

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

November 2021



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IHHA President's Message

Fall is here. The weather is getting cooler and leaves are turning colors and falling. This is just a reminder to keep your lawns and yards nice. By maintaining the outside of your property and your dwelling, you are respecting your neighbors and the Ivy Hill community.

IHHA has been asked to get involved in Bedford County activities that involve the Ivy Hill community. At the last Board meeting, we decided to take up this challenge. If there are issues where you think we should be involved, contact us at ivyhillforest@gmail.com and we will consider it. One of the things that we are targeting is a meeting of the Bedford County Planning Commission. This is the five year review of their comprehensive plan. We plan to attend. If there are any issues we need to be aware of, let us know. The Planning Commission public meeting for our area will be held at the Bedford Library on November 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Ivy Hill is a deed restricted community. There is a sentence in your deed which states: "The property hereby conveyed is conveyed subject to all ... restrictions heretofore imposed upon said property ... now binding thereon." The restrictions were imposed by the Developer of your neighborhood, not the IHHA. We cannot change them and they are enforceable by law. So regardless of whether you belong to the IHHA or not, all restrictions that remain in effect apply to your property. The Reservations & Restrictions that are applicable to your neighborhood can be found on the Ivy Hill web site ivyhill-forest.org under Planning\Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill\Ivy Hill Restrictions.

The Architectural Committee has to be contacted before you perform new construction or outside projects like a deck or a porch. Sharon Mahon Padowicz is the Architectural Committee chairman. She is the contact for any request for Architectural Committee approval. She can be contacted at phone: (434) 401-1846; email: smahonfun@gmail.com.

STEP UP AND COME ON DOWN. Please consider joining the IHHA Board. We have five or six meetings a year. They last an hour to an hour and half. There may be short assignment during the year. This is your opportunity to help shape the Ivy Hill community.

Remember that the speed limit in the neighborhood is 25 mph. The children are still out and about, so drive responsible. Ivy Hill has many hills and curves. This is another reason to drive carefully.

I hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Be safe.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President



Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Greetings ladies of Ivy Hill,

It was a great Summer and has been a beautiful Fall so far. However, unfortunately we had to cancel our Summer Cocktail Party with its wine, beer, and cheese platters and also our more recent Fall meeting due to Covid and various scheduling considerations. Please don't give up hope; I can feel better times ahead. Hopefully the new year of 2022 will see us back in full swing. The club normally has a Spring and Fall meeting, plus four social events each year. We will return to a full schedule when enough of us feel comfortable doing so.

We always welcome new members. If you are interested, call Vicki Sharrett at 434-665-7861.

I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving with your friends and family and a Merry Christmas!

Cheers,

Vicki Sharrett,
IHLA President



New Neighbors

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

- Sally & Cody Immel – 301 Quail Meadows Drive
- Brian & Vickie Yutzy – 109 Eastwind Drive
- Nicole & Aaron Pike – 1373 Equestrian Ridge Circle
- Anthony & Nora Pilolli – 1082 Grandset Drive
- John Magri – 1106 Grandset Drive
- John Jared & Kimberly Hesse – 1049 Grandset Drive
- Elizabeth & Richard Ansell – 218 Hitching Post Lane
- Kean Nowakowski – 1023 Ivy Court Lane
- James & Dinah Lee – 512 Ivy Lake Drive
- Sam Fritzler & Rochelle Patterson – 1083 Ivy Place
- Emily Gerhardt – 1101 Ivy Place
- Dennis & Kristi Shoen – 212 Ivy West Court
- Daniel & Tara Ange – 215 Ivy West Court
- David & Luanne Phillips – 115 Ivy West Drive
- Barbara & Andrew Kirby – 101 Lake Ridge Drive
- Justin & Joy Cappelman – 103 Lake Ridge Drive
- Mathew & Jacqueline Byrd – 100 Millbrook Terrace
- Georgette Cyrus & 1040 Oak Leaf Court
- Todd & Patricia Jennings – 1115 Overlake Avenue
- Kevin & Selena Phillips – 1203 Overlake Avenue
- Lauren Shanta – 304 Quail Ridge Drive
- David & Susan Boyd – 400 Quail Ridge Drive
- Zane & Nicole Richer – 206 Shaker Lane
- B. Lindberg & Birgitta Lars – 222 Shaker Lane
- Francis Hannell Jr. & B. Horsley – 242 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 and arrange for them to be greeted.



*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.

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.

If you have not yet paid your 2021 dues, there is still time to do so. If you have paid your 2021 dues and would like to pay your 2022 dues early, you can do that too. Just check the appropriate box on the form below, note it on your check, or notify us when you make your electronic payment.

If you are paying by check, 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)	
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Please check one or more of the following:

- 2021 Dues \$40**
 2022 Dues \$40
 Donation \$ _____

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

Ivy Hill Facebook Page

Ivy Hill now has our own page on Facebook. If you are into social media, we invite you to check it out. Search for IVY HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. Membership is restricted to Ivy Hill residents only.

Cool Yule

The Cavalier Theater at Jefferson Forest High School will be presenting the Cool Yule Holiday Cabaret this holiday season sponsored by CrossRoads Family Denistry. Six evening performances are scheduled for December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 & 11 starting at 7:00 pm. In addition there will be two matinee performances on December 5 & 12 starting at 3:00 pm.

All performances will be held in the JF auditorium. Visit cavaliertheater.com for tickets.



Lost & Found Pets

If you have lost or found a pet, be sure to let us know at ivyhillforest@gmail.com. While it is fine to reach out to the community using social media such as the IHHA facebook page, Hitching Post Neighborhood, or Next Door; not everyone is on those sites. We can reach over 500 Ivy Hill residents via a community email alert. It is best if you can include a photograph of the pet.

Also, found dogs need to be captured and restrained for the alert to be effective. Our internet provider limits us to 100 emails an hour. So at best at least six hours will elapse before everyone has received the notice in their IN basket. An unrestrained dog can wander for many miles in six hours. Consequently, we have found that it is ineffective to report visual sightings of stray dogs to the community at large.

Cats are another matter. They don't tend to wander very far and hang around the local area especially if you put out food for them. So even if you can't catch and restrain a stray cat, offer it food, and go ahead and report it.

If you do catch and restrain a stray dog, and we can't find the owner right away, we suggest trying to have it scanned before you turn it over to the Bedford County Animal Shelter. Ridgewood Animal Hospital up in Forest will scan it for free. If the dog has an embedded microchip, the odds of locating the owner go up substantially.

Ivy Hill History

The October 6, 1851 issue of the *Lynchburg Virginian* Newspaper contains an article reporting that Paul Clay, identified in the article as a “prominent farmer near Forest” has employed a lady to teach his children. He announces that he will accept a few young lady borders who wish to attend classes with them. The borders will be charged \$10 a month and will receive instruction in English, French, Latin, Italian, embroidery, piano, and guitar.

Paul Clay was a descendent of the Reverend Charles Clay, the rector of the Episcopal Church in Bedford County, who purchased a tract of land adjacent to Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest in 1756. The tract became known as Ivy Hill. Apparently, this school was at Ivy Hill.

In 1883 a small one-room school house was built on Route 221. Miss Mary Goode, a niece of the Honorable John Goode, was the first teacher there. About 1903 another room was added. The building in later years was used as a dwelling. It was finally demolished in 1993.

About 1916 a new school was built with three rooms in downtown Forest across from the Methodist Church. Much later the school was brick veneered and a kitchen and one other room were added. Grades one through seven were taught in those rooms. Any student wishing further education had to go to New London Academy. This building is still standing. It now houses an antique business.

From *Bedford Villages - Lost and Found, Volume II* compiled by the Peaks of Otter Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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

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 11th (weather permitting) for the January Newsletter. Take your decorations down the weekend after New Year’s Day.

Winter Mites

The Virginia Cooperative Extension suggests you be on the lookout for winter mites as the weather gets colder. Winter mites aren’t anything like spider mites. They are dark brown to almost black with red legs as adults. In addition to food crops such as wheat, barley, and oats; other hosts include bluegrass, bentgrass, rye grass, and fescue – i.e., most Ivy Hill lawns. While no winter mites have yet been reported in Ivy Hill this season, they have already been spotted in orchard grass elsewhere in Bedford County.



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