

# Down in the Valley

The Newsletter of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

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TOTALLY FREE

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!

### Annual Meeting of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

Wednesday October 18, 1995  
7:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
3639 Hope Valley Road

It is important to know one's neighbors, to strengthen old friendships and experience new ones, to guard and celebrate the beauty of the natural landscape in which we live and to learn about its problems and help effect solutions.

*Guest Speaker:*

**Marcia Morey**

*Office of the District Attorney*

on

*Understanding and Coping with Crime and  
Violence in Your Neighborhood*

## PRESIDENT'S MISSION STATEMENT DEFINES GOALS

*By Rita Musante*

The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association is the bona fide representative for Hope Valley in relation to the city, to developers and others. It acts in the interest of Hope Valley home owners in responding to zoning/land use concerns, traffic, police, fire, neighborhood watch and neighborhood cohesiveness. It also seeks to promote sensitivity to beautification of our natural environment, discussion of community issues and venues for neighborhood hospitality.

In this issue of **DOWN IN THE VALLEY** we are pleased to present a special article on the beginnings of Hope Valley and believe that old and new residents of the community will be fascinated and grateful. Mena Webb, a distinguished Durham historian and biographer, researched and wrote this article for our newsletter, and we are much in her debt.

## THE DREAM AND THE FOUNDING OF HOPE VALLEY

*By Mena Webb*

Come January, Hope Valley and its Country Club will be seventy years old. Both were conceived in the minds of five businessmen who believed Durham needed to shed its factory-town image and that a new suburb—designed around a golf course and clubhouse—was the way to do it. Claiborn Carr, Gilbert White, John Buchanan, R. J. Mebane and W. L. Sharpe, self-appointed catalysts for this re-make of Durham's persona, sold their idea to the Chamber of Commerce on January 2, 1926, and in February a committee of twelve "representative citizens" went to Raleigh to secure a certificate of incorporation from Secretary of State W. N. Everett.

On February 19, 1926, Everett signed a document that included Hope Valley Country Club's stated purpose: to promote "social recreation and intercourse among its members" and to encourage indoor and outdoor activities such as golf, tennis, croquet, bowling and "automobiling."

Thus the groundwork for an entirely new concept of living was laid in Durham and "Jess" Mebane, a former automobile salesman from Greensboro, opened an office in the Washington Duke Hotel and began to sell lots on an 1100-acre tract

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## RESIDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT BEAUTY PARLOR ON BUCKINGHAM ROAD

### *Alleged Zoning Violation Causes Conflict Among Neighbors*

The tranquility of Buckingham Road, with its rolling hills and narrow road, has been disturbed by the presence of a home business—in this case a beauty parlor with a number of employees, multiple customers and consequent parking pressures—according to neighbors who filed a suit with the Durham Zoning Board in July.

Concern goes beyond the frustration of blocked mailboxes, increased traffic and a constant flow of cars in and out. In their complaint neighbors allege that the beauty parlor is out of compliance with ordinances in terms of floor space, internal alterations and modifications not customary in dwellings, the re-sale of goods and products, and number of employees.

The shop owner has obtained legal council and is appealing the zoning citation, but neighbors (citing City Engineer reports) point out that Buckingham Road is "extremely narrow and, most importantly, was not designed to accommodate on-street parking when it was paved last year." The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Board expressed its support for strict adherence to the zoning laws and will monitor the case as it progresses.

## Membership: The Good News And a Welcome to New Members

*By Elsa Horn*

Our ranks of friends and neighbors have grown! We are delighted to extend a hearty welcome to all of you who responded to our membership drive this summer. Over one hundred new names have been added to the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association roster. The Association Board, as well as all of our "well-seasoned" members, interpret this as a note of encouragement to continue, with renewed dedication, to maintain and extend the qualities of beautiful Hope Valley which you chose and cherish.

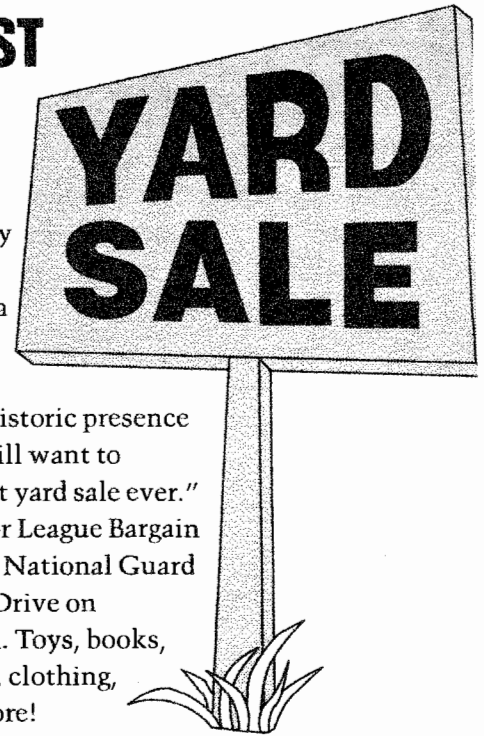
We owe a special thank-you to Ruth Shaffer, whose energy and devoted work made this a truly successful campaign.

## THE BIGGEST YARD SALE EVER

Many Hope Valley friends and members of the Junior League, a venerable and dynamic non-profit association with an historic presence in the community, will want to patronize the "biggest yard sale ever." It is the Annual Junior League Bargain Sale, to be held at the National Guard Armory on Stadium Drive on Saturday October 7th. Toys, books, appliances, furniture, clothing, holiday items and more!

New and used items are being offered.

The Senior Citizen sale is scheduled from 9 to 11 o'clock and the public is invited from 12-4 p.m. Take Bus #4 to the Armory and for more information call 682-0449.



## THE DREAM AND THE FOUNDING OF HOPE VALLEY

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halfway between Durham and Chapel Hill. Half-acre parcels of beautiful wooded land, priced at \$3,000, could be had for \$1,500 provided the buyer agreed to build a house on his property within a year.

"Live in Hope Valley for the Whole Family's Sake," Mebane advertised in the *Durham Morning Herald*, and to pave the way he built the first home for himself and his family in Chelsea Circle. Its nucleus was an antebellum farmhouse, rumored to be the oldest dwelling in Durham County. After it was removed from the highway that is now Hope Valley Road, a careful renovation—plus the addition of two wings and three porches—transformed it into an eleven-room showplace that attracted other early builders.

And because the Mebane family was charming, gregarious and blessed with a talent for hospitality, their home became an advertisement, of sorts, for "the good life among the beautiful people," a life Durham's Chamber of Commerce began to promote in earnest after Hope Valley Country Club became a non-stock, non-profit organization on February 19, 1926. (2814 Chelsea Circle is currently owned by Dr. and Mrs. W.P.J. Peete.)

A 70-year history was about to unfold which now moves into a new century.



DUKE VS WAKE FOREST

DUKE UNIVERSITY

HOPE VALLEY  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

WAKE GATE PARTY

TICKETS \$16.00 EACH

COME CELEBRATE WITH US  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 28, 1995  
11:00 - A.M.  
CORNER OF  
WANNAMAKER - DUKE UNIVERSITY DRIVE  
DUKE PARKING LOT  
SEE MAP

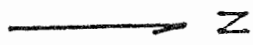
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AND BANNER

GET TICKETS  
AT  
HOPE VALLEY  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
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ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 18  
MEETING 7:30 P.M.  
TICKETS ON SALE  
AT  
6:30

\$16.00 TICKET INCLUDES GAME  
COMPLIMENTARY  
FRIED CHICKEN & TEA  
PLEASE BRING  
YOUR "FAVORITE" CASSEROLE  
- FOR EIGHT -  
TO "SHARE" WITH ALL

DON'T FORGET *your*  
\* ENTIRE FAMILY  
\* NEIGHBORS  
\* UMBRELLA  
\* LAWN CHAIR  
\* NAME ON YOUR DISH  
AND  
\* "EVERYTHING" ELSE  
NECESSARY FOR A  
GREAT TAILGATE  
PARTY

QUESTIONS ~  
OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS  
CALL ~  
SUSAN 493-4410 - OR  
ELSA 490-5436



FOOTBALL PARKING

CAMERON INDOOR STADIUM

CARD GYM

MURRAY BUILDING

SCIENCE DRIVE

WHITFORD DRIVE

AREA 4

AREA 3

AREA 2

AREA 1-4

HOPE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

WINGATE PARKY

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WINGATE PARKY

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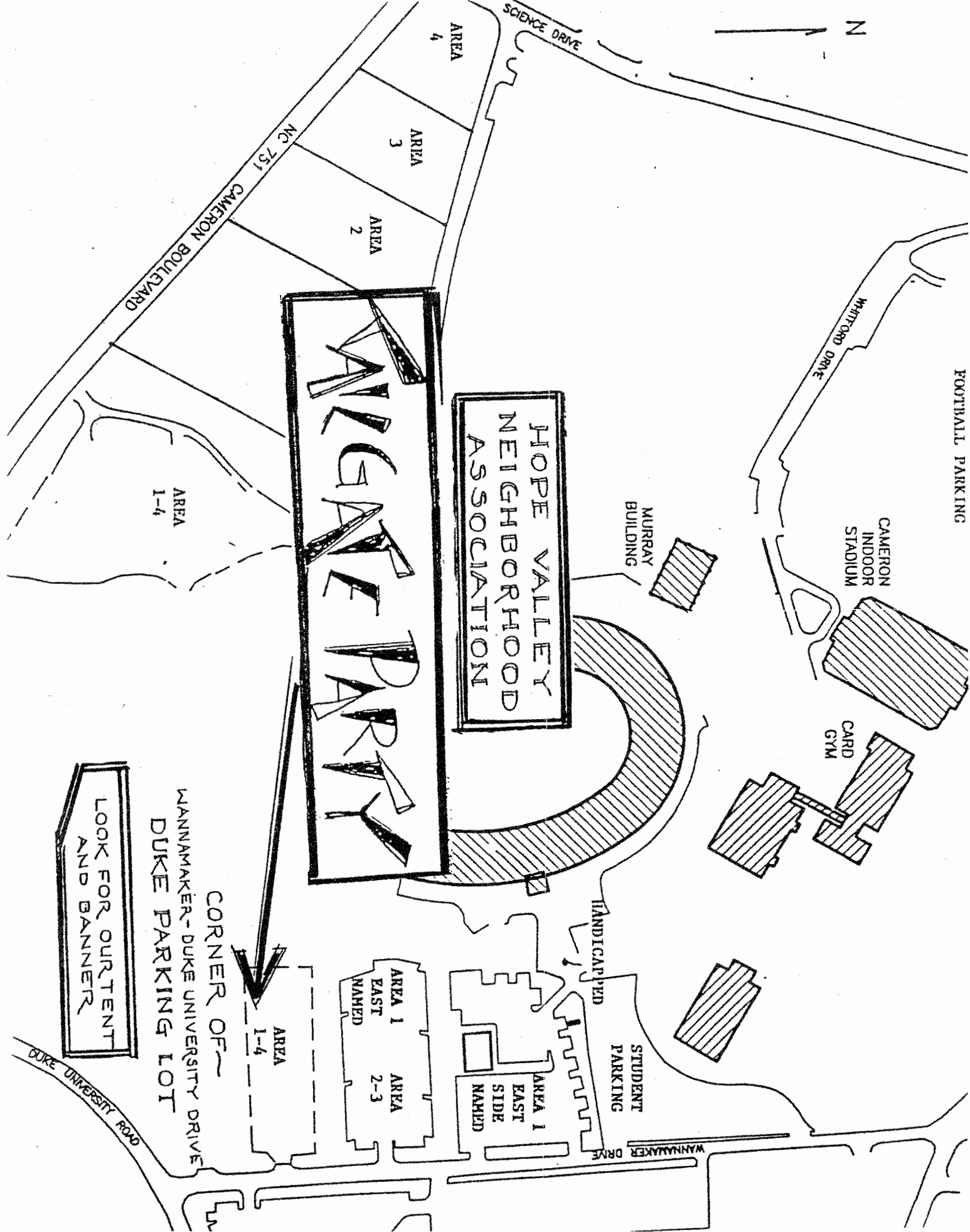
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DUKE PARKING LOT

LOOK FOR OUR TENT AND BANNER

DUKE UNIVERSITY ROAD



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

## *We Need You*

*reports Elsa Horn*

Please look at the list below and see if YOU have a special talent that would be of use in the **continued preservation and beautification** of Hope Valley as it grows and welcomes new neighbors.

## *We Need You*

We have many positions open at this time.

1. **President:** Brenda Kinney
2. **Vice President:** Bruce Muehler
3. **Secretary:** Carry Van Zile
4. **Treasurers:** Dot and Ed Kennedy
5. **City Hall Committee Chairman:**
6. **Historian:**
7. **Representative to Inter-Neighborhood Council:** Krauses
8. **Membership:** Elsa Horn
9. **Beautification:** Jeanne Henrickson
10. **Neighborhood Watch:** Millie Hershner
11. **Social Committee:** Ken and Mary Anne Zabrycki

## **We Look Forward to Hearing from You**

Please send your volunteer intent or recommendations to: Elsa Horn (490-5436) or to Hale Sweeny (489-1800).

## **An Appreciation For A Beautiful Gift**

Have you noticed something? As a gift to the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association, Steve Bidy, owner of Triangle Painting Company (489-6170) painted both Hope Valley gate entrances—at Windsor Way and Dover Road—free of charge. It was his way of saying "thank you" for the business extended to him by Hope Valley home owners.

This is the kind of neighborliness which preserves and enhances our community. Thank you, Steve!



## **BEAUTIFICATION NOTES**

*by Jeanne Henrickson*

Are your gardens looking forlorn? Cheer up, clear away the dead and damaged bedding plants, rejuvenate the tired, and "think color". The beautiful fall colors of gold, burgundy, russet and oranges can be produced in profusion with a few pots of mums. Remember that odd numbers **en masse** assist in creating a more dynamic effect.

Try an unusually large container, stuffed with ornamental cabbage and marigold—adding a few trailing ivys for diversified texture.

For permanent arrangements, preserve cut branches from magnolias, boxwoods, elacagnus, rosemary, English ivy, eucalyptus, nandina and acuba, by placing cut stems in solutions of glycerin and water (1/3 glycerin, 2/3 water) for about two weeks.

Magnolias and eucalyptus both turn a beautiful mahogany brown and the eucalyptus remains extremely pliable—allowing one to alter arrangements as whim and mood change.

Glycerin can be purchased at most pharmacies.

I've noted that the Windsor Way Gates are undergoing face-lifts. Many thanks to Ruth Shaffer, who pursued this mission faithfully.

Be alert! If you note any trees or shrubs obscuring STOP and/or other street signs, or any flora on city property appearing to be in distress, call me at 489-8762. And a final note:

October 15th is Frost Date for this area. Outside plants should be protected or moved inside!

**HOPE VALLEY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1995**

Rita Musante- President  
Brenda Kinney Vice President  
Ruth Shaffer - Secretary  
Dot and Ed Kennedy - Treasurers  
Elsa Horn- Membership and Social Chairman  
John Rasmussen - City Hall  
Millie Hershner - Neighborhood Watch  
Hale Sweeney

Marion Salinger - Editor-in-Chief

## Membership . . .

*A Call from the Treasurers and the Membership Chairman*

### "How Quickly Time Flies..."

It is hard to believe, but the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association is now two years old! We are proud to announce that we have over 850 members...and are continually growing. That's progress. However, in reviewing our ledgers the Membership Committee has found that some members have failed to renew - or perhaps simply forgotten to renew - their affiliation for this year.

*PLEASE CHECK YOUR RECORDS TO SEE IF YOU HAVE SENT US A CHECK FOR YOUR SECOND YEAR RENEWAL.*

### "How Quickly Time Flies..."

We will be contacting you soon to remind you. Your voice and presence is needed and your five dollar dues contribution is a visible sign of your interest.

## Membership Application & Renewal

Dues for period Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1996

Application    Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail \$5.00 for each member (\$10 per couple) to: Dot & Ed Kennedy, 3804 Churchill Cr., Durham, 27707  
Make Checks Payable to: Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

### Please check the committee you will work on:

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch    | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter    | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Gatherings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Will Serve on Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                   |

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