

Down in the Valley

The Newsletter of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

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HVNA HOSTS SPECIAL EVENT

COFFEE WITH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hope Valley residents are invited to meet with members of the Durham City Council at a coffee at 6:30 P.M. on Monday January 26 at the Hope Valley Farms Swim & Racquet Club.

Mayor Tennyson will be there along with our new City Manager, Lamont Ewell.

We are honored to host this meeting with the city councilors who are elected to represent us and are eager to hear our concerns. Residents of Hope Valley Farms and Woodcroft are also invited. Bring a friend and neighbor! Come and speak up!

WHAT Coffee with Council

WHEN Monday January 26, 6:30 P.M.

WHERE Hope Valley Farms & Racquet Club

WHITHER Via Hope Valley Road toward Woodcroft Shopping Center; turn left on to South Roxboro Street at entrance to Hope Valley Farms. After one mile, turn left into parking lot of Club.

GOALS AND PROGRAMS OF THE HVNA

A Message from President Millie Hershner

The by-laws of this organization state the our purposes are to act as a "liaison with governmental bodies," to "work with other neighborhood associations on common concerns," to seek the "improvement of institutions and facilities serving our neighborhood" and to "encourage citizen participation in all issues affecting our neighborhood, including land use, zoning changes, traffic patterns and street modifications." Your Executive Board works hard to follow those directions. Its committees are concerned with area development and beautification, neighborhood safety, activities of City Council, meetings with other associations, and the dissemination of information through the newsletter. Board members volunteer their expertise and spend many hours in Board meetings, observing at City Council and Zoning Committee meetings and working with the Inter-Neighborhood Council, as well as protecting your environment and organizing your Neighborhood Watch. We hope we provide you with a sense of "belonging" to an area

where beauty and safety can combine to form a strong community.

To enable the Board to perform these functions there are obviously certain operating expenses: dues to the Inter Neighborhood Council, expenses for HVNA Annual Meeting, some beautification maintenance, miscellaneous committee expenses, and printing and mailing costs for publication of Down in the Valley. At this time the newsletter alone costs about \$1600 per year and is mailed to all neighborhood homes although the paid membership roster has dwindled to 266 members--representing only one third of the homes in Hope Valley. Does this fact startle you? You may not be able to contribute the time and efforts volunteered by our Board members, but we hope that everyone will be able to spare the annual \$10 dues per household to fund the future operations of the Association. If you have not sent in your dues for this year, please do so now with the enclosed form. Join the circle.

ON THE ALERT: YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Millie Hershner

Since Hope Valley covers a large area, with over 750 homes, I have tried to ease the burdens of reporting by now recruiting Area Captains to facilitate coordination with the 60 block captains. Mary Lou Goldberg at 3306 Devon Road (489-4069) will coordinate activity in the northern section of Hope Valley; Ann McAllister at 3712 Dover (493-0996) will coordinate activity in the central part of Hope Valley; Mary Edwards at 2 Roswell Court (490-6166) will head the activity in New Hope Valley; and Jane Schlaseman at 3437 Rugby Road (489-2065) will coordinate the southern section of Hope Valley around Rugby Road.

Numerous seasonal door decorations were stolen in New Hope Valley this past November but



many of these were recovered at the SAE fraternity house in Chapel Hill along with some taken the preceding year! A break-in and robbery occurred on Buckingham Road in November and Christmas yard decorations were stolen from another location on the same road. Brett Hallan, a Durham police detective, is now on the Board of our Association and will keep an eye on incidents in Hope Valley from within the Police Department in the future. But please don't become complacent: keep your cars and home locked and maintain a vigilant lookout for people and vehicles entering our neighborhood.

INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GLEANINGS

Norman Krause, Council Representative

The Inter-Neighborhood Council (INC) is the coalition of Durham neighborhood associations and it has had a very active fall schedule. Our association is a member of INC and sends its representative to all meetings. To keep up with the many changes in our local government, the INC invited two of the new appointees to speak at their fall meetings. In September 1997 Lamont Ewell, the new City Manager, spoke to the group about his background and his philosophy of government management and taxes. David Thompson, the new Durham County Manager, spoke in November. Both speakers were impressive. Durham has also welcomed a new school superintendent, police chief and mayor recently. All of these changes may foretell a different era—one in which the new leaders will provide a fresh vision and able governance for the city and county.

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Pros & Cons of Proposed Nearby Developments

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, 7-8:30pm St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Proposed developments for the land south of I-40 between Hope Valley Road and Fayetteville Road are sparking a lot of discussion. The proposals, recently given the green light by the City/County Zoning body, have yet to be approved by City Council. The projects are a mixed-use development (on the former American Kennel Club site) and a regional mall.

Because these developments have the potential to transform southern Durham, the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Board will have an information session Wednesday, Dec. 2 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. During this session, representatives of Midland & Urban Retail Properties and of those opposing the re-zoning requests will make presentations. The session begins at 7 p.m. and is scheduled to end at 8:30 p.m. Please come and, at the end of the session, let your Board know what you think. We will make every effort to communicate your views to City Council.

A basic description of the projects, as found in the Planning Department's staff reports, follows:

Case: P98-38; Midland 751 Development Co.

Location: 101.86 acres on the southeast corner of the I-40/NC 751 interchange.

Proposal: The applicant proposes the construction of a mixed use development consisting of 490 multi-family apartments, 400,000 square feet of office, 3 hotels, a restaurant and a convenience store. A new parkway with a divided, landscaped median will be constructed on the site. It will extend between Fayetteville Road and NC 751 and will be constructed with the proposed development in rezoning case P98-39 (next case).

Case: P98-39; Urban Retail Properties

Location: 51 properties totaling 141.52 acres on the southwest corner of the I-40 and Fayetteville Street intersection.

Proposal: A regional shopping development with 1,283,371 square feet of space expandable to 1,357,988. A new parkway with a divided, landscaped median will be constructed on the site. It will extend between Fayetteville Road and NC 751.

If you can not attend but would like to provide the Board with feedback, please fill out the information below and mail to the address on the bottom of the form. Thanks for your participation.

-- Jim McDonald, President

 For proposed developments Against proposed developments

Other (please attach explanation!)

(Please print) Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Mail to: Jim McDonald, 3818 Somerset Drive, Durham NC 27707

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 Application Renewal Additional Contribution to Beautification

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