

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

March 2022



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IHHA President's Message

March is an interesting month. Daylight saving time begins on the second Sunday of the month (March 13th), then we have St. Patrick's day on March 17th, and Spring begins on the 21st. The temperatures are on a roller coaster ride with some days that are warm and others that remind us that Winter may not be completely behind us. As the grass starts to grow and the bushes and trees begin to flower remember 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.

It is the beginning of the year and time to join the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association. We need your support in 2022. See the Membership form on Page 5 of this Newsletter for a list of the services that we perform and information on how you can join.

Did you know that there is a cemetery between the 6th and 7th holes on the Ivy Hill golf course? It is believed that Reverend Charles Clay, the original owner of Ivy Hill, and some of his family members are buried there. The Liberty University History Department has taken on the challenge to restore the cemetery. The project is in the beginning planning stage. We will keep you informed as the plans evolve. There is a reprint later in this Newsletter in the Ivy Hill History column of an article that we ran about the cemetery almost ten years ago. Check it out on Page 7 if the subject interests you.

The IHHA is actively involved in Bedford County politics and policy where they impact the Ivy Hill community. If there are issues that you think we should get involved with, please contact us at ivyhillforest@gmail.com and we will take your concerns under consideration.

Ivy Hill is a deeded community. There is a sentence at the bottom of your deed which states: "The property hereby conveyed is conveyed subject to all ... restrictions heretofore imposed upon said property ... now binding thereon." The restrictions are imposed by the Developer of your neighborhood, not the IHHA. So regardless of whether you belong to the IHHA or not, these restrictions apply to your property. Please read and review the Reservations & Restrictions that are applicable to your neighborhood. They can be found on your web site at ivyhill-forest.org under Planning\Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill\Ivy Hill Restrictions.

The Ivy Hill Architectural Committee has to review and approve any new construction or outside projects like additions, decks, porches, pools, fencing, or mass plantings. Sharon Mahon Padowicz is the Architectural Committee chairman. You can contact her to request a review of your plans at 401-1846 or smahonfun@gmail.com.

STEP UP AND COME ON DOWN! Please consider joining the IHHA Board. We still have two or three open positions. In normal times, the Board meets in person five to six times a year with the meetings typically lasting one to two hours. The rest of our business is conducted electronically via email and messages. However you may also receive short assignments during the year. This is your opportunity to shape the Ivy Hill community!

Remember that the speed limit in the neighborhood is 25 mph. Children are increasingly out and about as the days become longer and the weather improves, so drive responsible. Ivy Hill has many hills and curves; they are another reason to drive carefully. I hope you have an enjoyable Spring.

Be safe.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

IHHA 2022 Board of Directors

All ten candidates for the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association Board of Directors were elected unanimously in the recent election. The members of the Board for 2022 are Barb Walton, Bill Guzek, Bob Harvey, Karen Schwabe, Lew Walton, Mark Poole, Rene Koch, Sandi Caldwell, Susan Nicholas, and Tom Haertel. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for your service.

IHHA 2022 Officers

The new IHHA Board of Directors met for the first time on February 22, 2022 to organize for the year. One of their first actions after reviewing the election results was to elect the officers that will lead the Association in 2022. The new officers are:

President – Tom Haertel
Vice President – Susan Nicholas
Secretary – Lew Walton
Treasurer – Bob Harvey



2021 Audit

As required by our charter, an independent Audit Committee composed of members of the greater Ivy Hill community reviewed the financial records of the Association for 2021. They found that the balance sheet and statement of income and expenses accurately reflects the financial position of the IHHA. Here is copy of the final 2021 income and expense report:

**Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association, Inc.
Income & Expenses
January through December 2021**

Income	
Advertising	\$250.00
Contributions	\$537.00
Dues	\$11,000.00
Total Income	\$11,787.00
Expenses	
PayPal Fees	\$93.36
Electricity	\$1,518.93
Insurance	\$777.00
Landscaping	\$4,464.00
Legal Fees	\$3,877.59
Miscellaneous	\$952.80
Postage	\$578.29
Printing	\$157.98
Total Expenses	\$12,419.95
Net Income	-632.95

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Hello Ladies of the Ivy Hills,

Here's hoping that everyone remains healthy and that the pandemic either fades into memory soon or becomes a seasonal nuisance at worst. In the meantime, we have to enjoy life when we can. I am very hopeful that this new year of 2022 will finally allow us to start getting together again. I would very much like to restart planning social events. How about a Spring get-together? I will let you know when I know.

Since we did not spend any money last year on social events, if you paid your 2020 dues you are all paid up for 2022 too. However, if you were not a member in 2020 or 2021 and you are interested in joining the Ivy Hill Ladies Association, please contact me at 434-665-7861.

Cheers,

Vicki Sharrett,
IHLA President

New Neighbors

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

- John Magri & Nancye Richardson – 1106 Grandset Drive
- Breanne & Mark Wilburn – 106 Trading Block Lane
- Aaron & Kira Mills – 816 Ivy Lake 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.



Women Only Gun Safety Course

The Izaak Walton League of Lynchburg (IWLL) will be offering a women only basic handgun class on April 9th at 10:00 am. There has been a huge increase in new handgun owners, many of whom are women, and it is the League's belief that safety needs to be a primary goal for all firearm owners. Therefore, they are offering this course free of charge. Jeffrey Weiss who lives in Ivy Hill is the instructor. If you are interested, contact Jeff at jeffreyweiss143@gmail.com or (914) 610-9225.

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 Directory
- Ivy Hill Website
- 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 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)	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	



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Please check one or more of the following:

- 2022 Dues \$40**
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Ivy Hill History

This column originally appeared in the October 2012 Newsletter. We are reprinting it in this issue due to the renewed community interest in restoring the cemetery.

Newcomers to Ivy Hill may wonder what lies in the small thicket of trees between the 6th and 7th holes on the golf course. It isn't obvious anymore. Older residents know that those broken-down brick walls surround the original Ivy Hill plantation cemetery. One of the people that is buried in that cemetery is believed to be the Reverend Charles Clay.

Reverend Clay, who was the rector of the Episcopal Church in Bedford, purchased a tract of land in 1756 adjacent to Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. It was probably located in the area between the Forest railroad depot and the southern boundary of the current Ivy Hill. Reverend Clay purchased three adjoining tracts of land totaling approximately 1,300 acres between 1779 and 1784 and added them to the estate. These later purchases are believed to include all the land in the current Ivy Hill.



Reverend Clay died in 1820 and was buried on his estate in the cemetery. Reverend Clay apparently did some things during his life that he came to regret as death approached. One of his final requests was to have 100 wagon loads of rocks placed on his grave "so the devil will be unable to get to me." The pile of rocks can be seen to this day if you know where to look. (Watch out for copperheads!)

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

Boats, RVs, & Trailers

The Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions do not allow the storage of boats, recreational vehicles, or trailers on your property unless they are stored in your garage. We understand that RVs in particular may need to be on site temporarily for a few days before a trip so they can be outfitted and also for a few days after the trip for cleanup. We will make due allowances for these necessary tasks. However, please make the turn-around as short as possible and arrange for off-site storage of your boats, recreational vehicles, or trailers if you cannot store them out of sight in your garage.

Respect your neighbors. They don't want to be looking at these adult toys day after day. And we don't want to have to take you to task when your neighbors complain to us.



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We can provide references upon request and you can read our reviews on the Rover app.

Ask us about your cats and other pets, and we will see if we can help!

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



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