

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

August 2016



IHHA President's Message

The Association has been performing a lot of work around the community this summer. The trees at the main entrance have been pruned. The ground around the LakePointe sign was cleaned up and an American flag was added to that entrance. Electrical problems at the main entrance to Ivy Hill were discovered. Some electrical work has been performed on the lights and electrical service on the walls and gazebo. More work is needed. The damage was significant and so was the price tag. See the articles on Pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter.

The Board recently met with deputies from the Bedford County Sheriff's Department to discuss neighborhood safety. The main thing that everyone in the neighborhood can do is to watch for things that are out of place. Things like strange cars or people on your street. We will be running a series of articles on community safety. The first article can be found on Page 7 of this Newsletter.

The membership drive is still on. You have seen the signs at the entrances. We have 289 members to date. This is down by about 30 from last year and is less than half of the total homeowners in the Ivy Hill community. There is an article on Page 5 about membership that shows the number of members and percentage by streets. We need your help. Please talk to your neighbors and find out if they are members. If not, talk to them about the advantages of being members.

Just a reminder, the Ivy Hill Reservations and Restrictions are for everyone in Ivy Hill, not just the members of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association. The R&R are on our website: ivyhill-forest.org.

The Octoberfest event is being canceled this year because of these unexpected costs and lower membership. We hope to have it next year.

There is little news about the fate of Ivy Lake. Liberty has filed a document in the Circuit Court of Bedford County to save the lake and form a Lake Association for those who live around the lake and those who have to use the dam to get to their homes. The case is in the early stages of the legal process. The Case No. is CL16000266-00.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

Major Electrical Repairs Underway

In the September 2015 Newsletter we reported on the new lighting that the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association installed on the sign and serpentine walls at the Ivy Hill main entrance. We also reported on some minor masonry repairs that our volunteers made to the serpentine walls themselves. We hoped that those improvements would hold us for many years to come. Alas, that was not to be.

The problems began this spring with the timer going bad that controlled the lights. Replacing the timer with a photo sensor solved that problem, but then the generations-old service wire, meter base, and breaker box were found to have deteriorated to the point of being a hazard. The service wire had come loose from the 1935 pole. Water was entering the meter base and finding its way into the breaker box, tripping the breakers and causing the lights to go out. The breaker box was not grounded as per code. The water had also caused severe deterioration of the electrical contacts in the meter base and breaker box.



Enter Chuck Dyba and his team at Unlimited Electrical Contracting (formerly Gaddy Electric in Goode). A new pole, service wire, meter base, breaker box, and junction housing were installed providing a thorough and safe upgrade of electrical service.

However, then an inspection revealed that the neutral wire going to the gazebo and north wall had apparently been severed at some time in the past. More critically, the problem had been “fixed” by tying the neutral at the gazebo to a ground rod, thus creating an extremely hazardous configuration. Since this condition did not pass inspection, the power to the gazebo, the Ivy Hill sign, and the north wall was turned off in May.

A “sweep” of the underground line from the service pole to the gazebo was then conducted to locate the fault. It was determined that the cable was not installed in a conduit as it should have been even back then, and that standard above ground house wiring had been used rather than direct-burial cable. Consequently, the wiring had badly deteriorated. Moreover, the junction boxes that were used were not intended for outdoor service either, and were improperly “sealed” with grout.



None of this would pass code. So at this point it was decided that there was no choice but to replace everything. This involved boring under both roadways and the median "island" and putting in a flexible conduit into which new wires will be run to the walls and the gazebo.

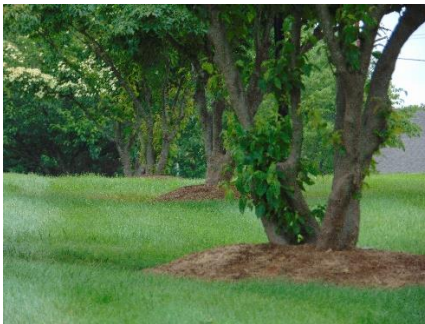


The boring was completed in July at a cost of approximately \$2,000. The estimated cost of the cable and completing the rest of electrical hookup is \$3,400. So the total anticipated cost is \$5,400.

Thank you to Bob Harvey for taking the lead on this major electrical refurbishment project.

June Work Party

On Saturday morning, June 25th, a dozen IHHA volunteers gathered on the "island" at the main Ivy Hill entrance. They pruned the low-hanging branches on the trees along the median, cut off all the suckers that sprouted at the base of the trees since last year, and did some minor repairs at the gazebo and entrance sign.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help keep Ivy Hill beautiful!

LakePointe Sign

Just in time for the Fourth of July, the IHHA mounted a flag holder to the elaborate brickwork of the beautiful sign at the LakePointe entrance and installed a brand new American flag. IHHA volunteers also checked out the electrical system at the sign, weeded the plantings in front of the sign, and removed a scrub bush that was blocking access to the electrical outlet and circuit box behind the entrance sign.



Oktoberfest 2016 Cancelled

Due to the extraordinary expenses associated with the Ivy Hill main entrance electrical repairs reported in the article that begins on Page 2 of this Newsletter, the Oktoberfest event that was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 8th has been cancelled.

New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Paul & Ana Marie Barksdale – 1228 LakePointe Drive
- Daniel & Carla Breland – 1275 Equestrian Ridge Circle
- James & Dorothy Calhoun – 1078 Club Terrace
- Bob & Peggy Christmas – 440 Quail Ridge Drive
- Mark & Kathryn Halpern – 1096 Ivy Place
- Matt & Ashton Nolen – 106 Deer Track Lane
- Brad Shaner – 244 Shaker Lane

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.

Lunch Bunch

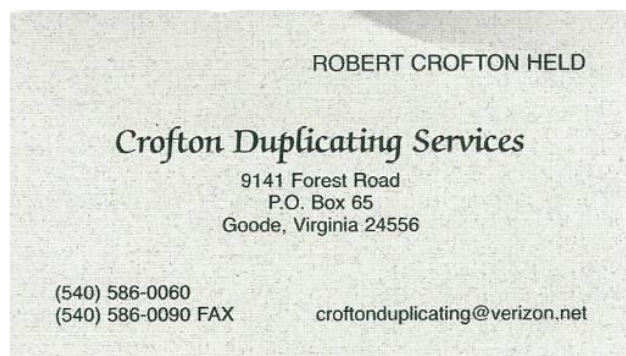


The Ivy Hill Ladies Association's Lunch Bunch group recently met at VT's at the Grave's Mill center. Jan Koch has organized this group for many years. We meet the third Tuesday or Wednesday most months at different restaurants around town. Contact Jan at 525-2935 if you would like to join us.



Photography Credits

The banner photo for this August issue, like the banner photos for most of the Newsletters that we published over the past year, was the work of Bill Hite. As you can see, Bill is a highly accomplished professional photographer. Thank you Bill for donating your talents to the neighborhood.



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.

IHHA Membership Drive

The preliminary results of the 2016 IHHA membership drive are shown in the graphic to the right. How is your neighborhood doing?

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.

If you have joined and your street is not doing well in the rankings, please consider talking to your neighbors and asking them to join. This can make a big difference. For example, the LakePointe neighborhood has fallen near the bottom of these rankings in past years. Earlier this year Margie Miller and Debbie Farrago took it upon themselves to go door-to-door urging their neighbors to become IHHA members. As you can see from these preliminary results, LakePointe Drive is now one of the top performing streets. Well done Margie and Debbie!

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.

Numerical Ranking			Percentage Ranking		
Rank	Street	IHHA	Rank	Street	%
1	Quail Ridge Dr.	31	1	Trading Block Ln.	76%
2	Ivy Lake Dr.	19	2	Paddock Ln.	75%
3	Lake Ridge Dr.	17	3	Quail Roost Dr.	71%
4	Fairwinds Ct.	15	4	Millstone Terr.	69%
5	Hitching Post Ln.	15	5	Lakepointe Dr.	68%
6	Lakepointe Dr.	15	6	Quail Ridge Dr.	67%
7	Trading Block Ln.	13	7	Ivy Point Ct.	67%
8	Shaker Ln.	10	8	Cedarberry Ln.	60%
9	Eastwind Dr.	9	9	Millbrooke Terr.	60%
10	Lake Meadow Ln.	9	10	Lake Ridge Dr.	59%
11	Millstone Terr.	9	11	Club Terrace	58%
12	Sailview Dr.	9	12	Weatherhill Rd.	57%
13	Ivy West Ct.	8	13	Deer Track Ln.	56%
14	Weatherhill Rd.	8	14	Hitching Post Ln.	56%
15	Club Terrace	7	15	Equestrian Ridge Cir.	50%
16	Meadowgate Dr.	7	16	Starview Knoll Dr.	50%
17	Equestrian Ridge Cir.	6	17	Fairwinds Ct.	48%
18	Haines Point Terr.	6	18	Lake Meadow Ln.	47%
19	Millbrooke Terr.	6	19	Haines Point Terr.	46%
20	Deer Track Ln.	5	20	Quail Meadows Dr.	45%
21	Quail Hollow Dr.	5	21	Persimmon Way	44%
22	Quail Meadows Dr.	5	22	Meadowgate Dr.	44%
23	Quail Roost Dr.	5	23	Quail Hollow Dr.	42%
24	Ivy Place	5	24	Shaker Ln.	40%
25	Ivy West Dr.	4	25	Ivy West Ct.	40%
26	Persimmon Way	4	26	Ivy Place	38%
27	Cedarberry Ln.	3	27	Eastwind Dr.	38%
28	Eastway Ln.	3	28	Ivy Lake Dr.	35%
29	Paddock Ln.	3	29	Eastway Ln.	33%
30	Ivy Point Ct.	2	30	Ivy West Dr.	31%
31	Ivy Woods Dr.	2	31	Maple Leaf Ct.	25%
32	Maple Leaf Ct.	2	32	Millview Terr.	25%
33	Ivy Court Ln.	1	33	Oak Leaf Ct.	25%
34	Millview Terr.	1	34	Sailview Dr.	23%
35	Oak Leaf Ct.	1	35	Ivy Court Ln.	20%
36	Overlake Ave.	1	36	Ivy Woods Dr.	15%
37	Starview Knoll Dr.	1	37	Overlake Ave.	10%
38	Catamaran Ct.	0	38	Catamaran Ct.	0%
39	Chestnut Grove	0	39	Chestnut Grove	0%
40	Ivy Crest Ln.	0	40	Ivy Crest Ln.	0%
41	Ivy Hill Dr.	0	41	Ivy Hill Dr.	0%
42	Ivy Island	0	42	Ivy Island	0%

Join IHHA Now!



Name(s)	
Address	
Phone	
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Ivy Hill History

Long time Ivy Hill resident Ann Hite recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Ann and her husband Jim were among the first residents of Ivy Hill. When they built their house on Trading Block Lane, that street, Hitching Post Lane, and parts of Quail Ridge Drive and Lake Ridge Drive were the only paved roads in the new subdivision.

Ann and Jim's home backs up to the 14th fairway. In 1977, the famous entertainer Bob Hope was playing an exhibition round at Ivy Hill. On the 14th hole he hooked his tee shot out of bounds. Ann was right there. When he drove up to where the ball was, he asked her "How does it look?" She responded "It's round and white and has dimples". Later that day he used that line as a joke when talking to some men at the 18th hole.



Happy Birthday Ann!

Volunteers Sought

The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association is a purely voluntary organization. We maintain the common areas of the neighborhood, light the entranceways at night, pay for insurance, run the Architectural Committee, assure that the Ivy Hill restrictions are honored year after year, publish this Newsletter, run the Ivy Hill Website, and publish the Ivy Hill Directory. If you would be interested in helping with any of these endeavors, please contact any member of the IHHA Board or send an email to ivyhillforest@gmail.com.

Financial contributions would always be appreciated too. Especially this year, given our extraordinary expenses associated with the aging electrical infrastructure of the community.



IVY HILL LADIES' ASSOC.

SUMMER'S END PARTY!



Sunday evening, August 28, 2016

More details later...

It's not too late to join us! Contact Beth.

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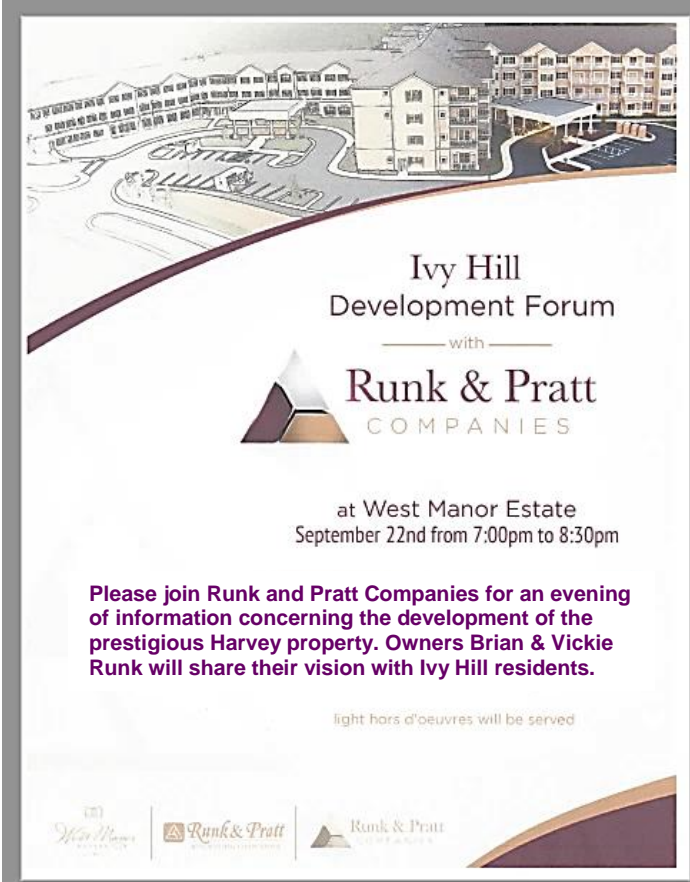
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Major Changes Coming to Ivy Hill?

The ad below appears to foreshadow major changes to the Harvey property and the Ivy Hill community. We urge you to attend this meeting if you have any questions or concerns.



The poster features an architectural rendering of a large residential development with multiple buildings and a central courtyard. Below the rendering, the text reads: "Ivy Hill Development Forum with Runk & Pratt COMPANIES at West Manor Estate September 22nd from 7:00pm to 8:30pm". A purple text box contains the invitation: "Please join Runk and Pratt Companies for an evening of information concerning the development of the prestigious Harvey property. Owners Brian & Vickie Runk will share their vision with Ivy Hill residents." At the bottom, it says "light hors d'oeuvres will be served" and includes logos for West Manor, Runk & Pratt, and Runk & Pratt Companies.

Ivy Hill Directories

Plans to publish a new Ivy Hill Directory this year have been put on hold due to the extraordinary expenses that we have encountered this year. Copies of the 2013-2015 Directory are still available for sale at \$5. Contact Barb Walton at 525-0459 or send an email to ivyhillforest@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Security

By Bobby Bomar

In a booklet that accompanied a recent letter from Sheriff Mike Brown several things are suggested that you can do to keep your home, your belongings, your family, and the Ivy Hill community safer including the following:

- Know your neighbors.
- Always lock your cars and home.
- Use outside lighting / motion detectors / timers.
- Keep shrubs and trees trimmed.
- Install alarm stickers and cameras.
- Watch for strange people and cars in the neighborhood and report anything suspicious.
- Call the Sheriff's office and arrange for periodic house checks when you are out of town.
- Be alert for fraudulent phone calls and phishing emails.

If you would like a copy of the booklet, contact Sheriff Brown, any member of the IHHA Board of Directors, or send an email to ivyhillforest@gmail.com.



The advertisement features a background image of fresh produce like green onions and leafy greens. A central logo reads "LOCALLY SOURCED Forest Farmer's MARKET SINCE 2011". Text on the right lists "Virginia Grown Produce • Meats • Honey Flowers • Breads & More!". At the bottom, it announces "Opening for Spring! April 30, 2016" at the Forest Public Library, 15583 Forest Road, every Saturday 8 am-noon, with the website www.forestfarmersmarket.com.

Hardcopy Newsletters to be Phased Out

More and more residents are opting to receive their Newsletters electronically. Consequently, readership of the hardcopy version is declining year after year. Our bulk mailing permit specifies a minimum mailing size of 150 copies. When our readership drops below that threshold, we will be forced to phase out the hardcopy version. If you currently receive your Newsletter in the mail, and wish to continue to receive the electronic version via email after hardcopies are discontinued, please send your email address to ivyhillforest@gmail.com. Past copies of the electronic version of the Newsletter can also be read or downloaded from our website ivyhill-forest.org at any time.



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