

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

April 2016



IHHA President's Message

Welcome to Spring, it is a beautiful time of year in Ivy Hill! As your new President, I would like to start by extending my thanks and heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing President Ed Schwabe. Ed has done a wonderful job running the IHHA Board for the past several years and keeping the Association on track, while at the same time performing so much great work for the Ivy Hill community at large. THANKS!

With Spring, comes the outside work. Is your grass growing? I know mine is. Now is the time to plant flowers and gardens. It is a lot of work, but it will be worth it come Summer. What a beautiful neighborhood we have.

Unfortunately, there was some more vandalism in the neighborhood on March 30th. It started on Meadowgate around 2:00 AM with five smashed mailboxes. Then the same vandals also smashed mail boxes along Weatherhill Road, Eastway Lane, Guilfield Drive, and Cottontown Road. Over 40 mail boxes were destroyed in one night. The Bedford County Sheriff's Department was notified and they have mounted extra patrols. The IHHA Board is looking into various means to try to reduce this reoccurring problem. We will be meeting with the Sheriff's Department soon to get some ideas.

The Ivy Lake ownership and repair issues are moving forward. A tentative agreement has been negotiated with Liberty University in which the residents who live around the lake or use the road over the dam to get to their houses will purchase the lake and form a Lake Association to operate it. The necessary legal documents have been drawn up by Liberty, reviewed by the lawyers, and, over the past few weeks signed by those residents that want to play an active role in the process going forward. Liberty will soon be going to court to obtain a declaratory judgment which will legally bind all impacted residents to the agreement. If this is successful, Liberty will then present the engineering plan to repair the spillway for review by those involved. Once the spillway has been repaired and approved by the Dam commission, Ivy Lake will be turned over to the Association. However, if the declaratory judgement is not successful, we will be back to square one.

It is time to renew your membership in the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association. We have signs at each of the entrances to remind you. See the article about the membership drive on Page 5 of this Newsletter.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

IHHA 2016 Elections

All fourteen candidates recruited by the Nominating Committee were elected to the Board of Directors of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association in the January general election: Bobby Bomar, Cereace Creasy, Bruce Deist, Bob Harvey, Jeff Wishon, John Helmey, Rene Koch, Margie Miller, Susan Nicholas, Ed Schwabe, Karen Schwabe, Barb Walton, Lew Walton, and Tom Haertel. Of the newly elected Board Margie Miller, Karen Schwabe and Susan Nicholas are first-time members of the board. Welcome ladies! Rene Koch returns to the Board after a one-year absence. Welcome back Rene! The remaining ten Directors were all members of the Board of Directors in 2015.

Former 2015 Board members Beth Manns and Jennifer Duncan chose not to stand for re-election this year. Former Board member Roger Lohn has moved to Arizona. Thank you all for your service to the Association over the past year! We will miss you!!

The new Board of Directors met for the first time on Leap Day, February 29th. They then unanimously elected the following slate of officers for 2016:

- President – Tom Haertel
- Vice President – Bruce Deist
- 2nd Vice President – Ed Schwabe
- Treasurer – Bob Harvey
- Secretary – Lew Walton



Ivy Hill Ladies' Association

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) is going strong. We have grown to 50 members and continue to reach out to new and established residents in hopes of getting to know even more of our neighbors.

On April 5th, we held our semiannual meeting along with a tea. The event was held in the community room of the Forest Library.

The current board was reinstated. The "new year" officially begins in October. The officers of the IHLA for this year are:

- President – Beth Manns
- Vice President – Marcy Shilling
- Secretary – Brenda Harvey
- Treasurer – Margaret Deist



Carolyn Bosiger has graciously agreed to serve as social chairperson. The next event will be a summer social. The planning committee is forming now. If you would like to help, please contact Carolyn at ep2redbarron@yahoo.com or 616-2091.

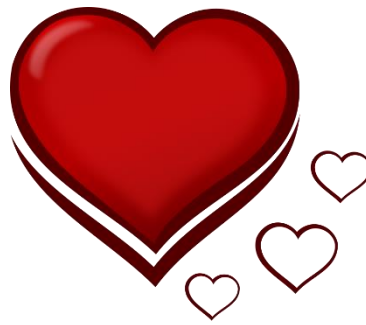
If you are interested in joining the IHLA, mail the form below to Margaret Deist, 316 Quail Ridge Dr., with a check for \$30 payable to IHLA. If you have any questions, contact Beth Manns at bethmanns@gmail.com or 525-2738.

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

Oktoberfest 2016

Mark the date. The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association have tentatively settled on Saturday, October 8th as the date for the annual Ivy Hill Oktoberfest. Additional details will be announced as the event approaches. Watch for articles in upcoming Newsletters or check the Coming Events page on the Ivy Hill Website (ivyhill-forest.org).

Valentine's Day Dinner



This past February, the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) hosted a Valentine's Day Dinner at the Ivy Hill Golf Clubhouse on Valentine's Day. Approximately two-dozen IHLA members and their spouses turned out for the event. The fun evening included a beer and wine bar, lots of time for socializing, a catered buffet dinner, and some very unique after-dinner card games. Thank you to the organizing committee for putting together this great event!



Wild Animal Alert

Foxes are reported to be breeding in the community again this year. A mother fox with two growing pups has been spotted several times recently in the woods by the pond on Hole 16 and in the back yards of the homes on that side of Trading Block Lane. Black bears and coyotes have also hung around Ivy Hill in past Springs and reared their young here, although none have yet been sighted this year so far as we are aware. If you have cats or small dogs you may want to be careful about letting them outside unsupervised, especially in the evenings.

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 a better than 90% success rate in reuniting lost pets and their owners since we started this service several years ago. Provide a photo of the animal if possible.

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New Neighbors

Please welcome Jonathan & Shannon Schultz of 101 Trading Block Lane to Ivy Hill.

Architectural Committee

If you plan to add a deck, porch, garage, addition, or make any other major change to the outward appearance of your home this spring, be sure to contact the Architectural Committee first.

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

Forest Volunteer Fire Department

Thanks to your generous donations, the Forest Volunteer Fire Department was able to make a \$50,000 payment on the \$350,000 loan on their building on Thomas Jefferson Road in 2015. The loan was used to complete the first floor of the building which now houses a communication room, training room, kitchen, and four administration offices plus space for fire personnel to stay overnight if their duties require. The FVFD made almost 700 emergency runs last year. Your tax-deductible contributions are vitally needed. Contact the Fire chief, Monty Colman, or send your contributions to the FVFD at P.O. Box 140, Forest, VA 24551.



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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.

IHHA Membership Drive

You have probably seen these signs around the neighborhood over the past few weeks. The annual IHHA membership drive is in full swing.

The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association is a purely voluntary organization with an all-volunteer Board of Directors and all-volunteer officers. No one associated with the IHHA takes a penny in compensation for what we do. Yet we are responsible for maintaining the common areas of the neighborhood, lighting the entranceways at night, paying for insurance, running the Architectural Committee, assuring that the Ivy Hill restrictions are honored year after year, publishing this Newsletter, running the Ivy Hill Website, publishing the Ivy Hill Directory, and cohosting Oktoberfest.



Our only sources of funds are annual dues, occasional donations, and advertising fees. Of these, the dues make up well over 90% of our yearly revenue. So we cannot do all that we do without your financial support. Won't you do your part? Please join now if you have not done so already.

Join IHHA

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.

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