

# Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

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## IHHA President's Message

Summer is a great time to enjoy all that our neighborhood has to offer. The swimming pool and pavilion at the Ivy Hill golf and swim club have been wonderfully upgraded and pickleball is going great. If you are interested in playing contact Rick Collin (942-5068). Also, the Ivy Hill Café is now open for business. The hours are from 10:00 to 4:00. This is a great place for lunch with fine food. (I'm speaking from experience.) They are now serving beer and wine.

Solar lights are being installed on the golf cart paths so they can be used for casual hiking before 7:30 AM and late in the evening. Do not use these paths for hiking during the day. There are many places where golfers cannot see you. Golf balls travel at very high speed and can cause severe injuries.

A reminder, that the speed limit in the neighborhood is 25 mph. **So slow down.**

We are replacing the front post that holds up the sign at the main Ivy Hill entrance. We are also going to have the signs at Ivy Lake, Ivy West, Ivy Woods, and Ivy Hill cleaned and repainted.

There is still time to join the Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association. Dues are still only \$40 per year. See more details on page 5 of this newsletter. We are also going to update the Ivy Hill Directory this year. You may be contacted and asked for your names, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address. (E-mail addresses will not be published in the Directory. They will only be used for sending out the IHHA Newsletter and neighborhood alerts.)

Tom Haertel, IHHA President



## Ivy Hill Ladies Association

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) is going strong. We are continuing to grow and continuing to reach out to new and established residents in hopes of getting to know even more of our neighbors.

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Children \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday (Mo/Day) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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

## New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Chad & Allison Brady – 107 Millstone Terrace
- Robert & Carla Kearin – 217 Hitching Post Lane
- Bill & Kathy Janky – 506 Ivy Lake Drive
- David Brandon & Sara Marsh – 216 Hitching Post Ln
- Curtis & Meghann Cope – 2007 Weatherhill Road
- Roger & Cheryl Cochane – 1137 Equestrian Ridge Circle
- Margie Chappell – 204 Shaker Lane
- Darlene Sherman – 104 Deer Track Drive
- James Bell – 105 Millstone Terrace

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.

## Unoccupied Lots

A BIG shout out (thank you) goes to those who mow along the unoccupied right-of-ways. In our dog-friendly neighborhoods, many owners walk their pets regularly and greatly appreciate having the grass kept under control where there is no lawn. It also provides human hikers with a safer refuge when there is traffic on the road and they need to step off the pavement.

And to dog owners ... thanks for using the poopie bags !

*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.*

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## **Ivy Lake Litigation**

The defendants have dropped their lawsuit against Liberty University and Liberty has dropped their lawsuit against the homeowners. The resolution of these legal entanglements enables the deal with Runk & Pratt to proceed wherein Runk & Pratt have agreed to buy Ivy Lake after Liberty upgrades the spillway and the dam is recertified by the Dam Commission.

See the related article on page 4 of this newsletter.

## **Architectural Committee**

Are you passionate about your neighborhood? Do you want to see the unique character of the Ivy Hill communities maintained? If so, we would love to talk to you. Margie Miller wants to step down as Chairperson of the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee and we are looking for someone to take her place. Experience with architecture or the building trades would be a big plus but is not a necessity. A sincere desire to ensure that Ivy Hill remains a beautiful place to live is the main requirement.

If you are interested, contact President Tom Haertel at [haertels3@aol.com](mailto:haertels3@aol.com) or 525-4229.

## **Entrance Maintenance**

A series of IHHA work parties on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> pruned the suckers off all of the trees on the “island” at the Ivy Hill main entrance and started repair work on the main Ivy Hill entrance sign. The front post holding up the two sign boards has deteriorated and needs to be replaced. We carefully removed the sign boards and dug up the front post only to find that it was embedded in what appeared to be a solid block of concrete filling almost the entire front quarter of the brick planter.

Fortunately, just before making the decision to rent a jackhammer, we did some exploratory chipping with a hammer and chisel and found that the apparently solid block was actually a pile of bricks and cinder blocks cemented together by a relatively small volume of poor quality concrete. Several days later we were still chipping away, but most of the post and about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the pile had been demolished. We still had a short stump embedded in the remains of the pile as this newsletter went to print. Stay tuned.



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**The Future of Ivy Lake**

While this is a matter that affects all members of the Ivy Hill Community, it is most pertinent to those who live around Ivy Lake and have lakefront property. As you already know, Runk & Pratt is set to acquire Ivy Lake in the near future. Currently, Liberty University still owns the lake, and will not transfer ownership to Runk & Pratt until after they have made the necessary repairs to the lake's dam and spillways. Once Liberty University makes the spillway repairs, the lake can be brought back up to full pond. Until that time, if any members of the community have any questions or concerns about the repair process, or about any sort of disruptive or unsupervised activity at the lake, we ask that you direct those inquiries toward Liberty University, and not Runk & Pratt. While Runk & Pratt hopes to acquire the lake as soon as possible, keep in mind that there is no timeframe or deadline for these repairs. Until Liberty finishes them and transfers ownership, Runk & Pratt has no legal jurisdiction over the lake and what happens on the surrounding properties. We sympathize with lakefront homeowners and all members of the Ivy Hill community as you hope for a speedy transition of ownership. We look forward to being a greater part of your community in the near future.

*Brian Runk*

**Ivy Hill Website**

If you would be interested in helping to update and maintain the Ivy Hill website (ivyhill-forest.org), please contact the webmaster, Lew Walton at [ivyhillforest@gmail.com](mailto:ivyhillforest@gmail.com) or 525-0459.

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

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

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**2017 IHHA Membership**

All residents benefit from the efforts of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association (IHHA). This includes:

- Mowing & landscaping at the entrances
- maintaining entrance signs & lighting
- publishing newsletters and hosting an informative web site
- sponsoring an Oktoberfest family event
- providing an email hot line for lost & found, stray pets, and community information

Your participation in the IHHA is needed !

If you have not yet elected to join with your neighbors in supporting the IHHA, now is the time.

Your membership payment of only \$40 may be submitted either by check, your bank's convenient *Bill Pay* feature, or by PayPal. 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.

Please take a moment to support your community association.



<b>Name(s)</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
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**Only \$40 per year**

**IHHA**

**Mail to IHHA, PO Box 353, Forest, VA 24551**

## **Hardcopy Newsletters to be Phased Out**

Residents are increasingly choosing to get their newsletters electronically. Consequently, readership of the hardcopy version has declined. Our bulk mailing permit specifies a minimum mailing size of 150 copies. We will likely hit that limit sometime later this year. When we do, we will phase out the hardcopy version. If you currently get the newsletter by mail and wish to receive the electronic version via email after hardcopies are discontinued, please send your email address to [ivyhillforest@gmail.com](mailto:ivyhillforest@gmail.com). Past copies of the electronic version of the newsletter can also be downloaded from the Ivy Hill Website ([ivyhill-forest.org](http://ivyhill-forest.org)) at any time.



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