# Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

**June 2019** 



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### **IHHA President's Message**

The calendar says that summer is almost here. However, with all the hot temperatures, it seems like it has already arrived. Now is the perfect time to head to the pool! The Ivy Hill pool opened for the season on Memorial Day weekend. I hope you will find the time to take advantage of it this summer.

It is also the perfect time of the year to join the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association. The dues are only \$40 per year. See the form on page 7. There you will also find were your money goes. The 50-year-old slate roof on the gazebo at the Ivy Hill main entrance also needs to be replaced. The slate is leaking and the seepage is starting to damage the wood sheathing and rafters below. This will be a large additional expense for the Association this year. We would also like to co-host Oktoberfest with the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association this fall if enough residents join. We need your help. Please join both the IHHA and the IHLA if you can. See the article on their recent meeting on page 2.

You may have noticed that we periodically publish a list of our members in this Newsletter. This serves many purposes:

- First and foremost, the list serves to say THANK YOU to the many residents who do choose to support the Association.
- It also provides a resource for residents to check later in the year if they are uncertain as to whether they paid their annual IHHA dues earlier that year.
- In addition, the list serves to remind residents that intended to pay, that their dues are due. The IHHA Board does not intend to shame anyone, but residents who do support the neighborhood deserve to be acknowledged.

As you may know Runk & Pratt recently purchased Ivy lake making it once again a private community lake like it was before Liberty effectively opened it to the public. Their new rules for the use of the lake are posted by the boat ramp. For the latest update, see the letter from Brian & Vickie Runk on page 3.

Remember that the speed limit in Ivy Hill is 25 MPH. Please obey this speed limit. Have a great Summer!

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

#### **Ivy Hill Ladies' Association**

The Ivy Hill Ladies' Association (IHLA) held its semi-annual meeting in April. Our ladies enjoyed each other's company, wine and refreshments, as well as attending to business.

Our thanks to Brenda Harvey for hosting us, and to our committee for providing refreshments: Jan Koch, Pat Bonning, Jo Wyatt, Sherrill Mulkearns, and Ann Hite.

As a result of our meeting, we voted in a new slate of women to take the reigns beginning October, 2019. The new board is:

President: Vicki Sharrett

Vice President: Karen Schwabe

• Treasurer: Barb Walton

Secretary: Sherrill Mulkearns

• Social Chair: Marianne Simmons

Congratulations and thank you for your service!



We will begin planning our summer party soon. Any time of year is a good time to join us. If you want more information, contact Beth Manns at (434) 525-2738 or bethmanns@gmail.com.

P.S. Be a good neighbor - do your part to keep our Ivy Hills beautiful and send in your \$40 dues to the IHHA.

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## **Ivy Hill Book Club**

The Ivy Hill Book Club will meet Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. We will discuss <u>The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules</u> by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg.

For our August 1 meeting, we are reading <u>The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan.</u>

All are welcome. For more information, contact Brenda Harvey at <a href="mailto:kd4cat@juno.com">kd4cat@juno.com</a> or (434) 525-8247.

Ads in the IHHA Newsletter are only \$25 per issue and reach more than 600 lvy Hill households. Contact the Editor at lvyHillForest @gmail.com

#### Ivy Lake Update

Dear Ivy Community Members,

Early in May of 2019, Runk & Pratt Companies became the sole owner of Ivy Lake, assuming ownership from Liberty University. As we have promised in the past, it is our goal to make the use of this lake exclusive, rather than continue to operate the lake as a public property. In order to dissuade members of the general public from making use of the lake, we have removed the sand beach and replaced it with fortifying shot rock (riprap).

Furthermore, Runk & Pratt has met with and continues to stay in contact with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office. We have informed them of the change in rules for the lake's use, and as a result, the county has agreed to increase officer patrols on the streets surrounding Ivy Lake. Anyone in/on the lake, its docks, or its adjacent property who is neither a resident of the Ivy community, nor a guest of an accompanying resident, is trespassing. Should an officer confront or question you about your status of residence, please be prepared to show the officer I.D. and/or proof of residence in the Ivy community.

Since Runk & Pratt's acquisition of the lake, Liberty University has clearly communicated to its students, faculty, and staff through multiple outlets that the university no longer owns Ivy Lake, and as a result, its students, faculty, and staff no longer have use of or access to the lake.

In the future, it is our intention to install an access gate at the top of the boat ramp that may be opened only by a special Ivy Lake pass. These passes will be available to Ivy residents for \$25 and will require annual renewal. This fee will help with the cost of general lake upkeep and dam maintenance.

We welcome the Ivy community to help us keep an eye on the Ivy Lake property. Should you see someone you don't recognize, please call Ivy Hill Golf Club or the Bedford County Sheriff's Office to notify them immediately. Do not call 911 unless there is an emergency.

We appreciate your patience as we work through the details and will continue to update you with new information as we encounter it. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact us at info@ivyhillgolf.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Brian & Vickie Runk

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#### **Dumping**

Please do not dump lawn clippings and other debris on the vacant lots in Ivy Hill. Every lot in Ivy Hill is owned by someone and they are required by the Ivy Hill Reservations and Restrictions to keep their property neat and tidy. This can be very hard to accomplish for owners who do not live in the immediate area and who may only visit their property once every few years. The IHHA has occasionally had to send letters to absentee property owners telling them that their lot has become overgrown or trashed.

You would not want your neighbors dumping on your property. Do not dump on theirs.

#### Ivy Hill History

The upper image to the right shows an aerial view of Ivy Hill as it appeared in the mid1970's. The incomplete street in the foreground is Lake Ridge Drive and the street in the middle of the image is Trading Block Lane. These were two of the first streets to be constructed when the community was new. The lvy Hill mansion access road is also visible near the top of the image as well as part of the divided main entrance. Note the many empty lots and the absence of vegetation framing the golf course and surrounding the few homes that had been built to that point.

The lower image is a modern satellite image of the same area. Lake Ridge Drive has been completed, all the lots are filled with homes, and the multitude of trees that were subsequently planted have matured and filled in the residential areas so as to completely frame most of the holes on the golf course. If you look closely, you can even make out the now-abandoned serpentine bridge spanning the pond on hole 16 in the lower image. It was constructed many years after the upper image was taken.





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 <a href="https://www.livy.hill.com">www.livy.hill.com</a>



#### **New Neighbors**

Please welcome the following new neighbors to Ivy Hill:

- Alen Alejandro 1078 Club Terrace
- Patrick Brown 1131 Ivy Woods Drive
- Michael & Gena DeWinter 1179 Ivy Woods Drive
- Jon & Mary Ann Elvin 134 Sailview Drive
- Chris & Erika Andrews 102 Eastwind Drive
- Judith Ammon 603 Fairwinds Court
- Wanda Coleman 601 Fairwinds Court
- Joe & Lynn Hope 226 Shaker Lane
- Tim King 232 Shaker Lane
- Ann Jennings 230 Shaker Lane
- Meredith & Marlene Gardner 218 Shaker Lane
- Joel Yerger 248 Shaker Lane
- Monica Troyer 206 Shaker Lane
- Paul & Paula Liston 114 Quail Ridge Drive
- Sam & Amanda Gregg 315 Quail Ridge Drive
- Keith & Renee Anderson 317 Quail Ridge Drive
- Carl Weiser 409 Quail Hollow Drive
- Ron & Annik Miller 302 Quail Meadows Drive
- Jeremy Lucas 310 Quail Meadows Drive
- Devin Smith & Emily Stream 1039 Oak Leaf Court
- Joel & Chery Rampal 224 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.

#### **Architectural Committee**

Summer always seems to bring major exterior renovations to a few homes in Ivy Hill. It is also a peak time for new home construction. The Ivy Hill Architectural Committee reminds all Ivy Hill property owners that the time to seek Architectural Committee approval of both new construction and any "building, fence, outside lighting, screen planting, or other improvements" on your property is <u>before</u> construction begins. It is always much more cost effective to get your plans approved before you start building than to have to make changes when work is already in progress.

Also, be sure to review both the general Ivy Hill Restrictions and any additional restrictions that are applicable for your specific neighborhood when you are drawing up your plans. Copies of the restrictions for most neighborhoods can be found on the Ivy Hill website (ivyhill-forest.org).

Contact Ivy Hill Architectural Committee Chairman Roger Lohn at 534-0604 or <a href="mailto:rogerlohn@me.com">rogerlohn@me.com</a> if you have any questions.

# 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.

We would very much appreciate your support in 2019. Also, by joining now, you will receive a copy of the 2018-2020 Ivy Hill Directory (if you did not receive one in 2018).

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

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 to the lvy Hill Homeowner's Association at the address at the bottom.

#### We would also gladly accept donations in any amount at any time during the year!

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