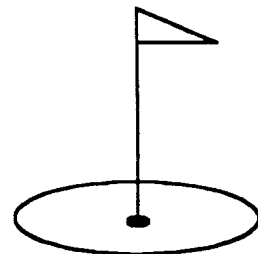




Down in the Valley



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By Ray McAfoose
President, HVNA

As I walk or drive through Hope Valley, I always notice and remark to visitors how attractive the houses and landscaping are in the neighborhood. The houses are well maintained and the landscaping is attractive. The pride homeowners have in their property is very evident. We can be proud of our community. Keep up the good work.

The Board of Directors of your neighborhood association has reached the halfway point in its tenure. I am happy to report that you are well represented by a group of dedicated volunteers who donate their time and energy for the good of the Hope Valley neighborhood.

Over the past six months, **Pam Swan** has been busy reorganizing the Neighborhood Watch program with the assistance of **Millie Hershner** (Past President) and area watch captains. She is also monitoring security incidents and police reports to identify trends and patterns that need attention.

Jim McDonald and **Martha Brimm** have been vigilant in keeping up with the growing number of commercial construction projects proposed for southwest Durham. They have spent hours in hearings and written letters to oppose projects not in the best interest of our community. They are also monitoring the CP&L proposal to create the largest stockpile of high level nuclear waste in the nation at the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant in Wake County.

This plant is less than 25 miles from Hope Valley!

Rita Musante continues her diligent efforts for neighborhood beautification. She worked with the city's Public Works Department to get tree damage removed after the snow storm and is presently working with the Town & Country Garden Club and the City of Durham in developing a landscaped area at the corner of Rugby Road and Hope Valley Road, on city-owned property.

In addition to working for the neighborhood, we also like to have some fun. In October we sponsored a Halloween social complete with costume parade for children of all ages and in May we had an ice cream social with games and ice cream for all. Both events were an opportunity to meet new and old neighbors of Hope Valley. Thanks to Jim McDonald, Lynn Schmaizer, and others for making these events a success.

Your Board of Directors will meet in June and September but not in July or August unless needed. The Annual Meeting will be held in October for reports and election of Directors. If you are interested in learning more about the association or serving on the Board, speak to any of the present board members, listed on the back page of this newsletter.

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Your Association Welcomes Your Participation!

Evolution Outdoors On Dover Road

A Visit with the Artist and Neighbor
 By Marion Salinger



Two years and more after the great spreading tree on the crescent of Dr. Stephen Wainwright's lawn on Dover Road was felled by Fran, it has provided its own monument.

Passersby have watched, first in shock at the sight of so noble a fallen icon. Then with aching sadness as treetops and huge branches were carted away. Later, the cheery Yuletide message on its last remains was a heartening sign that the Wainwright tree still had a life and a presence in our neighborhood.

The stump remained-- more than a stump, somewhat higher--and suddenly it was being carved, reformed, reinvented. Walkers, joggers, even motorists often paused to look and wonder. What was emerging? Was it a boat? Was it an animal? Was it a huge bird?

Residents remembered the bronze camel created to honor the career of Dr. Kurt Schmidt-Nielsen and later moved to Duke University's Bio-Science Building. Was this the same sculptor, now working in wood?

The answer is no; the camel was created by an Englishman. The sculptor of this evolving work of art is architect, and his late wife a gifted craftswoman. our longtime Hope Valley neighbor, Dr. Wainwright himself. He was a Duke student, later to become a marine biologist and James B. Duke Professor in the Department of Zoology and Executive Director of the Bio-Design Studio. He came from a family centered in art: his mother was a water colorist, his brother an

But his own path to sculpture began at Duke in an Art Department sculpture class taught by Prof. Frank Smullin, when he became intrigued by the concepts of structure and form. Later, Prof. Wainwright introduced a course in which he found that students from the arts, humanities and sciences responded with a sense of personal enlightenment to his use of art as a vehicle for scientific research. He feels his creativity as a sculptor has been at one with his scientific teaching and research which led to new discoveries in marine technology.

Dr. Wainwright's home is filled with his own work and that of other artists (particularly a fascinating collection of Northwest Native American artists). He mostly uses holly, boxwood and black walnut as his materia medica and feels that letting the outdoors provide the vehicle opens the artist to the wide potential of motion and form in nature. When the great tree fell, he refused to let it disappear without a message. What is the message?

Dr. Wainwright revealed that he began this sculpture with the hope and intent that his grandchildren could climb on it--that it would be a gift to them and the future. Thereupon he started with steps for them to climb, which suggested a castle, which suggested a dragon. He then chose a collaborator, asking his five year-old granddaughter, Emma Caudle, what she thought should be there. It was she who called for the Rabbit. At this point Emma has not decided what she thinks should be there next. So Dr. Wainwright works on, listening to her voice and his own. Walk past his house again for a glimpse of preservation and creativity; it may call forth your own.

DCPD Liaison Has Safety Tips

Keep an eye on your purse and wallets-- there was a recent report that someone entered a home on Bristol Road through the back door and stole a wallet from a purse. Apparently the thief was able to escape unnoticed by parking his truck with other vehicles associated with construction under way on Bristol.

If you know of or learn of other crimes in our neighborhood, please call your watch captain so that neighbors can be alerted.

Meeting with Corporal Lawrence

Corporal Lawrence of the Durham City Police Department spoke at a meeting of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association in April. She provided some important tips for crime prevention and safety and discussed ways in which the police liaison can assist the Association:

- Engrave your possessions with your North Carolina driver's license number and make a written inventory.
- Take photographs of jewelry, silver, antiques, art, and any additional items you do not engrave. Keep a copy of your inventory and photographs in a deposit box or somewhere away from your home.
- Update your inventory regularly. Frequently stolen articles include lawnmowers, musical instruments, photography equipment, power tools, radios and stereo equipment. With proper identification, your valuables have a better chance of being found and returned.
- Watch out for all vehicles, not just vans and trucks. Passenger cars, expensive and inexpensive, are also used by thieves. Be prepared to obtain the license number of a suspicious vehicle. Keep a pencil and paper in your car. If you see a car prowling in your neighborhood, take down the license number. Mark the location, time and date for general reference should this information be needed again.
- Tell your block captains when you are having work done or when you are going to be away from home. Become familiar with your neighbors' cars. Any car that does not belong in your neighborhood should be considered possibly suspect.
- Do not put a nametag on your house keys. Do not give keys to repairmen. Separate auto keys and house keys to avoid duplications. Never leave a key under a doormat, in the mailbox or hanging from a nail. Burglars know all the secret hiding places.
- **Medics, firemen, and police need to find you or your children quickly-- help make that possible.** Officers can't help you, if they can't find you. Too many residence numbers are covered by trees and shrubs, worn away or have fallen off mailbox posts. Placing visible and reflective house numbers on your mailbox posts can help you get help faster.

These are a few of the recommendations presented by Corporal Lawrence. If you would like more community watch information, please feel free to call me and I will be glad to provide you the written material.

Thank you to all the area captains and block captains for helping make Hope Valley a great place to live. If you would like to join the neighborhood watch efforts or have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call me (Phone: 419-8081; email: pamswan@mindspring.com).

Have fun during an enjoyable and safe summer.

Much Work Required After Winter's Ravages

Beautification Projects Progress Reported

By Rita Musante

This has been a very difficult year because of the huge snow storm we experienced during the winter. Many homes lost trees and shrubs which were bent or broken because of the weight of the snowfall.

Happily, we are on the mend: area gardens are in full summer bloom and the Dover Gates offer a warm welcome to neighborhood

visitors. Special thanks to Anna Stinson and all the members of Four Seasons Garden Club for their financial contribution to our beautification effort.

Also, we thank Steve Bidy, Painting Contractor, for painting the entry gates again this year. We encourage neighbors to support contractors such as Steve Bidy, who offer services gratis for our neighborhood's upkeep.

A new addition to the Hope Valley neighborhood is the beautification at the Rugby Road entrance. The area on the north side of the entrance has been much improved with the planting and arrangement of trees and shrubs. The neighborhood sends a sincere thank-you to all the members of the Town & Country Garden Club who contributed to this effort in cooperation and coordination with the City of Durham, which owns the site.

Your Board is looking for a project for the FALL. Do call me, Rita Musante, at 493-2006 with any suggestions: this is your venue for keeping and enhancing the beauty of our neighborhood.

Remember:
Your Neighborhood Association
Needs All Of You

Inter-Neighborhood Council Hears New Planning Director

By Norman Krause

Norman Standerfer, who took over the Durham Planning Department in October 1999, was the speaker at the meeting of the Inter-Neighborhood Council in March 2000. He is making changes in the Planning Department and its external processes, including a checklist that developers must complete before filing a zoning application. One of the items on the checklist is notifying neighborhood associations of the proposed zoning changes.

In April John Compton of the Historic Preservation Society of Durham described the 4th Annual Historic Tour that his society sponsors each year. This year's program focused on Durham's tobacco heritage with tours of both restored and about-to-be-restored tobacco warehouses in the downtown area.

The speaker at May's meeting was Jim Ritchey, General Manager of the Triangle Transit Authority. His organization presently provides bus service throughout the Triangle, but it soon hopes to begin construction of a light rail system, which will initially run from Durham's Ninth Street to downtown Raleigh.

Something To Scream About: Good Turnout For Ice Cream Social

By Jim McDonald

I screamed, you screamed, we all screamed for ice cream! Young and old alike turned out for the neighborhood's ice cream social on Sunday, May 21st.

Threatening skies gave way to a beautiful spring afternoon as one hundred or so residents loaded up on ice cream, cookies and brownies. The young at heart tossed water balloons, bobbed for apples, played soccer and checked out the fire engine while the rest of us caught up with our neighbors, made new acquaintances and generally mumbled, "I really shouldn't eat all of this!" Many thanks are due Lucy Schmalzer, Amanda Flam and Rebecca Lula for helping to pull off a great event. Look for pictures on the HVNA website

I screamed, you screamed and a lot of others screamed at the Planning Department's new land use plan for a portion of Southwest Durham. As a result, residents drafted their own version and met with elected officials and the Planning Staff in early June to try to hash out key differences. With the area's land use plan in a temporary state of flux, the Riata Company deferred its zoning presentation until mid-June. Riata is seeking to develop 100-plus acres at the northeast corner of I-40/NC 751 (a.k.a. Hope Valley Road) into an apartment complex.

I'll scream, you'll scream, we're all going to scream as construction heats up on the MLK Parkway/Hope Valley road interchange. Watch out for the construction workers and get ready for some slow-moving vehicles, detours down Dixon and Buckingham, an increase in cut-

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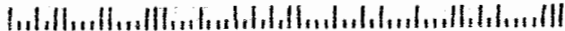
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