

# Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

April 2017



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## IHHA President's Message

**THE BIG NEWS OF THE DAY!** Runk & Pratt has negotiated a deal with Liberty University to purchase Ivy Lake. The deal is the same as Liberty offered the homeowners. Runk & Pratt will take possession of the lake after the spillway is repaired and approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Liberty expects to complete the spillway repair by winter of next year. Runk & Pratt wants to make Ivy Lake a community lake again, as it was before Liberty took over ownership. Liberty will not have any part of the lake after the sale. I hope the whole community will embrace this as a positive outcome. I believe that Runk & Pratt will be a great neighbor for the Ivy Hill community. They have already purchased the golf course and are renovating the club house. See the article on Page 4 of this newsletter about the club house renovation. They will also be purchasing the Harvey estate, where the Runks plan to live. As reported in a previous newsletter, they are also considering constructing a senior living community on a vacant property adjacent to the golf course.

This winter was strange. One snow in December and warm days in February. Some of the flowers started to come out and trees started also to bloom. I hope the flowers and trees will survive.

This is the time of the year to renew your membership in the Ivy Hill Homeowners' Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association. There are articles later in this newsletter explaining the activities that these organizations support. I encourage all Ivy Hill residents to join both of these organizations.

The Directors and Officers for the Board of the Ivy Hill Homeowners' Association for this year have been elected. They are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

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## **Ivy Hill Ladies' Association**

The IHLA hosted a Jimmy Buffett Buffet on February 12th at the Ivy Hill Pavilion. More than 30 people enjoyed good music, friends, and cheeseburgers, of course. Hot wings, sides, a margarita punch, and some fabulous cupcakes rounded out the event.

Thanks go to committee members: Margie Miller, Bonnie Wishon, Debbie Farrago, Marcy Shilling, Carolyn Bosiger, and Lisa Rubilar.

Our next event is on April 26. It will be our annual spring meeting and luncheon. If you have been curious about our group and would like to learn more, please join us! See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.



## **Lakepointe Sign Lighting Upgrade**

This winter the IHHA upgraded the lighting at the beautiful Lakepointe entrance. Several of the fixtures that illuminate the striking entrance sign and surrounding landscaping had deteriorated over the years. They have now all been replaced.

Additionally, the expensive halogen bulbs in all of the fixtures have now been upgraded to the new LED technology. This will provide greater illumination while generating less heat in the fixtures. This upgrade should add considerable longevity to the system while reducing monthly operating expenses.



## New Ivy Hill Directory Planned for 2017

The IHHA is planning a new Ivy Hill Directory for release in 2017. Our last Directory was published four years ago and is becoming increasingly out of date due to changes in home ownership, residents switching from land lines to cell phones, and the increased use of other forms of electronic communications. We want the new Directory to be as up-to-date as possible. So here's how you can help us get it right:

- Check your 2013 Directory if you have one. Is the information that we have for you correct? If not, please let us know.
- If you received this Newsletter by mail, please check the mailing label. Are the names and the address correct? If not, please let us know.
- Do you receive this Newsletter electronically? If so, then presumably we have your correct email address. If your spouse or significant other has a separate email address, did they receive their copy, too? If not, please send us their email address.

And in general, have you had any other changes that we might not be aware of, like abandoning your land line, or changing your cell phone number? If so, please let us know.

Give your updated information to any IHHA Board member or email it to [ivyhillforest@gmail.com](mailto:ivyhillforest@gmail.com).

Also, if you have any new neighbors or if any of the houses on your street have changed ownership recently, let us know that, too. Encourage any new residents to contact us with their information if they have not already done so.

# Helicopter Drop Easter Egg Hunt


Saturday, April 15th  
11:00am-2:00pm  
at Ivy Hill Golf Course



All Ivy Hill residents, Runk & Pratt employees, residents, and their families are welcome!  
A helicopter will drop hundreds of eggs from the sky! Children who find a golden egg will win a very special prize!


Meet the Easter Bunny!  
Games!  
Photo Booth!  
Cornhole!  
Live DJ!  
Bounce Houses!  
Cookout!  
Ice Cream!




RSVP by April 10<sup>th</sup>  
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## CLUBHOUSE 2.0

New owners Brian and Vickie Runk unveiled the first stage of the planned major renovations being undertaken at the Ivy Hill Clubhouse at a well-attended celebratory golf tournament held over the weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't had the chance to check it out yet, you should. The changes are spectacular.

The outdoor landscaping and front terrace have both had a serious makeover while the new interior layout has an open and modern feel featuring all new floor coverings, an exposed-beam ceiling, and lots of lighting. The pro shop has been expanded and modernized. It will soon carry Titleist golf equipment in addition to Callaway. The snack bar on the raised center section has been completely redone with a unique barrel-supported food bar, all new tables, and soon an expanded menu. Meanwhile, the end of the Clubhouse nearest the parking lot, has been turned into a high-end lounge/sports bar. The bar occupies the space where the buffet tables used to be, large flat-screen TVs have been mounted on the wall, and the rest of the space has been refurbished with very comfortable sectionals and armchairs. Be sure to check out the bar top, carved from a single huge tree trunk.

Brian Runk said that the next stage of the renovation will tackle the restroom area. The men's and women's restrooms will be refurbished and the restaurant area will be extended into the space between to provide additional seating. Further in the future, the Runks plan to convert the unfinished second floor of the building into additional event space.

Vickie Runk, who was the interior designer on the project, emphasized their vision that the Clubhouse be a gathering place for the whole Ivy Hill community; a place where you can drop in for lunch with friends, have a meeting, watch the Master's or other sporting event together, or just hang out. "It's not just about golf anymore", she said.



*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.*



*And Biannual Ivy Hill Ladies' Assoc. Business Meeting*

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Place: Newly-refurbished Ivy Hill Golf Club House

RSVP by 4/21/17 to Bobbie Russell 525-2982 or [RKRussell@verizon.net](mailto:RKRussell@verizon.net)

This is a great opportunity for Ivy Hill ladies to learn more about our group.

If you may be interested, RSVP to come! Questions about the IHHA?

Call Beth at 525-2738

**New Neighbors**

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Elaine Ross – 304 Fairwinds Court
- William & Kathleen Janky – 506 Ivy Lake Drive
- Jen-Te Pan & Wen-Hsin Yin – 240 Shaker Ln.
- David & Laura Lin – 1137 Lakepointe Drive
- Timothy & Angela Witt – 105 Millbrook Terrace
- Robyn Hamilton – 1193 Ivy Woods Drive
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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.

## Ivy Hill History – A Life Well Lived

In September of 2003, Jack and Jettie Harris moved into their home on Quail Ridge Drive. Very soon thereafter, Jack became a familiar figure on the golf course and the cart path, both as a golfer and as an avid jogger. At age 81, he had already lived a full and colorful life as a B-24 bomber pilot, the owner and manager of JHarris Aviation, a flight school in Delaware, and as a successful industrial engineer with factory-building experience in the Mid-East.



Jack was a quiet man with bright blue eyes and a puckish smile. He never had a great deal to say, explaining slyly that he was so quiet because his wife didn't give him much opportunity to be otherwise. His dry wit became one of his hallmarks. As the years wore on, his jogging turned into walking, and he daily walked the two or three miles from his home, out to Lake Ridge Drive and beyond, accompanied for the last three years by his beloved walking stick, hand-made for him and a gift from his favored neighbor, Fay Cozart.

Literally the entire community knew of Jack and looked forward to seeing him on his daily venture. On December 14, 2016, Jack fell and broke his hip. The fracture was not serious, but the inactivity incurred by that fracture put him in Summit Rehabilitation Center, where he died of heart invoked pneumonia forty days later. He loved His Lord, was eager to see Him, and was surrounded by his wife and friends and the priest of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church when he died on January 24, 2017.

He will be missed; he was truly an icon and an inspiration to all who witnessed his determined strength and will to keep going in the face of his nearly 95 years.

*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](mailto:IvyHillForest@gmail.com)*

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Alternatively, please fill out the form below and mail it along with your check for \$40 to the Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association at the address below.

Your dues pay for lighting the entranceways, maintaining the common grounds, this Newsletter, the Ivy Hill Directory, the Ivy Hill Website, and so many other services that make Ivy Hill a great place to live!



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