

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

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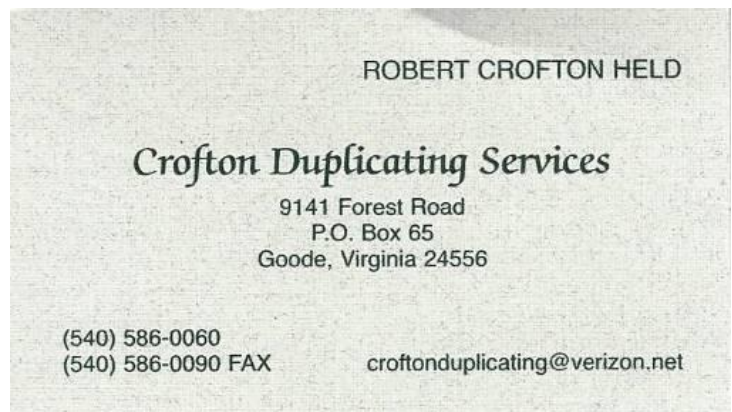
IHHA President's Message

A New Year and a new beginning! And so it is with the Ivy Hill Homeowners Board of Directors. On Page 5 of this Newsletter you will find your ballot for the 2016 Board. Please take a moment, complete the ballot, and return it promptly.

There have been several reports of stray dogs in the neighborhood in the last few weeks including the three shown in the recent photo in the continuation of this article on the next page. Should you see any of these dogs, or any other stray dogs, let us know by sending an email to IvyHillForest@gmail.com or by contacting any Board member. (Should the animals be aggressive, contact the Bedford County Animal Control at 586-7827.) Finally, if these pets are yours, please control them when they are outside of your home.

Our Treasurer, Bob Harvey, will be sending out Ivy Hill Homeowners Association membership invoices in the near future. Our goal in 2016 is to increase our membership in the Association. Last year, we only had approximately 300 members.

There are over 600 homes in the Ivy Hill communities which encompass Cedarberry, Club Terrace, Equestrian Ridge, Fairwinds, Haines Point, Ivy Court, Ivy Hill, Ivy Lake, Ivy Place, Ivy West, Ivy Woods, Lakepointe, Mallard Cove, Overlake, Quail Ridge, Sailview, Shaker Lane, and Starview Knoll. We can do better than that! So please join your neighbors and help us keep all of the Ivy Hill communities the great places to live that they have been over the years.



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Or, if you want to get a jump on Bob, fill out the membership form on Page 7 of this Newsletter and mail your check now to Ivy Hill Homeowners Association, PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551. Paying early will save us the cost of the postage; money that we can then put to good use maintaining and beautifying the community.

As I have mentioned in the past, this is your newsletter. Should you have any ideas for an article or a comment regarding the community please contact any of the Board members to discuss the matter further.

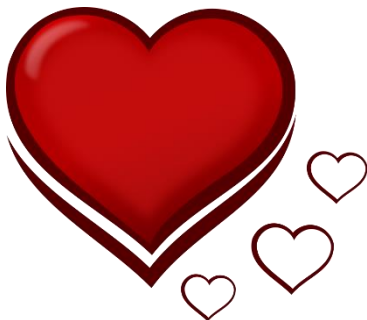
Ed Schwabe
President IHHA



Ivy Hill Ladies Association Update

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) has a Valentine's Day Dinner planned on, you guessed it, Valentine's Day. Instead of having dinner in a crowded restaurant with a bunch of strangers, why not have dinner with some of your neighbors? And guess what else it's free

for those ladies (and a guest) who are a member of the IHLA. Dinner will be followed with some games: you may play one, watch and wish you were playing, or call it a night. We hope you will come!



It's not too late to join. Just fill out the form below and send it to Margaret Deist, 316 Quail Ridge Dr., Forest, VA 24551 with a check for \$30 payable to IHLA. This is for annual dues.

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Children _____
Birthday (Month/Day) _____ Spouse's name _____
email _____ Interests _____

If you are a mother of youngish children, we would love to include you among our members. Some of our activities are geared toward families or are just for the kids. Last Oktoberfest included pumpkin crafts and games. Also, around Christmas we held a cookie decorating and craft get together at the Forest Library. Both were lots of fun and we plan to keep expanding.

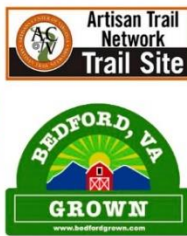
Questions? Email Beth Manns at bethmanns@gmail.com or call (434) 525-2738.

The IHLA welcomes all women who live in the "Ivy Hill" neighborhoods.



Website Committee

The Website Committee is still looking for new members. The Committee created the Ivy Hill Website (ivyhill-forest.org) almost five years ago now and continues to maintain it. If you are interested in web design or computer technology and would be like to get involved in the community in a meaningful way please contact Webmaster Lew Walton at IvyHillForest@gmail.com or the phone number on the back page of this Newsletter.



New Neighbors

Please welcome the following residents to Ivy Hill:

- Jud & Beverly James
1078 Club Terrace
- Dorothy Calhoun
1078 Club Terrace
- Samuel & Kimberly Yeatts
1067 Ivy Place
- Charles & Donna Tucker
106 Lake Ridge 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.

Children's Activity Group

The Children's Activities Group hosted a Cookie Decorating event in December at the Forest Library. Thank you to all that participated!

We are pleased with the interest residents are showing in this group. We hope to help neighbors connect with each other through their kids and hope kids get an opportunity to make some lasting neighborhood friendships.

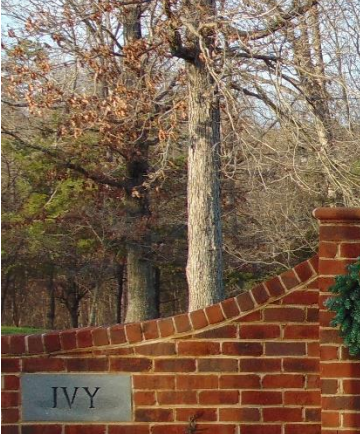
Keep an eye out for future events and spread the word!

Call Susan at bestservegirl@aol.com for more information.

Ivy Hill History

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

Annual Christmas Entrance Decorating Contest



IHHA 2015 Financial Report

The 2015 year end Income & Expense report for the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association is presented below as required by the Bylaws of the Association. All amounts were calculated on an accrual basis.

Income		Expenses	
Advertising	\$250.00	Electricity	\$1,903.78
Contributions	\$720.00	Insurance	\$718.00
Dues	\$10,395.00	Landscaping	\$6,503.00
		Miscellaneous	\$976.20
Total Income	\$11,365.00	Oktoberfest	\$1,677.14
		Postage	\$385.64
		Printing	\$526.50
		Total Expenses	\$12,690.26
		Net Income	-\$1,325.26

This summary is based on unaudited financial records. Results of the annual audit (scheduled for January) were not available as this Newsletter went to press. A revised report will be included in the next Newsletter if any of the numbers change. Otherwise, these values should be final.

IHHA 2016 Ballot

The Nominating Committee has recruited fourteen candidates that have agreed to stand for election to the IHHA 2016 Board of Directors. These candidates are listed on the official ballot below. 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 an e-mail to that same address 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 January 31st.

IVY HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION			
2016 BALLOT			
Board of Directors			
Bob Bomar	Bob Harvey	Margie Miller	Karen Schwabe
Cereace Creasy	John Helmey	Susan Nicholas	Barb Walton
Bruce Deist	Rene Koch	Ed Schwabe	Lew Walton
Tom Haertel			Jeff Wishon
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: _____			
<i>You must have been an IHHA member in 2015 or have already joined for 2016 to vote.</i>			

Lost a pet or found a stray animal? We can help. Contact 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.

Luminary Supplies

The IHHA has a large quantity of supplies left over from the years when we used to have a pre-Christmas community-wide luminary display. These supplies include:

800 to 900 waxed luminary bags
2000 cups to hold votive candles
300 votive candles

(All quantities are approximate)

If your neighborhood or organization would be interested in purchasing any of these supplies, please contact any IHHA Board member or send an email to IvyHillForest@gmail.com



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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

The Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association (IHHA) Needs You!

The primary focus of the IHHA continues to be the preservation of our community as an outstanding residential area to live in. This focus directly benefits you, the homeowner, by protecting the value of your property.

The IHHA strives to ensure pride in our community by maintaining its unique character through an architectural committee, by maintenance of beautiful common areas and entranceways, and by restricting nuisance activities through reasonable rules and regulations.

Did you know that:

- IHHA Board members are volunteers, receive no salary, and live in the Ivy Hill communities;
- The IHHA is run on a not-for-profit basis (unlike many HOAs that subcontract their operations to for-profit property management companies);
- The majority of IHHA costs are for insurance, grounds maintenance, and electricity (see Page 5 for a detailed breakdown of our income and expenses this past year);
- It has been many years since the last dues increase and this increase was only \$5 per year.
- Our fixed costs continue to rise every year.

Other benefits of the IHHA include representing the community in discussions with government agencies, publishing a resident phone directory which includes services offered by residents, providing a lost and found service for pets and objects of value, publishing a quarterly Newsletter, maintaining the community Website (ivyhill-forest.org), and sponsoring community events such as Oktoberfest.

The IHHA is a community-wide organization that includes residents from Cedarberry, Club Terrace, Equestrian Ridge, Fairwinds, Haines Point, Ivy Court, Ivy Hill, Ivy Lake, Ivy Place, Ivy West, Ivy Woods, Lakepointe, Mallard Cove, Overlake, Quail Ridge, Sailview, Shaker Lane, and Starview Knoll.

The IHHA needs your participation in making ours one of the region's most outstanding residential areas to live in. Please see the information below on how to become a member.

Please Join Now - Protect Your Investment

2016 Dues

Ivy Hill Homeowners Association dues are only \$40/year. If you are new to Ivy Hill or have not yet joined for 2016, 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	

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).



IHHA Board of Directors (2015)

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525-8946

Roger Lohn, Vice President
534-0604

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525-2738

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525-8247

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