

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

November 2015



IHHA President's Message

Greetings! I hope that everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall colors. If you had the chance to go up on the Blue Ridge Parkway over the past few weeks, you weren't disappointed!

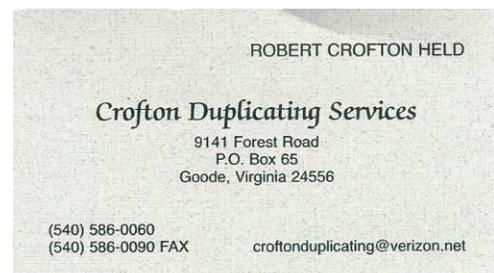
Oktoberfest was a fun time for all of the attendees this year, especially the children with their pumpkin decorating contest and other activities. We had close to 100 folks who enjoyed great food, music and visiting with family and friends. The article and photographs are courtesy of Lew Walton and highlight the Oktoberfest event. Thanks Lew! I would also like to thank the members of the Ivy Hill Ladies Association and the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association for all of their time and effort to make Oktoberfest the success that it was.

Just a short message....think 25 MPH as you travel throughout our community. You will make many people very happy and keep us all safer!

Finally, I have been President of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association since 2008 with one year off in between. In January I will be stepping down from that position but will remain on the Board. Through the years we have accomplished many things that have made our community a better place to live and to raise our families. I feel that that is my legacy. I will always be very proud to have worked with the many fine people who have served on the Board with me over these many years. It has been my pleasure to have served all of you!

On behalf of the Ivy Hill Board and myself I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Ed Schwabe
President IHHA



Ivy Hill Ladies Association Update

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) is up and running strong. We held our semiannual meeting in October and elected a new board to serve in the coming year. Beth Manns will serve as President. Brenda Harvey will take over as Secretary. Margaret Deist will once again serve as Treasurer. We still have an opening for Vice President; why not volunteer?

On Election Day, we held our annual coffee in the beautiful home of Brenda Harvey. More than 20 attendees enjoyed a southern bounty of food and drinks. We even had our first baby attend, a little lady, and as soon as she can hold a coffee cup, we will put her on the social committee. She was a crowd favorite.

We are starting to plan our Winter Social, of late held in January. If you would like to participate, let us know.

Questions or comments or to volunteer contact Beth at bethmanns@gmail.com or 5252738.

The IHLA is open to all women who live in the "Ivy Hill" neighborhoods.



HOLIDAY MARKETS
Nov 21 & Dec 12

WINTER MARKETS
Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 9
8am - Noon

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Annual Christmas Entrance Decorating Contest

It's time to start thinking about decorating the neighborhood entrances for the holidays. Last year the contest was so close that the judges declared multiple winners. But the real winner was the entire Ivy Hill community. The entrances looked great didn't they!

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. Who will have the best decorations this year?

Plan on taking your decorations down the weekend after New Years.

Ads in the IHHA Newsletter are only \$25 per issue and reach more than 600 Ivy Hill households. Contact the Editor at IvyHillForest@gmail.com

Ivy Hill History

Ivy Creek was the power source for a mill for more than a century and a half. Like many early post colonial era mills in Central Virginia, the Ivy Hill mill used a water wheel to turn one grinding stone against another via a series of gears. Originally built around 1800 by Edmund Cobbs, it was purchased in 1815 by Reverend Charles Clay the owner of Ivy Hill Plantation. It supplied the plantation with flour for many years and then later was used to grind bone meal when Ivy Hill became a cattle farm in the 20th century. The mill remained in operation until 1953.

The old mill was abandoned well before the Ivy Hill subdivision was started by Alan and Fern Harvey in the early 1970s and gradually fell into disrepair. The only traces that remained by 1980 were some of the massive grinding stones and the long-abandoned miller's house shown in this old painting. The house stood on a low hill overlooking the mill site near the north end of the present Ivy Lake. Much of that site is now under water. However the hill top above it remained as "Ivy Island" after the dam was constructed and Ivy Lake filled with water. The long-abandoned miller's house was demolished later in the 1980's and a modern house was built on the island.



Despite searching extensively, we were unable to find any old photographs of the mill itself. If you have any photos of it, or any other interesting historical material about the local area that you would be willing to share with your neighbors, please contact the editor at IvyHillForest@gmail.com. We would love to include your content in a future Newsletter.

New Neighbors

Please welcome Jeffery & Nadel Weiss (107 Quail Ridge Drive) to Ivy Hill.

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.

Christmas Home Tour

The Bedford Council of Garden Clubs is offering a unique Christmas tour of homes on Sunday, December 6 from 1 PM to 5 PM in Bedford. Each of the five houses will be decorated by a different garden club in the area and will depict the theme of "A Christmas Wonderland". A local garden club, Garden Thyme, which originally formed as an off-shoot of the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association, is once again participating in this home tour by decorating the Foster home on Longwood Avenue. The proceeds from the tour will be used to support Bedford County through educational programs, beautification projects, and donations to non-profit organizations. Garden Thyme planned, planted, and maintains the gardens at the base of the Forest sign by Monkey Joe's and by the Forest Library flagpoles. Tickets for the tour are \$15. This entitles you to visit the five houses and the Bedford Columns, where refreshments will be served. Tickets may be purchased from Aylor's Farm and Garden or Givens Books, Lakeside Drive. The following Garden Thyme and IHHA members are also selling tickets: Debbie Farrago, Betty Ann Hyssong, Beth Manns, Margie Miller, Vicki Sharrett, and Marcy Shilling. Check out our web site for more information: www.bedfordcouncilofgardenclubs.org.

Oktoberfest 2015

Saturday evening, October 10th, was cloudy but mild as the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies Association once again co-hosted Oktoberfest at the Ivy Hill Golf Club pavilion. Ivy Hill residents and their guests enjoyed a fun-filled evening of live entertainment, food, beer, and friendship. Paul Gold, who has entertained locally for many years and is a regular at Snowshoe Mountain Resort, provided the entertainment this year. He sang a wide range of songs. An excellent craft beer, Schwartz Bier (brewed by local Virginia brewer Devil's Backbone), and classic Coors Light were on tap all evening; assuring that no one went home thirsty. The flavorful all-German menu included Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Deutsch Kartoffelsalat (German potato salad), Salbrezel (salted pretzels), peanut-stuffed pretzels, tossed green salad, and German-themed Kuchen (cakes).

An exciting new addition this year to Oktoberfest was the extensive children's program organized by Susan Nicholas of the IHLA. Working from a tent set up in front of the pavilion, she entertained our youngest neighbors from the moment people started to arrive around 5:00 p.m. until well after sunset with games, crafts, and prizes. There never seemed to be less than a half dozen children around her tent and often many more, all happily running and having fun. Great job Susan!

Thank you to Bonnie Wishon for your outstanding leadership again this year. Thank you to Jen Duncan, Margie Miller, Karen Schwabe, Jeff Wishon, Roger Lohn, Susan Nicholas, Tom Haertel, Jennifer Wishon, Bonnie Wishon, and Ed Schwabe for decorating the pavilion so beautifully. Thank you to John and Heidi Helmey, Barb and Lew Walton, Roger Lohn, Debbie Farrago, Marcy Shilling, Carol Hinkle, Karen and Ed Schwabe, Margie Miller, Jen Duncan, Margaret Deist, Lisa Rubilar, Jan Koch, Mary Schneeweiss, Bobby Bomar, and Jean Gibson for helping with set up, check in, serving, and clean up. Thank you to Bob Harvey for arranging the entertainment. Thank you to John Helmey, Tom Haertel, Bruce Deist, 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 pumpkins. 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.



Feedback Sought

The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association values your feedback. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire below (even if you were unable to utilize all of the services listed) and let us know how we are doing. Completed questionnaires can be mailed to the IHHA at PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551, or you can scan the form and email it to ivyhillforest@gmail.com.

IHHA Questionnaire - November 2015

What Newsletter formats do you use? Electronic (e-mail) Hard Copy On-line (website)

What features of the Newsletter do you like best? _____

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Do you visit the Ivy Hill **Website** (ivyhill-forest.org)? Often Seldom Never

What features of the Website do you use the most? _____

What can we do better? _____

Did you attend **Oktoberfest** this year? Yes No

If yes, what did you like best about the event? _____

If no, why were you unable to attend? _____

How can we improve the event? _____

Website Committee

The Website Committee created the Ivy Hill Website (ivyhill-forest.org) almost five years ago now and continues to maintain it. The Committee will soon be losing a member when Roger Lohn moves to Arizona in January. (Thank you Roger for your outstanding support these past several years!) If you have ever been curious about how websites work and would be interested in helping keep our own community Website up to date, here is your opportunity. Please contact Webmaster Lew Walton at ivyhillforest@gmail.com or the phone number on the back page of this Newsletter.

Sign Clutter

Help keep Ivy Hill uncluttered. If you put up a sign in the community for a party, yard sale, lost pet, or any other reason, please remember to take it down as soon as the event is over. The same rule applies for Open House signs put up by realtors. Realtor signs left up for more than a day following an open house will be confiscated.

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Parking in Ivy Hill

The general Ivy Hill Restrictions do not allow on-street parking in the community on a regular basis. The various local neighborhood restrictions all contain similar, or stricter, rules. Every homeowner is expected to provide sufficient off-street parking for all resident vehicles. Also, all boats, trailers, campers, RVs, mobile homes, and trucks must either be stored out of sight in a garage or a well-screened enclosure or stored off-site.

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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