

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association Newsletter

January 2024



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IHHA President's Message

A new year has rolled around and our annual membership drive has begun. The IHHA dues are still only \$40 a year. We serve all of the Ivy Hill community, so please join even if you live in a neighborhood that has its own Homeowners Association. The services that we perform and information on how to join can be found on Page 13 of this Newsletter.

The annual IHHA financial audit has been completed and the final year-end numbers can be found in the article on Page 3. See also the related article starting on Page 7 about the vandalism that occurred late in the year and was instrumental in the Association running a deficit in 2023. The IHHA needs everyone's financial help to keep up the quality of services that we perform. Less than half of the homeowners in Ivy Hill joined last year. It's unfair that this community-minded minority has to foot the bill for services that benefit the whole community. Do the right thing. Join now. We need your help!

The IHHA Board receives no pay for all the work we do.

Please read and review the Reservations & Restrictions (R&R) that are applicable to your neighborhood. They can be found on our 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; trailers, campers, or RVs either stored onsite or along the roads in front; garbage cans stored outside where they can be seen; and properties that are unkept or littered with trash. 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.

We also receive a lot of complaints about free range dogs. This is a violation of the Ivy Hill subdivision leash law registered in Bedford County. Please keep your dogs up (all sizes).

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.

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 9. As soon as you have the opportunity to do so, please pick up any trash on your yard and any nearby empty lots. Also, please cut back any grass or weeds along the road front on those empty lots when it starts to grow again in the spring. We need your help!

Even though it is winter, we may still see unwanted wildlife like foxes and coyotes 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 Ivy Hill is 25 mph. We have many hills and curves, so drive responsibly. Now that it's winter and they are predicting more snow than normal, remember that the hills and curves in Ivy Hill can be very slippery with snow or ice on them. See the article and photo on Page 6. The morning after the last snowfall, I saw several trucks and cars abandoned along the roads in the community. There was even one abandoned at our main entrance where the roadway is relatively flat. **Drive safely.**



This Newsletter is only published electronically, so please send us your email address if you didn't receive this Newsletter directly from us; i.e., if a neighbor forwarded you this copy or you downloaded it from our website. In fact, please send us your email address even if you decide not to join the IHHA. That way we can send you future Newsletters and community alerts about road closings, criminal activity, lost and found pets, and wild animals in the community. We never give the list to anyone, and all emails are sent out bcc.

I hope you have an enjoyable Winter. Be safe.

Tom Haertel, IHHA President

IHHA 2023 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 2023. 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 2023 income and expense report:

Ivy Hill Homeowner's Association, Inc. Income & Expenses January through December 2023

Income	
Advertising	500.00
Contributions	475.00
Dues	10,320.00
Total Income	11,295.00
Gross Profit	
	11,295.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	
PayPal Fees	151.20
Total Bank Service Charges	151.20
Donation	100.00
Electricity	1,905.96
Envelopes	97.92
IHHA Directories	861.34
Insurance	777.00
Landscaping	5,624.00
Legal Fees	922.00
Miscellaneous	1,947.98
Oktoberfest	1,134.73
PO Box fee	210.00
Postage	127.21
Printing	25.70
Total Expense	13,885.04
Net Income	-2,590.04

The principal factor leading to the overrun in 2023 was the vandalism incident at the Ivy Hill main entrance. The incident occurred late in the year when most of the budget had already been consumed or committed, and the weather was about to become unfavorable; forcing a rapid response. See the related article starting on page 7.

Ivy Hill Ladies Association

Howdy do ladies of Ivy Hill!

The IHLA welcomes all ladies who are interested in joining our club. The dues are \$30.00 a year, we have a meeting in the fall and another in the spring. In order to try and get as many gals to come as possible, we had our fall meeting on Saturday in the morning last year. I think that worked better

than the afternoon weekday time per usual, as a few new members and some of those who work were able to attend.

We have four events per year. Winter party, spring party, summer party, and Oktoberfest (in conjunction with the IHHA). There are also a number of IHLA groups to explore; Lunch Bunch, possible dinner group (never really got off the ground so I'm throwing it out there again), mahjong, book club, bridge, and watercolors. I'd like to start a second book club, so please contact me if you'd like to read the same book I'm reading. Ha, there are so many fabulous books out there, and I definitely have a few in mind.

In the here and now, our winter blast is on the books. Save Saturday February 17, 5:00-7:00 at the clubhouse for a Comfy, Cozy party. See the ad on Page 6. Come in comfortable clothes and enjoy a simple winter type dinner, great desserts, libations, spiced apple cider, popcorn, and a few fun games to get to know each other better. You can join before or even at the party. Let's have fun in February!

For you gals who are already members, we need volunteers for our up coming events this year. Contact Linda Zerby at 434-525-3044 or belugaship@icloud.com. She is our coordinator for all events. The most imminent needs will be the spring meeting and the spring party. Summer party looms quickly after spring and then the fall meeting. So, please let Linda or me know where you will volunteer to help. We can't have planned events without planners.

Stay warm and laugh a little,

Vicki Sharrett, IHLA President
433-665-7861
vckshrrt@gmail.com

Ivy Hill Restrictions

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 color-coded map that is 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. The map was updated in late 2023 to show the new Ivalace townhouse development.

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 mass plantings 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 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.

We are well aware that both the general Ivy Hill Reservations & Restrictions and the equivalent Restrictions of the various Ivy Hill neighborhoods that came later have been applied differently at different times over their histories. Also, times have changed, and Allen Harvey could not have anticipated fiber-optic cable and direct-to-home satellite communications, internet-empowered remote work, solar power, or some of the other aspects of modern life when he drafted the original Reservations & Restrictions a half-century ago. If you have any questions about how the Restrictions apply to your home and property, contact the Ivy Hill Architectural Committee before you start planning any changes. Likewise, if you live in a neighborhood that has separate Restrictions and you are thinking about making changes, contact your neighborhood HOA or local Architectural Committee as soon as possible.

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.

IHHA Board of Directors Election

The votes are in and all fourteen candidates for the 2024 IHHA Board of Directors were elected unanimously. Congratulations to Alyssa Squires, Barb Walton, Bill Guzek, Lew Walton, Mark Poole, Mary Schneeweiss, Rene Koch, Sandi Caldwell, Sharon Mahon, Stasia Kurasz, Susan Nicholas, Tom Haertel, Tom Purvis, and Tony Simmons!

IHHA Officer Elections

The new IHHA Board of Directors met first time on January 23rd and reelected the following officers for another term:

- President – Tom Haertel
- Vice-President – Susan Nicholas
- Treasurer – Tony Simmons

Lew Walton chose not to run for reelection as Secretary of the Association and none of the Directors who were present at the meeting stepped up to the plate, so that position remains open for now. If you have an interest in joining the IHHA Board and serving as its secretary, contact President Tom Haertel.



Christmas Decorations

Thank you to Barb Walton, Sandi Caldwell, Lew Walton, and Tom Haertel for decorating the Ivy Hill main entrance for Christmas again this year. The decorations were better than ever!

Inclement Weather

Monday, January 15th brought the first winter weather of the season to Ivy Hill. There was a multi-car pileup on the S-curves on Quail Ridge Drive after nightfall that blocked that road for a while. There are many hills and twisty roads in the subdivision. Please drive carefully if you have to go out in inclement weather. Stay home if you can.



Save the Date!

IHLA Comfy, Cozy Winter Dinner



Saturday, February, 17 at 5:00 p.m.
Details to follow



Ivy Hill Entrances

The sign at the Ivy Hill main entrance was vandalized last fall just before the weather started to change. The sheriff was called and investigated the incident. The damage to our sign appeared to be one link in a chain of drive-by vandalism along Perrowville Road that night. However, the perpetrators were never caught.

This unfortunate event then triggered a hurried discussion among the IHHA Board on a number of related subjects:

- How could we get both the sign and the brickwork below repaired before bad weather set in?
- Did it make sense to repaint the sign using the current colors when an upgrade was being considered to modernize the color scheme in 2024? What color scheme should we choose if we upgraded now?
- If we went ahead and redid the color scheme on the main entrance sign now, it wouldn't match the entrance signs at Ivy Woods, Fairwinds, Ivy West, and Ivy Lake. Could we repaint all five signs before the weather changed? If not, could we put off repainting the four neighborhood signs until the spring?
- Also, many of the other entrance signs needed cleaning and the plantings in the beds around their bases had become overgrown and needed to be cut back.
- How would the sign repairs interact with the long-planned redo of the plantings in the bed around the base of the main entrance sign?

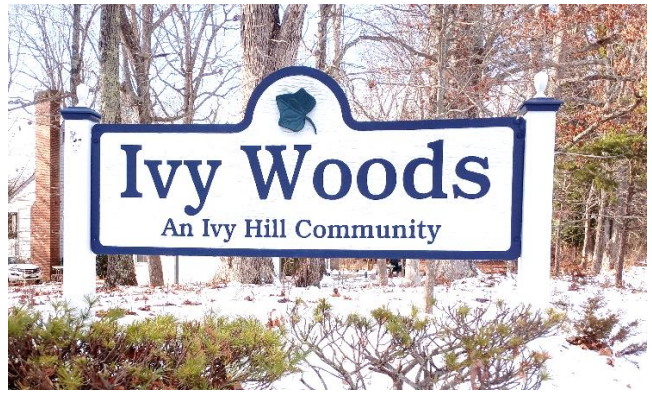
And as always, cost was an overriding factor in our decision-making process. The initial estimates that we received from commercial service providers to do the work were well beyond what we could afford to spend. As usual, we would have to rely largely on volunteer labor; farming out only what we couldn't do ourselves.

Once again, the Ivy Hill community pulled together, and in the end we were able to fix the main entrance sign and get all of the proposed work done just before winter weather shut things down for the year:

- THANK YOU to the many residents who made generous financial contributions to the project!
- THANK YOU to All Washed Up for successfully removing the spray paint from the brickwork below the main entrance sign and giving us a special low price because they already had a team onsite that day doing a commercial job in the subdivision!
- THANK YOU to Alyssa Squires, Sharon Mahon, and Susan Nicholas for picking the new colors for all of the signs and hand painting the sign at the Ivy Hill main entrance!
- THANK YOU to Dave Farley for cleaning all of the signs and hand painting the other signs along Perrowville Road.
- THANK YOU to Lew Walton & Tom Haertel for cutting back the foliage under the signs and along the serpentine fence at the main entrance!
- THANK YOU to Legendary Landscapes for planting the new bushes and putting down the decorative rock around the main entrance sign.
- THANK YOU to Sandi Caldwell, Sharon Mahon, Susan Nicholas, Lew Walton, and Tom Haertel for watering the new plants every three days until they finally went dormant at the end of the year!

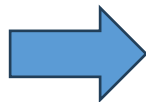
See the photospread on the next page!

And a big shoutout goes to Mother Nature for giving us some very nice late fall weather!



More Vandalism

The Neighborhood Watch sign on Ivy Lake Drive was also vandalized in a separate incident in January. If you know anything about this, please contact the IHHA.



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:

- 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!

Ivy Hill Facebook Page



Ivy Hill Homeowners Association

95 likes • 124 followers



The Ivy Hill Facebook page is 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 the communities.



New Neighbors

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

- William & Lisa Farley – 248 Shaker Lane
- Michael & Chelsea Kopeck - 118 Sailview Drive
- Tim & Jacqueline Egan – 2001 Weatherhill Road

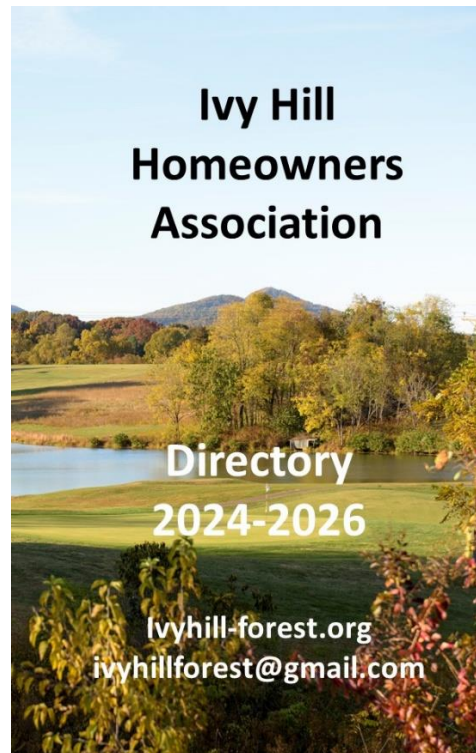
If you know of a new resident in Ivy Hill, or a house that has changed hands recently, please contact the IHHA at IvyHillForest@gmail.com so we can update our database and arrange for them to be greeted.

2024-2026 Directory

The new 2024-2026 Ivy Hill Directory came back from the printer just before the holidays and distribution is now in progress. All current IHHA or IHLA members are entitled to one free copy.

Thank you to Barb & Lew Walton for putting this together.

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



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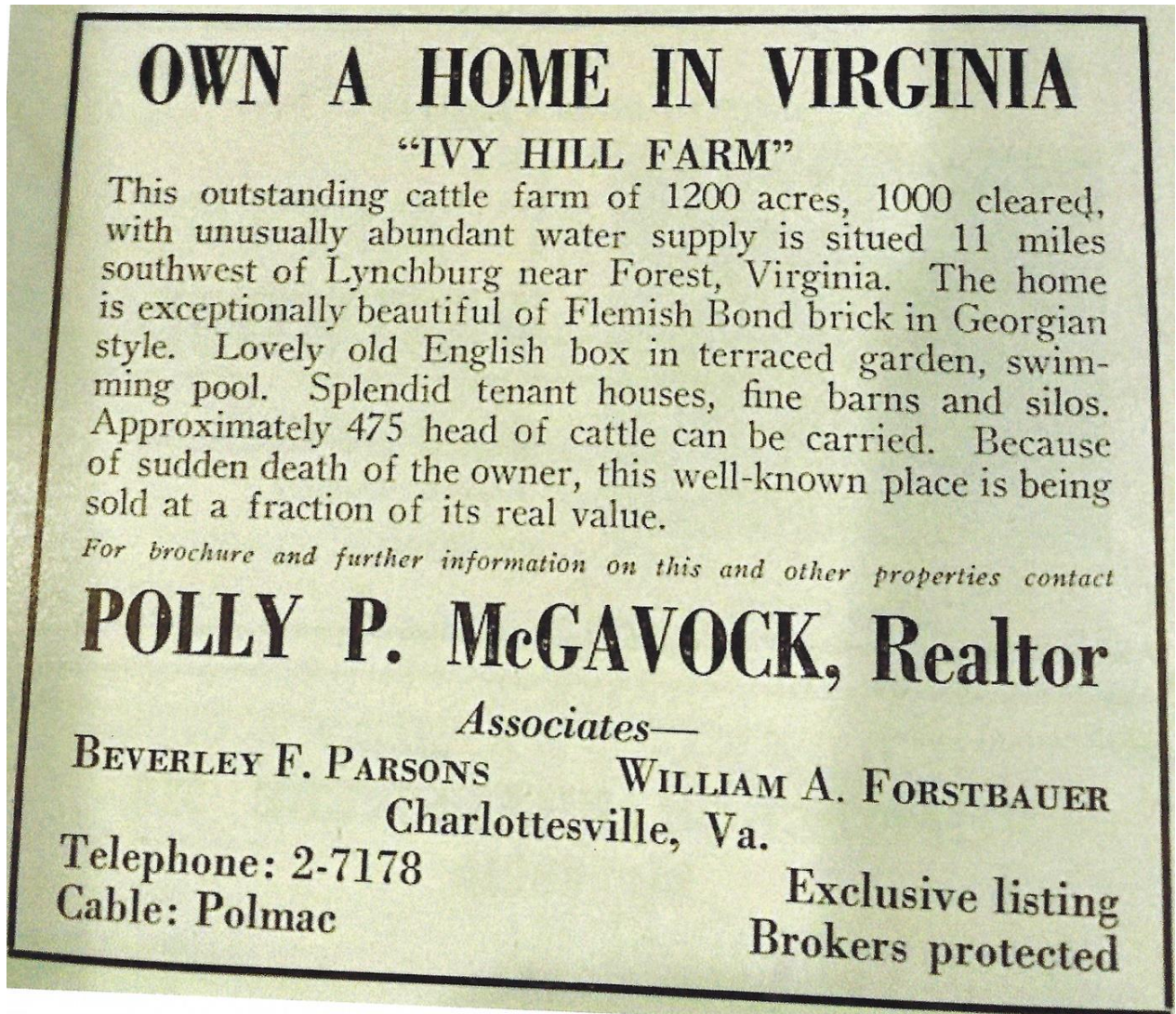
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Ivy Hill History

The ad shown below appeared in the 1954-1955 Angus Handbook, an annual publication for ranchers that raise Black Angus cattle. It advertises the availability for sale of "Ivy Hill Farm" that was a working cattle ranch at that time.



OWN A HOME IN VIRGINIA
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This outstanding cattle farm of 1200 acres, 1000 cleared, with unusually abundant water supply is situated 11 miles southwest of Lynchburg near Forest, Virginia. The home is exceptionally beautiful of Flemish Bond brick in Georgian style. Lovely old English box in terraced garden, swimming pool. Splendid tenant houses, fine barns and silos. Approximately 475 head of cattle can be carried. Because of sudden death of the owner, this well-known place is being sold at a fraction of its real value.

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The "exceptionally beautiful" home of "Flemish Bond brick in Georgian style" still stands of course, but most of the "tenant houses, fine barns and silos" mentioned in the ad are either long gone or have been repurposed. Many of the tenant houses were torn down when Allen Harvey purchased Ivy Hill Farm and started constructing the network of roads, fairways and greens that became the Ivy Hill subdivision and golf course; one barn became the Club House and another the pavilion by the modern swimming pool; and the last functioning barn is now submerged at the bottom of Ivy Lake.

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, a debit card, or credit card. 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:

- 2024 Dues \$40
 Donation \$ _____

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

Ivy Hill Wildlife

Unless you own a cat that is a particularly accomplished hunter, you have undoubtedly encountered chipmunks on your Ivy Hill property. The chipmunks in this part of Virginia are all eastern chipmunks (*Tamias striatus*), the most common variety of this species in eastern North America.



Chipmunks are intelligent and opportunistic. They actively seek an environment that offers both shelter from predators and food. These include stone walls, drainpipes, logs, piled landscaping debris, birdseed, flower bulbs, and trees that drop nuts, seeds, or berries. This can cause problems. They are known for digging up flower bulbs and seeds, raiding bird feeders, and burrowing under patios, stairs, and foundations. They also like to get into attics and garages for the same reason. Many sources suggest moth balls to be a humane and effective deterrent. Scatter them around wherever you don't want chipmunks to hang out. They apparently can't abide by the smell and will move on.

Chipmunks are only active during daylight hours with mid-morning and mid-afternoon activity peaks. They rest in underground dens at night which they may extend up to 30 feet, or drain pipes. If you haven't seen one lately, that's because Chipmunks hibernate during the winter. In Virginia, they usually sleep in their dens from mid-November to early February. They should resume activity here in Ivy Hill in about a month.

An interesting piece of trivia if you are into word derivations, the name "Chipmunk" supposedly comes from either the Ottawa word "ajidamoonh" or the Ojibwe word "ajidamoo", both of which can be loosely translated as "one who descends trees headfirst".





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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.