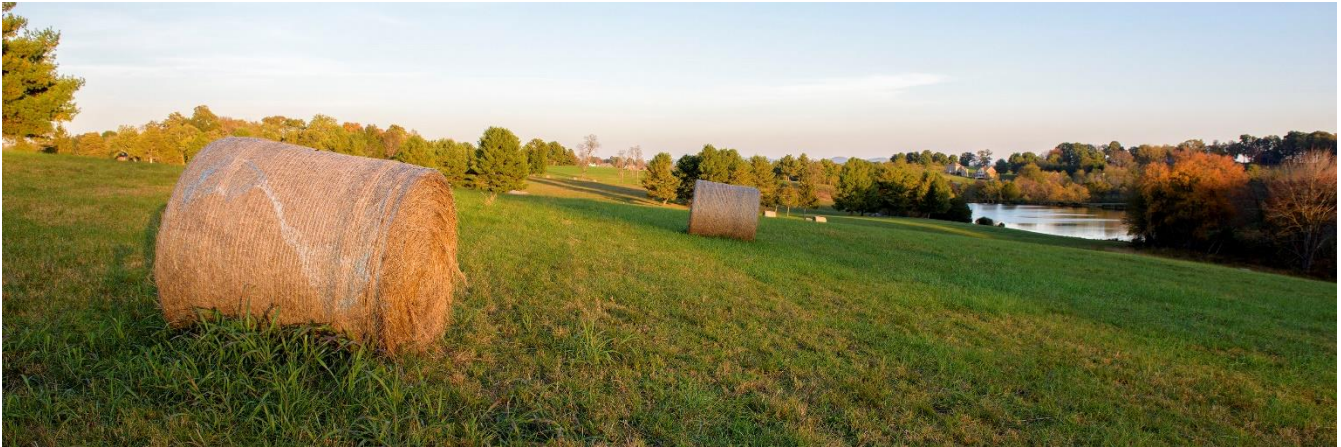


# Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

November 2016



## **IHHA President's Message**

The holiday season is getting close. It is my hope that you and your family will have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a happy and fruitful New Year.

John Helmey and Bruce Deist have resigned from the IHHA Board for personnel reasons. They were both productive members and will be missed. John was also the Chairman of the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee. He will be replaced as Chairman by Margie Miller. We welcome her to this new position. See the related articles on Page 3 (Board of Directors) and Page 6 (Ivy Hill Architectural Committee).

Runk & Pratt held a meeting on September 22 at West Manor to discuss their plans to purchase the Harvey estate. The Runks are planning to renovate and live in the Harvey house. They are also exploring building a 80 unit senior living facility in the hay field between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> holes on the golf course. This will not affect the golf course. There were many questions at the meeting and I believe that they were satisfactorily answered. If anyone has a question, e-mail the question to me and I will get you an answer. There will a meeting of the Bedford County Zoning Commission in November to determine if the senior living facility can be built on the site. I believe that Runk & Pratt will be good neighbors to the Ivy Hill community. See the related article on Page 4 (Main Entrance Electrical Repairs).

There is some progress to report on the Ivy Lake issue. A pre-trial date has been set for January 18, 2017 in Bedford Circuit Court. The pre-trial is where the Judge hears from all parties. He will then decide if he wants to hear the case. If he decides to hear the case, he will then set a court date.

Have you joined Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association for 2016? If not, it is never too late. It only costs \$40. And now you can join and pay your dues via the internet. See the related article (Join IHHA Online) on Page 5 or use the form at the bottom of that same page.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

## Ivy Hill Ladies Association

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) recently held its annual October meeting to kick off our year. This year, the meeting was combined with wine and cheese and held in the home of Brenda Harvey. We have a full slate of officers, a healthy budget, and many events on the calendar for the coming year. We also have all the committees organized for each event. We would love to grow in membership this coming year and welcome all ladies who reside in the Ivys.

We closed out summer with a cook-out/pot luck dinner. More than 30 people attended the event, held at the home of Margaret Deist. Thanks to the committee of Margaret Deist, Brenda Harvey, Vicki Sharrett, Beverly James, Betty Ann Hyssong, Bonnie Wishon and Beth Manns. See the related article on Page 3 (End of Summer Party) of this Newsletter.

Our next event was the annual Election Day Coffee which was held on, you guessed it, election day. It was held from 9:30 to 11:30 in the home of Beth Manns. It was open to all ladies of Ivy Hill, both members and may-be members.

The IHLA will also help with the children's event on December 17, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. This fun afternoon with Santa and Mrs. Claus, treats and crafts will be co-sponsored by Life in the Ivy Magazine and the IHLA. Email Mary Garner [garner@N2pub.com](mailto:garner@N2pub.com) to RSVP. Please support these fun events with your attendance!

If you have any questions about the IHLA, please contact President Beth Manns at [bethmanns@gmail.com](mailto:bethmanns@gmail.com) or 525-2738.



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## Christmas Decorations

It's time to start thinking once again about decorating the neighborhood entrances for the holidays. The IHHA decorates the main Ivy Hill entrance each year and the local neighborhoods decorate the other entrances. So talk to your neighbors, put together a team, and come up with a plan for decorating your neighborhood entrance. Decorate your entrance any time after Thanksgiving. The Newsletter photographers will go around taking pictures of the decorations on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) for the January Newsletter. Take your decorations down the weekend after New Years.

Do you remember how great the entrances looked last year? Let's make them even more beautiful this Christmas!



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## **Book Club**

The Ivy Hill Book Club is open to all adults. We are a smallish group with lively discussions. We usually meet the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm in members' homes. On December 1, we will meet to discuss *The Sherlockian* by Graham Moore. For location and more information, contact Brenda Harvey at [kd4cat@juno.com](mailto:kd4cat@juno.com) or 525-8247. Come join us!

## **End of Summer Party**



On Sunday evening August 28<sup>th</sup>, the Ivy Hill Ladies Association closed out the summer with a fun cook-out/pot luck dinner. More than 30 people attended the event. Margaret Deist hosted the party at her beautiful home. The food was plentiful and delicious and it was a beautiful mild day. As a result, a number of folks elected to hang around well into the early evening hours. We sat, drank, and socialized with our friends and neighbors as the long summer day finally drew to a close. Thanks to the committee of Margaret Deist, Brenda Harvey, Vicki Sharrett, Beverly James, Betty Ann Hyssong, Bonnie Wishon and Beth Manns for organizing this fun event. You did a terrific job!



## **Board of Directors**

As Tom Haertel reported in his President's Message on Page 1 of this Newsletter, John Helme and Bruce Deist recently resigned from the IHHA Board of Directors. That opens up two positions on the Board. At the December meeting, the Board will form a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of candidates for the annual January election cycle. If you would be interested in serving on the Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Board of Directors next year, or know someone that you think would be a good candidate, please contact any member of the IHHA Board or send an email to [ivyhillforest@gmail.com](mailto:ivyhillforest@gmail.com).

*Lost a pet or found a stray animal? We can help. Contact [IvyHillForest@gmail.com](mailto:IvyHillForest@gmail.com) or any IHHA Board member to send out a community-wide email alert. Provide a photo of the animal if possible.*

## Main Entrance Electrical Repairs

As we reported in the August Newsletter, the IHHA undertook a major upgrade this year of the electrical service at the Ivy Hill main entrance. The original system that powered the lanterns on the two serpentine walls, the floodlights that illuminate the entrance sign, and the ceiling light and electrical outlets in the gazebo had deteriorated badly. We also found that it was improperly installed to begin with and would not pass Code. So we had no choice but to shut the system down and replace everything. This involved replacing the power pole, service wire, meter base, and breaker box; boring under both roadways and the median "island"; and installing a flexible conduit under the road into which new wires were to be run to the walls and the gazebo.

The first part of the project (replacing the power pole, service wire, meter base, and breaker box) was completed earlier in the summer and the boring was completed in July. The conduit was installed at a cost of approximately \$2,000. However, then the project ground to a halt for a while. The only estimate that we received for digging the trenches from the ends of the conduit to the hookup points, installing the cables, and completing the rest of electrical hookup was \$3,400. None of these expenses had been budgeted at the start of the year. We cancelled the Oktoberfest event. However, even after that major expense came off the ledger, we still didn't have enough 2016 income to finish the job. We investigated whether we could do part of the work ourselves. We also tried to identify a contractor who would agree to do the job at a lower cost. Neither avenue appeared very promising. So it was looking like we would either have to put the rest of the job off until next year or spend every uncommitted dollar in our bank account and hope that no more unanticipated expenses came up until well into 2017.

Then the Runk & Pratt venture suddenly materialized. If that project goes ahead, Runk & Pratt will have to make major improvements to the current one lane access road that leads to the Harvey mansion in order to provide proper access to the new senior living facility. They will also have a strong business incentive to have the Ivy Hill main entrance be both inviting and in good working order. So our project leader, Bob Harvey, met with the Runk & Pratt Project Manager and discussed the situation with him. They met at the entrance and walked down the project together. Bob showed him what had been completed and talked through what remained to be done. Runk & Pratt's project manager expressed an interest in helping us



complete the electrical work at no cost to us! A few weeks later his people showed up on site and work on the project resumed. Within a few hours, trenches had been dug and cable had been laid. Power was restored to the entrance lights for the first time in almost half a year on Friday evening November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you Runk and Pratt for being a good neighbor! And thank you again Bob for taking the lead on this major project.

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**New Neighbors**

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Anne Marie Jones & Richard Bunch – 210 Hitching Post Lane
- Frank & Judy Connors – 202 Hitching Post Lane
- Brian & Deborah Conklin – 111 Meadowgate Drive
- Tracia & Mills Collura – 1085 Ivy Woods Drive
- Ted & Pam Filson – 603 Fairwinds Court
- Caryn Wilmer – 405 Quail Hollow Drive
- Jose Antonio & Sardinias Sostre – 412 Quail Hollow Drive
- Thomas & Nellie Brown – 406 Quail Hollow Drive
- Darrell Williams – 706 Ivy Lake Drive
- Deborah & Adam Benyo – 136 Sailview Drive
- Travis & Meredith McCauley – 302 Quail Ridge Drive
- Zuo Ming Liu – 1915 Eastway Lane
- Wayne East & Stephanie Loveridge – 411 Quail Hollow Drive
- Melissa Anderson – 100 Hitching Post Lane
- Terry & Joan McCall – 1105 Ivy Woods 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](mailto:IvyHillForest@gmail.com) so we can update our database.

**Lunch Bunch**



The Ivy Hill Ladies Association’s Lunch Bunch group recently met at Bulls 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.

Our next lunch date will be on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be eating at Hill City House this time.

Contact Jan at 525-2935 if you would like to join us. Lunch will start at 11:30 am.

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## **Neighborhood Security**

According to NCSC Senior Fraud brochure 5709, telephone scams cost homeowners almost \$40 billion last year. Here are 13 cons and scams to watch out for:

- “Work at Home” business schemes
- Free Inspection / Home Repair schemes
- “Utility Inspections” offering quick fixes for “breaking utility regulations”
- Insurance Fraud offering “low rates with big benefits”
- Medical Fraud offering miracle cures
- Property Scams offering fictitious investment deals
- Phony Charities
- Debt Consolidation
- Bank Scams asking you to withdraw money to serve as evidence in an undercover investigation
- Investment Schemes including pyramid schemes
- Free Prize Offers
- Low Cost Trip vacation packages
- Foreign/Domestic Lottery Schemes

The latest telephone scam is a call claiming to be from the IRS telling you that you are about to be sued for failure to pay your taxes and offering to settle out of court.

Be alert. Don't be fooled. If it is too good to be true, it probably isn't true.

## **Ivy Hill Architectural Committee**

As Tom Haertel reported in his President's Message on Page 1 of this Newsletter, John Helmey has resigned as Chairman of the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee. He will be replaced by Margie Miller. Welcome to the team Margie! The other members of the Architectural Committee are:

- Bobby Bomar
- Ed Schwabe
- Lew Walton
- Rene Koch

If you are planning any changes to your property that will enlarge the footprint of the house or significantly change the external appearance of the house or grounds, be sure to contact the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee first. There is a form on the Ivy Hill Website ([ivyhill-forest.org](http://ivyhill-forest.org)) that you can use to request approval or you can contact any of the members listed above. We will work with you to assure that all changes are in compliance with the Ivy Hill Covenants and Restrictions.

## **Join IHHA Online**

You can now join the Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association and pay your annual dues online. It is very simple. Just visit our website ([ivyhill-forest.org](http://ivyhill-forest.org)) and click on the “Planning” tab, then select “IHHA Membership” from the pull-down menu below. A form similar to the one at the bottom of Page 5 will appear asking for your name, address, and contact information. Fill out the form and click on “Send”. You will be linked to Pay Pal where you can then pay your dues electronically using any major credit card (or your Pay Pal account if you have one). It should only take a minute or two of your time.

## Landscaping

Last year one of the trees died along the exit side of the "island" at the main Ivy Hill entrance. We replaced it last fall with the Kousa Dogwood shown in the upper photo at the right. The young tree survived the winter fine and leafed out promisingly this past spring. However, as summer went along leaves started to turn brown and fall off. Initially, only the new leaves at the tips of the branches were involved. But then it spread down the branches, more and more leaves turned brown and fell off, and the tree looked sicker and sicker. By August the tree was bare. We assumed it was dead. So we went out and bought a replacement, another Kousa Dogwood which has been staying in Karen and Ed Schwabe's yard awaiting the fall planting season.

A few weeks later, the supposedly dead tree suddenly sprouted a new crop of leaves! So on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, a volunteer work party planted the new tree in a vacant spot on the opposite (entrance) side of the island where a tree had died several years before and never been replaced. Thank you to Karen and Ed Schwabe, Tom Haertel, Jeff Wishon, and Lew Walton.



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