

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

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IHHA President's Message

Have you noticed the signs around the community? Our annual membership drive is underway! Please join the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association (IHHA). We need your support. For examples of what your dues help support, see the article on page 6 of this Newsletter about the major renovation of the main Ivy Hill entrance that is underway, or the list of other services that we provide above the sign-up form on page 10. Another project that we will be undertaking this year is to produce a revised Ivy Hill Directory. See page 5 for an article about that effort and how you can help by updating your entry. Also, the Oktoberfest community event is back! See the article on page 7. All current IHHA members and their families can attend Oktoberfest for free. Despite inflation, our annual dues are still only \$40 again this year. Help keep the lights on in Ivy Hill!

Spring seems to have come to Ivy Hill earlier this year despite that brief snowstorm a few weeks ago. The community is beautiful this time of the year as the trees blossom, the flowers bloom, and the grass starts to grow again. Speaking of which, 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. Neat properties also help reduce the ongoing problem of littering along the roadways in the community. See the article on page 4. If you have the opportunity to do so, please pick up any trash on the front of your yard and cut back any grass or weeds along the road front on any nearby vacant lots.

Karen Schwabe and Bob Harvey (Treasurer), both long time Board members, retired last year. They are going to be sorely missed by both the Board and by me for their leadership and advice. Thank you for your service! We were fortunate that Tony Simmons volunteered to serve on the Board and be our new Treasurer. Welcome aboard Tony!

By the way, we could use some more Board members. Three vacancies remain after Tony joined. The job entails attending 5 or 6 Board meetings each year which last about an hour and assisting in various special projects. Please consider joining to support your neighborhood. We also need two more residents to serve on the Architectural Committee. See the article on page 4.

The Ivy Hill Golf Club has many summer activities like golf, pickleball, and the pool. You can also get a delicious lunch at the club house. You do not need to be a club member to go to the club house or play golf.

Please read and review the Reservations & Restrictions that are applicable to your neighborhood. They can be found on the Ivy Hill Website (ivyhill-forest.org) under the Planning tab at Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill\Ivy Hill Restrictions. The main complaints that we receive from residents are about sheds and fences placed on neighboring properties and trailers, campers, or RVs either stored onsite or on the roadsides in front. These are all violations of the general Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions as well as the corresponding Restrictions of those neighborhoods that are governed by separate restrictions. Please respect your neighbors and remove these items now so the Association does not have to take action.

Remember, if you are planning to do any outside improvements to your property and your residence is in the original sections of the community that were developed by Allen Harvey, you need the prior written approval of the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee. Likewise, if you reside in one of those neighborhoods that was developed later and has its own separate Restrictions, you need the approval of the corresponding HOA or neighborhood architectural committee. Contact information for the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee can be found on the last page of this Newsletter. Contact information for most of the later neighborhood associations can be found on the website at ivyhill-forest.org under the Contact Us tab.

In a previous Newsletter, we discussed the Clay family cemetery. The Reverend Charles Clay was the owner of Ivy Hill plantation at the end of the eighteenth century and the beginning of the nineteenth century. His family cemetery is located between the 6th and 7th holes on the golf course. A committee pursued placing a Virginia highway historical marker on Perrowville Road to acknowledge the cemetery. However, when the Virginia Board of Historic Resources met on December 8 and selected five highway marker applications to advance in the process, unfortunately the Reverend Charles Clay Family Cemetery marker proposal was not among the projects that were approved. In their rejection they noted that "The Rev. Charles Clay Family Cemetery proposal received lower scores in the categories of 'Addresses the history of a community that has been marginalized or underrepresented' and 'Fills a gap in the historical marker program.'" The alternative of placing private signage either on Perrowville Road or on the Golf Course was also considered but was vetoed by Runk & Pratt due to security concerns. So as it stands now, no signage will be erected and no restoration work will be performed at the site; but the cemetery itself will receive more aggressive weed control measures starting in the spring of 2023 from Ivy Hill Golf Course maintenance personnel.

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 dangerous wild animal sightings to our email address: ivyhillforest@gmail.com, so we can get the word out to the neighborhood if necessary.

Remember that the speed limit in the entire neighborhood is 25 mph. Ivy Hill has many hills and curves, so drive responsibly. We have received reports of people having trouble getting out of their driveways or mail boxes being damaged by speeding vehicles.

I hope you have an enjoyable upcoming Spring. Be safe!

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Greetings to all the ladies of Ivy Hills,

The Ivy Hills Ladies Association is alive and well! I realize we haven't been active lately, but I have a new save the date for a spring fling. No longer called a winter blast, since spring is almost here! And the new date is Sunday April 30. Let's call it a pot luck still, at the clubhouse, 5:30-7:30 pm. You can still RSVP to Linda Zerby at belugaship@icloud.com. This time around, please respond one way or the other. And if your answer is "Yes", let Linda know what you will bring. We plan to bring 4 crock pots. Leegie is rolling up meatballs, Sue Lineberry is fixing ham biscuits, Linda Zerby is barbecuing Cornish hens, and I will bring mac n cheese.

Our Spring meeting will be one day during the first week of May. The date has yet to be decided. I have a question for anyone who has an interest in our club but you work and can't make afternoon meetings. Would it help if we had 2 meetings, one in the afternoon and one in the evening? Please let me know at vickilyn54@yahoo.com or call or text me on 434-665-7861. I look forward to meeting new neighbors who are intrigued about our IHLA. Go ahead and contact me with your questions and ideas. New members are oh so very welcome!

Cheers,

Vicki Sharrett,
IHLA President

New Neighbors

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

- Jamie & Paula Hemeon – 107 Meadowgate Drive
- Lisa Maroney – 1915 Eastway Lane
- Mark & Julie Lonergan – 135 Sailview Drive
- Kelly & Wendy Golden – 714 Ivy Lake Drive
- Mark & Angela Simpson – 218 Hitching Post Lane
- Ryan Matthew & Hope Angela Pelletier – 108 Sailview 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.



Littering

Littering continues to be a problem in the Ivy Hill community. The Klopfenstein family of 1306 Lake Meadow Drive is trying to do something about it. They go out almost every day to pick up trash. One day recently they picked up 16 bags of trash and 2 tires! Thank you so much!!

Won't you do your part? If you see litter on your property or any nearby vacant lots, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. Also, if you can keep the grass and weeds cut short along the roadway on any nearby vacant lots, that is a big help. Unkept lots attract litter. Finally, if you see anyone littering, please report it to a member of the IHHA Board or your local neighborhood HOA.



Architectural Committee

Ivy Hill is a deed-restricted community. The Ivy Hill Architectural Committee reviews and approves the plans for all new-build construction, major renovations, additions, improvements, and landscaping in the original Ivy Hill development and those later neighborhoods that were developed utilizing the general Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions. (Some Ivy Hill neighborhoods that were developed later like Lakepointe have separate Restrictions and their own Architectural Committee or other compliance mechanism.)

The Ivy Hill Architectural Committee currently has two vacancies. If you would be interested in serving on the Committee, please contact Chairperson Sharon Mahon at smahonfun@gmail.com or (434) 401-1846. The Committee rarely meets in person. Most requests are handled via email.

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

Ivy Hill Directory

The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association plans to publish a new Directory in 2023. We normally publish Directories on a three-year cycle. However, those plans were derailed by the Covid pandemic and this will be the first new Directory published since the 2018-2020 edition. Consequently, we know there will be a lot of catching up to do. Here's how you can help:

- If you and your spouse/partner were not listed in the 2018-2020 Directory, then please fill out the form below, check the "New Entry" box, and either give your completed form to any IHHA Board member listed on the last page of this Newsletter, or mail it to us at the address on the form, or email the form (or the equivalent input in any format) to ivyhillforest@gmail.com.
- If you and your spouse/partner were listed in the 2018-2020 Directory but there have subsequently been name changes through marriage or divorce, someone has passed on, or if you have a new spouse/partner; or if any of your phones have changed or new phones have been added; then please check the "Changes" box on the form below, fill in your name and the changes only, and send it to us using any of the options listed in the first bullet above.
- If you were listed in the 2018-2020 Directory and there have been no changes to your entry since then, no action is required.

Note, if you don't have a copy of the 2018-2020 Directory and don't know if you were listed in it, use the "New Entry" option and fill out the form completely. It is better to be proactive. It also saves us the trouble of trying to track down the information if we come up blank on a known Ivy Hill address.

Ivy Hill 2023-2025 Directory

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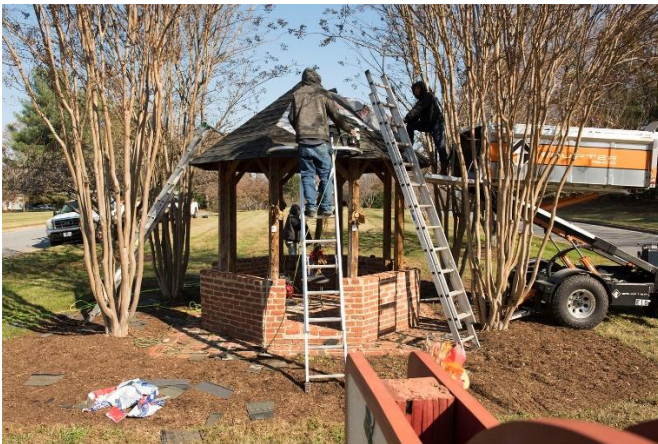
Note that email addresses will not be published in the Directory. We only ask for that information so that we can update the Ivy Hill Database and assure that you and your partner receive future Newsletters and we can contact you electronically if necessary about lost and found pets, upcoming events, and other community alerts.

All current IHHA or IHLA members will be entitled to one free copy of the new Ivy Hill Directory. Non-members can purchase copies at a price that will be announced once we know the cost of publication. If any members want additional copies of the Directory, they will also be able to purchase them at that price.

Main Entrance Renovation

We are pleased to finally be able to report that the Covid-delayed renovation of the Ivy Hill main entrance is now well underway:

- The entrance sign brick support wall, the serpentine walls, and the gazebo were all pressure washed last year. This initial cleanup work was done by All Washed Up. The cost was \$300.
- The roof on the gazebo which had deteriorated over the half century that has elapsed since that iconic structure was built was repaired in the fall and the slate shingles many of which were broken or loose, were replaced with modern architectural-grade asphalt shingles. Cenvar Roofing did this work at a cost of \$2,000.



- Kelly's Lawncare Service then mulched all of the beds around the entrance serpentine fences, sign, gazebo, and trees along the "island" between the entrance roads and various volunteer work parties composed of IHHA members cut out the dead bushes and wild trees growing in the beds and trimmed the crepe myrtle and kwanzan cherry trees on the island. The plantings at the Ivy Woods, Ivy West, and Ivy Lake entrances along Perrowville Road were also pruned and cleaned up.

Meanwhile, it was discovered during the winter that the back support post on the main entrance sign has rotted and split, the fasteners have pulled out, and the south sign has become completely detached at its back end and is free to flop around in the wind. So the next items on the list are fixing or replacing the back post on the sign, resealing the brick apron around the gazebo, and beginning the plantings in the flower beds.

We also plan to add signage noting that Ivy Hill is a deed-restricted community. That should make it harder for realtors to "forget" to mention the Reservations & Restrictions when they show homes in Ivy Hill to prospective buyers.

Oktoberfest

It seems like only a short time has passed, but it has actually been almost exactly five months since the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies Association co-hosted Oktoberfest at the newly renovated Ivy Hill Golf Club pavilion on a beautiful fall evening last October. Approximately 100 Ivy Hill residents and their guests enjoyed food, beer, German music, and friendship that Sunday. The all-German menu included beer, bratwurst, hotdogs, sauerkraut, red cabbage, German potato salad, and tossed green salad. There were also ice cream sundaes for dessert. Children's activities included pumpkin decorating, cornhole, hula hoops, and four-in-a-row.



Thank you to Barb Walton for organizing the 2022 event, to everyone who helped decorate the pavilion Sunday morning, the folks who checked in guests, everyone who prepared the food, the ladies that served the food, the guys that worked the grill, and all who stayed to clean up. And thank you to Mo and the Runk & Pratt team for your help!

Planning for Oktoberfest 2023 will start in a few more months. If you would be interested in helping with this year's event, please contact Barb Walton at bwaltonforest@gmail.com or (434) 665-9747.

Roger Lohn



We regret to have to inform you of the recent passing of long-time Ivy Hill resident Roger Lohn. Roger served on the IHHA Board of Directors from 2008 until he had to resign at the end of 2019 due to his declining health. He was the Vice President of the Association in both 2018 and 2019.

Roger joined the Air Force after graduating from high school and became a jet pilot. When he left the service he went to college and became an electrical engineer. He worked for Motorola in various capacities for 40 years. His final assignment with them was as a consultant. That gave him the opportunity for overseas travel which he was delighted to do. He traveled the world, loved every minute of it, and would tell everybody who would listen about his many adventures overseas.

Roger was a good man, a loving husband to Ellie, and a loving father to their three children. He could talk on many subjects with knowledge, but could not convey that to paper. Ellie says that she cannot tell how many papers she rewrote for him when he was in college. In retirement he found volunteering at the D Day memorial, Score, and for the IHHA very rewarding.

Roger took a particular interest in the beautification of the Ivy Hill main entrance during his time with the Association. He always volunteered for work parties when the trees needed to be pruned during the summer or the gazebo needed to be decorated at Christmas, and he and his wife Ellie planted many of the bulbs that are currently flowering around the gazebo.

Roger will be missed by everyone that knew him. We are grateful for the invaluable support that he provided to the Ivy Hill community and the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association.



Ivy Hill History

This historical photo shows the main entrance to Ivy Hill when road construction in the community first began in the 1972-1973 time period. The south wing of the serpentine wall was already constructed and landscaped, and the curbs had been poured, but the crusher run had yet to be put down in preparation for asphaltting the roadway. Note that Perrowville Road in the foreground was still just a gravel road. It wasn't paved until many years later.



As the roads were being laid, the construction workers dug up many Indian arrowheads plus artifacts from the later plantation era. The arrowheads were particularly plentiful. "The workers were finding them by the dozen", the developer, Allen Harvey, recalled in a 1979 interview with The Daily Advance. "The workers were out of Martinsville, and I think the arrowheads all went home with them." Although those relics weren't recoverable, some of the old estate buildings were. There were three slave quarters, an old log lodge behind the mansion, the miller's house, portions of the original mill, and of course the Clay family cemetery. The roof on the slave quarters was re-tinned and the building was cleaned up, but the mill itself could not be salvaged. It was structurally unstable and had to be torn down to protect the kids that used to play by the stream. One mystery was never solved. "We don't know where the slaves were buried," Harvey said. "We've had surveyors out in the field, and they haven't been able to find them. We've looked for sunken areas of ground in likely places, and still haven't found anything."

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



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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