

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

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IHHA President's Message

Spring has come! The season started off dry, but now we are getting the rain that we really need. As a result, most of Ivy Hill is looking really beautiful. However, the grass and weeds are also thriving on the empty lots, some unoccupied properties, and even some occupied properties. We are also having problems with littering, especially along the main thoroughfares and empty lots. See the article on Page 6. Please pick up any litter that you find on your property and keep the grass cut along the road. By maintaining your property, you are respecting your neighbors and the Ivy Hill community and helping to maintain all our property values. If you can cut the grass along the road or pick up litter on any vacant lots or empty houses near you too, please be a good neighbor and do so.

I would like to welcome two new Board members - Susan Fiesthumel and Stasia Kurasz. They will also serve on our Architectural Committee.

Our annual membership drive is in progress. Did you see our signs at the main entrance? As always, we need your support. The flyer on Page 7 lists the many community services that the IHHA performs. We can't do most of them without your help, so please join. The flyer on Page 7 also tells you how. Help keep the lights on in Ivy Hill!

The Ivy Hill club house has many Summer activities like golf, the pool, and pickleball. See the flyer on Page 5 with the latest news about the latter. You can also just go to the Ivy Hill club house for a delicious lunch; you don't need to be a Golf Club member.

All of the neighborhoods in Ivy Hill are deed restricted communities. Please read and review the Reservations & Restrictions (R&R) 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. One of the main complaints that we receive are trailers, campers, or RVs that are being stored on properties in the subdivision. See the article on Page 9. This is against the Restrictions. It must be removed from your property if you cannot put it in your garage out of sight. If you need help locating off-site storage, please contact us. Also,

please remember that if you are planning to do any outside improvement on your property this year, you need approval from the Architectural Committee. See the contact information on the Website and on the last page of this Newsletter.

In the last Newsletter, we talked about the old cemetery that is located between the 6th and 7th holes on the golf course. The Reverend Clay and several members of his family are buried there. He was the owner of Ivy Hill plantation before the Revolutionary War. A committee has been formed to restore and preserve the cemetery which has fallen into disrepair. The committee is also pursuing placing an historic highway marker on Perrowville Road. Ruck & Prett plans to take care of the grass and weeds, put up a marker on the golf course, and investigate applying for inclusion in the National Register of Historical Places. More information will be contained in our next Newsletter.

Humans share Ivy Hill with a broad spectrum of wild animals. Most long-term residents have come to terms with this. However, new residents that have moved here from other localities, especially more urban settings, may be unfamiliar with central Virginia wildlife or have questions about how best to interact with them. It was recently suggested that they might benefit from information about the wild animals that live in Ivy Hill. The new Ivy Hill Wildlife column on Page 11 is our attempt to fill that need. It is intended primarily for new residents. However long-term residents may find items of interest too. A different animal will be featured in each issue of the Newsletter.

On that same subject, now that it is turning warmer we may see some unwanted wildlife like foxes, coyotes, and maybe even bobcats or bears in Ivy Hill. Please report any dangerous wild animal sightings to us at ivyhillforest@gmail.com so we can get the word out to the neighborhood.

Remember that the speed limit in the neighborhood is 25 mph. Children are about to get out of school soon, so please drive responsibly. Ivy Hill roads also have many hills and curves (and deer!); more reasons to drive carefully. Several residents have reported trouble getting out of their driveways due to cars going too fast. A number of mail boxes have also been damaged by speeding vehicles.

I hope you have an enjoyable Spring. Be safe.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President



Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Hello to all you ladies of the Ivy Hills,

I was so glad to see everyone who came to our Spring meeting last month. We are planning to resume a full calendar of social events. Here's a tentative list:

- Summer party 2022
- Fall meeting 2022
- Oktoberfest 2022
- Winter party 2022-2023
- Spring party 2023
- Spring meeting 2023

The Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 meetings will be held at the clubhouse. The venue for the other events is to be determined, as are the dates for all the events. We also need more volunteers to plan and help implement the parties.

We decided to go ahead and collect dues for next year which starts in the fall. They are \$30.00 and should be sent to Barb Walton at 102 Lake Ridge Drive or drop them off at her house. As we all know the cost of everything keeps going up.

Karen Bridgett is offering to teach anyone who wants to learn the game of Mahjong. The cost is \$25.00 for four 2-hour sessions, one a week for 4 weeks.

If you have a new neighbor or a lady you know who wants to join the IHLA please give me a call at 434-665-7861 or email vickilyn54@yahoo.com. Also, please remember to join the IHHA and ask your neighbors to join too. Their dues of \$40.00 maintains our property values in many ways. Here's to a brilliantly green and flower rich spring and summer!

Love to all,

Vicki Sharrett,
IHLA President

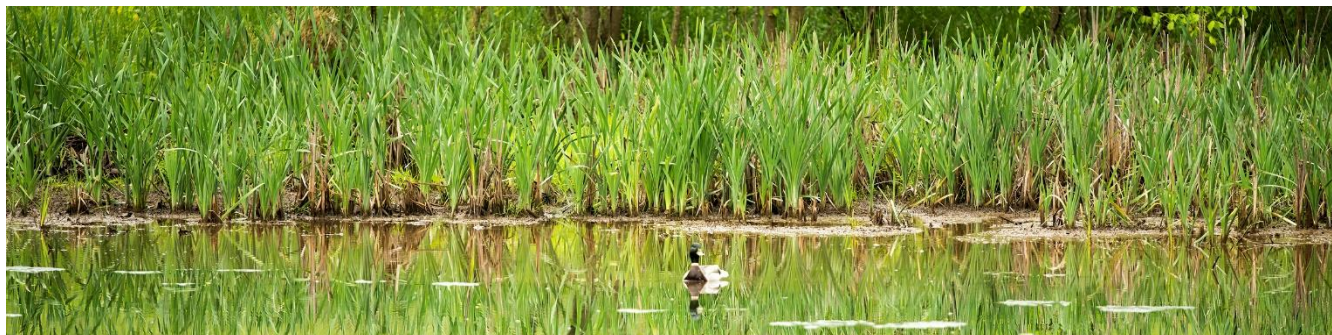
New Neighbors

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

- Dorothy & Troy Civitillo – 111 Lake Ridge Drive
- Brent & Marbely Gundaker – 1088 Grandset Drive
- Dorothy Hall – 200 Shaker Lane
- Ken Johnson & Stacy Jenkins – 108 Sailview Drive
- David & Nita Kersey – 114 Lake Ridge Drive
- Tom & Danielle Lawton – 300 Quail Meadows Drive
- Roger & Brenda Long – 1009 Grandset Drive
- Margaret & Brian Marple – 204 Ivy West Court
- Gamal Mossalem & Niveen Hassan – 103 Millbrook Terrace
- Mark & Alyson Phillips – 213 Ivy West Court

- Nora & Anthony Pilolli – 1082 Grandset Drive
- Baylee & William Sweat – 143 Sailview Drive
- Lauren & Jason Wade – 108 Meadowgate Drive
- Harry Weigner – 1115 Grandset Drive
- Romona & Al White – 244 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.

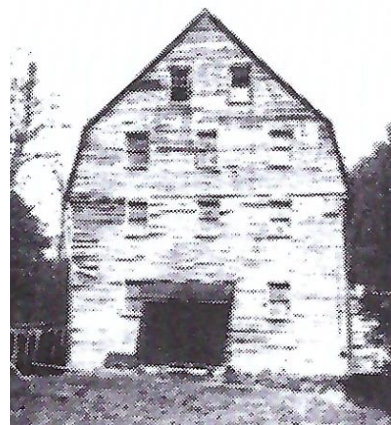


Ivy Hill History

Reverend Charles Clay, the original owner of Ivy Hill Plantation, had four sons; Odin, Cyrus, Paul, and Julius. Odin Clay, who was born here in 1800, later became highly prominent in the affairs of Campbell County and Lynchburg. He represented Campbell County in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1827 to 1847, he served as county justice in 1835, and in 1849 became the first president of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad. He was elected to represent Lynchburg in the Virginia Legislature in 1848.

Odin Clay died in 1882. The location of his grave is unknown. It is possible that he was buried in an unmarked grave in the family cemetery at Ivy Hill. It is more likely that he was buried next to his wife's grave near an old residence approximately ¾ mile east of Clay's Crossing.

In 1832 Odin Clay had purchased a mill and 115 acres on Tomahawk Creek for \$948.75. Upon his passing, the Odin Clay property was divided among his children. His son Charles Clay sold 580 acres including the mill to William and Harvey Graves in 1893; hence the name Grave's Mill. It remained in the Graves family for more than one hundred years.



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



LADDER PLAY PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

STARTS MAY 9

Monday nights at 6pm | May 9 to August 15 | Sign Up at the Clubhouse
REGISTRATION FEE: \$30/members and \$50/non-members

WHAT IS LADDER PLAY?

Ladder Play is a chance to play a lot of games with a variety of different players, while competing to win. The format is designed for players to mostly play with other similar skill levels. A court will consist of 4 to 5 players on a court. A player will play 3 or 4 games to 15 (win by 2) with everyone on your court.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DILLON SEGUR

DillonSegur@gmail.com
(704) 778-7591

LEAGUE PROCEDURE AND RULES:

USAPA RULES: If there is a line call dispute where play has halted to a stand still, replay the point. It is required that the players change ends of the court when one side has 8 points (in the 15 point game).

LATE OR ABSENT: If you are not able to make it or are running late, please contact Dillon Segur so that courts may be adjusted accordingly. If you state that you will come but fail to show up, your point total and win percentage will be affected.

TEAMS & ASSIGNMENTS: An initiation will be sent out every week with a list of participants. Court assignments and schedule of play will be available upon arrival. Court Assignments will be based off of results, point totals, and win percentages. The ladder divisions and standings will be posted in the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

www.IvyHillGolf.com | (434) 525.2680

Litter in Ivy Hill

Littering continues to be a problem along the streets in Ivy Hill, particularly on the main thoroughfares like Quail Ridge Drive. This degrades the appearance of the whole neighborhood. Several IHHA members have been voluntarily walking the streets and picking up any trash that they find. It is not uncommon for them to fill several bags with trash in a few blocks.

The IHHA has erected “No Littering” signs on the island that we own between the Ivy Hill main entrance roadways. This seems to be helping. Similar signage is planned along Quail Ridge Drive.

Here is how you can help:

- Please keep the road frontage in front of your property trash free.
- If there are vacant lots adjacent to your property, please pick up any litter on them too.
- Don't litter.

If littering is a particular problem on your property, or any adjacent empty lots, please let us know. We will evaluate the situation and may put up “No Littering” signs if we think they will help. However, feel free to go ahead and put up your own signs if you think they are needed.

Also, there is a strong correlation between unkept properties, empty lots, and trash accumulation. So please keep the grass cut along the roadway in front of your house. If you can also cut the grass along the roadway on any neighboring vacant lots, that would be great too.

We can conquer this problem together if we all pitch in.



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SINCE 2011

Saturdays
8am to noon

15583 Forest Road
Forest VA. 24551

The image shows a wicker basket filled with fresh produce, including green onions, green bell peppers, cilantro, tomatoes, and green beans. The basket is set against a dark green background that contains the Forest Farmer's Market logo and text.

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**
 Donation \$_____

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



THE BE WELL SERIES

Please join us for these free monthly events focused on senior support & community wellness!

Past speakers and workshops have discussed topics such as cognitive functions as related to dementia, normal aging vs. not normal aging, living wills, guardianship vs conservatorship, and DNRs.

Check out our schedule of events at DaytimeCenter.com/Events



The BE WELL Series is presented by:



DaytimeCenter.com | (434) 237-8498 | 1208 Perrowville Road, Forest

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.



*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*

Eggplant Caponata Crustini Appetizer

Ingredients

1 1/2 lb medium eggplant cut into 1/2 in. dice
1 T kosher salt
1/4 c red wine vinegar
3 T golden raisins
2 T capers
2 T minced green olives
1 T caper brine
1 baguette cut bias 1/2" slices at least 24 slices
1/4 c plus 1 T olive oil divided
3 garlic cloves minced
1/2 med. Yellow onion minced
1 med. Tomato cut 1/2 " dice
2 T toasted pine nuts
2 T parsley minced
2 T basil minced
2 T thyme
1 T honey
1 tsp lemon zest
Shaved ricotta salata garnish

Preparation

- Preheat oven 425.
- Toss eggplant with 1 T salt to coat. Transfer to colander and place over large bowl to drain 1 hr.
- In small bowl stir vinegar, raisins, capers, olives and brine. Set aside.
- On sheet tray, lay baguette slices and drizzle with 1 T olive oil and toast til golden and crisp 5 to 6 min. Cool.
- Take 1/4 cup olive oil in Dutch oven over med/high heat with garlic , onions and cook until softened with edges beginning to brown 5 to 6 min.
- Add eggplant, tomato, and cook another 5 to 6 min.
- Add vinegar mixture with pine nuts, parsley, basil, thyme, honey, lemon zest, and toss to combine scraping up brown bits on bottom of pan.
- Season with salt and remove from heat.
- Scoop 2 T Caponata onto Crustini.
- Garnish with thyme and shaved ricotta salata.

This is a Mediterranean family favorite. Caponata can be made days ahead and add to the baguette day of.

Enjoy!

Angie Power Ashman

Ivy Hill Wildlife

The obvious place to start a column about Ivy Hill wildlife is with deer. They are the largest wild animal that is commonly seen in the subdivision, one of the most beautiful, and yet also often one of the more destructive. According to Wikipedia, the white-tailed deer or Virginia deer stands about 45 inches tall at the shoulder and weighs between 100 lbs (female) and 150 lbs (male). Their summer coat is short, red-brown on top, and white underneath. The winter coat is longer and gray-brown. Fawns are typically born in late winter to early spring. They have white spots on their coats that gradually fade away over the summer as the animal grows and matures. A doe typically produces a single fawn each year. However, twins are not uncommon.



Small herds of a half dozen deer or more are frequently seen in Ivy Hill, especially in the early morning and around dusk. If you move around in the subdivision at those times, it is actually relatively rare not to see at least one deer, and more usually several. However, deer can come through your property at any time of day or night. It was not always so. Deer were just about hunted to extinction in Virginia by the 1930's. Deer sightings in Ivy Hill were relatively rare when the development began in the 1970's. Up until about the turn of the century, you could raise vegetables and most decorative plants in

Ivy Hill with a reasonable probability of success. However, since roughly 2000, and in the 22 years that have followed, the local deer population appears to have exploded. This can probably be attributed to two factors; there are a lot more deer around due to the cumulative effects of the hunting restrictions that were put in place in the last century to rebuild the Virginia deer population, and more of those deer are coming here to Ivy Hill. It is a common mistake to think of deer as primarily woodland creatures. Acre for acre, developed land can actually support a larger deer population than undeveloped land. Deer migrate to where the food supply is the most plentiful.

Not surprisingly then, the most common conflict that we have with deer as Ivy Hill homeowners, is with deer eating our plants. White-tailed deer eat a broad range of both garden plants and ornamentals. The following table lists their favorite foods, plants that they will generally only eat when they are very hungry, and plants that they will normally leave alone. It is based both on my experience as a long-term resident of Ivy Hill and the recommendations on the Virginia Wildlife Center website.

Favorite Foods	Eat When Hungry	Leave Alone
Tulips	Azaleas	Daffodils
Hostas	Peonies	Iris
Roses	Crocus	Holly
Grass	Ornamental Grasses	Rhododendrons
Fruit trees	Some Evergreens	Boxwoods
Most garden vegetables		Junipers
		Spruce & Pines

I have tried commercial deer repellent sprays and various home remedies. They seem to work for a while; but you have to keep applying them frequently, especially if it has rained. Eventually, the barrier

breaks down and the deer eat whatever you are trying to protect anyway. Fencing is not allowed in Ivy Hill, so your best strategy is to plant what they don't like.

The other obvious point of conflict is auto accidents. Deer collisions are one of the most common causes of non-driver-initiated auto accidents in Bedford County. Be especially careful when driving early in the morning or after dusk. If you see a deer, slow down. They will often panic and can take off suddenly and unpredictably in any direction. Also, if you see one deer, there are probably more around. If a collision is unavoidable, the Virginia Wildlife Center recommends that you brake straight ahead, and continue braking until the last second before impact. Then at the last moment, take your foot off the brakes. This allows the front end of the car to rise upon impact, hopefully sending the deer under the car rather than landing on the hood and hitting the windshield. Most serious injuries and driver fatalities are caused by taking evasive action. November is the worst month for deer-related auto accidents in Central Virginia.

Other than car accidents, no one has ever been hurt by a deer in Ivy Hill or the surrounding area to my knowledge despite what must be thousands of human-deer interactions every year. Deer will either just stand and watch you if you aren't moving aggressively or making a lot of noise, or turn and run away. Occasionally, I have had a deer warn me off by snorting or stomping the ground with a foreleg. If one does that to you, just walk away and leave them alone. They are probably bluffing, but why take the chance?

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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