

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

January 2020



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IHHA President's Message

Well, we had Spring at the beginning of January, but now Winter is back. The weathermen keep talking about snow. I think they are in cahoots with the grocery stores. They cry SNOW and suddenly there is no milk, bread, or toilet paper to be found. (What is it with the toilet paper anyway?)

Oktoberfest was a great success. We had our largest participation ever! Everyone had a great time and the food was great. I would like to thank everyone who attended, especially all the newcomers. For those, who were not there, we hope to see you next year. I would also like to specially thank the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association for all their help. We could not have done it without you!

Please read and review the Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions. They can be found on our web site <http://ivyhill-forest.org> under Planning\Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill\Ivy Hill Restrictions. These restrictions apply to all "Ivy" developments built on the original Ivy Hill Farm. Your neighborhood may have additional restrictions.

Several problems that keep being brought to the attention of the Board of Directors include:

- Dogs roaming free off their owner's property. The Bedford County leash law specifically identifies each Ivy Hill neighborhood as a community where dogs must be on a leash any time they are off the owner's property.
- Trailers and RVs being stored on the property. All vehicles of this type must be stored indoors in your garage or off site. This also applies to boats and utility trailers.
- Properties not being properly maintained and becoming a nuisance to adjoining landowners.
- Construction of both new homes and improvements being started without the prior approval of the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee.

The Board will be sending out a letter on these and other subjects to all property owners soon.

It is time to join the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association (IHHA) for 2020. A form and information about the various methods that you can use to pay your dues can be found on page 7 of this Newsletter. We need everyone to join. We only had 284 members this past year. That is less than half of the neighborhood. Besides our normal expenses that are detailed in the budget summary on page 3 and

on the dues form on page 7, we will need to redo the roof on the gazebo at the Ivy Hill main entrance this year. We also want to be able to host Oktoberfest again this year.

January is also the time when we hold the annual election for the IHHA Board of Directors. Everyone who was a member of the IHHA in 2019 or has already joined for 2020 is eligible to vote. Your ballot can be found on page 3 below the financial report. If you are eligible, please VOTE!

Anyone who would like to be considered for a position on the Board in the future, please contact one of the Board members.

I hope you have an enjoyable Winter. Be safe.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

New Neighbors

Please welcome the following new residents to the Ivy Hill community:

- Brandy Brunbaugh - 708 Ivy Lake Drive
- Jeremy & Lucy Hatfield - 2005 Weatherhill Road
- Marilyn Luckhard - 203 Lake Ridge Drive
- Jerry & Vickie Norberg - 1096 Ivy Place
- Valerie & Josh Ratliff - 1100 Ivy Place
- Stephen & Ann Schuneman - 1114 Club Terrace
- Rachael Smith - 409 Quail Hollow 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 so we can update our database and arrange for them to be greeted.

Ivy Hill Book Club

The Ivy Hill Book Club will meet Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. We will discuss The Peach Keeper by Sarah Addison Allen.

All are welcome. For more information, contact Brenda Harvey at kd4cat@juno.com or 525-8247.

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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IHHA 2019 Financial Report

The 2019 year-end Income & Expense report for the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association is presented below as required by the Bylaws of the Association. All amounts were calculated on an accrual basis.

Income		Expenses	
Advertising	\$50.00	Bank Service Fees	\$111.02
Contributions	\$1,340.00	Electricity	\$1,541.39
Dues	\$10,960.00	Insurance	\$773.00
		Landscaping	\$4,464.00
Total Income	\$12,350.00	Miscellaneous	\$489.25
		Oktoberfest	\$1,532.22
		Postage	\$183.64
		Printing	\$286.12
		Total Expenses	\$9,380.64
		Net Income	\$2,969.36

This summary is based on unaudited financial records. Results of the annual audit (scheduled for January) were not available as this Newsletter went to press. A revised report will be included in the next Newsletter if any of the numbers change. Otherwise, these values should be final.

IHHA 2020 Ballot

Ten candidates have agreed to stand for election to the IHHA 2020 Board of Directors. These candidates are listed on the official ballot below. You can cast your ballot electronically or by mail. To vote electronically, simply fill out the form below, scan it, and e-mail it to the IHHA at IvyHillForest@gmail.com; or if you don't have a scanner, send an e-mail to that same address listing your preferences, and we'll fill out the form for you.

To vote by mail, fill out the form below and mail it to Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association at P.O. Box 353, Forest, VA 24551. Ballots must be received by January 31st.

IVY HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION			
2020 BALLOT			
Board of Directors			
Barb Walton	Bob Harvey	Ed Schwabe	Jeff Wishon
Karen Schwabe	Lew Walton	Rene Koch	Sandi Caldwell
	Susan Nicholas	Tom Haertel	
To vote FOR all of the candidates above, check here: _____			
To WITHHOLD your vote for any candidate, cross out their name in the list above.			
Write-in: _____			
Member's Signature: _____			
<i>You must have been an IHHA member in 2019 or have already joined for 2020 to vote.</i>			



Mardi Gras Dinner



Presented by the Ivy Hill Ladies' Association*

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

5:00 – 8:00 PM

At the Ivy Hill Club House

Jambalaya and King Cake!!

*This is an Ivy Hill Ladies' Association event. You must be a member to attend, but it's not too late to join. Contact Vicki Sharrett for more information: 434-665-7861 or vickilyn54@yahoo.com.



Ivy Hill History

In 1756, Pastor Charles Clay, the Rector of the Episcopal Church in Bedford County, purchased a tract of land adjoining the estate of Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. It is probable that much of the current Ivy Hill community was part of this and subsequent acquisitions that he made in the late 1700's. While Parson Clay lived here with his wife and four sons, Ivy Hill was a working plantation. There were slave homes, a kitchen, carriage house, icehouse, stables, and barns. Some structures from that time can still be found on the Ivy Hill golf course.

While Parson Clay's possible contributions to the Declaration of Independence remain conjectural, it is known that he conducted the funeral service for Thomas Jefferson's mother. They are assumed to have been friends. Charles Clay's cousin was Henry Clay, the orator and statesman.

Next time you drive around the Ivy Hill golf course, look for the remnants of the Clay's family cemetery between the 6th and 7th fairways. The rocky mound that you see at the south end of the cemetery is Charles Clay's burial plot. Fearing that his life had been less than exemplary, Parson Clay instructed that 100 wagon loads of rock be piled on his grave so the devil would have a hard time getting to him.

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 IvyHillForest@gmail.com



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

Architectural Committee

The Ivy Hill Architectural Committee wants to remind all Ivy Hill property owners again 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 before 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 the work is 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 (<http://ivyhill-forest.org>). Contact Ivy Hill Architectural Committee Chairman Rene Koch at 525-2935 or renekjr@msn.com if you have any questions.

Flagged/Blocked Newsletters

Several homeowners reported that the October 2019 IHHA Newsletter was flagged as unsafe or the pdf download was blocked on their device. These warning flags and blocking actions are controlled by the email filtering software on your device. The developers of that software are continuously upgrading the filters to protect you and counter ever-growing threats. There is nothing that we can do from our end to prevent it. You have to fix the issue at your end. (If there was a way of identifying our outgoing email or attachments as “safe” that your filter would recognize, the hackers would simply fake that and defeat the filter.)

There are too many combinations of operating systems, firewalls, email software, and spam filters to begin to provide a “one size fits all” recipe for attacking this problem if you encounter it on your device. However here are some things that you can try:

- If your email software has a “Safe Senders” list, add ivyhillforest@gmail.com to that list.
- If our email was diverted to the Junk or Spam folder, right click on the email in that folder and select “Not Spam” from the pop-up menu if that is an option. Many email programs will learn to stop flagging emails from a certain address if you do this every time (it may take more than one repetition).
- Add ivyhillforest@gmail.com to your Contacts list. Most email software will not flag or block emails from your contacts.
- If our email came through successfully but the pdf download was blocked, try right clicking on the file name or icon. Select Properties then go to the General tab and check the **Unblock** box at the bottom.
- Try accessing the email/download using a different device.

If everything else fails, you can try asking Google how to unflag/unblock emails/downloads on your particular combination of operating system, firewall, email software, and spam filter.

Also, please remember that you can always read our Newsletter on our website <http://ivyhill-forest.org>.



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 2020. Joining now will entitle you to vote for the 2020 IHHA Board of Directors if you were not a member in 2019. Paying your 2020 dues early in the year also helps the Association because it saves us the expense of mailing an invoice to you in March. Also, if you do not think that you have received your copy of the 2018-2020 Ivy Hill Directory, check the last box in the form below when you join or send us an email at ivyhillforest@gmail.com. We will be glad to get a copy to you if our records agree.

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



Name(s)	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	



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Please check one or more of the following:

- 2020 Dues \$40**
- Donation \$ _____**
- I don't have a copy of the 2018-2020 Ivy Hill Directory**

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



IHHA Board of Directors (2019)

Tom Haertel, President

525-4229

Roger Lohn, Vice President

534-0604

Lew Walton, Secretary & Digital Media

525-0459

Bob Harvey, Treasurer

525-8247

**Mike Duncan
Susan Nicholas
Jeff Wishon**

**Debbie Farrago
Ed Schwabe**

**Rene Koch
Barb Walton
Karen Schwabe**

Lost a pet or found a stray animal? We can help. Contact IvyHillForest@gmail.com or any IHHA officer or Board member.