



# DOWN IN THE VALLEY

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## Annual Meeting: Oct. 10

**From Henry Nicholson**

**HVNA President**

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### ***First Things First***

The recent attacks on our country have reminded us how fragile life is and how we must all work together to strengthen our nation and ourselves. Our sincere condolences go out to the friends and families of the innocent souls lost in this senseless tragedy. God Bless America.

### ***For the Neighborhood***

Not only does our nation need your thoughtful support now, but your neighborhood association needs you now. Your contribution of a few hours a month will help strengthen our Association. We have an opening on the board for treasurer and we need block captains for Neighborhood Watch. We also would welcome two more at-large board members to provide backup and additional points of view, and someone to work on the Association newsletter.

### ***Annual Meeting***

The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting will be held at **7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** at the fork of Kimberly Drive and Rugby Road.

Please come and vote on new officers and hear a presentation by Public Works Director Katie Kalb (a neighbor as well) and Solid Waste head David McCary, who will show off one of the city's new trucks in the church parking lot. These new vehicles promise to improve curbside collection (for sure this time). Also invited are the new City Manager, Marcia Conner, and Pat Bocckino of CAUSE, an advocacy group monitoring development in the southwestern part of Durham County.

### ***Nominees***

The nominating committee recommends Norman Krause, current vice president, as the new president of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association; Amanda Elam for vice president; Ray McAfoose for treasurer; past president Henry Nicholson as secretary; Rita Musante to beautification; and Mary Edwards to continue as Neighborhood Watch coordinator. Nominations are encouraged and will be welcomed from the floor as well.

# Neighborhood Watch Reports Progress

By Mary Edwards

The lovely serenity of our roads and lanes and safety of our community remains a comfort this fall. We are grateful to those who give us their time and vigilant care: your block captains. I am pleased to write that there were no reported thefts or burglaries over the summer months.

Seven Community Watch signs have been posted at major entryways into Hope Valley to give us further assurance. The signs indicate that we participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program which is sponsored by the Police Department and are another deterrent to crime.

We are still looking for block captains for the following areas: 4000-4024 Bristol Road; Cambridge Road; Chelsea Circle;

Churchill Circle; Leeds Road; Plymouth Road; 3509-3605 Rugby Road and Westover Road.

Please call me at 490-6166 or e-mail me at [medward@nc.rr.com](mailto:medward@nc.rr.com) if you are interested in volunteering for this program. The duties are not onerous and you will be ensuring your own safety while you protect your neighbors.

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## For Whom The Bell Tolls

### *A Vignette*

Residents old and young in our community drew together in homes and schools and churches to ponder the calamity that befell our nation on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

Some huddled to watch the repeating horror unfold on television, some sought loved ones to seek comfort, some stopped to pray.

The Reverend Samuel A. Mason of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Kimberly Drive, picked up a tearful and haunting plea on his voice mail. "I don't know just how to address you, but I want to leave a message for Rector Mason. I am not a member of your church but I live in the neighborhood and I want to tell you how I love hearing your beautiful bells. And to ask if you could possibly ring them every hour...on this day, oh this terrible day, would you ring the bells?" And the soft voice faded away in sobs.

When the bells tolled twelve times, they tolled for those we lost.

And for the lady in tears.

And for all of us within the sound of the bells.

## *Walkers Need to Keep Eyes Peeled, Feet Nimble*

**By Norman Krause**

Because many roads in Hope Valley are winding and have no sidewalks, walking and driving on them requires a little extra care. Most roads are posted at speeds of 25 or 35 miles per hour. Motorists who insist on going much faster endanger pedestrians, children playing, and their own vehicles, as well as risking injury to themselves and others.

It seems that many drivers, in addition to speeding, are not staying on the right side of the road. The roads are narrow, as we know, but going over the double yellow line risks an accident with all the hassle that comes with it--police reports and insurance claims at a minimum. It is best to stay on your own side of the road!

I often walk in my neighborhood which has winding roads and no sidewalks. I always walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. However, some walkers I encounter have their back to on-coming traffic. When facing traffic, a pedestrian can look out for poorly-driven vehicles approaching him or her, and get out of the way. When your back is to the traffic, you rely entirely on the motorist to do the right thing--which experience shows is not always the case!

If we all drive and walk safely on our roads, our neighborhood will be an even better and safer place to live and raise children.

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## *Gardeners Mark Anniversary, State & Local Honors*

**By Marion Salinger**

The inspired planting at the Hope Valley Gates and at other intersections, as well as at some school sites where our children studied, has been the stuff of dreams and hard work by women of our community over many years. It is a local history of which we can be proud. In this issue we begin a series of articles about these accomplishments--honoring our Garden Clubs and the women who make all things bright and beautiful.

Since the Hope Valley Garden Club celebrated its founding in 1941 at an annual picnic on May 8<sup>th</sup> for members and spouses, we asked the club's historian, Anne Bradford, to share with us some of her reflections on its long and happy life. She took a look backward through the club's careful scrapbooks, noting that during the past sixty years its members have made significant contributions to gardening through the Durham Council of Garden Clubs and received numerous awards. She writes, "Hope Valley has received the First Place Durham Council Achievement Award four times--most recently in 1999-2000. The Club received a First Place Award for The Best Garden Club in the state with membership over 40 in 1989 and just this past year has been placed on the Honor Roll of major donors to the Doris Duke Center for Duke Gardens."

With just pride, Anne reports that "Our club has concentrated its beautification efforts in the Hope Valley area with great success. These projects have taken place at numerous sites, including the corners of Hope Valley Road and Surrey Road, Chelsea Circle and Dover Road. At a triangle of land on Dover and Surrey a memory garden was established where plantings are made to honor the memory of our members. Several years ago, with financial backing from the Club, the maintenance of the two sets of entrance gates was turned over to the Neighborhood Association."

The Hope Valley Garden Club has 50 members and its current president is Naeda Irick. "Education, continuity, service and member collegiality are hallmarks of this Hope Valley Garden Club as it heads into the new millennium and its next sixty years," Anne wrote.

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*Make checks payable to Hope Valley Neighborhood Association.*