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The President's Letter

Norman H. Krause

The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association is your neighborhood advocate. It interacts with city and county leaders and their programs, which include neighborhood watch, beautification, tracking of developmental issues, the newsletter, the Halloween Parade, the Spring Ice Cream Social, and an informative annual meeting. All contribute to a better quality of life in Hope Valley. Please let me or other board members know if you have a concern or wish to make a suggestion on how to make the organization even more successful.

There are empty positions on our Board that are begging to be filled by volunteers, who need to devote only a few hours a month to help maintain an effective neighborhood organization. It is rewarding and fun to be a Board member—you will meet and make new friends. Please call me at 489-5411 if you would like to participate. Or you may come to a Board meeting to see if this organization is for you. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the board room of the Hope Valley Country Club at 7 p.m.

Don't forget to send in your 2002 dues if you have not already done so. Dues are \$10 a year. Please look for the coupon on the back of this newsletter for details. A "2002" on the mailing label on this newsletter indicates your dues are paid up.

Finally, I wish you all a prosperous and happy 2002!

After a snow or ice storm, pedestrian traffic tends to increase. But "walking in a winter wonderland" can



Part II of Visits With Our Garden Clubs: Four Seasons

Micki Scott



Another remarkable group of Hope Valley women came together in 1957 in a quest for enhancing not only their own gardens but the city to which they belonged. Anna Lee Fetter, an early President, was one of the original organizers for this historic undertaking. They aimed to stimulate interest in gardening, in

people of all ages and created "outreach programs" before they became fashionable! The first project undertaken was offering a "Work and Play" program to a group of twelve year old girls living at the Butner Home. Two members traveled there to help the girls to explore nature, to engage in painting bird houses,

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Safe Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Jodi Kramer

create potentially fatal pedestrian safety problems. Snow drifts can cover signs and landmarks, or block corners, crosswalks, and handicap access ramps.

Walkways may not be clear, forcing pedestrians to walk in the street. The snow and ice



can turn familiar territory into an alien landscape for pedestrians and motorists.

Winter Safety Tips for Pedestrians

There are things you can do to be a smart pedestrian - especially during the winter months. Before you take one step onto our neighborhood streets, consider the following safety tips!

* Proper gear is a must, but wearing dark "winter" colors can make it hard for motorists to see you, especially if they aren't expecting you. Consider wearing a brightly-colored scarf or hat, or reflective gear. And don't forget gloves, and shoes or



boots with nonslip soles.

* Children are especially excited by snow. They will be

bundled up and carrying lots of extra gear such as sleds, scarves, mittens and maybe even ice skates. The last thing they will be thinking of are traffic and safety issues. To avoid accidents, accompany your children whenever possible.

* Because of road conditions, motorists may not be able to stop at traffic signals or slow down for pedestrians. Before you step into the street, make sure that any approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop.

* Snow that has accumulated into drifts can muffle the sounds of approaching motor vehicles. Wearing hats and scarves that cover your ears can also distort or even eliminate these sounds. Keep warm, but make sure you can hear what's going on around you.



* Because there are no sidewalks or walkways in our neighborhood we have to share the road. Always walk against traffic and as close to the curb as you can.

* When traveling with small children, make sure they are dressed in brightly colored or reflective clothing. If you have to push a stroller or walk in the street, the child should be in front of you and as close to the curb as possible.

* Bending your knees a little, and taking slower steps can greatly reduce your chances of falling.

Enjoy Walking in beautiful Hope Valley!

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...Four Seasons Continued



other natural crafts, and to make Christmas gifts. As years went on and new members joined, other commu-

nity projects included a garden therapy course for the residents of a Group Home on Dixon Road, consisting of monthly sessions on garden planning, working with the women in the planting and growing seasons. Club members also helped residents focus on luring song birds by creating song-bird stations which could be viewed from their dining room. Finally, the club donated a gar-

den bench and bird bath and held monthly sessions to teach the art of using natural materials such as dried flowers, petals, leaves, pine cones and barks.

The women of Four Seasons never tire of passing on their knowledge and gifts. Recently they joined the Partners in Service Program with the Morehead Montessori Magnet School. Club members and David Coffin, a scientist at EPA, established a butterfly and hummingbird flower garden at the school, working with teachers and students.

Four Seasons now has 20 members and 100 dreams!

Safety Report

Mary Louise Edwards



Block Captains Alert!

There have been reports that two households had their mailboxes vandalized and residents are reminded that mail tampered with should be reported to the Post Office and physical damage to the boxes to the Police Department. Please also watch for any signs of tampering in your neighborhood during school vacation periods, as well as discussing with your teenagers their responsibility as citizens not to take part in any such activities.

Block captains, please be sure to report any such incidence to me so they can be communicated at board meetings and in future publications.

E-NLIST

To sign up for the newsletter on the Web and be placed on the e-mail list, send an e-mail to HVNA@hope-valley.org.

Advertisement Opportunity

The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association is offering an advertising opportunity in this quarterly publication. Ads will be accepted from Hope Valley residents who are members of HVNA. Rates are \$50 for a business card size ad and \$100 for a quarter page ad.

For more information contact Jodi Kramer at 419-9799.

Report all neighborhood incidents to your block captain and the police department!



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