

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

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IHHA President's Message

Summer has come to Central Virginia. The season started off dry, but now we are getting the rain that we really need. The Ivy Hill neighborhood is beautiful this time of the year. Please keep your lawns and yards nice. By maintaining your property and your dwelling's exterior you are respecting your neighbors and the Ivy Hill community.

We continue to need your help with the trash that keeps accumulating on the side of the roads in Ivy Hill; especially along Quail Ridge Drive and the other main drive-through roads. We have put up anti-littering signage along the most heavily travelled thoroughfares and they seem to be helping. However, if you live along one of the high traffic routes, or have occasion to walk along them and you spot some trash, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. Keeping the grass and weeds along the side of the road cut short also helps. We have noticed that litter seems to accumulate in overgrown areas, perhaps because the perpetrators feel emboldened to litter in "abandoned" properties. So if you live near one of these vacant lots and you have the time, please cut back any tall grass, weeds, or foliage that may have sprung up along the roadway. Thank you!

I have some great news! We are bringing back Oktoberfest! The 2022 event will be jointly hosted by the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association (IHHA) and the Ivy Hill Ladies Association (IHLA). This will be a great opportunity to meet the many new people who have moved into the Ivy Hill community since 2019. We are planning to hold the event on a Sunday in late October from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Ivy Hill Golf Club pavilion. The menu will consist of bratwursts, hotdogs, red cabbage, German potato salad, green salad, and pretzels. We will also have a sweet dessert and of course cold beverages including beer and wine. There will be live entertainment. We are also planning to have children's activities. This event will be free to IHHA and IHLA members. Non-members are also invited to attend, but there will be a charge. More information will be sent out in the early Fall once we finalize everything.

Free admission to Oktoberfest is yet another good reason to join the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association. Please join us if you have not done so already in 2022. We need your support. See the flyer on page 7 of this Newsletter for a list of the community services that we perform and information on how to join.

Please read and review the Reservations & Restrictions that are applicable to your neighborhood. They can be found on our website at ivyhill-forest.org under Planning\Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill\Ivy Hill Restrictions. Different Ivy Hill neighborhoods have different deeded restrictions. So be sure to review the Reservations & Restrictions that apply to your neighborhood. There is a color-coded map on the website if you are unsure which neighborhood is yours.

The main complaints that we receive from residents relate to trailers, campers, boats, and other recreational vehicles parked on site for extended periods or on the streets of the subdivision. This is a violation of the Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions. If you own one of these adult toys, please store it out of sight in your garage if you can, or remove it from your property and store it elsewhere. We have a list of off-site commercial facilities that store such vehicles. Also, please remember that if you are going to do any outside improvements to your property this year, you need to obtain written approval from the Architectural Committee before you start work. Contact information for both the Architectural Committee and the principal IHHA officers can be found on the last page of this Newsletter.

There is an interesting article about Rev. Clay and his family cemetery on page 4 that gives more of that history. There is also an update on page 5 about the ambitious new project that recently got underway to restore that cemetery

Now that it is turning warmer, we may see some unwanted wild life, like fox, coyotes, and maybe even a bear in the community. Please report any sightings of potentially dangerous wild animals to ivyhillforest@gmail.com, so we can get the word out to the neighborhood.

Remember that the speed limit in the community is 25 mph. The children are out of school, so drive responsibly. The roads in Ivy Hill have many hills and curves; another reason to drive carefully. We frequently have reports of people having trouble getting out of their driveways due to vehicles speeding by and mail boxes being damaged.

I hope you have an enjoyable Summer. Be safe.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Howdy do to the Ladies of Ivy Hills.

It looks like the activities and gatherings are returning to our club! We started this year with our annual Spring Meeting. We were a small group but still managed to get at least one person per committee for our parties. And they are as follows:

Summer Party

August 27, Saturday, at the clubhouse from 4:00-6:00 pm. We are having a wine and hors d'oeuvres get together. The cost per a glass of wine or a beer will be determined.

Fall Meeting

This is also an annual meeting and I don't have an exact date yet, but I guarantee it will be in the fall and probably at the clubhouse. We will have snacks and beverages. As before, you may purchase a wine or beer.

Oktoberfest

I don't have any details on this yet. Oktoberfest is an Ivy Hill tradition. We co-host this event

with the IHHA. Our contribution is primarily decorations and food. Date to be determined.

Winter Party

Again, time, date, and place to be determined. But it will definitely be in the winter.

We really need some more volunteers from our ranks to make these activities go smoothly. And speaking of our ranks, we decided in the spring to start collecting our \$30 yearly dues again from all existing members. If you haven't paid your dues or have decided not to rejoin I'd like to know your plans. Please make out your check to the IHLA and mail it to me at the address that follows this paragraph. And please email me if you have decided not to rejoin.

Vicki Sharrett
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I also want to take this opportunity to welcome all our new neighbors and urge you new ladies to consider joining our Ivy Hills Ladies Association. It's a great way to meet and get to know your new neighbors. We are so thrilled to be making plans for fun times together once again!

Cheers, Vicki

Vicki Sharrett,
IHLA President

New Neighbors

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

- Harper & Kaitlin Loy – 2002 Weatherhill Road
- Chris & Stephanie Lusk – 303 Quail Ridge Drive
- Michael & Christine Allen - 309 Eastwind Drive
- Rebecca Marsh – 1078 Club Terrace
- Wesley Stults & Jean Marie Barreto-Stults – 1071 Grandset Drive
- Suzanne & Paul Hubbell – 1079 Grandset Drive
- Clifton Cocke & Joanna Costello-Cocke – 704 Ivy Lake Drive
- Rhonda Armbrust & Patrick Scully – 1025 Ivy Place
- Michael & Penni Milnor – 1178 Ivy Woods Drive
- Karen & Mike Koontz – 108 Lake Ridge Drive
- Matthew & Melissa May – 1001 Maple Leaf Court
- Donna & Peter Both – 103 Persimmon Way
- Joseph & Rebecca Cole – 309 Quail Meadows Drive
- Christina & Grant Wilson – 315 Quail Ridge Drive
- Gwen Watson & Margo Floyd – 240 Shaker Lane
- Jonathan Werner & Leslie Schoonover – 107 Millbrook Terrace

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

The following article was provided by the Clay Cemetery Restoration project:

Charles Clay was an 18th century Anglican minister that gained the respect and admiration of many patriots due to his trailblazing evangelism, outspoken support of the American Revolution, and public service to the commonwealth of Virginia. Although Rev. Charles Clay was an important patriot in his own right; his long friendship with Thomas Jefferson adds to his notability. In 1769 Clay was appointed rector of St. Anne's Parish in Southern Albemarle County. This was the same year Thomas Jefferson started the ambitious design-build project at Monticello, and it was also in 1769 that Jefferson was elected to serve in the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg. Jefferson's family were members of that parish. Many members of Clay's Anglican establishment were not accepting of his strong patriotic convictions in addition to his fervent evangelism. The vestry of St. Anne's parish was in flux due to a 1776 Virginia state constitution dictating the suspension of all state collected tithes. Clay's income was withheld and after several years of bureaucratic struggle, Clay stopped preaching at St. Anne's in 1777 and permanently resigned in 1779. After initially purchasing 600 acres along Ivy Creek in Bedford County in 1779, Charles Clay relocated to his Bedford property permanently in 1786. Clay served as Commissioner of Peace for many years and was a delegate at the Virginia Constitutional Convention in 1788. He also ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1790.

His property in Bedford County was first called The Grove, then eventually Pettygrove (much later Ivy Hill). Clay married Editha Davies in 1796 and they had four sons. During these years he continued to perform some ministerial duties while managing his plantation. An 1820 census record lists 36 enslaved individuals also living and working on The Grove plantation.

Clay and Jefferson's friendship had continued throughout their busy adult lives, and they would eventually become neighbors in Bedford County. Jefferson had inherited Poplar Forest plantation in 1773 but did not have a home there until his retirement retreat 'villa' was built. Jefferson's retirement and his visits to this Poplar Forest retreat home began in 1809 after he completed his second term as President of the United States. In 1815 Jefferson wrote Clay, *"I have probably said more to you [on religion] than to any other person, because we have had more hours of conversation...in our meeting at the Forest."*

Rev. Charles Clay died in 1820. His burial site is a familiar curiosity to local golfers as the small Clay family cemetery is located on the fairway between the 6th and 7th holes of Ivy Hill Golf course. The



mound of rocks that marks Charles Clay's grave is visible from quite a distance. In the words of historian William Meade author of **Old Churches, Ministers, and Families of Virginia**, *"...that on the spot where he [Clay] was buried, and which he had marked out, there should be raised a huge pile of stones for his sepulcher. It is about twenty feet in diameter and twelve feet high, and being first covered with earth, and then with turf, presents the appearance of one of those Indian mounds to be seen in our Western States."*

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

Clay Cemetery Restoration Update

There are 5 Clay family members buried in the Clay cemetery: Charles Clay, Clay's wife Editha Davies, their son Cyrus, daughter-in-law Mary Louisa Watkins, and granddaughter Margaret Clay.



A barrier will be erected around the cemetery with interpretive signage on the Ivy Hill property (location TBD) with stabilization and possible restoration of various features in the cemetery. As owners of the golf course, the Runk family will be instrumental in this process assisted by entities such as area DAR chapters, local historians, interested citizens, and preservation groups.

As a separate project a sub-committee will apply for a historical marker on Perrowville Rd., possibly located near the Ivy Hill Golf course entrance. The sign will explain the historical significance of Charles Clay and his role as a patriot and will note the location of his burial.

*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*

Solar Panels

Like most HOAs, the Architectural Committee of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association has traditionally approved roof mounted solar panels only if they cannot be seen from the street. Some exceptions to this ruling have occurred. A North Carolina court recently ruled that HOAs in that state can no longer do this. They either have to ban solar panels all together or allow them to be placed on whatever roof orientation provides the best solar input.

This is not a hot topic right now in Ivy Hill because Appalachian Power's low electrical rates make the payback period for a typical residential solar installation that can cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000 unattractive to most homeowners. However, it may become an issue in the future if the cost of converting to solar power continues to decrease and Virginia courts adopt the North Carolina court's ruling.

Never the less, the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association would like to sound out the community on this subject now so that we will be better prepared to represent the preferences of the residents should this become an issue in the future. What is your opinion? Should solar panels in Ivy Hill be allowed to be mounted on whatever roof surface will provide the optimum solar input even if they can be seen from the street? Should solar panels be banned altogether? (Existing installations would of course have to be grandfathered.) Or should the Architectural Committee continue to approve only solar panel installations that are not visible from the street as long as Virginia courts allow that practice?

Please send an email to ivyhillforest@gmail.com and let us know your opinion on this subject. The results will be reported in a future Newsletter.



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!



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Ivy Hill Wildlife



Whether you know it or not, if you live in Ivy Hill you live near coyotes. There are multiple known coyote dens in the community, especially in the wooded areas and along the Golf Course. Then why don't we see them at all hours of the day like we see the deer? That is because coyotes are naturally wary and are primarily nocturnal animals; they avoid people as much as they can and hunt mostly at night. However, coyotes are sometimes active during the day, especially during the spring and summer months when they are searching for food to feed their pups.

Coyotes are highly intelligent animals and very effective hunters. They eat mice, rats, chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits, and groundhogs. They may also prey upon fawns in the overpopulated Ivy Hill deer herd and the Canadian geese that nest around Ivy Lake and the golf course ponds. Free range cats and small dogs can also become their prey. Larger dogs should generally be relatively safe from coyotes as long as the dogs are not

threatening their pups. Unlike wolves, coyotes are not pack hunters. They typically either hunt alone or with a single partner.

Like many wild animals, coyotes tend to become more of a hazard to humans if they get used to being around us. So the best way to prevent coyotes from becoming a problem is to avoid giving them a reason to come near your home in the first place. Here are some recommendations from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website:

- If you are feeding wildlife, STOP.
- Keep trash inside until the morning of trash pickup or place trash in an animal-proof container.
- If you feed pets outside, make sure their bowls are empty afterwards. Feeding feral cats is an especially bad idea in areas frequented by coyotes.
- Remove bird feeders and clean up fallen seed to keep the small mammals that coyotes like to eat from being attracted to the area, and clear fallen fruit from around trees.
- Close up all openings under and into your buildings to prevent their use as coyote den sites.
- Remove or clean up brushy areas close to your home that provide potential cover for coyotes and their prey.
- Supervise small pets when outside. Cats should be kept indoors and not allowed to roam free.

Coyote attacks on humans are rare. Coyotes will pounce at any sign of weakness but will generally back down if threatened by something larger than them. If you find yourself challenged by a hostile coyote, maintain eye contact if possible, and make loud noises. Shout, wave your hands, and throw objects at the coyote; but never run. Remember that these animals are looking for an easy meal unless they are protecting their den, young, or a food source. Retreat slowly without turning your back to the coyote. Your goal should get to a populated and lit area as soon as possible. Then alert the proper authorities as soon as you are able to do so safely.



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