

# Down in the Valley

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## *New Board Takes Office*

by Ray McAfoose

The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting on October 12, 1999 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Outgoing President Jim McDonald recapped the past year's activities, including: public information meeting on the South Point Mall development, Coffee with Durham City Council, and an information session with Katie Kalb, Director of Public Works, City of Durham.

The membership of the Association voted to change the by-laws in order to increase the number at large from four to eight, there after electing the proposed slate. A list of the Board members with their respective offices or committee assignments is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Telephone numbers of Board members are also listed so you can call them with your issues and ideas. Call the director responsible for your area of interest with your questions and suggestions and/or to volunteer participation. Board meetings are always open and are held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the Board Room of the Hope Valley Country Club.

Dr. Ann Denlinger, Superintendent of Durham Public Schools was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting. She came to Durham as Superintendent in March 1997. The Durham Public Schools *Vision* for the system is *"to ensure that all students achieve at highest potential regardless of race, gender, or socio-economic status. Each student will make continuous progress and be at or above grade level."* In November the N. C. Association of School Administrators named Dr. Denlinger Superintendent of the Year. She will now compete for the same title at the national level.

WWW.HOPE-VALLEY.ORG -- Vice President Henry Nicholson has set up a web site for the Association and is acting as web master. He is doing all this at **no charge** to the Association. We are very appreciative of his efforts. We plan to use the web site for news items such as development projects that are coming up for approval by the City Council and may use it to alert residents to safety and crime issues.

Your Association Board would like to extend **BEST WISHES** to all residents of Hope Valley for a safe Holiday and a prosperous New Year in 2000.

# Rugby Road Entrance To Get Facelift

By Rita Musante

Thanks to the efforts of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association along with generous contributions from area garden clubs, residents have enjoyed the lovely landscaping at the Windsor and Dover gate entrances for many years. These curving white classical structures are on the city books as belonging to all property owners in Hope Valley and we take pride in keeping them maintained and attractive.

Last year, in an effort to do more to enhance other neighborhood entrances, past association president Millie Hershner approached Cynthia Barnes, president of the Town and Country Garden Club, about researching the feasibility of a beautification plan for the entrance at Rugby and Hope Valley Roads. The land at that intersection is owned by the City on one side and by St. Stephen's Church on the other side. The site presents a unique challenge in terms of site preparation, plant selection, maintenance, and overall aesthetics.



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- Ads are approximately 2.5 inches by 3.5 inches, cost \$100 per issue, and are limited to eight ads per issue.
- Ads will be accepted only from Hope Valley residents who are dues-paying members of the Association.
- The ads are text only or camera-ready black and white.  
Call an officer for more information.

After much hard work and planning, we are happy to report that at their November meeting, Town and Country Garden Club voted to approve a project to beautify one side of Rugby Road. The final plan is being worked out with the city Property Care Division. The Beautification and Projects committee of the garden club including Caroline Dixon, Jane Davis, Judy Barlett, Ellen Paulson, and Linda Carmichael all contributed ideas and time to make this project a reality. When you see them, please thank them for their efforts.

Watch for the start of this project!!! More details and information on future beautification projects will follow.

Please contact Rita Musante at 493-2006 if you have ideas on neighborhood beautification or can help on the committee. We need you!!

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# ***Council, Commission To Review Merger Report***

**By Norman Krause**

North Carolina law provides for merger of a county and the largest city in the county, but so far no county and city in the state has elected to merge. Last summer six citizen task forces were formed to examine the feasibility of a merger of the City of Durham and Durham County. Each task force was assigned one of the following topics: Public Protection, Public Works, Community & Human Services, Taxation & Finance, Administration/General Government and Government Structure.

After examining their topics for several months, the six task forces determined that merger is feasible. Part of their assignment was to point out "red flags" or issues which need further study before proceeding. A consultant was hired to facilitate the work of the task forces and to write a report using task force resolutions, minutes and other documentation. A review of the consultant's draft report was completed by mid-December and a final report is due on December 22nd. City and County officials will meet on January 3rd to discuss merger. If the decision is positive, the "red flags" would have to be examined more thoroughly (probably by a consultant) and a Charter Commission appointed. The charter of the merged entity thereafter would need approval of the voters and the state legislature.

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## **Neighborhood Watch Says Thank You, Sends Reminder**

**By Pamela Swan**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! As you are enjoying this beautiful season please try to remember to lock your car doors--even if parked right outside your door. Recently a car was broken into on Somerset Drive and some CDs were stolen. The good news is that the CDs were later found in the bushes after the culprit was spotted by a neighbor and ran away.

In my new role as Watch Coordinator I hope to strengthen these efforts of the HVNA. Much work has already been done, thanks to Millie Hershner and the many good people who worked with her. Board

members Amanda Elam and Albert Gard are now working with me to bring together volunteers who would like to help in the further development of Neighborhood Watch.

Please contact me at 419-8081 if you can take an active role--or to share your ideas and experiences. It is my hope that this new year will bring us closer together as neighbors and friends and that we can live amidst our wooded surroundings with a reasonable sense of safety. I look forward to meeting and working with you toward this end.

# Lift Every Voice and Sing: Christmas in Hope Valley

By Dr. Arthur Christakos

From our house at 3102 Surrey Road, our family has traditionally set out for a walk about our lovely neighborhood after the big mid-day meal on Christmas Day. Usually it is mid-afternoon or later before the turkey, ham and all the other favorite dishes are finished, and nobody is interested just yet in the fruits, desserts and coffee proffered.

What could we do to satisfy the holiday spirit still lingering in our hearts?

Several years ago we decided to sing a few carols at the homes of our nearest neighbors when we took our after-dinner stroll. I think of one of the neighbors had been ill just before the Holidays and someone suggested it would be nice to let her know she was in our thoughts and prayers. This event has gone beyond the neighborhood at times and whoever has Christmas dinner at our house is drafted to "make a joyful noise" in celebration of the Christ Child's birth and in recognition of our warm feelings for our friends and neighbors.

It's a healthy habit to get into--to walk after a meal--and to let your neighbors know how you feel about them on this day of joy and gladness is a good habit to get into also. Follow the star this season whether it is over Hope Valley or just in your heart.

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## *McAfooses Chose Durham, Hope Valley for Home* Meet the New President, Wife

By Marion Salinger

Not many newcomers to the Triangle Area are greeted by a Class IV hurricane, but FRAN was the Hospitality Committee hostess for Ray and Elizabeth. Actually, she proved to be a catalyst in helping them meet their neighbors--fast!

After considerable travel, research, soul-searching and too many New England winters, they decided to combine a desire to make a professional change with a geographical move--leaving Boston, their home for decades, to relocate in a place that appeared to be friendly to small business entrepreneurs.

The McAfooses wanted to start a health care business which would meet a need and enhance the quality of life in that community as well. They chose Durham because of its convenience, its own and other potential patient populations in Chapel Hill and Raleigh, its cultural, educational and socioeconomic diversity, as well as its openness to new ideas.

Their creative BRIDGES TO BRIDGES is an outpatient Center for Integrative Health,

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# Neighbors Rally Ghostly Throng; Tangible Area Building Moves Ahead

by Jim McDonald

The Hallowe'en social was a frightful success! Around 65 families turned out to catch up with friends and meet their neighbors. In the process we spooked the inhabitants of Somerset Drive and gathered lots of treats.

A special thanks to the Deberrys, Elams, and Brannons for working the candy stations, and to our wonderful committee (Lynn Schmolzer, Myra Knight and Rebecca Lula) for pulling the event together.

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## *Rezoning To Watch*

Will Hope Valley Road become a poor imitation of 15-501? Are we in danger of losing one of the finest gateways to our city?

Questions to ponder as another round of rezonings make their way to the surface:

*CASE P98-35, LLC Hope Valley Commons*  
A shopping center with 119,920 square feet of space in six buildings is proposed for a 17-acre site on the southeast corner of NC 54 and Hope Valley Road. Potential tenants include a specialty grocery store and drug store and the relocated Jiffy Lube.

*CASE P98-55, Ford Whitley Properties, LLC.*  
3.3 acres on NC 54 and Garrett Road will be rezoned to make way for a 13,905 square-foot pharmacy. The area is bounded by Burger King and NationsBank on Hope Valley Road, and the former McDonald's in the rear. The proposal includes construction of the Garrett Road extension to NC 54.

*RIATA DEVELOPMENT* (Austin, TX) has submitted a proposal for the 110-acre tract at the northeast corner of Hope Valley Road and I-40, calling for 250,000 square feet of office space and 1,400 apartments. On four acres to the west of NC 751, the developer is also seeking to place a convenience store, a 120-room motel and a gasoline station.

Where is your voice in these significant matters?

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Since Ray and Elizabeth knew no one when they moved here, they rented a house in Surrey Green before making a major investment in a home. They report that they love the area: the commitment to home maintenance, attractive landscaping and a feeling of *neighborhood* appealed to them, so they bought a house in New Hope Valley, just 2-1/2 miles from BRIDGES TO BRIDGES on Academy Road.

Both are active members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Ray has been a most adept host at several Evenings with Council before his election as President. He wants very much to contribute to the quality and safety of Hope Valley.

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