

Down In the Valley

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Building A Sense of Community and Providing a Voice for Neighborhood Interests

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Norman H. Krause

Annual Meeting

It's been a long, hot, and dry summer. We all hope the drought and water restrictions will soon be a thing of the past. With fall coming on, the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association will begin a new fiscal year starting with our annual meeting. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place at St. Stephen's Church on the evening of October 9th.

New officers and governing board will be elected at the annual meeting. Amanda Elam has been nominated to the office of President. She has served on the Board for several years as Vice President and Treasurer. She was also kind enough to host the delightful ice cream social in May.



Hope Valley Block Captains 3 & 4

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Questions:

- Do you know who your block captain is? See pages 2 & 3.
- Are you interested in talking with Durham's city planner?
- If you'd like to be a block captain, contact Mary Edwards. See page 2 for contact info.
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I again ask that anyone interested in serving on the Board call me at 489-5411. The Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Board Room of the Hope Valley Country Club. You are welcome to come and attend a meeting.

The Rugby Road Entrance to Hope Valley

Last Spring a neighbor suggested that The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA) contact City Hall about the deplorable situation at Hope Valley and Rugby Roads. Water had backed up under the bridge; trees were dead because of this condition and mosquitoes thrived. The mini park had also become an eyesore. Cars and work trucks parked there or used the park as a turn-around, killing the grass and making the park unsightly.

The Board quickly decided we should appeal to City Hall and the Public Works Assistant Director, in a reply to our letter, indicated the City would take action. A week or two later work crews had removed the fallen trees that had caused the water backup. The City asked our Board to choose among several types of split rail fencing that would keep cars and trucks off the grass. Shortly afterward fencing was installed, along with a narrow strip of gravel between the fence and the roadway. Unfortunately, it was badly demolished by vandalism soon thereafter. But once more, or responsive City Hall has responded to our need and we are grateful.

It is remarkable how much better this entrance to Hope Valley looks.



Safety Update



There has been only one incident of theft reported over the summer. Last Wednesday, September 4, a car was broken into while parked at the Hope Valley Country Club. Money and credit cards were taken. The report indicated that three men (brown) were seen running from the scene and leaving in a dark car. The police indicated that because the thieves had succeeded in their attempts, they would probably return to the site and try again. To avoid being a victim, please remember to lock your car(s) and store valuables out of sight in a secure place.

Posted in this newsletter is a list of Block

Captains. Do not hesitate to contact your Block Captain if you wish to report any suspicious activity or vandalism. We are still in need of several people to serve at Block Captain for certain addresses. Please look over the list and if you can help fill one of the gaps, call me at 490-6166. Thanks.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the many Block Captains who are covering the Hope Valley neighborhood. Our e-mail and phone tree systems have been working well, and when necessary, I have been able to get information quickly to everyone. You all have been an enormous asset to our neighborhood.

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The Aesthetics of Development in Hope Valley

Many Hope Valley residents have called or approached members of the Association's Board to mourn a seeming indifference to those qualities of citizenship in building houses which include respect and reverence for nature and sensitivity to the presence of neighbors. They assert there is a growing lack of good sense in failing to ensure the safety of traffic in the positioning of new construction (driveways at sudden curves), a lack of responsive engineering to major drainage problems, and even building so as to interrupt the tranquil skyline of our community with frivolous rooftops. One neighbor almost wept when she reported how her daily view from her kitchen window was of a double parking garage rather than the serene green that provided such joy when she bought her house. Another said he had a feeling of sadness when passing by one new house-it looks so uncomfortable in its tight

acreage. Responding to a number of such expressions of discontent, the Board asked me to write this editorial and call attention to the serious nature of these community concerns.

The one thousand visitors to Hope Valley on that rainy spring day when the Historical Preservation Society offered its annual Tour of Homes came not only to inspect the architecture and décor of those hospitable and lovely homes. They came because they also took pleasure in the gentle roll of the roads "inside the gates," the peaceful long sweep of sky over the miles of golf course, the pleasant discovery of various architectural designs through the trees or at the top of an ascending lawn. Houses and gardens in settings that blend comfortably into nature are the signatures of Hope Valley. Grassy banks, trees breathing beside the roads and the lack of sidewalks, make Hope Valley still have the



Hope Valley Neighborhood Watch Program

Mary Edwards—Coordinator

2 Roswell Ct., 490-6166



Area captain for New Hope Valley - Bonnie Cheek, 5 Roswell Ct., 489-9359

Street	No.	Block Captain	Address	Phone
Acornridge Ct.	All	Millie Hershner	9 Acornridge Ct.	493-4321
Avon Rd.	All	Julie Allen	3307 Surrey	489-0486
Banbury Way	All	Sally Bugg	3229 Banbury Way	489-0156
Bentley Dr.	All	Niall Buckley	3735 Bentley Dr.	493-8791
Bristol Rd.	3824-3950	Fran Whaley	3942 Bristol Rd.	493-5778
Bristol Rd.	4004-4024			
Buckingham Rd.	2900-2942	Kim Zirkle	2915 Buckingham Rd	489-0628
Buckingham Rd.	3000-3120	Ford Heath	3110 Buckingham Rd.	493-8131
Cambridge Rd.				
Carlisle Dr.	All	Joyce Walworth	3632 Carlisle Dr.	490-4932
Champaign Dr.	All	Janet McCallum	4215 Champaign Dr.	493-3061
Chancery Pl.	All	Leigh Yarbrough	12 Chancery Pl.	489-4134
Chelsea Circle	All	Lynn Anderson	2810 Chelsea Cir	403-1027
Chippenham Rd.	3800-3824	Kathy Hoffmeier	3812 Chippenham Rd	493-2956
Chippenham Rd.	3904-3922	Jetta Boyd	3916 Chippenham Rd	489-7919
*Churchill Circle				
Cornwall Rd.	All	John Haywood	3116 Cornwall Rd.	489-5202
Cricket Lane	All	Jetta Boyd	3916 Chippenham Rd	489-7919
Darby Rd.	All			
*Darwin Rd.	3511-3700			
Darwin Rd.	3712-3811	Joanne Liddle	3800 Darwin Rd.	493-4243
*Devon Rd.	2802-3836			
*Devon Rd.	3000-3114			
*Devon Rd.	3120-3322			
Dover Rd.	3401-3437	Lis Hamer	3414 Dover Rd.	419-7400
Dover Rd.	3932-4036	Laura Hall	4020 Dover Rd.	489-4431
Dover Rd.	3624-3810	Saralie Jones	3625 Dover Rd.	489-5189
*Eton Rd.	All			
Exeter Way	All	Saralie Jones	3625 Dover Rd.	489-5189
Hathaway Rd.	All	Alice McLearn	3626 Hathaway Rd	489-9797
Kimberly Dr.	All	Joe Kilsheimer	9 Kimberly Dr.	489-2610
*Leeds	All			
*Links	All			
Northampton Rd.	3806-3909	Pat Harris	3814 Northampton	489-5101
Northampton Rd.	3915-3939	Suzanne Kelly	3915 Northampton	493-1617
Norwich Way	All	John Piva	3005 Norwich Way	489-7727
Nottaway Rd.	3800-3909	Ruth Shaffer	3822 Nottaway Rd.	489-4895
Nottaway Rd.	3912-3942	Perry Black	3918 Nottaway Rd.	493-7048
Nottaway Rd.	4000-4040	Ruth Killam	4044 Nottaway Rd.	489-7615
Pilling Place	All	J. Bashore	3825 Westchester Rd.	493-5761
*Plymouth Rd.	All			
Regent Rd.	All	Ruth Allison	3919 Regent Rd.	403-0399
Roswell Ct.	All	Bonnie Cheek	5 Roswell Ct.	489-9359 0



Street	No.	Block Captain	Address	Phone
Rugby Rd.	3200-3428	Nonna Shumanich	3413 Rugby Rd.	419-842
Rugby Rd.	3429-3508	Mary Lou Drake	3434 Rugby Rd.	490-5314
*Rugby Rd.	3509-3605			
St. Marks Rd.	3602-3709	Ann Sotolongo	3701 St. Marks	419-0691
St. Marks Rd.	3712-3749	C. Dixon	3725 St. Marks	489-6105
St. Marks Rd.	3752-3916	Carol Sullivan	3911 St. Marks	489-4013
St. Marks Rd.	3919-3946	Ellen Cox	3946 St. Marks	493-3935
St. Marks Rd.	3949-4012	Elizabeth Hanson	4009 St. Marks	490-1220
Somerset Dr.	3800-3829	Martha Howerton	3829 Somerset Dr.	489-3061
Somerset Dr.	3831-3856	Jerry McKinney	3839 Somerset Dr.	489-7045
Somerset Dr.	3860-3910	Dolly Bromberg	3910 Somerset Dr.	489-2010
Stratford Dr.	All	Julie Allen	3307 Surrey Rd.	489-0486
Surrey Rd.	3010-3127	Kalley Christakos	33102 Surrey Rd.	489-2955
Surrey Rd.	3301-3415	Julie Allen	3307 Surrey Rd.	489-0486
Tonbridge Way	All	Carol Shepard	3514 Tonbridge Way	419-1553
Trafalgar Place	All	Sharon Donatucci	5 Trafalgar Place	419-6272
Wentworth Dr.	All	Ginny Lane	3912 Wentworth Dr.	489-7623
Westchester Rd.	All	Bonnie Cheek	5 Roswell Ct.	489-9359
Westover Rd.	3211-3503	Janet Ravert	3215 Westover Rd.	489-0075
*Westover Rd.	3506-3522			
*Westover Rd.	3614-3633			
Windsor Way	All	Anne Wood	333409 Windsor Way	489-7383

Safety Report
 Mary Louise Edwards

***Please call Mary Edwards at 490-6166 if you are willing to serve in this slot.**

.”look of “countrylocation and in our country, how can we pass on those concepts of reverence for the land and neighbors? The Board hopes these remarks will provoke thought as we seek answers. Bring your ideas to the Fall Board meeting.

It nurtures a variety of people and their careers and lifestyles.

Hope Valley is not the only part of Durham where citizens have followed and built such a dream, but it has its own history. Mena Webb told us about is pioneering inception as the first community to

be built around a golf course and clubhouse. We therefore still cherish the large early houses of that era which were built in pre-Depression and pre-World War II times. The expansion of Hope Valley came about beginning with the 50s. Thus later construction contributed to the interesting mix of architectural designs we enjoy today: neo-classic, Williamsburg, French Provincial, English Tudor, cottage, ranch-type, Frank Lloyd Write conceptions, among others. Buy privacy and one-ness with nature—above all, the space for lawns or informal woods and gardens—continued to be observed by a certain respectful distance between one’s house and

one's neighbor's as well as a pleasurable blending with the Commons.

In this new century, when the necessity for more housing is at a peak in the triangle

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Address: _____

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Renewal Application Additional Contribution to Beautification

If your address label
above includes the
notation "2002",
your dues are up to
date.



Mail \$10 per household to: Amanda Elam, 3860 Somerset Drive, Durham, NC 27707

Make checks payable to Hope Valley Neighborhood Association. Thank you!

