

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

September 2023



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IHHA President's Message

Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sunday, October 22 at the Ivy Hill Golf Course Pavilion from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. All Ivy Hill residents are welcome to join us. Ivy Hill Homeowners Association (IHHA) members and Ivy Hill Ladies Association (IHLA) members and their families get in free. See the flier on Page 9 for more details and non-member rates. It isn't too late to join the IHHA.

There are other benefits of being an IHHA member. See the membership form on Page 12. Despite inflation, our annual dues still remain only \$40 per year. Help keep the lights on in Ivy Hill.

The weather is finally starting to reflect my calendar's insistence that fall has arrived. The community is beautiful this time of the year, but we could sure use some more rain. Several residents have reported that their lawns have dried up to the point that the clay soil that is so prevalent in Ivy Hill has actually started to crack open. The leaves are starting to turn. Please 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 7. If you have an opportunity to do so, please pick up the trash on the front of your yard and cut back any grass or weeds along the road front on any empty lots nearby. We need your help.

Ivy Hill has many fall activities like golf and pickle ball. You can also go to the club house for a delicious lunch. You do not need to be a member to eat at the club house or play golf.

Please read and review the Reservations & Restrictions (R&R) that are applicable to your neighborhood. They can be found on your Website (ivyhill-forest.org) under the Planning tab at Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill\Ivy Hill Restrictions. The main complaint that we receive from residents are about sheds and fences placed on neighboring properties and trailers, campers, or RVs either stored onsite or along the roadsides in front of the property. 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 were developed later and have 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.

Now that it is turning cooler, we still may see some unwanted wildlife, like fox, coyotes, and maybe even a bear in our 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 neighborhood is 25 mph. Ivy Hill has many hills and curves, so drive responsibly. We have reports of people having trouble getting out of their driveways, mail boxes being damaged, and people walking along the street that were almost hit by speeding vehicles. Drive safely.

I hope you have an enjoyable upcoming fall. Be safe.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Greetings ladies!

Our annual Fall Meeting is Saturday, September 30th starting at 10:00 am at the Ivy Hill Clubhouse. We will meet outside if it is nice or inside if it is not. This is a special meeting with Sheriff Mike Miller coming to speak to us about safety, etc.. It promises to be an informative agenda along with light snacks, beverages. See the full-page ad on page 5. Come see old friends and bring any new neighbors who are curious about the Ivy Hill Ladies Association and may want to join our club.

And we have more good times planned together as we get together with our neighbors over the next few weeks and into early 2024:

- Oktoberfest will be on Sunday, October 22nd this year. We will be co-hosting this annual community-wide extravaganza again this year with the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association. See the full-page ad on page 9. Admission is free for all IHLA and IHHA members. The IHLA committee organizing this event include Barb Walton, Linda Zerby, Rachael Rawls, Nancy Newbern, and Monique Maloney.
- The date and time for the Winter Blast have not yet been finalized. However, it will probably be sometime after the holidays in early January 2024. The committee organizing this event includes Pam Cowgill, Beth Manns, and Vicki Sharrett. Emails will be sent out to all IHLA members when the plans are finalized. All IHLA members may bring one guest.

That is all of the events that are in active planning at this time. However, we plan to host a full calendar of social events again in 2024:

- Spring Meeting
- Spring Fling
- Summer Daze
- Fall Meeting
- Oktoberfest

We always welcome new members. Each member is expected to volunteer to help organize one social event each year. We also have a bridge group, lunch bunch, mahjong group, and book club and are considering starting a watercolor group. If you or your spouse would be interested in learning how to watercolor, or if you are an experienced watercolor artist that would simply like an opportunity to paint in the company of like-minded enthusiasts, please contact Vicki Sharrett at the phone number or email address below.

Ideas for other special-interest groups are also always welcome.

If you would be interested in joining the IHLA call Vicki Sharrett 434-665-7861 or email me at vickilyn54@yahoo.com. Our dues are only \$30.00 per year.

Cheers!

Vicki Sharrett, IHLA President

New Ivy Hill Map

The color-coded map showing all of the Ivy Hill communities was recently updated to show the new Ivalace townhouse development. A copy has been posted on the Ivy Hill Website (ivyhill-forest.org) under the Planning tab. Select the last option Ivy Hill Map on the pull-down menu.

Ivy Hill is a deed-restricted community. If you are unsure as to which Ivy Hill neighborhood you live in or which Restrictions apply to your property, take a look at the map. The general Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions apply to all lots in the uncolored (grey) areas on the map. The new Ivalace townhouse development has their own Restrictions.

Ivy Hill Architectural Committee

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 neighborhoods that were developed later by Allen Harvey and that utilize the general Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions. They can be found on your Ivy Hill Website (ivyhill-forest.org) under Planning tab at Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill\Ivy Hill Restrictions.

Some Ivy Hill neighborhoods that were developed by other developers like Lakepointe have separate Restrictions and their own Architectural Committee or other compliance mechanism. Most of these restrictions can also be found on the Ivy Hill



Website (ivyhill-forest.org) under the Planning tab by selecting Homeowner Association\Ivy Hill and then clicking on your neighborhood. If the restrictions for your neighborhood are not listed, contact your neighborhood HOA.

The Ivy Hill Architectural Committee currently does not have any vacancies. However, if you would be interested in serving on the Committee in the future, please contact Chairperson Sharon Mahon at smahonfun@gmail.com or (434) 401-1846. Most Committee work is handled via email.

Lakepointe Architectural Committee

As previously reported, the Lakepointe Restrictions were recently revised to reflect the fact that the original developer no longer owns any lots in that neighborhood. The developer had previously reserved to himself the authority to enforce those Restrictions. This authority has now been transferred to the residents. A copy of those revisions can be found on Ivy Hill Website (ivyhill-forest.org).

The residents of Lakepointe were then polled as to whether they wanted to create their own architectural committee to implement and enforce the revised restrictions, or place that responsibility on the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee. They elected the former option and have accordingly created an independent Lakepointe Architectural Committee with the following members:

- Jared Shuey - 1035 Lakepointe Drive
- Jeffery Benson - 1349 Lakepointe Drive
- Joel Dechant - 1285 Lake Meadow Lane
- Kenneth Selmer - 1104 Lakepointe Drive
- Laurie Guzek - 1232 Lake Meadow Lane
- Mark Smith - 1454 Lakepointe Drive
- Richard Lee - 1063 Lakepointe Drive
- Zanne Klopfenstein - 1306 Lake Meadow Lane

The new Lakepointe Architectural Committee then elected Joel Dechant as its first Chairperson and Laurie Guzek as its first Secretary.





You are invited to the

**IVY HILL LADIES
ASSOCIATION FALL
MEETING**

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL
PRESENTATION ON SAFETY AND LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 10 AM in the
Ivy Hill Clubhouse

RSVP to shmulkearns@gmail.com
or 434-660-0339 by 9/23/2023

Ivy Hill Entrances

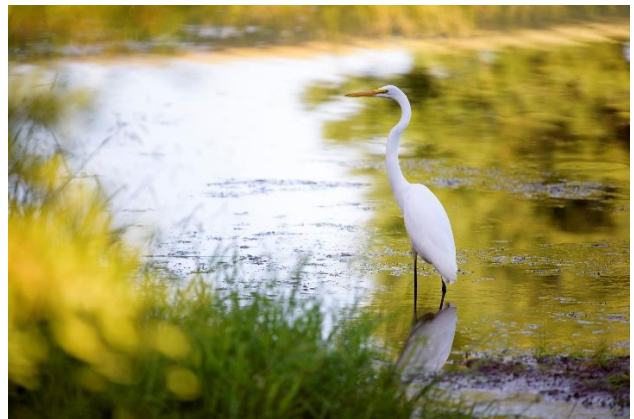
On Saturday morning July 8th several IHHA Board members and/or their spouses met at the Ivy Hill main entrance. During the course of several hours we removed suckers from the cherry trees, cut off branches that were either hanging too low or overgrowing the roadways, and generally cleaned up the entire length of the “island” between the entrance roadway and the exit roadway. We also removed some volunteer wild trees that had sprouted in the landscaping beds in front of the serpentine brick walls and weeded (by hand) the landscaping bed around the sign. Everything but the weeding went well and the entrance looked much better the rest of the summer. The weeds came back in the sign landscaping bed within a few weeks. Two rounds of weed killer didn’t do the job either, so in August we finally scalped the weeds with a weed-wacker. That seemed to do the trick, probably with an assist from the recent drought.



Also in August we had Kelly’s Lawncare Service cleanup the Lakepointe entrance sign landscape bed that had become somewhat rundown and mulch it. The results were very nice as you can see from the photo below. Kelly’s has cut the grass for us at the Ivy Hill main entrance “island” for many years and also mulches the landscaping beds around the main entrance sign and the gazebo. They do good work at a fair price.

Next up, we hope to begin the plantings in the landscaping bed around the sign at the Ivy Hill main entrance in October. As previously reported, we will purchase the plants in small batches based on a plan developed by a commercial landscaper several years ago, and then do the rest of the work ourselves. Several Board members and/or their spouses have volunteered to help with the planting and water the plants through any dry spells. All plants will be drought tolerant and deer resistant.

We also still plan to add signage noting that Ivy Hill is a deed-restricted community and making it harder for realtors to “forget” to mention the Reservations & Restrictions when they show homes in Ivy Hill to prospective buyers. Monique Maloney has agreed to take on the project of designing the signs that we will install at all of the entrances.



Litter in Ivy Hill

The “No Littering” signs were extended this summer along Quail Ridge Drive. This seems to be helping. However, littering continues to be a problem along the main pass-through routes like Ivy Lake Drive, Lakepointe Drive, and Eastway Lane, and especially on the vacant lots on those routes. There is a strong correlation between unkept properties, empty lots, and trash accumulation. This degrades the appearance of the whole neighborhood. 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.

In the meantime, you can help by:

- Cutting the grass along the roadway in front of your house and along the roadway on any neighboring vacant lots.
- Keeping the road frontage in front of your property trash free.
- Picking up any litter on any neighboring vacant lots too.
- Don't litter.

Please pitch in. We can conquer this problem together!

New Neighbors

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

- Jonathan & Christine Boucher – 601 Fairwinds Court
- Danielle Martin & Ben Brandt – 400 Quail Hollow Drive
- Jonnie Jarrells – 114 Lake Ridge Drive
- Morgan & Addison McCarty – 1914 Eastway Lane
- Jon Elvin – 1106 Grandset Drive
- Tarah Pyles & Jason Page – 206 Shaker Lane
- David & Kristin Guinter – 115 Lake Ridge Drive
- Margaret Gervais & James Epps – 1090 Titleist Drive
- John & Adriana Nesbit – 143 Sailview Drive
- Kurt & Amy Feigel – 1103 Chestnut Grove
- Elaine Ferriola – 1071 Grandset Drive
- Efrian & Johanna Moreno – 1101 Grandset Drive
- Jon Elvin – 1106 Grandset Drive
- Linda Stetzel – 1122 Grandset Drive
- John & Susan Torell – 1128 Grandset Drive
- Joseph & Robin Sadighian – 1142 Grandset Drive
- Jane & Terry Travis – 1150 Grandset Drive
- James Manns -1162 Grandset Drive
- Elda & Philip Muller – 1074 Lake Meadow Drive
- Jeff & Jami Benson – 1349 Lakepointe Drive
- Julia & John Doyle – 104 Meadowgate Drive
- Tom & Diane Dodson – 113 Meadowgate Drive
- Kristi & Cory Smith – 1038 Oak Leaf Court
- Shabawaz & Fatima Kahn – 1104 Overlake Avenue
- Sarah & Ryan Pettit – 202 Persimmon Way
- Katheryn Thompson – 216 Shaker Lane

- Melody & Rick Brown – 111 Lake Ridge 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.



Ivy Hill Facebook Page



Ivy Hill Homeowners Association

95 likes • 124 followers



Did you know that Ivy Hill has a Facebook page? We are easy to find. Look up Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and give us a like! You can also DM (direct message) us there with neighborhood questions, lost animals, local information, activities, or photos that you feel would be of interest to our communities.

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



Oktoberfest 2023

The Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies Association will co-host Oktoberfest on Sunday October 22nd from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Ivy Hill Golf Club pavilion. It will be an evening to enjoy with your neighbors, old and new.

Our menu will be bratwursts, hotdogs, sauerkraut, red cabbage, German potato salad, green salad, pretzels, and dessert. And of course cold beverages including beer, wine, lemonade, ice tea, and water.

Meet your IHHA Board members & Officers

Family activities planned outside:
Corn Hole
4-in-a-Row

This is a free family event for all members of the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association and the Ivy Hill Ladies Association. Non-members and guests are:

- \$15 singles 21+
- \$25 couples 21+
- \$10 under 21
- \$0 under 5

Alternatively, non-members can join IHHA at the door for \$40 which includes this event. Hope to see you there!

Contact Barb Walton with any questions at 434-525-0459 or bwaltonforest@gmail.com



Last Chance

As announced in the March Newsletter, the Ivy Hill Homeowners Association still plans to publish a new Ivy Hill Directory in 2023. The Ivy Hill map has been overhauled to incorporate the Ivalace neighborhood and its new roads and the Ivy Hill Database has been updated to agree with the latest Bedford County property records. The first draft of the alphabetical listing is now in progress. However, we continue to find way too many blanks when it comes to the corresponding phone numbers. We've tried various strategies over the summer to fill these blanks; welcome letters to every new resident, articles in past issues of this Newsletter, requests to neighborhood HOAs, and even phone surveys conducted by some Board members of their immediate neighbors. However, the blanks remain. We can't hold up publication much longer. Very soon we will have to finalize the Directory, blanks and all, and go to press. Here is your last chance to help us fill in those blanks:

- 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, 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.

Ivy Hill 2023-2025 Directory

Name #1	
Name #2	
Address	
Landline	
Cell #1	
Cell #2	
E-mail #1	
E-mail #2	

<input type="checkbox"/>	New Entry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes

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

And if you have new residents on your street that you suspect have not provided us with the necessary information, please give them a copy of this form and ask them to submit it as soon as possible. (A good indicator of whether or not we have their data, is whether they receive this Newsletter. You can ask them if they have seen this issue as a way of broaching the subject.)

Note that email addresses will never be published in the Directory. We only ask for that information so that we can update the Ivy Hill Database and assure that every resident receives future Newsletters and we can contact them 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.

Ivy Hill History

Ivy Island was once a hill top overlooking Ivy Creek and a working mill. The mill ground corn and grain into meal and flour for local folks for many years and later ground cattle bones, powered by the water that flowed down the creek. The miller lived in a house on top of the hill where John & Bobby Buttler's house now stands. The miller's house stood until modern times, eventually being replaced by the Butler's home, but the long-abandoned mill had fallen into disrepair by the time Allen Harvey acquired Ivy Hill farm in the early 1970s. He had the remaining structure torn down to protect some kids that used to play near the stream. In the process the workers found the beam shown in the upper photo in which one of the millers had scratched his name and the date: May 12, 1876.



They also recovered some wooden bolts and nails that were used to tack together the mill and bits and pieces of the grinding stones, some of which are shown in the lower photo. All of these artifacts now reside in the Ivy Hill Realty office.

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!



Name(s)	
Address	
Landline Cell #1 Cell #2	
E-mail #1 E-mail #2	

IHHA

Please check one or more of the following:

- 2023 Dues \$40**
 Donation \$ _____

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

Ivy Hill Wildlife

A resident reported capturing a spotted lanternfly on her deck today. While this was the first sighting of this insect in Ivy Hill to our knowledge, we feel that it is important enough to feature in this issue rather than one of the more ubiquitous animals with which we share the community. That is because this insect is very invasive and a significant threat to numerous Virginia tree species such as pine, walnut, maple, and oak. When attacked by spotted lanternflies the leaves on a tree first wilt and young branches dieback, then the crowns thin, and the tree is weakened. In addition to this direct damage, the lanternfly also secretes a sticky substance that supports the growth of sooty mold that covers leaves and blocks photosynthesis, further weakening the plant. If the infestation remains unchecked, the tree will eventually die.



The spotted lanternfly was first spotted in Virginia in 2018. Its ever-expanding range in Virginia now includes the entire Shenandoah Valley and parts of the Piedmont. Adult spotted lanternflies are large insects. Their body is approximately 1 inch long and 1/2 inch wide and their wing span can approach 2 inches. They have black legs and head, light brownish-gray forewings with black spots, and hind wings that are banded white and black with scarlet red with black spots on the lower half. The early stage nymphs are wingless and black, with white spots on the body and legs. The fourth and last nymphal stage develops bright red patches over the body but still has black legs and white spots.

The Bedford County Extension office suggested that we advise all residents that this insect has been spotted in our area. Please report any sightings to them (online) and then kill it. If you are trying to kill it mechanically, it is recommended that you approach from the front of the insect as it is very fast and can jump several feet. Bug spray works better. Also, be sure to check for egg masses if an adult lanternfly has been hanging around your property. They especially like to lay their eggs on lawn furniture, grills, playground equipment, storage containers, and landscaping materials. Remove and destroy any egg masses you find.

IHLA Summer Party Photos





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