

# Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

August 2014



## **IHHA President's Message - Ed Schwabe**

Our summer thus far has been a wonderful time to spend outdoors and work on gardens and new plantings. It is also an opportune time to visit neighbors and friends in the community. I encourage everyone to get outdoors and enjoy the pleasant weather.

Summer is also the time that many of us are walking or jogging. I would ask everyone driving their vehicles to slow down when approaching folks on foot or bicycles and move over if possible to the other side of the road. This time of year is also when the deer are active and the fawns are following their mothers as they cross the road. So beware!

Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ivy Hill Golf Course pavilion. As in previous years, we have scheduled entertainment, great food, and refreshments. So mark your calendar. We look forward to seeing you on the 11<sup>th</sup> for an enjoyable evening with your Ivy Hill neighbors.

Now for a commercial. If you are not an Ivy Hill Homeowners Association member, please join us today. The annual fee is \$35.00. See any Board member or use the handy form on Page 5 of this newsletter. Thank you!

On behalf of the Board and myself I would like to thank you all for your support. Should you have any questions or comments regarding Ivy Hill, or would like to contribute an article, please contact any IHHA Board member.

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## Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Members of the Ivy Hill Ladies Association will gather for their **Summer Party** at Brenda Harvey's house on Sunday, September 7. Spouses and significant others are invited. Volunteers are still needed for this event. Please contact Beth Manns ([bethmanns@gmail.com](mailto:bethmanns@gmail.com)) if you can help.

Helping hands are also needed for the **IHLA Winter Party**. Please let a member of the IHLA Board know if you can help out: Lisa Rubilar ([rubilar@mindspring.com](mailto:rubilar@mindspring.com)), Debbie Farrago ([debbiefarrago@gmail.com](mailto:debbiefarrago@gmail.com)), or Bonnie Wishon ([wishons@verizon.net](mailto:wishons@verizon.net)).

## Oktoberfest

The Ivy Hill Ladies Association and the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association will once again co-host Oktoberfest this year. The date for the event has been set as Saturday, October 11th. As in past years, the location will be Ivy Hill pool pavilion and the time will be 5:00pm to 8:00 pm.

Also as usual, the menu will include bratwurst, hot dogs, sauerkraut, red cabbage, German potato salad, a desert, and, of course BEER. Non-alcoholic beverages 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.

All Ivy Hill residents are invited. Members of the Ivy Hill Ladies Association and the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and their families are free. Non-members and guests are \$10.00. So mark your calendar for an enjoyable evening.

Volunteers are needed for the event. If you can help please contact Bonnie Wishon at ([wishons@verizon.net](mailto:wishons@verizon.net))

## Keith and Kompany

The live entertainment for Oktoberfest will be provided by *Keith and Kompany* this year. *Keith and Kompany* are a versatile duo featuring Keith McFaden (guitars and vocals) and Al Coffey (guitars, fiddle, sax, flute, harps and mandolin).

Keith and Kompany have been entertaining in the area for many years and play a broad variety of musical genres including Country, Rock, and Blues plus a lot of singer-songwriter material. They promise to provide some great music for our event.



## Directory Pick-up

A large number of 2013-2015 Ivy Hill Directories remain unclaimed. If you are an Ivy Hill Ladies Association or an Ivy Hill Homeowners Association member and have not yet picked up your FREE copy, please contact Barb Walton at 525-0459 and arrange to pick one up! If you are a non-member or if you would like a second copy, the cost is \$5.00. (Ivy Hill Directories are reserved for residents only.)

*Not a IHHA member? If you would like to join, dues are only \$35/year. Contact any Board member or use the form on Page 5.*

## **Ivy Hill History**

The upper photo was taken back in the 1970's when Ivy Hill was just getting started. Only a few roads had been roughed in when this photo was shot. Three homes are under construction along the south side of what is now Trading Block Lane. These were some of the first homes built in the new development. Note the total absence of any vegetation on the building sites. The ridge in the foreground is completely bare. The 17th hole of the golf course and the hills beyond are plainly visible in the distance.



The lower photo shows substantially the same view as it looks today. The house in the foreground looks much the same. (Maybe the shutters have been replaced or refinished?) However, the most obvious differences are the landscaping; the well-kept lawn, the beautiful flowering bush in the foreground, and the many tall trees. The neighbor's house can barely be glimpsed through the twin trees in the front yard and the mature plantings behind the houses form a complete screen through which the golf course can no longer be seen at all from this angle. What a difference 40 years make!



*If you have any old photos or interesting historical information about Ivy Hill that you would like to share with the community, contact the Editor at [IvyHillForest@gmail.com](mailto:IvyHillForest@gmail.com)*

## **New Neighbors**

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Dave & Angela Benge - 222 Shaker Ln.
- Herschel & Jessica Jones - 314 Quail Ridge Dr.
- Shawn & Anna Kelley - 103 Lake Ridge Dr.
- Richard & Cathy Lee - 1063 Lakepointe Dr.

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](mailto:IvyHillForest@gmail.com) so we can update our database.

## **Famers' Markets**

Farmer's Markets will be held throughout the summer every Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 am in the field behind the Forest Library. If you haven't come to a Market yet this year, you need to check one out soon. The number of vendors has increased substantially and the variety and quality of edible products that are available right now is tremendous because we are at the height of the growing season. The array of crafts being offered for sale is also much greater than in previous years. And there is live entertainment many weeks! There should be something here of interest for almost everyone. Plus it's a great way to meet and mingle with your friends and neighbors in a fun and relaxing fair-like atmosphere.



## **Ivy Lake Entrance Sign**

The new sign is finally in place at the Ivy Lake entrance! Thank you to everyone involved in this long project:

- Thank you to IHHA President Ed Schwabe for pulling together the community response, getting the necessary quotes, and arranging for the work to be done.
- Thank you to Signworx for creating the sign and installing it.
- Thank you to the *Ivy Lake Homeowners Association* and the *Golfdominium Property Owner's Association, Inc. (Shaker Lane I)* for contributing \$200 each to the project.

When the original sign was destroyed by vandals at the end of last year, the IHHA pledged \$200 towards its replacement and suggested that each of the impacted neighborhoods/associations (Ivy Lake, Shaker Lane I and II, Haines Point, Cedarberry, Mallard Cove, and Overlake) contribute what they could afford. The fundraising process stretched out much longer than anticipated. Several months passed. Finally, in the early summer and with only about half the necessary amount raised, the IHHA Board voted to go ahead and replace the sign anyway. We remain hopeful that some of the other neighborhoods/ associations will still be able to contribute.



If you have any information about who vandalized the original Ivy Lake sign, please contact any IHHA Board member or the Bedford County Sheriff's Office at 540-586-4800 or 540-586-7827.

## **New to Ivy Hill?**

Are you new to Ivy Hill? If so, here's some information that your realtor may not have passed along:

- There's a leash law in effect in all of the Ivy Hill communities at all times. Dogs should always be walked on leash or restrained by an invisible fence. (Physical boundary fences are not allowed in Ivy Hill.) Also, if you walk your dog off your property, please pick up after them.
- Commercial vehicles, RVs, trailers, and boats should be parked in your garage or stored off site, not in your driveway. Vehicles are not to be parked on the streets of Ivy Hill.
- Please put out your garbage and recycling on the morning of pickup or late the previous evening and return them to their storage areas as soon as possible after pickup. Garbage cans and recycling containers should be stored in your garage or an enclosed utility yard where they are not visible from the street or the golf course.
- If you are planning an addition or a major change to the exterior of your house, be sure to get your plans approved by the Architectural Committee first. Contact Rene Koch at [renekjr@msn.com](mailto:renekjr@msn.com) or 525-2935.

Individual neighborhoods have additional restrictions. Visit our Website ([IvyHill-Forest.org](http://IvyHill-Forest.org)) for all of the restrictions for your neighborhood. Being a good neighbor is in everyone's best interest. By helping to keep Ivy Hill a great place to live, you help to maintain the value of your property!

**Storm Damage**

A storm blew through Ivy Hill on the afternoon of Monday July 14th, knocking over a large pine tree at 106 Lake Ridge Drive. The tree fell onto the road blocking the east-bound lane. VDOT was notified and an e-mail alert was sent out to the community to drive carefully. VDOT got the top of the tree off of the road in a few hours and the homeowner cleaned up the rest.



**Vandalism**

Larry Lineberry, president of the Ivy Lake Homeowners Association, reports that a car was vandalized on Sunday night, June 29th. The vehicle was parked at 112 Sailview and had the rear window on the driver's side smashed. If you know anything about this incident, please contact Larry at 534-9480 or the Bedford County Sheriff's office at 540-586-4800 or 540-586-7827.

*Lost a pet or found a stray animal? We can help. Contact [IvyHillForest@gmail.com](mailto:IvyHillForest@gmail.com) or any IHHA Board member to send out a community-wide email alert. We've had 100% success in reuniting lost pets with their owners since this service started. Provide a photo of the animal if possible.*

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**2014 Dues**

*Ivy Hill Homeowners Association dues are only \$35/year. If you are new to Ivy Hill or have not yet joined for 2014, 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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