

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

January 2021



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IHHA President's Message

We had a little taste of Winter this past weekend with cold temperatures and a little snow. I am sure that it was not enough for the children or the young at heart who would have liked to build a snowman or go sledding. One thing that I like about Virginia is that it can snow in the morning and be gone by the afternoon, and then the sun comes out.

In January we are having our annual election for the IHHA Board of Directors. Your ballot, with a listing of the candidates and details on how to vote can be found on Page 3 of this Newsletter. We have three new Board member candidates this year. Your ballot must be received by January 31st. Please vote.

Also, if you have considered joining the Board, but didn't get your name in to the Nominating Committee in time to make it on the official ballot; remember that you can still join the Board at any time during the year. Our by-laws allow up to 15 Directors, so we currently have three open positions. If you are interested, make your wishes known to any Board member, and the Board will consider your candidacy at our next meeting. We are particularly seeking candidates from areas and neighborhoods within the greater Ivy Hill subdivision that are not currently represented on the Board. So come join us and help guide our community.

It is the beginning of the year and time to join the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association. We need your support in 2021. See the Membership form on Page 4 of this Newsletter for a list of the services that we perform and how you can join.

We sometimes need to reach out to the whole community rapidly via the contact information in the Ivy Hill Database for time-critical events like lost pets, public safety alerts, severe weather warnings, downed trees and road closures, or other important happenings in our community. If we do not have your current contact information, please email it to ivyhillforest@gmail.com or give it to any Board member.

Also please read and review the Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions. They can be found on the Ivy Hill website ivyhill-forest.org under Planning\Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill\Ivy Hill Restrictions. Some neighborhoods within the Ivy Hill community have their own Reservations and Restrictions. They can also be found on the website under Homeowner Association. All new construction and any “building, fence, outside lighting, screen planting, or other improvements” need to be approved by the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee prior to the start of construction.

Remember that the speed limit in the entire Ivy Hill subdivision is 25 mph.

I hope you have an enjoyable Winter. Social distancing and masks work. Be safe.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

IHHA 2020 Financial Report

The 2020 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	\$225.00	Bank Service Fees	\$70.28
Contributions	\$485.00	Electricity	\$1,517.74
Dues	\$10,715.00	Insurance	\$773.00
		Landscaping	\$5,208.00
Total Income	\$11,425.00	Miscellaneous	\$417.34
		Postage	\$212.37
		Printing	\$60.20
		Total Expenses	\$8,258.93
		Net Income	\$3,166.07

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 2021 Ballot

Twelve candidates have agreed to stand for election to the IHHA 2021 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 2021 BALLOT			
Board of Directors			
Barb Walton	Bill Guzek	Bob Harvey	Jeff Wishon
Jen Duncan	Karen Schwabe	Lew Walton	Mark Poole
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 2020 or have already joined for 2021 to vote.</i>			

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Due to social distancing restrictions, the IHLA was unable to hold any events in 2020 after the Mardi Gras Dinner in February. Our dues are used to fund these social events, so we decided that all ladies that paid their annual IHLA dues in 2020 would automatically be credited for 2021 as well. Hopefully, this new year will see the end of the pandemic and we will be able to get back to spending those precious times together again real soon. For any of you ladies still thinking about joining the Ivy Hill Ladies Association, please contact me at (434) 665-7861. We always have room for new members.

Vicki Sharrett, IHLA President

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.

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 2021. Joining now will entitle you to vote for the 2021 IHHA Board of Directors if you were not a member in 2020. Paying your 2021 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 have not yet 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 still have some copies left and will be glad to give you one 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:

- 2021 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

New Neighbors

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

- Aaron & Kimberly Robertson - 412 Quail Hollow Drive
- Verdeen & Don Abernathie - 503 Ivy Lake Drive
- Gary & Linda Todd - 204 Shaker Lane
- Yang Yan & Ze Guo Chen - 207 Quail Ridge Drive
- Michael & Alison Haynes - 207 Hitching Post Lane
- Gaylyn & John Pantana - 1423 Lakepointe Drive
- Willard Peveler - 2013 Weatherhill Road
- Darlene & David Clements - 605 Fairwinds Court
- Drew & Kaitlyn Novy – 102 Catamaran Court

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 History

In 1970 Allen and Fern Harvey purchased the Ivy Hill Farm and began its transformation into a planned community. The 18-hole championship golf course was constructed first and then the residential areas were built around it in phases. Hitching Post Lane and Trading Block Lane were the first two streets to be roughed in and populated with houses followed by Quail Ridge Drive. (The divided entrance way originally had a separate name. VDOT later merged the entrance way with Quail Ridge Drive and gave the latter name to the entire road system.)

When it first started in the early 1970's the Ivy Hill development was in a very rural and isolated setting. On the drive into Forest you might meet one car coming out. There were no housing developments along Perrowville Road and no stores this far out on Highway 221 except a small cluster of businesses around the Forest Post Office. Carol's and Jessie's were the only places this side of Lynchburg where you could get something to eat.

The small group of residents who lived in Ivy Hill at the time often gathered informally for social activities. The first organized social activity was couples golf followed by a "meet your neighbor" party held at Christmas in 1973. In 1974 the original By-Laws of the Ivy Hill Ladies Association were drawn up by Connie Phillips, Fern Harvey, and Pat Cohan. In the fall of 1974 they began planning children's activities; Halloween, Christmas hayrides, after school parties, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Early Ivy Hill traditions included caroling, lighting of the water tower, Christmas luminaries, and Fourth of July fireworks on the driving range. Everyone had a wooden mailbox post made by Calvin Dobyms, the original caretaker of Ivy Hill (and unofficial sheriff). Mr. Dobyms also made all of the street signs in the growing sub-division. The golf and bridge leagues that continue to this day almost a half century later, were once the main summer and winter social focus of the community.

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



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