



DOWN IN THE VALLEY

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A NEW CENTENNIAL REPORT

BY HENRY NICHOLSON

First on our agenda for the year is building our membership. This newsletter and our web site are important in increasing the sense of community and security in our neighborhoods. A few families and individuals have just moved into my section of old Hope Valley and I'm going to personally give them a copy of this newsletter and encourage them to join the Association. Please tell your neighbors (old and new) about the newsletter and the web site at <http://www.hopevalley.org>.

Please join me in welcoming Norman Krause to a new position on the board and Mary Edwards to the board this year. Norm has been our Inter-Neighborhood Council representative for several years and serves the board now as our Vice President. Mary will be taking over the neighborhood watch seat from Pam Swan, who will continue as an at-large member.

We have an opening for our representative to the Inter-Neighborhood Council. We also need help with development and beautification. If you're interested, please call Norm Krause or me.

Your Board is keeping an eye on development in our area. There are a several remaining cases that affect the Hope Valley community. P009-59 is the proposed shopping center behind the Jiffy Lube on the southeast corner of NC54 and 751. P00-90 is the proposed office/mixed use area just south of Southpoint on Fayetteville Road.

For more information, visit the city web site at: <http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/planning> and click on the Zoning Committee link for a full schedule. The next meetings of the Zoning Committee are April 10 and May 8.

You can get *Down in the Valley* via e-mail. Send your request to hvna@hopevalley.org or visit our web site and click on Newsletters and then click on Subscribe. The information on this page about our e-mail address can also be used to reach all members on the list. Our pages are open to your contributions as we find space.

What Are Those Children Doing? Readying for a Trip Into Adulthood

by Marion Salinger

When I stop for the yellow school buses at the crests of the many hills of lovely and peaceful Hope Valley there are earnest and busy children entering or exiting, with book bags bulging and worlds to conquer. They disappear behind familiar doors.

Do you wonder what they are doing, how they are enjoying the life of this community, how they are planning to make their marks on the world? I do. I've been learning some wonderful things. I have seen teenagers mulching the grounds at St. Stephen's church, encountered them selling T-shirts and asking for donations for a yard sale, plotting to poise flamingos on your lawn. And I heard they are offering to dig holes for spring plantings. Why are they so busy? Read on.

A group of rising seniors, many of them from Hope Valley, are readying themselves to take on the world. Under the direction of the perky and inspiring Youth Leader, Dee Zeller, of St. Stephen's Church, they are working to raise money for a summer pilgrimage to historical and spiritual sites in ancient Ireland, Wales and Scotland. For some it will be their first foreign travel experience. But it is also a personal "pilgrimage" in which they are seeking to learn more about themselves as individuals and as members of a group. And they are working hard!

I have been listening to some of these Hope Valley kids. Forrest Anderson of Chelsea Circle, wrote, "It is my opinion that every adolescent growing into an adult should experience different cultures. Having these experiences are vital to the full development of young people in their finite time when they do not have a full time job and are not on a tight schedule. I will put my best effort forward to

help out whatever we will be doing on our pilgrimage."

Katherine Tyson of Surrey Lane said, "...we are working hard to earn the privilege to make this pilgrimage as we have already shown through our two-Sunday mulch spreading effort. Pilgrimage means fun, but also work." And Bart Bressler of Westchester Road put it in religious terms, "At the end of each service I hear the familiar words, 'Go out in peace to love and serve the Lord.' That is what we want to accomplish."

Last year *Down in the Valley* featured some stories about "Hope Valley Seconds," second-generation returnees. We are not surprised to learn that a bunch of wonderful kids are growing up here right now. Send us news of others.

HPSD's Old Durham Home Tour On Tap May 5

Live it up in Downtown Durham this spring with the Historic Home Tour on Saturday May 5, 2001 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nick Tennyson, Mayor of Durham, and 2001 nominee Nnenna Freelon are honorary co-chairs for the event, which is spotlighting the unique and innovative spaces that downtown dwellers are calling home.

This year's tour is presented by Blue Devil Ventures, the developer of West Village, and the Liggett Group. Tickets are \$12 in advance and will be available beginning April 1st, either on-line or at Morgan Imports, the Durham Marriott, the Regulator Bookshop, and Cameron's in Chapel Hill. For more information, visit www.preservationdurham.org or call the HPSPD office at 682-3036.

Neighborhood Watch Is At Work

by **Mary Edwards**

The name and address list for Hope Valley residents is being updated and new area captains have been appointed. The residential list is important and we urge you to visit your new neighbors and urge them to report their names and addresses and telephone numbers to the area

captains identified in this newsletter.

They may also call me, Mary Edwards, at 490-6166 if they are unsure as to which Hope Valley "area" to contact. Meanwhile we ask that you maintain your usual neighborly vigilance to keep this a pleasant and safe community.

Area Captains

- Anne MacAllister--Central
- Mary Clyde Bugg--Southern
- Mary Lou Goldberg--Northern

New City Wards To Be Determined

Your Voice Is Needed

by **Ray McAfoose**
Past President

Remember back in December 1998 when voters passed a referendum to reduce the City Council membership from thirteen to seven? Well, the time to make the change has arrived. After the upcoming election in November, the new City Council will consist of three members elected from three wards, three at-large members, plus the Mayor. Right now there are 54 precincts in six city wards. (Note: Hope Valley is in Precinct 39.) The question that confronts YOU is how to reduce the number of wards to three.

A community meeting, open to city residents, was held on February 25 to determine how the new ward lines should be drawn. Jim McDonald (President HVNA 1999-2000) and I (President HVNA 2000-2001) represented our Association. Other groups attending included the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, the NAACP, the Friends of Durham and the People's Alliance. The only consensus achieved so far assured that current precincts will not be split into two wards and that all three wards will be of equal population. The group will use 2000 population figures to be made available at the next meeting.

All residents are invited to the meetings of the group, which are announced. People who attend a "substantial majority" of the meetings will be allowed to vote on the final recommendation to the City Council. At least two more meetings will be held. Please help us to have a voice in deciding the future representation of Hope Valley. Join us at the next community meeting.

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