

Down in the Valley

President's Letter

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Hello friends and neighbors,

As each of you opens this letter, I hope you are pleased with the advent of warm weather and have many exciting plans for the coming months.

On February 24, 2011 the HVNA held our annual meeting. A brief synopsis can be found in this newsletter. We established our priorities for 2011 as follows: **Increased membership, confirmation/completion of block captains for each street and National Registry Expansion.** I would draw your attention to the article below, HVNA Services to Our Neighborhood, which touches on some of these and more.

Many thanks to each of the HVNA Board Members and dues paying residents, who actively support our efforts to provide a comprehensive array of services to our community. You will be hearing more about these in the months ahead.

Have a wonderful summer and safe travels!

Mary

The HVNA Serves Our Neighborhood!

Your HVNA dues allow the Association to provide an array of services to Hope Valley. Below is a listing of current projects and initiatives made possible by your voluntary annual dues payment. Dues are due by January 15th each year. If you are unsure as to whether you are current contact Mary Jacques, HVNA Treasurer at maryjacques@hvna.org.

Off Duty Durham Police Patrols – HVNA contracts with off duty Durham Police to drive through Hope Valley in their police cruisers at random times. We contract for a number of hours each month in addition to the Durham PD's regular patrols.

COPS Program – This program provides for citizen crime prevention patrols within Hope Valley and surrounding areas using City owned and marked cars. Volunteers go through training with Durham Police to provide this service, which includes vacation home checks upon request. Contact Chase Loew to volunteer or sign up for a vacation home check at chaseteerlowe@hvna.org.

Seasonal Newsletter – The HVNA prints, mails and posts on the HVNA website a seasonal newsletter with news, crime prevention tips, neighborhood history features, event announcements, and photos of our neighborhood. To advertise or contribute articles contact donstanger@hvna.org.

Website – The Association maintains a web presence at www.HVNA.org. The site includes and newsletter archive, association by laws, neighborhood updates, history, articles, and contact information for association committees and officers. Contact Joe Walston at joewalston@hvna.org to volunteer, update posts, or submit photos or articles.

Monitored List Service – The HVNA hosts a neighborhood list serv to facilitate communication within Hope Valley at hvna-list@hvna.org. This service is monitored and only approved messages are sent to the entire subscriber base. The list serv provides timely crime alerts, announces neighborhood events, and provides an outlet for the HVNA to communicate with the community.

Block Party Grants – The Association provides a \$300 grant for interested groups to subsidize and plan block parties. Guidelines are posted on the website.

Welcome to the Neighborhood Service – The HVNA welcomes each new HV resident with a HVNA logo shopping tote filled with everything a new family would need to get settled in the neighborhood. Included in the welcome bag are the latest newsletter, contact info for utilities, local stores, post office, and HVNA logo items to welcome the new residents to Durham's best neighborhood!

HVNA Annual Dues for 2011 are now due
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HOPE VALLEY
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HVNA Annual Meeting - February 24, 2011 -

On Thursday, February 24, 2011, the HVNA held its HVNA 2010 successes, the current state of HVNA Dan Fulkerson was thanked for his year of service as Elections were held for 2011-12 officers and Clay to the HVNA board.

2011—2012 officers elected:

President	Mary Tatum
Vice President	Mary Jacques
Secretary	Chase Teer-Loew
Treasurer	Philip Pieper

New board president Mary Tatum reviewed HVNA



Durham Chief of Police Jose Lopez addresses the HVNA Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting at Hope Valley Country Club.

finances, and crime statistics were reviewed.

president of HVNA board.

Chandler, Tommy Kinney, and Jill Louv were elected

priorities set by the board for 2011, including:

- Growth in the number of HVNA members
- Confirmation/completion of block captains for each street
- Expansion of the National Registry footprint

How a Burglar Looks at Your House...

- Go outside your house. Look where it is easiest to get in. If it's a window, put some flower pots or something in front of it. Anything to make it more trouble than it's worth to get in your window. He doesn't want to have to climb over bushes, etc... to get in the house.
- Light is your friend. Leave a light on when you leave, preferably in more than one part of your house. Keep the outside lit up as well.
- If someone knocks at your door, acknowledge you are home, ask through the door if you can help them, but DON'T open the door to a stranger. He said he would just ask for some random person and make something up. Usually he was just seeing if someone was home. Sometimes you'd get a look around to see if they had any good stuff. If the person looks like he's up to something or doesn't quite leave or tries it at a neighbor's house, call the police. He's going to break in.



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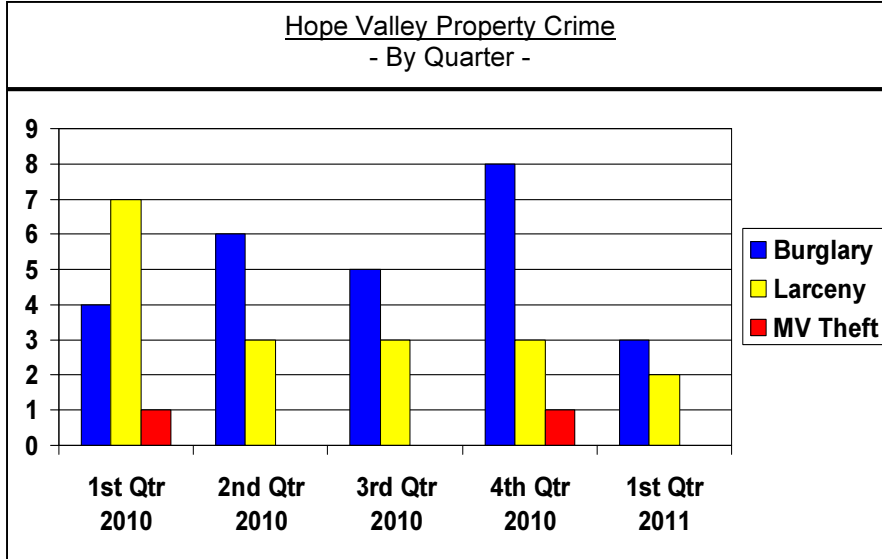
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Hope Valley Property Crime Statistics

So far in 2011, the incidence of reported property crimes in our neighborhood has been relatively low—total property crimes reported for the first quarter of recorded in the past dubious to attribute the incidence of crime to any HVNA and the Durham ing diligently to reduce initiated stepped up leadership role with the gram (COPS), and our from District 3 have vigilant service to our maybe the criminals are

During the first quarter total of five reported burglaries, two larcenies, thefts), as compared to

when there were a total of 12 property crimes (four burglaries, seven larcenies, and one motor vehicle theft), and the fourth quarter of 2010 when there were also 12 reported property crimes (eight burglaries, three larcenies, and one motor vehicle theft).



this year are the lowest eight years. While it is reasons for this low one measure, the Police have been work-crime. The HVNA has private patrols, taken a Citizens on Patrol pro-Durham Police friends continued their typically neighborhood... taking notice?

of 2011 there were a property crimes, (three and no motor vehicle the first quarter of 2010,

Our friends at the Durham Police Department tell us that the most effect way to prevent crime is for each of us to be observant and to call “911” if we see any suspicious activity. Also, removing the opportunity for criminals, e.g., our houses should be locked and alarms set whenever we leave our homes (even if we are out working in the yard) and of course, our cars should not be left unlocked and all valuables should be stored out of sight.

As always, the Durham police caution our use of the statistics, warning that the statistics only reflect incidents reported, not necessarily crimes committed. Consequently, these numbers are subject to fluctuation as the reports are investigated. The categories used are drawn from the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Handbook. According to the FBI's UCR Handbook (2004), larceny is defined as “The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.” Burglary is defined as “The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.” And motor vehicle theft is defined as “The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.” For additional definitions, please refer to the UCR Handbook available online at: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/handbook/ucrhandbook04.pdf>

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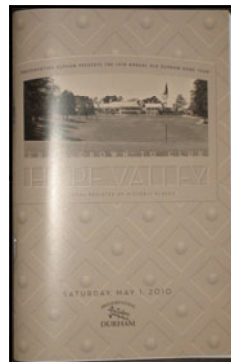


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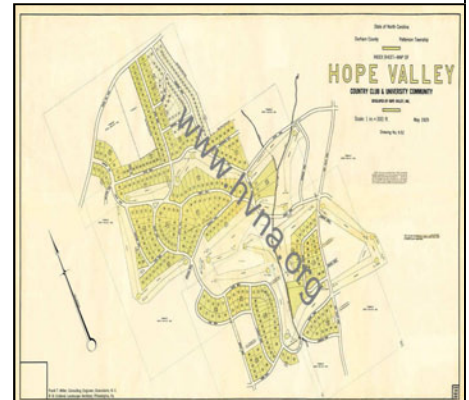
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IS IT TOO HOT UPSTAIRS? The Solution Isn't What You Think

Summer is just around the corner here in Durham. Soon, homeowners will find themselves groaning as they climb the stairs to bedrooms... only to find that the top floor is uncomfortably hot.

HVAC Can Only Do So Much

Most homeowners try to compensate for the temperature variations by cranking the air conditioning to high levels, creating sky-rocketing electrical bills in the summer. Believe it or not, the problem may not be your HVAC system.

"It's important to make sure that your home is properly sealed and insulated before throwing unnecessary money at heating and air, which may not fix your problem," says Bobby Ferrel.

Insulation is a Year-Round Concern

Bobby would know – as the owner of Green Horizon, North Carolina's leader in Home Energy Efficiency, he helps hundreds of homeowners each year make their homes healthier, more comfortable and energy efficient.

"Everyone asks about insulation in the winter, when they're feeling cold drafts in certain rooms," says Bobby, "But we find that homeowners who improve insulation, not just in the attics but around air ducts, see an enormous improvement in comfort and wasted energy costs in all four seasons."

A Whole-House Approach is Best

Attacking household temperature issues from both ground and sky is often the best bet, according to Bobby.



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"Attic insulation keeps air that you've paid to cool inside the home, and keeps the temperature regular throughout all areas. Your HVAC unit uses less power because it's not struggling to regulate multiple climates in the same space. Properly sealing a crawl space is important too – it keeps damp, unhealthy air from leaking into your home from below, and also reduces the load on the HVAC unit."

Ducts Need Insulation Too

One of the most overlooked areas to insulate is around duct work, keeping cool air cool and warm air warm from the furnace to the room.

"You might have 50 feet of duct work that air has to travel through to get to your upstairs bedroom," Bobby says, "If those ducts are passing through a sweltering attic, is it any wonder that the air arrives lukewarm at best?"

The Results Are Almost Always Better Than Expected

The results of energy efficient solutions are almost always better than predicted, and often in unexpected ways. Bobby smiles as he recalls a client from last year - "The customer requested an Energy Remodel. By the time we were done, the home was more efficient and they were saving 30% on their energy bills, but the best part – the father told us his son's allergies just disappeared because we'd made the home healthier. That's what it's really about."

Bobby Ferrel is co-founder of Green Horizon, with offices in Durham and Charlotte, offering home owners and builders a one-stop shop for energy efficiency and green building.



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 Chase Loew 919-697-1456 or
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HVNA Sign Project Continues

The HVNA Board approved a number of new Historic Street Sign locations and signs will be ordered soon.

If you are interested in a sign for an intersection near you, please contact the HVNA Appearance Committee as soon as possible to make this round of installations.

The HVNA will subsidize the cost of the sign, but donations are needed to make up the balance of the fabrication amounts.

Hope Valley's cut iron street signs date back to the developments earliest days. Landmarked by the City of Durham as Historic Signs, they are protected by the Durham Landmark Sign and Structure Statutes. Designs for all streets are available, including newer areas in Hope Valley (St. Marks, Northampton/Chippenham, etc.)

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Please make checks payable to: Hope Valley Neighborhood Association. Thank you!

- Hope Valley History - Coke Bottle Golf by Dr. Harvey Estes

It is always interesting to hear stories of Hope Valley in earlier times. Caddies are no longer part of the golf scene, but they were an essential part of the game a few decades ago. We recently had a visit from Chairman at Hope Valley Country Club. As a boy spent lots of time in the company of the caddy group, not only on golf, but many other aspects of life. Some of his pitch and putt course set up in their "relaxation" area. They were very good at the game of "coke bottle golf", never golfers to a match. It is said that their best players modest pay! Golf legend Byron Nelson once visited the club for a match, and was challenged by the caddies. He accepted on the condition that no one should ever know who won! To this day, we do not know the outcome, but my bet is on the caddies!



Tom White of Seattle, the grandson of the first Board growing up in Hope Valley, he was an avid golfer, and from whom he received instruction and advice, not recollections of this group are priceless. They had a behind the pro shop, using cut-off coke bottles as cups. and would occasionally challenge some of the best mem-

ber never lost, and used the game as a way to augment their condition that no one should ever know who won!

THIRTEEN THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it...
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [http:// www.faketv.com/](http://www.faketv.com/))



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