

Down in the Valley

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FORMED

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The purpose of Neighborhood Watch is crime prevention. We want to keep our neighborhood safe and make our neighborhood INHOSPITABLE to would be robbers and vandals. Crime is occurring with increasing frequency on the fringe of Hope Valley and is effecting merchants in the shops and restaurants we patronize. We must be alert and organized. It could happen to us and our neighbors.

The Hope Valley Neighborhood has been divided into sixty-eight (68) potential "blocks". So far, we have Block Captains for 2/3 of the blocks. We are still looking for more interested people.

Block Captains gathered at the Southwest Durham Branch of the Library on Shannon Road on May 31 and June 8 to hear Cpt. Larry Franklin of the Durham Police Force Community Relations Division tell them how to organize an effective neighborhood watch on their blocks. Excellent materials

offering security tips and helpful information on protecting your home was made available. We are moving forward with meetings and education as part of an organized Hope Valley Neighborhood Watch Program.

If you want to be a block captain or want to know who your block captain is, contact Millie Hershner at 493-4321 or Mal King at 489-0502.

THANKS to the following BLOCK CAPTAINS who attended meetings or agreed to serve their neighborhood: Ann Wood, Hale Sweeny, Foy and Frances Grubb, Pelham and Mary Jacobs, Judy Johnson, Jim and Julie Allen, Babbo Jones, Kally and Art Christakos, Mary Frye and John Haywood, Catherine Stickel, Perry and Dukie Sloan, Bruce and Gail Waters, Keith and Jeanne Henrickson, Marilyn Montague, Paley Cooke, Blake West, Ann McAllister, Hubert and Betty Jean Teer, Velma Silver, Jesse and Donna Merritt, Phyllis Supple, Susan Royer, Bill Myers, Kathy Yeager, Charles Moss, Verne Lanier, Ted Barringer, Richard Scher, Lisa Henninger, Joe Kilsheimer, Baxter Sapp, Harwood Smith, Perry Black, Mary Clyde Bugg, Laura Shaffer, Joanne Liddle, The Buckleys, The Wards, Cynthia Barnes, Caroline Dixon, Leigh Yarbrough, Carol Sullivan, Nancy and Wayne Hays, Jane Hansen, Suzanne McIntyre, Linda Jeffe, Elsa Horn, Susan Lelly, Jim Harris, Connie Roessler, Bonnie Cheek, Jill Bashore, Kathy Doyle, Karen Trehy, Millie Hershner, Susan Newman, Jetta Boyd.



POLICE REPORT

In a continuing effort to monitor what is going on in and around our neighborhood, the

Association reviews POLICE incident reports for Southwest Durham. Unfortunately, activity around our area is picking up. Here are things you should be aware of which occurred from March through June:

Breaking and Entering Autos

South Sq. Mall - using pry tools to break out door lock

Hope Valley Rd- pocketbook stolen- vehicle window smashed

South Square Mall- stolen disc player

Pickett Rd- camera stolen from vehicle

Nottaway Rd- window broken, radio and stereo stolen

Burglary- Area Merchants

Dashboard stereo- various items stolen

Stereo Sound- front door glass shattered

Drug Emporium- \$650 missing from register

Rockwood Dry Cleaners- window broken and cash taken

Lykkan Pkway Office- door kicked in- items stolen

People's Computers - forced entry and theft of computers

Dress Barn- forced entry, currency stolen

Petty thefts of cigarettes and drive off gasoline theft continue to be a common problem.

Nineteen incidents reported

Garret Square Apartments 4 reported incidents.

Valley Terrace Apartments 3 reported incidents.

Lakewood Area and Lakewood Shopping Center 7 incidents of breaking and entering.

Armed Robbery

Red Lobster and *TK Tripps* in Oak Creek.

This Community Protected By
**NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH**



UPCOMING FALL ACTIVITY – BULB PLANTING

We would love to have flowers all over Hope Valley!!

Unfortunately, with no water, and no money for ongoing maintenance, we need to plan more realistic beautification projects. This Fall we will use funds generously donated by the Hope Valley Garden Club and the Town and Country Garden Club to purchase bulbs and ground cover. Volunteers will do the planting starting with the Windsor Rd Gates.

Many thanks to joggers and walkers who pick up litter on their daily workouts. Keep up the adopt a street litter patrol. This is OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Residents of New Hope Valley were happy with improvements made to the rental property across from the Northampton Rd. entrance on Old Chapel Hill Road. In response to complaints about the appearance of these homes and their yards ("an eyesore", a "dump") The Neighborhood Association contacted the owner. He has upgraded the appearance of the property and this has been a positive improvement.

Donations from the Hope Valley Garden Club allowed us to make improvements to the Dover Rd and Windsor Rd gates. In the fall, pruning, mulching and the replacement of some shrubs was done. In May, we planted a few flowers at the Dover Road gates. Thanks to Ella Grady for watering these flowers.

PLEASE CALL US WITH IDEAS AND OFFERS TO HELP!

Some Interesting Facts About Voting in Durham

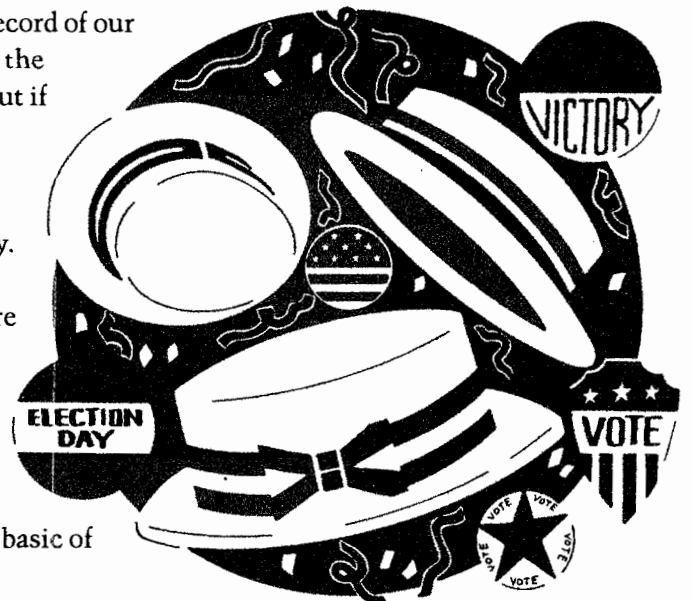
Durham citizens living within the boundaries of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association vote in precincts 36, 39 and 48. There are 7317 eligible voters in these three precincts, representing 7.5% of the 98,059 eligible voters in Durham County. Obviously, we don't have that many members in our association since so many of the voters in our polling places don't live within the HVNA boundaries. But the percentage of voters in these precincts is a reflection of the voting records of the HVNA membership.

The following statistics were made available by Carol Booth of the Durham County Board of Elections:

Election	Date	Precinct #			County %
		#36	#39	#48	
General	11/8/88	57%	71%	NA	64.8
General	11/6/90	55%	70%	70%	62
Municipal	11/5/91	29%	56%	42%	36.2
General	11/3/92	61%	72%	71%	70.4
Special					
Municipal	11/2/93	21%	45%	32%	27.9
Primary	5/3/94	16.3%	34.2%	23.3%	25.6
General					

In general the voting record of our neighborhood is above the community average, but if we are to have any real impact, especially in local affairs, we will have to lead the county. In the last primary on May 3, 1994, there were eight precincts of the 54 in the county that had higher percentages of their voters exercising their franchises in the most basic of the democratic processes.

One political pundit recently suggested that those of us who take advantage of this right to vote should be given a tax break. We know that will never happen, but if we all voted as we should, we might be able to do something about the ever increasing tax burden we do have. We in the HVNA would do well to examine our own voting records and try our best to improve our performance and set an example for the rest of the county.



Get Out There and Vote!

There were 8 precincts ahead of ours in May. Let's be first next time!

FIVE NEW HOUSES ON WESTOVER ROAD

Chuck Craig is the owner of the property being developed on Westover Rd. He was nice enough to share a copy of his subdivision plan with the Neighborhood Association Board. Chuck's plan includes 5 lots which will come off a new cul de sac around the area. All utilities will be underground. Each lot will be roughly 1/2 acre.



GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE

John Rasmussen is representing Hope Valley on a task force assembled to study the merger of the City of Durham with Durham County. The task force will focus on two issues thought to be the most difficult as our community examines the merger of City and Country Government. They are:

1. What structure of government would best serve Durham.
2. How many members should make up the governing body and how should they be elected



No Soliciting

In response to unwanted door-to-door salesmen and individuals seeking donations, a solid brass plaque (1-1/2 x 3-1/2 inches) with black block letters is available to all Hope Valley residents to put near their doorbell. This plaque has a heavy duty adhesive on the back that will adhere to brick or wood. Cost \$5.50 - please contact Ann McAllister, 3712 Dover Road, 493-0996.

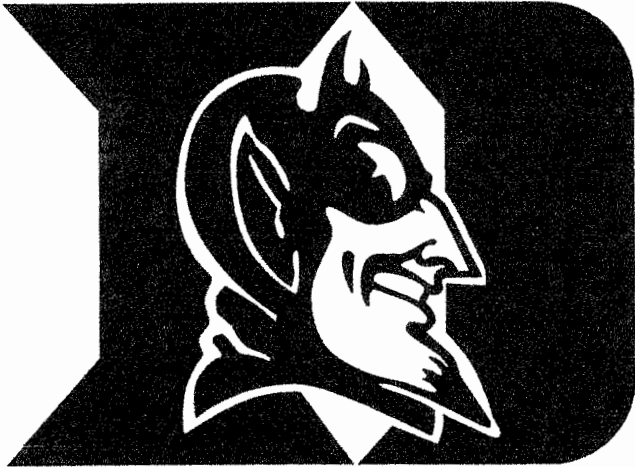
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There are vacancies on several Boards including Planning, Housing Appeals and Environmental Affairs. We need Hope Valley neighbors who will become active on these citizen Boards.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY

- 1 OPERATION IDENTIFICATION:**
 engrave items with your drivers license number. ENGRAVING TOOLS are available from the Police Crime Prevention Division or call Mal King or Millie Hershner for more information. Items most often stolen are: guns, jewelry, CD, TV and photographic equipment
- 2 KEEP AN INVENTORY OF VALUABLES**
- 3 LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AND USE YOUR ALARM.**
- 4 BE ALERT TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. A LITTLE EXTRA CARE AND A LITTLE EXTRA THOUGHT CAN REDUCE THE CHANCE OF PROBLEMS. IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU.**
- 5 DON'T LEAVE YOUR CAR OUT ON THE STREET**
- 6 COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AND BLOCK CAPTAIN. HAVE THEM WATCH IF YOU WILL BE AWAY.**

HVNA Social News



Mark your Calendar for Football Tailgate

NOVEMBER 5 DUKE VS VIRGINIA

Mac Smith and THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE are planning another FUN FILLED party. Last year's event was such a big success we hope you can join us this year. Details to follow.

Membership Application

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Comments: _____

Mail \$5.00 for each member (\$10 per couple) to:

Aubrey King, 2816 Devon Rd., Durham, 27707

Make Checks Payable to: Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

Please circle committee interest areas:

City Hall	Beautification & Maintenance	Neighborhood Gatherings	
Neighborhood Watch	Newsletter	Distribution	Photography

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