

# Down in the Valley

The Newsletter of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

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## **Annual Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Meeting & Board Member Elections**

**Tuesday, October 14, 1997  
7:30 P.M.**

**St. Stephens Episcopal Church Parish Hall  
82 Kimberly Drive**

**Refreshments will be served**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

So where did the year go?? It seems like only yesterday when I wrote my first letter as in-coming President. Now as I look back at all of the Board activity since that time, I am pleased so much was accomplished in such a short period.

Your board has truly been your advocate and has represented our community at City Council meetings, at Inter-Neighborhood Council (INC) meetings, at coffees with the council and at various other community meetings and activities. In each case our focus has been in "preserving the beauty, health, and dignity of our surroundings so that generations to come will know that we have been good stewards."

To this end, I must thank the board members for their untiring efforts and their gracious support. I also thank all of you who chose to get more involved this year. Your commitment has helped us to be heard.

As the new Board takes over, I ask you to give them the support they need by getting involved. Start off by attending the annual meeting October 14th. Then get more involved by attending the monthly board meetings or by serving on the sub-committees such as Development, Beautification, Finance, Newsletter and others.

It's your association -- make it work for you!!

### **PAUL NORBY ADDRESSES DURHAM'S 2020 PLAN**

The keynote speaker for the annual meeting will be Paul Norby, Director of the Durham City/County Planning Department. Paul has offered to provide a presentation on the 2020 Plan with emphasis on the areas surrounding our community. He will also do his best to answer those questions you have always wanted to ask but never had an opportunity to do so.

### **1998 DUES ARE NOW DUE**

Since dues cover our fiscal year, October to October, your 1998 dues (\$10) are now requested. Checks should be

delivered to the annual meeting or mailed to our 1997 Treasurer (Ed Kennedy) at 3804 Churchill Circle. However, please check your address label first for the following:

- "98" means you have prepaid your 1998 dues
- "97" means you have paid for 1997, and your 1998 are now owing
- if neither is present we would very much appreciate your joining the Association today!

Please support your Neighborhood Association. The \$10 goes a long way if everyone does their part! Thanks for your support.



## BEAUTIFICATION NOTES

Jeanne Henrickson

One quick and important Note for everyone this month: "Remember, Remember, the Fifteenth of October" is the first frost date. Protect your fragile plants!

Driving around Hope Valley this season is a fall pleasure; are you enjoying the sight of chrysanthemums everywhere? Do they help heal the post-Fran memories of last year? We hope so.

## HOPE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1997

Robert Drake—President

Millie Hershner—Vice President

Carrie Van Zile—Secretary

Henry E. Kennedy—Treasurer

Rita Musante—Membership

Norman Krause—Association Liaison

Jeanne Henrickson—Beautification

Ruth Frank—Historian



Marion Salinger & Nonna Skumanich  
Newsletter Editors

## EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO PICK YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

**Brenda Kinney, Past President and Ex-Officio**

The precious process of democracy allows us to vote for our civic representatives who make decisions concerning our daily lives. Sadly, too many voters and potential voters in our community do not avail themselves of the process; they do not find their way to the polls due to inertia or choice. Don't your ears burn when you learn that only 28% of the eligible voters in our precinct voted in the 1995 primary and only 41% in the general election? And those were among the four highest precinct records in Durham! **When the issues which consume our conversations at the dinner table or around the office water fountain--crime, development, education and environment--appear on the public agenda, we can only depend upon the sagacity of those elected representatives. Are you paying attention to the nominees for mayor and City Council this year? Will you be sure to support your choice by going to the polls and voting on November 4th?**

If you need an absentee ballot for the November 4

election, you can request it in writing or can pick it up in person between October 13 and October 31 at the Board of Elections, 200 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor, Durham, N. C. 27702. Absentee ballots must be received back at the same address by Election Day, November 4th.

The Board of the HVNA voted unanimously last year to continue its policy of encouraging neighbors to exercise their franchise. As in prior elections, the Board will use the Neighborhood Block Captains--through their telephone network--to call residents and urge them to go to the polls. Many block captains offered to arrange transportation for any who might need such assistance. Critical problems connected with zoning, open space, public safety and commercial or housing development will confront all of us in Hope Valley in the year to come. See that your wisest choices are elected.


Walk, jog, run or ride to the polls on November 4th!



CONTINUATIONS, ORGANIZATION AND MISSIONS  
by Millie Hershner, Vice President and  
Neighborhood Watch



The HVNA has now been in existence for four years. Rita Musante worked tirelessly in the genesis of this organization, and there are many other Association Board members who are continuing the work. Here is a brief summary of what has been done and by whom. Bob Drake is leaving his presidency with a legacy of increased environmental and zoning vigilance. We would like to thank him for the enthusiastic leadership he has provided; Norman Krause has been the Board's liaison with the Inter-neighborhood council and also serves as its secretary; he diligently keeps us informed of the concerns of other neighborhoods. Ed Kennedy has served as treasurer and has instituted a swifter and closer system of organizing dues collection and membership rolls; he now wishes to retire from this position due to other commitments. Jeanne Henrickson, a Master Gardener, advises us on general horticultural problems and supervises the landscaping around the Gates. Two members who are going off the board, Ruth Frank, historian and Carrie Van Zile, secretary, also deserve thanks for their service; Rita has tended the Membership roll and has made speaker arrangements for Annual meetings; Mary Ann and Ken Zabrycki have made the arrangements for all the successful and fun-filled Tailgate parties. Nonna Skumanich observes and reports on city government and zoning issues and has joined Marion Salinger as co-editor of Down in the Valley. The Board is hoping now to add Nonna officially to its roster, as well as to recruit several new members--among them, Jim McDonald and Raymond McAfoose, both well-informed and concerned with local development. Other prospective Board members will be proposed at

the Annual Meeting. If you would be interested in serving, or in assisting, in some way, please tell a Board member at that meeting, or call one of them at home. ~~During the coming year Board meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30~~ p.m. 

As president-elect, this year I'd like to examine the HVNA budget and address the issue of an appropriate dues amount. If there is time at the annual meeting we will have an opportunity to discuss this, so come to the meeting with your ideas on this issue.

#### Did You Know

As a result of last year's Coffee with Council each branch of the Durham Public Library now has a notebook on reserve entitled "Zoning Advanced Agenda," provided by the Durham City/County Planning Department, notifying citizens of current projects before the zoning committee. This information can also now be accessed on the City of Durham website at [www.CLDURHAM.NC.US](http://www.CLDURHAM.NC.US).

The NCDOT intends to widen the intersection of Garrett Road and Chapel Hill Road. The widening of Chapel Hill Road will extend east to the intersection with University Drive and will be wide enough to accommodate bicycles, with sidewalks on both sides of the road. A traffic light will be put at the intersection of Chapel Hill Road and University Drive. The project will be funded 80% with Federal funds and 20% with state funds.

#### Neighborhood Watch

No major incidents have been reported except for localized vandalism around Bristol Road and Champaign Road. Keep up the good work.