the gazebo. The decorated trees beautifully framed the live Christmas tree in the gazebo which was decorated with several hundred colored lights, many of which twinkled on and off so the display was always changing; and the roof line of the gazebo was strung with yet more (blue) lights. Congratulations Tom and Lew!

The first runner up this year was last year's winner, the Lakepointe team of Debbie Farrago and Margie Miller. They decorated the always-imposing Lakepointe sign with a combination of wreaths, garlands, bows, and balls. They also strung lights along the top of the sign wall and in the two small trees that flank it to either side.. Great job Debbie and Margie!

The second runner up in the Ivy Hill entranceway holiday decorating contest was the Ivy West team of Darla Owens and Butch & Ann Cook They mounted gorgeous matching arrangements of seasonal greenery and red bows on the two posts that support the Ivy West sign. The dark green leaves contrasted beautifully with the white of the sign while the deep red of the bows picked up the deep red color of the lettering on the Ivy West sign and the trim line along its top border. The huge magnolia leaves in the arrangements were particularly magnificent. Well done!

The third runner up was Lois Griffin of Club Terrace. She decorated their entrance sign by draping a striking arrangement along its curved top. Very beautiful!



First Place - Ivy Hill Main Entrance!



First Runner Up - Lakepointe



Second Runner Up - Ivy West



Third Runner Up - Club Terrace



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Ivy Hill History

Karl Hehl and his wife, the last private owners of Ivy Hill, sold the estate to Black Watch Farm. Black Watch Farm was a large New York based farming operation that raised primarily black angus cattle. During the years that they owned the land, it was strictly a cattle ranch. The cowboys bunked in what is now the Ivy Hill Realty office and the other out buildings around the farm. No one lived in the main house. In fact, it stood open to the elements for many years, and the cattle wandered freely around on the ground floor.

In 1970 Allen and Fern Harvey purchased Ivy Hill and began its transformation into a planned community. However, this transformation naturally didn't occur overnight. As the development pushed slowly and methodically inward from the south and the west, the low-lying land to the north and the east continued to be used as a cattle ranch. Even the golf course got into the act. The rough was often allowed to grow two feet high or more, and then the hay was harvested to feed the cattle. Imagine trying to hit your ball out of two feet of grass! (Imagine even trying to find it!) There was a real premium on straight drives in those early years.

The barn shown in this old painting stood near Ivy Creek in the valley below the main house. In the 1970's and early 1980's it was used primarily to store hay for the cattle. The site is now underwater at the bottom of Ivy Lake. The barn was located in what is now the deepest part of the lake, just north of the center of the dam. (If the current effort to lower the level of the lake progresses far enough, its ruins may become visible.)



Farmer's Market Schedule

The popular Forest Farmer's Markets continue to be held once every month through the winter at the Forest Recreation Center on Rustic Village Road. Two more are planned before the outdoor market season arrives; Saturday March 8, and Saturday April 12. The times are 8:00 am to noon.

Outdoor Markets will resume on Saturday April 26th at the usual site behind the Forest Library. Outdoor Farmer's Markets are held every Saturday beginning at 8:00 am.

New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- James & Kathie Cocklin - 101 Paddock Lane
- Kristopher & Cheyenne Craig - 407 Quail Hollow Drive
- Matthew & Brooksie Kramer - 108 Trading Block Lane
- Erin Mace - 103 Deer Track Lane
- James & Kimberly Moreau - 709 Ivy Lake Drive
- Timothy & April Penick - 1914 Eastway Lane
- Ryan & Sarah Pettit - 129 Sailview Drive
- David & Collette Schmal - 102 Paddock Lane
- Debbie Silva - 106 Ivy Lake Drive

If you know of a new resident in Ivy Hill, or a house that has changed hands recently, please contact the IHHA at IvyHillForest@gmail.com so we can update our database.

Architectural Committee

Are you planning to upgrade your home or property this year? Be sure to check the Restrictions for your neighborhood posted on the Ivy Hill website (ivyhill-forest.org) first. If you have any questions about whether the improvement is acceptable, or to obtain Architectural Committee review, contact Rene Koch at 525-2935.

Grow The Good Life

The Bedford Area Master Gardener Association and Virginia Cooperative Extension are sponsoring a day of outstanding gardening seminars and workshops on Saturday, February 15th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the CVCC Bedford campus at 1633 Venture Boulevard in Bedford. Speakers for this event will include Don Hyatt, Clare Robertson and Robert Rogers. For general information, schedule and registration, call (540) 586-7675 or email Bedfordmg@vt.edu or go to www.BedfordMasterGardeners.org

2014 Dues

2014 IHHA dues invoices will be mailed to all Ivy Hill addresses in a few weeks. However, you can save the Association a little postage by filling out the form below and mailing it with your check (payable to "IHHA") to Ivy Hill Homeowners Association, PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551. Or save yourself some postage too by hand delivering the same form and your check to any IHHA Officer or Board member. Ivy Hill Homeowners Association dues remain \$35/year.

Name(s)	
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By-laws Amendment Approved Overwhelmingly

The proposal to amend Article II, Section 4 of the IHHA Bylaws to give the Board of Directors the option to conduct all business normally conducted at the Annual Meeting via written or electronic communications received a greater than 99% favorable vote. The final tally when voting was cut off on December 31st was 138 YES to 1 NO.

Per Article V, Section 6 of the By-Laws as currently amended, the IHHA 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 Association. We had 312 paid members at the end of 2013. So we needed 110 "Yes" votes to make this change to the By-laws. As 138 is significantly greater than 110, the proposed amendment has been adopted.

IHHA 2014 Ballot

The IHHA Board has elected to try out the new option to conduct all business formerly conducted at the Annual Meeting via written or electronic communications. The ballot below is part of that trial as are the various financial reports that you will find on pages 6 and 7 of this Newsletter.

Your 2014 ballot lists twelve candidates that have agreed to stand for election to the IHHA Board of Directors. You can cast your ballot electronically or by mail. To vote electronically, simply fill out the form below, scan it, and e-mail it to the IHHA at IvyHillForest@gmail.com; or if you don't have a scanner, simply send us an e-mail listing your preferences, and we'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. Ballots must be received by February 28th.

IVY HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2014 BALLOT

Board of Directors

**Bob Bomar
Cereace Creasy
Bruce Deist**

**Jennifer Duncan
Tom Haertel
Bob Harvey**

**Rene Koch
Roger Lohn
Beth Manns**

**Ed Schwabe
Barb Walton
Lew Walton**

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.

IHHA 2013 Annual Audit

On January 23rd, the Audit Committee of Rene Koch, Tom Haertel, and Debby Allen completed the required annual audit of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association financial records. The Committee found that all of the records were prepared in accordance with accepted accounting practices, and with but one minor omission (subsequently corrected by Treasurer Bob Harvey) were accurate and acceptable.

A copy of their report certifying the audit has been submitted to the IHHA Secretary for filing in the permanent records of the Association.

IHHA 2013 Financial Report

The final (summary) balance sheet for the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association for 2013 was as follows:

Income		Expenses	
Advertising	75.00	Electricity	1,838.94
Contributions ¹	621.00	Insurance	686.00
Dues	12,026.00	Landscaping	6,251.75
		Miscellaneous ²	523.78
		Oktoberfest	2,018.60
		Postage	551.51
		Printing	676.65
Total Income	12,026.00	Total Expenses	12,547.23
		Net Income (Loss)	(521.23)

¹Includes income from Oktoberfest.

²Includes Website hosting fees.

The complete 2013 financial report has been submitted by the IHHA Treasurer to the IHHA Board of Directors. A copy has been filed by the IHHA Secretary in the permanent records of the Association.

Scrabble Tournament

Lynchburg Literacy's third annual Scrabble tournament will be held on Tuesday evening March 11th at the Hall Campus Center Ballroom at Lynchburg College. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Play begins at 6:30 pm. This is a competition for 3-person teams. Prizes will be awarded for the winning team in each round. Tickets are \$90 per team and includes dinner, dessert, and beverage. Cash bar available.

The mission of Lynchburg Literacy is to provide free tutoring and materials in basic reading for adults and/or English for speakers of other languages. Instruction is delivered through volunteer tutors at a time and place that is convenient for the learner. For more information contact Carolyn Meeks at 528-9329 or register on line at <http://lynchburgliteracy.org>

Bland Music Competition

The Forest Lions Club will host the James A. Bland Memorial Bland Music Competition on Thursday February 27th starting at 7:00 pm at the Jefferson Forest High School Auditorium. The competition includes both vocalists and instrumentalists with cash prizes awarded to the winners. The competition is open to high school, junior high school, and home schooled students in the 24551 zip code. The registration deadline is February 15th.

The rules of the competition and registration information and forms can be obtained from the Band or Choir Directors at either Jefferson Forest High School or Forest Middle School or by calling the Lions event coordinator at 525-6699. They may also be viewed at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/forestva/

Pay your 2014 IHHA dues now! Form on page 5.

Don't forget to vote! Ballot on page 6.

E-Newsletters

If you would like to receive future Newsletters electronically, send your e-mail address to IvyHillForest@gmail.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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