

# IVY HILL CEMETERY

## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Dedicated to the preservation of monuments, promotion of history, and protection of flora and fauna of Ivy Hill Cemetery

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### A Glimpse into the Future of Ivy Hill



Typically, this newsletter is full of fascinating tales from the past recounting Ivy Hill's many stories and rich history. However, spring is the time for growth and looking forward. So, in this edition we will focus on our vision for the cemetery's future. Everything we do here at Ivy Hill is with tomorrow's success in mind.

Unlike other business locations, Ivy Hill will be a cemetery forever. We must plan for its longevity to ensure residents and families are cared for long after we have sold out of space. As you can imagine, this is a multi-layered and complex business. To help promote the success of Ivy Hill, we not only provide services for our families and "residents", but also the surrounding

community. Our duty as caretakers is to ensure a solid future for this amazing treasure. So here is a peek at our plan:

We are encouraging additional respectful uses of these hallowed grounds through-

- Promoting history- we are steadily researching our history and are applying for historic registry status.
- Environmental pursuits- We are trying to re-establish a native habitat for the wellbeing of our wildlife and inform the public on how you, too, can help promote a healthy environment. We are consulting with Naturalists on doing what is best for the land, brainstorming on alternatives in areas where grass won't grow, reforesting trees, and allowing natural decomposition of fallen trees for wildlife biodiversity, from insects and fungi to woodland creature habitat.
- Providing a space for mental wellness- Ivy Hill is a place of tranquility and peace. It has been a refuge for many in our community during this past year in particular.

We are stepping up our site Inventory efforts by-

- mapping out our last open areas for the best use possible.
- allowing more cremations within existing family lots and sites.
- studying the older sections to discover unsold sites, and extra available areas.
- getting a grasp on a "sold out" timeline.

We have developed a solid financial plan to include-

- Adding regularly to our endowment.
- Saving funds for necessary capital improvements.
- Caring for our assets to assure longevity.
- Growing our donor base.
- Cutting un-necessary expenses.

**Please feel free to call or come by to learn how you can help!**



Ivy Hill has become quite the beehive with the renovation of the Caretaker's Lodge. We began with removing siding in early January. Candace and I stayed in the office as long as we could, but the clouds of historic dust drove us out to the maintenance shed where the grounds crew kindly took us in. **Old Dominion Renovators** has made amazing progress. As expected, they have come across a few surprises. We are thankful we were able to get to this project before it was too late!



The foundation had crumbled



A new foundation poured



Crew removing rotted porch support



Rotted porch supports



rotted wall framing



New concrete supports



No ridge pole in roof, missing rafter supports

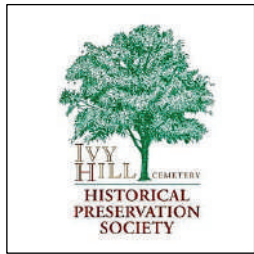


Chimney was ready to collapse

## Phases in the renovation of the Caretaker's Lodge



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