

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

November 2014



IHHA President's Message - Ed Schwabe

Fall has certainly made itself felt in our area including some early snow not too far to the west. No matter, the trees look beautiful which makes for a nice trip to Skyline Drive to enjoy the scenery. Oktoberfest 2014 was another success and I would like to personally thank our first year Chairperson, Bonnie Wishon, all of the IHHA Board members, the Ivy Hill Ladies Association and the staff at the Ivy Hill Golf Course. All of you contributed greatly to the success of the event and we're already thinking about 2015.

How about Deertrack Lane here in Ivy Hill? After many years VDOT finally put a road down. (See the banner photo above.) It is now recognized as a Virginia State road. Congratulations to our resident Howlett Hunter who spent many hours negotiating with Bedford County and State officials to arrange funding and scheduling to get the project completed. The road really is a major improvement after such a long time dodging potholes and the efforts of many of the Deertrack residents filling them. Thanks Howlett!

Several residents have received citations from Bedford County for speeding on Quail Ridge Drive recently. For your own benefit and those of the folks that walk and jog along the road please slow down.

The IHHA is always looking for candidates to join us on the Board, should you want to be a candidate please contact a Board member for more information.

Have you joined the IHHA Association yet? If not, complete the form on Page 2 of this newsletter and return it with your dues payment. Thank you!

On behalf of the Board and myself we would like to wish everyone a very joyous, happy and healthy Holiday Season!

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

IHLA is open to ALL women who live in the Ivy neighborhoods!! The association offers a way to meet your neighbors and make friends. The IHLA 1) lowers stress, 2) reduces heart rate, 3) increases overall sense of well-being. Seriously! It's fun!

Dues to join IHLA are only \$30 per year, which pays for the **wonderful shin-digs** we sponsor, including the Winter Party, Summer Party, Spring Luncheon, November Coffee. (Speaking of which, the Coffee was this past Tuesday, November 4, at Brenda Harvey's house.) The IHLA also helps to fund and carry out Ivy Hill's Oktoberfest.

Members of the IHLA also get together informally throughout the year in a number of small groups. You are **welcome to visit** one of these groups or attend a meeting before you decide to join the organization. The groups include:

- The **Bridge Group** meets on the 1st and 3rd or 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, on a rotating basis. Contact Ann Hite if you would like to join. Her phone number is 525-4170.
- The **Lunch Bunch** meets either the 3rd Tuesday or Wed. of the month, on an alternating basis. You can go every month or once a year, if you'd like. Call Bonnie Wishon at 525-8145 for more information. (See the associated article on Page 7 of this Newsletter.)
- The **Knitting Group** meets at 10 a.m. every other Tuesday. (Crocheters are also welcome!) Call Brenda Harvey for information. Her number is 525-8247.
- The **Book Club** meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. in members' homes. For November, the book will be *Orphan Train*. Contact Debbie Farrago at 525-0175 for information.

There is now interest in forming a group for mothers with younger children. Please contact a member of the executive board if you are interested in participating in such a group. Also share the word with neighbors and friends!!

Members of the executive board are Debbie Farrago (525-0175), Lisa Rubilar (525-1941), and Bonnie Wishon (525-8145). Call Margaret Deist, Treasurer, if you need to pay your dues, or to find out if you have paid for the year. Her number is 534-9675.

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.

Name(s)	
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Oktoberfest

The Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies Association once again co-hosted Oktoberfest on Saturday evening October 11th. Approximately 125 Ivy Hill residents and their guests filled the Ivy Hill Golf Club pavilion for an evening of live entertainment, food, beer, and fun. The headliner for the 2014 edition of this popular neighborhood event was the local two-piece band Keith and Kompany, featuring Keith McFadden and Al Coffee. They performed an eclectic mix of rock, country, and pop hits inspiring both young and old to hit the dance floor as the gute Zeiten (good times) rolled along. Excellent craft beers were provided by local Virginia brewers Apocalypse Ale Works and Devil's Backbone while the food included the traditional brats and dogs, Kartoffelsalat (hot German potato salad), kraut, mariniertes Rotkohl (pickled red cabbage), peanut-stuffed pretzels, tossed green salad, and German-themed Kuchen (cakes).



The IHHA provided the funding again this year and filled a number of the key roles while the IHLA provided the overall organization and took the lead on decorations, food preparation, and food serving. Thank you to Bonnie Wishon for your outstanding leadership; thank you to the IHLA committee led by Leegie Kirby and Margie Miller that decorated the pavilion so beautifully; thank you to the many IHLA ladies who took turns running the sign-in table and serving the food; thank you to Bob Harvey for arranging the entertainment; thank you to Roger Lohn, Rene Koch, Tom Haertel, 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 and trucking in the straw bales and mums; thank you to the many volunteers from both organizations that helped with the set up and clean up; thank you to Bill Allman for serving once again as bartender; and thank you to the Ivy Hill Golf Club for the use of the pavilion.



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FOREST FARMERS MARKET

Located on the Forest Runway (road) 15583 Old Forest Rd., Forest VA 24551

Rain or Shine

HOLIDAY MARKETS

Nov. 22 & Dec. 6
from 8AM to NOON

There will be a variety of vendors at the market this year.

Vendors attending include: woodworking, pottery, jewelry, handmade items along with fresh produce, baked goods, fish, a variety of meats and locally roasted coffee.

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Wildlife Problem?

The Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries has a wildlife conflict hotline where you can report any problems that you may have with wild animals. Call 855-571-9003 on any weekday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Kara & Bryan Allen - 212 Hitching Post Ln.
- Carrie & Adam Barker - 100 Meadowgate Dr.
- Sherri & James Miller - 101 Millstone Terr.

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.

Call for Volunteers

The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association (IHHA) is embarking on a new program to expand the IHHA Board of Directors representative profile through additional members while at the same time strengthening the Board's expertise in certain technical areas (such as database management). In addition, the Board is developing a long range plan which will provide for a system of training and personnel development that will include a leadership succession plan for key officer positions thereby ensuring long range stability of the IHHA.

Volunteers are being sought for people willing to consider positions on the Board. While the current effort has called out the need for people with computer skills and leadership abilities, these are not critical requirements for volunteering. The primary focus of Board is community service and volunteers are being sought to support this primary goal. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact any current IHHA Board member and get on the list of those asking to be considered for Board work.

Ivy Lake Entrance Sign

We are very pleased to report that the Haines Point Homeowners Association and the Overlake Knoll Property Owners association have each contributed \$200 towards the cost of the new Ivy Lake entrance sign. Thank you very much!

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-

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Ivy Hill History

Do you recognize the red building in the upper photo?
Hint: The lower photo shows the same building as it looks today. Yes it's the Ivy Hill Golf Club Pavilion!

Long before Ivy Hill became a neighborhood, it was a working cattle ranch. The upper photo, which was taken over 40 years ago, shows the building that became the Ivy Hill Pavilion when it was still being used both as a shelter to stable the cowboy's horses and a place to store farm equipment. Note the open post-and-beam construction and the numerous swinging gates. The gates are long gone. The numerous openings that the gates once blocked on the front and back of the building have been filled in with walls and the white gates have been replaced by windows and doors. The post-and-beam construction is still evident in the interior of the Pavilion however. Check it out the next time you go inside.

The building was actually repurposed to its modern function as a neighborhood gathering place and pool house long before it was fully enclosed. In the early years, the Pavilion was still open to the elements and could only be used seasonally. Scheduling events in the Spring or Fall was chancy. Early Ivy Hill residents remember a number of occasions when rain or a cold wind came up unexpectedly turning such early or late season events into endurance contests!



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

Forest Farmers Markets Winter Schedule

Outdoor Farmers Markets ended the last weekend in October. Two special indoor Holiday Markets will be held at the Forest Recreation Center at 1088 Rustic Village Road; one in November and one in December. See the ad on Page 4 of this Newsletter for dates and times. Regular winter indoor Markets will be held once a month throughout the winter months, also at the Forest Recreation Center. The dates are January 10, February 14, March 14, and April 11. All indoor Markets run from 8:00 am to noon. Outdoor Farmers Markets will resume on the last Saturday of April on the usual site behind the Forest Library parking lot.

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Annual Holiday Entrance Decorating Contest

It's not too early to start thinking about decorating the neighborhood entrances for the holidays. Last year the Ivy Hill main entrance team (Tom Haertel and Lew Walton) won the IHHA entrance decorating contest closely followed by Debbie Farrago and Margie Miller's Lakepointe team. 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.

End of Summer Party

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association held an end-of-summer cook out on Sunday evening, September 7. We were blessed with beautiful weather, after rain threatened all weekend. Thirty-three people attended and enjoyed the party.

The event was held at the lovely home of Brenda and Bob Harvey. Burgers and fixings were provided by the IHLA and everyone brought a dish to share. As usual, the food was plentiful and delicious. The IHLA thanks the Harvey's for the generous use of their home and Philip Manns for "manns"ing the grill.

Tables were set up inside, pool-side, and on the deck. It was a great chance to catch up with neighbors, meet some new folk, and to celebrate the end of summer.

This year's summer cook out committee members were: Debbie Farrago, Brenda Harvey, Edna Jesse, Beth Manns, and Marcy Shilling.



Lunch Bunch

In October the Ivy Hill ladies Association's Lunch Bunch met at Kings Island restaurant in Lynchburg. The food was delicious and we had a great time. Why don't you join us next time? We meet once a month on a Tuesday or Wednesday at a different restaurant each time. Contact Jan Koch at 525-2935 and get on the list. You don't have to attend each month. You can pick and choose dates that fit your busy schedule. Not a IHLA member? No problem! See the article on Page 2 of this Newsletter for how to join. See you soon!



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