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## Fall Gatherings On Tap

by Amanda Elam

Hope Valley Neighborhood Association President

***What a beautiful summer we had this year in Hope Valley! Despite the brief battering by Isabel, a lovely fall is here again. The Board is starting the year off with a bang!***

First, we have determined it is time to improve our neighborhood website. A web design has been proposed by Eloy Munoz and we hope to have something for you all to check out by the end of the year. Watch for neighborhood signs with the website address. And you can always check in now to see the "before" picture: [www.hvna.org](http://www.hvna.org).

In accordance with our Social Events Program we are sponsoring two neighborhood events this fall. The first is a block party held in the Darwin Road neighborhood each year. The second is the neighborhood-wide Halloween Parade held on Somerset for the past few years. We have two more grants available, so please apply by sending a request in writing to me or any Board member.

### ***Check Spring Calendar***

Looking ahead to Spring, the May calendar will feature two events: the Annual Meeting and a neighborhood-wide tag sale and festival. Begin planning what you might sell – Uncle Joe's Christmas present, old baby/kid gear, odds and ends in the attic, baked goods or homemade crafts.

Finally, I must repeat the call for volunteers for Board positions. I know many of you are interested in building a stronger sense of community in Hope Valley. I joined the Board because I was interested in keeping this area safe from crime, in getting to know my neighbors better, and in celebrating the history and charm of this wonderful part of Durham. If you share any of these goals, or have an interest in additional ones, please call me. We have several openings to fill. As you read other reports in this newsletter you will see that critical issues are on our table.

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**Proposed Development at the Gates**

Once again we are being called to be "watchers at the gate." Many of you will recall a successful outcome when the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association monitored plans for property development outside the Windsor Gates some years ago. An "alert" to new plans for that site has now been sent to us by the Knollwood Neighborhood Association's president, Logan Wilkins. Knollwood association members had a meeting with the developers and viewed the plans, which call for a mixture of condominiums and townhouses with a total of 79 units. At present, only one exit is planned and that will be opposite Windsor Way. The Hope Valley Board will meet to hear the developer, Roland Gammon, at its October meeting and will post further news on our website.

With this issue we are saying good-bye and thank you to Editors Marion Salinger and Betty Mushak who have worked with us for a number of years. A new editor will make her debut with the next issue.

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**Your Neighborhood  
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**WHAT THE LEAVES DID**

**Isabel in Hope Valley**

As the approaching tentacles  
of the September hurricane  
seemed to be set and seized  
upon a fearful mission  
to destroy what we cherish most,  
our residential life with trees,  
we prepared beyond prayer  
for the ultimate worst.  
But in the guileless afternoon,  
from behind our uncertain windows,  
we watched with sudden pride  
as the leaves leaped to romance.  
Choreographed by the winds,  
and leaning from side to side,  
ignoring whatever branches fell,  
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for those who underestimated heaven.

— Marion C. Salinger

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# INC Cites Rental Concerns

by **Cathy Abernathy**  
**INC Liaison**

September has been an active month for the InterNeighborhood Council (INC), holding its fifth Annual Neighborhood Summit, an information/solutions workshop with City-County administrators and officials. Rental housing--the good, the bad, and the (truly) ugly--was a successful theme this year.

Eleven Durham folks were honored recently at the 2nd Annual INC Neighborhood Heroes Awards ceremony. Neighbors who are "guardian angels," who have "a heart," who organize against crime, who become "urban renewalists" or who oppose large scale developments that threaten to strain traffic and the quality of life, are named annually. They are examples of this year's group of heroes. Let's nominate one or more from HVNA next year!

Since 1984, the InterNeighborhood Council has been active in local development issues, such as the building of University Tower and the preservation of water quality at the city's water supply source, Little River, where Treyburn was developed. For the past two years focus has been on the quality of life issues such as the lack of maintenance of city parks despite a specific parks and recreation bond issue, timely notification of detours near the I-85 Expansion, neighborhood crime, storm water issues, substandard housing and abandoned buildings, cars and other debris.

From time to time INC will adopt positions or take straw votes on policies that affect neighborhoods. It is an important connection for the HVNA to insure the safety of our own neighborhood community and its rightful voice in the city. Call me at 489-0394 if you wish to voice an opinion or complaint.



## HVNA Neighborhood Events



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