



# Down In The Valley

Annual  
Meeting  
Oct. 10  
7 p.m.

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## Chamber Execs To Present Emerging Views of Durham At Annual Meeting

By Ray McAfoose  
President, HVNA

Your Board is encouraging all Hope Valley residents to come together to reflect upon and to discuss the growth issues confronting us today and those still to come. There is no better time and place than:

### Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

Oct. 10, 2000

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

82 Kimberly Drive

7 p.m. Board of Directors Election

7:40 p.m. Program on Handling Growth

The *Growth of Southwest Durham* will be the first program presentation. Southwest Durham is undergoing tremendous growth, affecting all residents. This is the fastest-growing section of the city! The growth has only started and will increase, with a profound impact on *traffic, housing, schools, crime and general quality of life* for our families.

We know that growth can be beneficial if well planned and well managed. Some of the recent commercial development does not appear to be well planned or managed. One of the roles of your Neighborhood Association is to represent the Hope Valley community on the growth of Southwest Durham. Join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10 for the Annual Meeting so we can share information that Board Member Jim McDonald has gathered on proposed projects and how they will impact Hope Valley.

### "Residents' Choice -- Durham 2000"

Our meeting this year will feature Thomas J. White, president, and David J. Neill, vice president of research of the **Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce**. They will share recent findings of an ongoing Chamber study that documents the perceptions of individuals considering locating in Durham. The survey includes: housing demand, housing supply, schools, proximity to work, crime and socioeconomic image. This presentation will be helpful to us as homeowners in Hope Valley and citizens of Durham. Our property values are significantly affected by what prospective homebuyers think about investing and living in our community.

Don't miss this annual meeting--the opportunity to be informed and to learn how we can work together to make Durham an even more desirable place to live. Put the date on your calendar now!

### Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee is in the process of putting together the slate of nominations for director and officer positions. We are fortunate that most of the directors for this past year have agreed to stand for reelection. Open positions for the next year include Development Chairperson, Inter-Neighborhood Council Representative, Neighborhood Watch Chairperson, and Newsletter Co-Editor. Please call me at 419-9819 for volunteering or suggestions..

# NC 54/ I-40 Corridor Plan Subject To Erosion

By Jim McDonald

During the public hearings on the Southpoint development in 1998 and 1999, our Association consistently requested that if Southpoint were approved, the City pursue countervailing and concurrent measures that would offset the potential for urban sprawl.

The city's recent adoption of the Small Area "A" Plan represents a significant step in that direction. Generally speaking, this land use plan seeks to restrict intense commercial activity to the area in and around the proposed mall. The commercial developments will be ringed by land use patterns requiring successively lower levels of activity (e.g., office, high, medium and then low density residential).

Now that the plan has been approved by the City, we have to make sure that developers and the City Council do not nickel-and-dime-it to death through subsequent rezonings. We may not have too long to wait. It appears that the recently approved Ravina apartment complex (at the northeast corner of NC 751 and I-40) is seeking commercial rezoning for a portion of that land so they can install a brightly lighted, upscale AutoPark (that's car sales lot to most of us).

## **SPECIAL HALLOWEEN NOTICE**

Due to the frightening success of last year's Halloween Parade, we have decided to take another stab at it:

What: Fall Social/Halloween Parade

Where: 3918 Somerset Drive

When: Saturday October 28, 2000

Time: 3:30 - 5:00

RSVP: 419-8452 (Jim McDonald)

**If bringing children, please let us know how many!**

Please note: costumes and/or children are not prerequisites for attendance...so don't hold back: come out for a "howling" good time.

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## **INC Hears From Inner City Renewal Effort**

By Norman Krause

In June the Inter-Neighborhood Council (INC) heard Robert Chapman, a developer, speak on traditional neighborhood development. Mr. Chapman is currently working with Duke University on the Trinity Heights Project, which involves building or replacing 37 houses or townhouses north of Duke's East Campus. His goal is to make the new units fit easily into the older surrounding neighborhood. Interestingly, Mr. Chapman considers zoning as a "horrible mistake" that causes sprawl.

The July INC meeting featured Ann Steedly from the N. C. Department of Transportation, who described plans to create a high-speed rail corridor from Washington to

Charlotte. Six of the eight daily trains would stop in Durham. The line will eventually link with another line extending from Greenville, SC to Atlanta. Environmental studies are now being conducted and completion of the project is expected within ten years.

INC will sponsor a "Neighborhood Summit" on Saturday, October 21, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the downtown Armory on Foster Street. Various community groups will provide information on their activities. Workshops will be conducted for those interested. All are invited to come to this exciting and informative gathering.

# John Moorhead Shares Ross' Role In Valley Design

**By Marion Salinger**

A fascinating monograph by John L. Moorhead on the bold venture of creating the Hope Valley Club golf course has just appeared in a limited edition series (first printing) by the Men's Golf Association of the club. *Donald Ross and His Total Gem* is a short history of the country club course.

It is said that the Hope Valley course is the "total gem" of this most famous architect of the golf world. Although Mr. Ross designed 385 courses in his career, only in Hope Valley did he have such a "comprehensive role." He not only designed the course but also spent much time here on inspections and had a hand in planning the contiguous roads and landscape, as well as working with the Clubhouse architect.

Today's Hope Valley residents, old and new, will relish reading about former friends and neighbors: the clubhouse designer, Aymar Embury II; Perry Maxwell, who made the first changes here in 1937 at the same time he was making the first changes to golf's hallowed grounds at Augusta National; Duke Coach Wallace Wade who was 1937 club president; golf stars like Harvey Ward, Mike Souchak and Art Wall and Arnold Palmer.

The course's glory days continued in the late sixties when Will Mann came to be the golf superintendent and decided to reconstruct the greens and convert from Bermuda to Bent grass, and in the 80's when the Donald Ross original bunkers were restored.

Mr. Moorhead writes with a meticulous eye to historical sources and recognizes the wide scope of human resources that produced the "gem," including the roles of Pinehurst designers, later golf architects and superintendents, golf professionals such as the Crichtons, and the club managers. There are delightful photographs of Donald Ross, Byron Nelson, Gordon Perry and tournament winners such as Mrs. W. H. Rawlings and Mrs. A. J. Stubbs, among others.

For those who always want to know how systems evolve, and who was where when, Mr. Moorhead has included an appendix reproducing the 1926 list of officers and charter members, and the letter to property owners proposing the Country Club. In the letter, the organizers set forth a membership of 250, with initiation fee of \$100 and \$60 per year dues, with signup for three years so that members would contribute \$25,000 toward the \$50,000 "suitable club house."

And for those always looking for the extra inducements, the letter proposed giving the right to purchase a golf course-side lot with each paid membership, with an added discount of 50% if the member were to use the lot to build his own home.

**PUT THE HOPE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW.  
OCT. 10, 2000      7 P.M.      ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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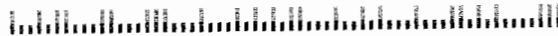
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to Hope Valley Neighborhood Association.**