

Down in the Valley

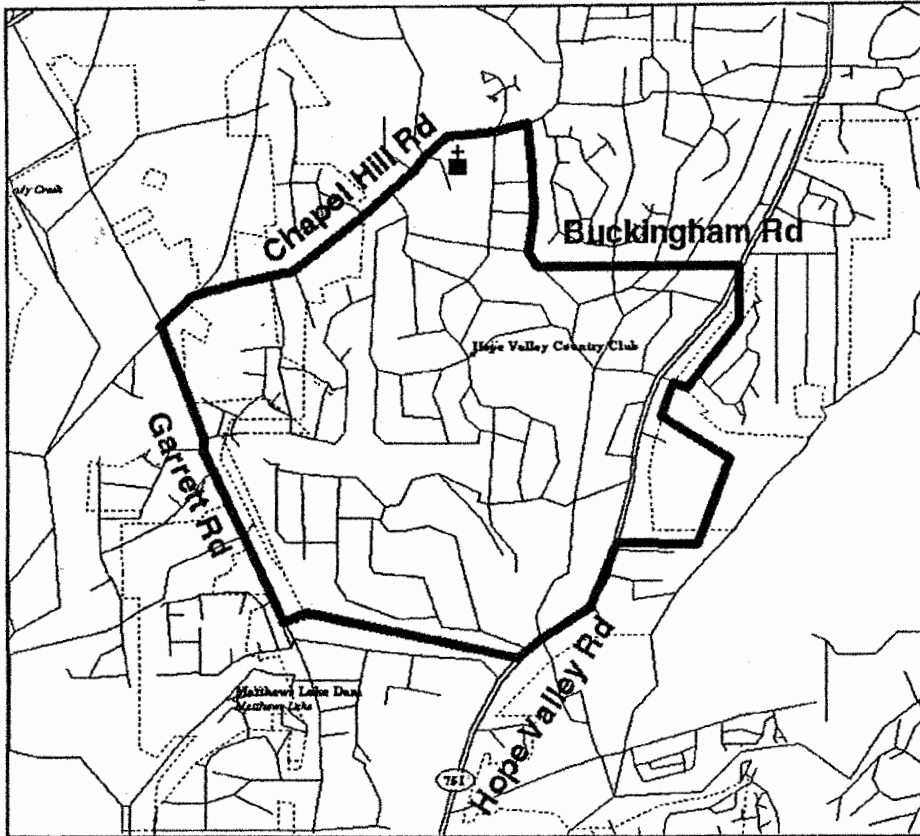
The Newsletter of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

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Annual Meeting October 21st at 7:30pm at the Westminster Church



The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA) is off to a great start. We currently have about five hundred members, all of whom share common concerns about our neighborhood. The Annual Meeting, at 7:30pm at the Westminster Church, will be an opportunity to learn what the various committees have accomplished and what plans they have for future activities.

If you are not serving on a committee and would like to participate, sign up! If you are currently unable to serve on one of the committees, send your ideas forward by phone or mail. We all have a vested interest in Durham and our Hope Valley neighborhood; it's where we live. If you have not yet joined the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association - please do so now. Your input and participation is vital.

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President's Corner

Rita Musante, President 493-2006

We are enthusiastic about what is happening in Hope Valley. In addition to the beautiful North Carolina weather, there is a special something in the air - maybe a resurgence of old time neighborhood pride, friendliness and cooperative spirit we associate with Hope Valley.

Just six months ago, seven neighbors met to see if there was a significant interest in forming a neighborhood association. The first official meeting in June was marked by a standing-room-only presence at Westminster Church with 100 Valleyites in attendance. Today, according to Treasure Aubrey King, we have the largest membership of any neighborhood group in Durham - 498 and counting.

Since that inception in Early June, Your Board of Directors has met five times. Rita Musante, Mal King, Ruth Shaffer, Aubrey King, Sue Cullen, Riley Stallings, and Tom Howerton have established a structure for a successful neighborhood organization.

We have many reasons to feel optimistic. We urge you to attend the October 21st Annual Meeting to hear more details of what is happening in your neighborhood and how you can be a part of the fun, good will, and good work.

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Traffic And Zoning Committee

Chair: John Rasmussen 493-9336



Jane Davis
Tom Howerton

Dan & Susan Flye
Linda Jennings

Doreen Yarbrough
Bill Livingston

Albert Roberts
Karl Mrozek

Shirley Collins
Riley Stallings

Steven Davis
Jane Hart

This committee has met twice to discuss issues of concern: i.e., the tenplex movie theater and office complex now under construction along Shannon Road. The committee is also monitoring City Council proceedings and is alert to issues which might affect our neighborhood.

Concerning the Martin Luther King Freeway, Riley Stallings reports that the project now underway between Shannon Road and Old Chapel Hill Road which goes behind Hope Valley is scheduled to open in six months. We hope that opening this stretch of the MLK Freeway and connecting it with Hope Valley Road via Archdale Drive will remove a large part of the South Square bound traffic coming through Hope Valley from the southern end of the county.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

Chair: Ted Griffin 489-2429 Mal King 489-0502

Corporal Larry Franklin from the Durham Police Department is scheduled to attend the HVNA meeting. He will brief the membership on the importance of Neighborhood Watch and will explain how we can work with the Police Department.



Since our last meeting a series of break-ins has occurred in Hope Valley. We will report the details at the meeting. Some of the issues which HVNA members have brought forward are:

1. The need for "Block Captains" to organize the residents, and serve as leaders of a watch group for various sections of Hope Valley.
2. The need for "No Solicitation" signs to help ward off unwanted visitors.
3. The hiring of a full-time security person who will assist the neighborhood and the Police Department in conducting security checks.

Beautification Committee

Chair: Debbie Carver 493-5806



Members: Ella Grady Allison McClay

The HVNA Beautification Committee met on September 1st at the Hope Valley Country Club. Long and short-term goals for the enhancement of our already beautiful neighborhood were discussed. We are mindful of the historical generosity and physical labor of the earliest residents and of our contemporaries who, through such channels as the Hope Valley Garden Club and the Hope Valley Gate Fund, have prepared the way for us. Many community residents are members of other garden clubs and will be sources of advice and support upon which we hope to draw.

Our immediate goal is to beautify all Hope Valley entrances. Unfortunately, after reviewing three proposals, current funds fell short of implementing our entire plan. Three new proposals have been submitted. A reduction in entrance maintenance and the use of seasonal flowers have lowered the cost considerably. The areas considered in this proposal would be the two standing gates, the Dover-Hope Valley entrance, and the stone bridge on Dover. The selected landscaper would maintain these areas on a regular basis. It is hoped that maintenance for the other entrances and seasonal flowers soon will follow.

The Committee also discussed selecting a **Yard of the Month**. A recognition award would be displayed in the yard of the winner. Further exploration of this project will continue. Enjoy a beautiful autumn in Hope Valley!

"Gatherings" Committee

By: *Elsa Horn* Chair: *Mac Smith*

Patti Harris
Ken & Mary Anne Zabrycki

Millie Hershmer
Wendi Oliver

Susan Hewitt
Mac & Nancy Smith



Steve Horn
Perry VanDyke

The "Gatherings" Committee, otherwise known as our social committee, was established June 24, 1993. Its many meetings, held at the home of Mac and Nancy Smith, have been attended by a distinguished group of friendly hard working folks! To "KICK-OFF" our Fall Season - we have planned a FIRST HVNA "TAIL-GATE" Football Party.

DUKE BLUE DEVILS VS. NORTH CAROLINA STATE WOLFPACK



DATE: November 6, 1993.

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

TICKETS: \$12.00 per person

This is a major discount from the \$16 face price of the football tickets.

The price of the ticket includes admission to the football game, food, and fun! The Association will furnish fried chicken and iced tea. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite covered dish for "eight" to share with all. Tickets will be available at the October 21st annual meeting. Make your checks payable to HVNA. Don't be bashful - let's get acquainted as friends and neighbors.

The "Gatherings" Committee is enthusiastic about future events - a cocktail party in February - and a Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. We hope to continue to offer a wide variety of unique reasons to enjoy being involved in your neighborhood association.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Aubrey B. King

SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

Association dues are \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 for a couple. Many two-person families only sent in \$5.00, which means that only one person is a member - in most cases the one who signed the check. We encourage all adult family members to join. We need your support.

RECEIPTS:

Dues \$2,455.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Meeting Materials \$37.30

Rubber Stamp 8.47

2-Sided Flyer 101.44

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CASH BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 30, 1993 \$2,267.76

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Thanks to Russ McAllister and his lovely daughter Kate, our membership list is computerized and organized in various helpful ways including by street name. Donna Merritt, Marion Salinger, Tom Morris, and Ruth Shaffer are the Communications Committee who put this newsletter together. Through the efforts of a terrific network of volunteers, over 900 newsletters have been distributed to every house in Hope Valley.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee met, a quorum being present, and nominated the following slate of Officers and Directors to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting of the HVNA on October 21, 1993. The slate is announced in the newsletter for membership review prior to the election on October 21 as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE: 1993 - 1994

President: Rita Musante

Vice-President: Riley Stallings

Secretary: Ruth Shaffer

Treasurer: Aubrey King

At Large:

John Rasmussen Art Christakos Sue Cullen Mac Smith

"The foregoing slate is proposed by the Nominating Committee. All of the nominees have agreed to serve if elected. The floor will be open to nominations for each office and for the four (4) at large Board Members. Anyone submitting a person's name in nomination at the Annual Meeting should have that person's permission and his or her agreement to serve, if elected.

Election of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be by majority vote, with runoffs if necessary. Election of at large Board Members will be those four (4) nominees receiving the most votes."

The Nominating Committee will run the election. We will use voice notes for Officers and for Directors unless additional candidates for Directors are nominated, in which case paper ballots will be used.

**FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 1993
AGENDA**

- 6:30 o Association membership applications available.
- o Tailgate Party tickets on sale.
- o Bylaws and neighborhood boundaries posted for your inspection.
- o Committee chairpersons and current Board members will be available to discuss concerns and answer your questions.

- 7:30 I. WELCOME - Rita Musante, President HVNA

- 7:40 II. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Treasurer's Report - Aubrey King
 - Social and Gatherings - Mac Smith
 - Beautification - Debbie Carver

- 8:00 III. Crime in Hope Valley: A Status Report by Durham Police Neighborhood Watch - Ted Griffin

- 8:20 IV. Election of Officers and Board Members at Large
 - Nominating Committee - Mal King

- V. Committee Sign up, Collection of Dues, Adjournment

**Newsletter
Committee**

Tom Morris, Production	493-2553
Ruth Shaffer, Distribution	489-4895

Donna Merritt	Copy Editor
Marion Salinger	Editor
Many others	Writers
And still others	Distribution

The Committee would like to thank all those who helped to put this newsletter together and on the doorsteps of the members.

If you would like to help produce or write the newsletter, contact Tom Morris. If you would like to help distribute the newsletter and become more acquainted with your neighbors, please contact Ruth Shaffer or one of the following distribution captains.

Art & Kally Christakos	489-2955
Sue Cullen	493-3153
Riley Stallings	489-7859
Shirley Collins	489-7242
Jane Taylor	
Susan Guyton	489-7476

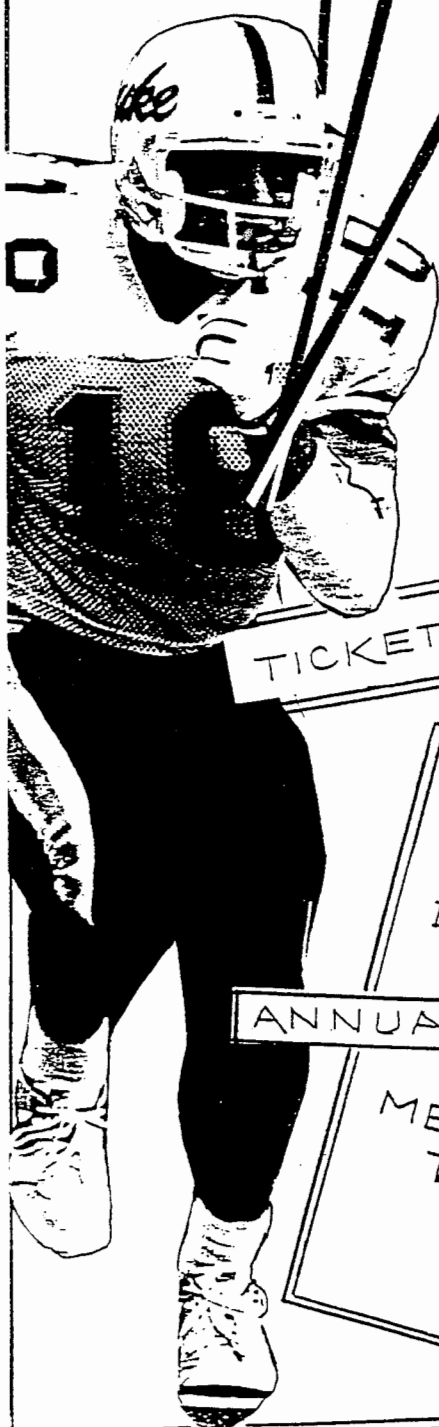
Membership Application

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Comments: _____

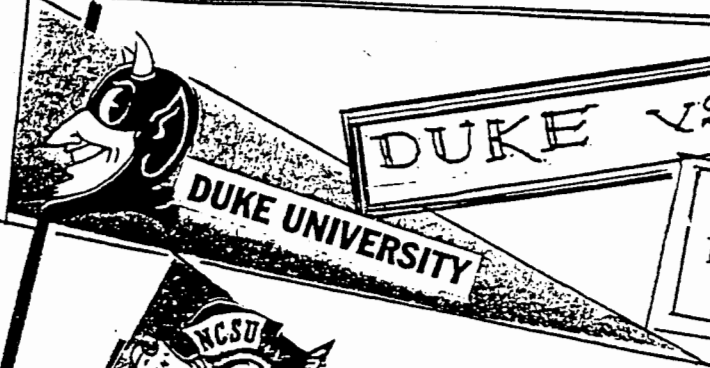
Mail \$5.00 for each member (\$10 per couple) to:
 Aubrey King, 2816 Devon Rd., Durham 27707
 Make Checks Payable to: Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

Please circle committee interest areas:

City Hall	Beautification & Maintenance	Neighborhood Gatherings
Neighborhood Watch	Newsletter	Distribution
		Photography



DUKE VS N.C. STATE



HOPE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

WINGATE PARTY

TICKETS \$12.00 EACH

COME CELEBRATE WITH US
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 1993
11:00 - A.M.
CORNER OF
WANNAMAKER - DUKE UNIVERSITY DRIVE
DUKE PARKING LOT
SEE MAP

LOOK FOR OUR TENT AND BANNER

GET TICKETS AT
HOPE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 21 MEETING 7:30 P.M.
TICKETS ON SALE AT 6:30

\$12.00 TICKET INCLUDES GAME COMPLIMENTARY ~ FRIED CHICKEN & TEA
PLEASE BRING YOUR "FAVORITE" CASSEROLE ~ FOR EIGHT ~ TO "SHARE" WITH ALL

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

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

GAME STARTS 1:30