Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

November 2018



IHHA President's Message

Banner Photo by Bill Hite

Rain, rain go away, come again another day. Well, another day has come, and we are now 19" above normal this year. We do not need any more rain! According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, December, January, and March will be above normal. It also predicts snow in December, the end of January, February, and then the beginning of April.

The IHHA Board receives complaints about the same problems over and over; dogs rooming off the owner's property, trailers (including utility trailers) and RVs stored on the property, properties not being properly maintained, and conditions that become a nuisance to adjoining landowners. Please review the general Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions plus any restrictions for your neighborhood. They can all be found on our web site ivyhill-forest.org at Planning\Homeowners Associations. Then select either Ivy Hill for the general Ivy Hill Restrictions or the name of your specific neighborhood. The Restrictions also require that all construction or renovations that change the outward appearance of the dwelling or lot be approved by the Architectural Committee.

There is no news about the Lake. It is at full pond thanks to all the rain. That is good.

This is the last Newsletter that will be snail-mailed to residents. If you received this Newsletter via the US mail, have an e-mail address, and want to continue to receive the Newsletter; send your e-mail address to <u>ivyhill-forest@gmail.com</u>. We only use e-mail address to send out the Newsletter and neighborhood alerts. We do not give e-mail addresses to third parties. If you still want to receive these Newsletters and do not use e-mail, please contact us at the phone numbers listed on the back page of this Newsletter, so we can make other arrangements.

It is almost time to join the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association (IHHA) for 2019. We need everyone to join. We only had 255 members for this year. Besides the normal items maintenance that are listed on page 7 of this Newsletter, we have to redo the gazebo roof at the main Ivy Hill entrance next year.

The election for the IHHA Board is coming up in January. Anyone who would like to serve on the Board, please contact one of the Board members. Have a great Winter, and don't forget to VOTE for the IHHA Board of Directors in January.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

Ivy Hill Ladies' Association

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) held its semi-annual meeting/wine and cheese get-together in October. Our year is off to a great start and we are organizing committees now for next year's functions. We welcome new members at any time of the year, but now is a particularly good time to join. Our next event will be a Super Bowl party at the Ivy Hill Clubhouse.

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, <u>bethmanns@gmail.com</u> or (434) 525-2738.

Name	Phone
Address	Cell Phone
Birthday (Mo/Day)	Spouse's name, if app
email	



New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Sharon Huggins 100 Meadowgate Dr.
- Curt & Mary Nicolaisen 1801 Lake Meadow Ln.
- Norman & Linda Pratt 1275 Cedarberry Ln.
- Morgan & Chris Holt 322 Eastwind Dr.
- Robert & Tanya Hicks 203 HitchingPost Ln.
- Linda & Gary Blair 105 Meadowgate Dr.

If you know of a new resident in Ivy Hill, or a house that has changed hands recently, please contact the IHHA at <u>IvyHillForest@gmail.com</u> so we can update our database.



Dangerous Dogs

Watch out for a pack of dangerous dogs as you walk on Hitching Post Lane or the cart path on Hole 10. There have been several complaints to the IHHA Board this year about these dogs running loose off their property, accosting folks that are on foot, and attacking their pets. Unfortunately, there is little that the Homeowner's Association can do other than to ask the owner to better restrain their animals. We do not have the legal "standing" as an organization to report the problem to Bedford County Animal Control. Only the person who is attacked, or who owns a pet that is attacked, can do so.

If you, or your pet, are attacked we strongly urge you to report the attack to Animal Control at 586-7827 immediately. These animals are dangerous and it is only a matter of time before someone is hurt or their pet is killed. If enough complaints are registered, then Bedford County Animal Control will be forced to seize the animals and take them away from the owner.

Let us do the cleaning, while you enjoy life.

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Friends of the Forest Library

Our local Forest Library, which is part of the Bedford County Library System, is an important resource for everyone in the community. The library offers programs, an array of services, books, videos and more for the public to use at no cost.

Many of these programs and resources are funded through the Friends of the Forest Library. The Friends steps in when the library has needs that cannot be funded through government sources. The Friends pays for and supports programs for all ages, leases the copy machine which is used by patrons, and purchases books, audio books, DVD's, office equipment, computers and much more.

A letter has been mailed to many Forest households and some of you may have already received and replied to our request. If you have not, please consider making a donation to the Friends of the Forest Library during their annual fundraising campaign. A donation of \$15 will help keep our Forest Library one of the best and busiest libraries in the county.

Send your tax deductible contribution payable to: Friends of the Forest Library, 15583 Forest Road, Forest, VA 24551.



Ivy Hill Restrictions

We are sometimes asked, "Why does Ivy Hill have certain Restrictions?" Ivy Hill was conceived by the original developer the late Allen Harvey to be an exclusive residential community focused initially on the Ivy Hill Golf Club and later on Ivy Lake. The size and appearance restrictions on homes; the prohibition against commercial activities; the restrictions on fencing; the prohibition of outdoor storage of RVs, campers, trailers, and work vehicles are all intended to give the community a high-end appearance. This collective ambiance has been proven over the past half century to keep home values in Ivy Hill consistently higher than in many of the surrounding developments with laxer or non-existent restrictions. So when someone also asks "Why are the Restrictions still being enforced?" The answer is "To maintain your property values."

Paint Night!

How would you like to see old friends and make some new ones all in one evening? Join the fun of a paint night, Wed, Nov. 28th, 7-9p @ 105 Lake Ridge Drive in Ivy Hill. All art supplies are provided, brushes, paints, canvas, etc. Beverages & light snacks will be provided too. Space is limited. Email sandi.alexander@aol.com to reserve your spot. Cost \$15.00 per person.

If this becomes too much fun, we'll just have to invite more neighbors!

Ivy Hill Book Club

The Ivy Hill book club usually meets once per month on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We are reading <u>The Great Alone</u> by Kristin Hannah for December. We will be reading <u>Little Beach</u> <u>Street Bakery</u> by Jenny Colgan for January. Our January meeting will take place on January 10, 2019. All are welcome. For more information, contact Brenda Harvey at <u>kd4cat@juno.com</u> or 525-8247.

Holiday Decorations

It's time to start thinking once again about decorating the neighborhood entrances for the holidays. Members of the IHHA Board of Directors decorate the main Ivy Hill entrance each year. 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 15th (weather permitting) for the January Newsletter. Take your decorations down the weekend after New Year's Day.

2019 Board of Directors

There are currently 3 vacancies on the IHHA Board of Directors. We are seeking interested residents to fill these positions. If you would be interested in serving on the Board, or if you know of someone else that you would like to nominate, please contact us at <u>ivyhillforest@gmail.com</u>.

Ivy Hill History

If you have any old photos or interesting historical information about Ivy Hill and the surrounding area that you would like to share with the community, contact the Editor at <u>IvyHillForest@gmail.com</u>

Clinic Hours: Mon. Thurs. 6:00 P.M. 8:00 A.M. Fri. 6:00 P.M. until Mon. 8 A.M. & Holidays



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Lost Pets

If your pet runs off, or if you find a lost cat or dog in Ivy Hill, please contact us at <u>IvyHillForest@gmail.com</u> or call any of the officers at the phone numbers listed on the back page of this Newsletter. We will send out an email alert to the whole community. This service has proven to be very effective over the years. More than 95% of lost Ivy Hill pets have been returned to their owners within a day or two.

Do not count on social media alone to get the word about a lost pet to us or to get the word about a lost pet out to the community. The IHHA community alert email system reaches over 2/3 of the residents in Ivy Hill. No social media platform has equivalent coverage.

Please include a photograph of the lost or found pet if you have one and any information about collars or tags that the animal may be wearing. Those details have proven to be a big help in getting pets back to their homes.

Newly Completed Outside Storage Area for RV's & BOATS



\$55. - \$65. A Month
24 Hour/7 Day a Week ACCESS!

Computerized Entry Gate!
Fenced! Secure! Lighted!

Spacious & Level Parking Spots!

** Local Owners **



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

Join the IHHA!

Your financial support is needed to continue the various projects of the Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association.

Your membership of only \$40 supports activities such as:

- Landscaping and mowing at entranceways
- Mulching, seeding, pruning, and weed control
- Maintenance of entranceways
- Lighting at the entranceways
- IHHA Newsletter, Ivy Hill Community Directory, IHHA Website, and IHHA Insurance
- Holiday decorations at the entranceways
- Email hot line for lost & found items, wayward pets, and community information & alerts.

If you have not yet joined the IHHA for 2018, it is not too late to do so. We would very much appreciate your support. Also, by joining now, you will receive a copy of the 2018-2019 Ivy Hill Directory and be entitled to vote for the new IHHA Board of Directors in January.

If you have joined IHHA for 2018, and want to get a head start on renewing your membership for 2019, Thank you! We would be glad to accept your dues at this time. Paying your 2019 dues early also helps the Association because it saves us the expense of mailing an invoice to you in 2019.

You can now pay your membership using PayPal. Follow the *IHHA Membership* link under *Planning* at <u>http://ivyhill-forest.org</u>.

You may also use the convenient "Bill Pay" feature of your on-line banking to remit your membership payment.

Lastly, your check is always welcome. Fill out the form below and mail it along with your check for \$40 or \$80 to the Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association at the address at the bottom.



Name(s)	
Address	Ken
Phone	IHHA
E-mail	

Please check one of the following: 2018 Dues \$40

2019 Dues \$40 2018 & 2019 Dues \$80

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

Last Hardcopy Newsletter

Readership of the hardcopy version of the IHHA Newsletter has declined to the point where it is no longer cost effective for us to print it. Consequently, the hardcopy version of the IHHA Newsletter will be discontinued. **This issue will be the last hardcopy IHHA Newsletter.** If you did not receive this issue via email, please send your current email address to www.lwyHillForest@gmail.com so you can continue to receive the IHHA Newsletter electronically in 2019. Past copies of the electronic version of the IHHA Newsletter can also be downloaded at any time from our Website (ivyHillForest.org).



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IHHA Board of Directors (2018)

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