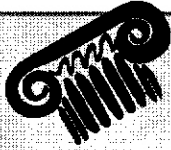


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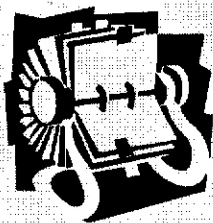


PUT A NEIGHBOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Know someone special in the neighborhood? We'd like to share their story in a future newsletter. Send 'Spotlight on a Neighbor' nominations to Debbie Rand at drand@earthblink.net or 765-9488.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Forward their name and address to Debbie Rand at 765-9488 or drand@earthblink.net so that they can receive the HVNA welcome package!



Neighborhood Appearance Projects Take Off

By Tad DeBerry

After months of planning and research, the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Board approved the first phase of the Hope Valley Historic Sign Project. Phase one includes the restoration of all existing signs — 12 in all — and recreation of approximately 12 additional signs.

Several HV residents have joined the Appearance Committee in this work. Chris Wood, of Somerset Drive, restored the first sign and has volunteered to restore and replace the remaining signs through his company, The Stonehenge Group, LLC. Walker Harris, of Surrey Road, donated red cedar posts from land clearing work done by his company, Chase Building Company.

Please thank these two men when you see them, as they exemplify the spirit and generosity of Hope Valley.

Residents with signs adjacent to their property, in the city right of way, have been notified and contracts are due to be signed so that may begin any day.

The first restored sign is on display at the Hope Valley Country Club in the North Lobby. Again, thank Chris Wood for doing this work at no charge.

The next phase of this project depends upon the interest and funding of Hope Valley residents. We have the capacity to copy old signs and create new ones that match the character of the historic originals. Streets or sub-neighborhoods interested in signs to mark your street should contact me at adawcpi@aol.com. We already have several groups who are interested and we plan to do this work in groups of ten or more to manage costs.

Also, we have had a few signs emerge from basements and attics. If you have or know of any signs that still exist, please contact us and we'll pick up, restore, and reinstall them.

Keep in mind that historic signs are purely decorative and do not replace the green and white city signs. The City requires, for 911 purposes, that all city signage remain as the primary source of street identification.

The Appearance Committee would like to thank everyone who has been so generous and supportive of this exciting project. The outpouring of positive comment about our work and the financial contributions has been very gratifying.

Hope Valley Renaissance Committee Founder Dies By Tad DeBerry

Dr. Ralph Braibanti of Darby Road died over Thanksgiving. Most recently, Dr. Braibanti developed the Hope Valley Renaissance Committee to finance and implement neighborhood goals spelled out in his recent monograph, "Hope Valley: Renaissance and Decline."

Among his many ideas, Dr. Braibanti espoused placing gates or markers at all Hope Valley entrances, restoring the old wrought iron signs, and careful consideration to land use with regard to existing structures.

The HVNA plans to monitor and work with the Renaissance Committee as appropriate and applauds the work of a distinguished Durham and Hope Valley Resident.

Join Friends of Hope Valley School

Hope Valley School, which originally opened its doors in 1927, has a rich history and many proud alumni. An association of alumni, Hope Valley neighbors, and interested friends is being developed to preserve memories and support the school. If you are interested in becoming a charter member of the Friends of Hope Valley School or can assist in locating alumni, contact Cindy Eubanks by phone or e-mail (560-3980; cynthia_eubanks@dpsnc.net).

We Need You!

Volunteering a few hours a month can make a real difference in your community. Contact Debbie Rand at 765-9488 or dcrand@earthlink.net to learn more about the following positions:

Neighborhood Watch Captain

Track crime reports in HV (primarily through crime alert list-serv), liaise with District 3 captain when necessary; attend monthly HVNA board meetings.

Newsletter Writers

Write content for HVNA newsletter — human interest and neighborhood news.

Web Support

Help current volunteers make changes and keep website updated.

President's Letter by Debbie Rand

It is an honor and a privilege to step in as your next President of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association. I have big shoes to fill following in the footsteps of Amanda Elam. Amanda continues to serve the Board as she has for about eight years now. However, she has chosen to step down as President to focus on the completion of her dissertation. We can't thank Amanda enough for her support and wish her the best in her studies.

When my family and I moved to Hope Valley in the spring of 2004, we were welcomed with open arms and immediately fell in love with the neighborhood. I feel strongly about being involved with the people and the goings on in the community around me. That is why I chose to volunteer my time to the HVNA.

I encourage you to get involved too, in any way that you can! It could be as simple as introducing yourself to your next-door neighbors, keeping an eye on an elderly neighbor, or bringing in newspapers when you know someone is away. You could easily pay your very modest HVNA dues, consider a generous donation to the neighborhood Appearance Committee, or even organize a neighborhood block party supported by the HVNA social fund. Think you might be interested in serving on the Board? Contact us or come to our next meeting to learn more.

We have a few new Board members. Katie Hickey joined the HVNA Board as our Secretary. Katie and her family recently relocated from San Francisco. John Sanders accepted the position of Development Chair. As manager of a local real estate office, John will serve well as our pulse on local development news. Finally, long time Hope Valley resident Lynn Anderson has joined the Board at large. She plans to help with projects throughout the year as time and interest allow. Unfortunately, Bethany Ward, who has edited and produced our *Down in the Valley* newsletter, is leaving. Bethany's service to our neighborhood association has been tremendous and we thank her for her time and energy.

If you or anyone you know is interested in the Newsletter (we'd love to have two people), Neighborhood Watch, or Website Maintenance please call or email me (765-8488, dcrand@earthlink.net).

An exciting year is brewing in Hope Valley! This fall marked two GREAT neighborhood gatherings. A block party on Thackery Place was quite a success with over 100 Hope Valley residents turning out for some good old-fashioned family fun. Also, the 7th annual Halloween Parade was a HUGE success once again for all of those trick-or-treaters in Hope Valley. Now, we want to hear from you. Look this winter for a survey asking you to tell us how we could better serve you. Also up this winter is a special home seminar for Hope Valley residents. Check www.hvna.org and the next newsletter for date and time.

Tad DeBerry and his crew are working very hard on the appearance of Hope Valley. Last spring I created a welcome package for all new residents of Hope Valley. If you know of someone who has moved into Hope Valley, please be sure to let me know so that I may prepare one and deliver it personally. Finally, we are creating a new article for our newsletter, *Spotlight on a Neighbor*. If you know a Hope Valley resident who deserves the spotlight, let us know!

*Not sure if you paid your 2005 dues?
Check the mailing label next to your name!*

Neighborhood Notes

REGISTER ALARM SYSTEM WITH THE CITY

As of January, the City will require home alarm users to obtain a \$25 Alarm System Permit. Current permit holders will need a new permit.

Users will be fined for three or more false alarms requiring police intervention. Go to the FAQ section of the Durham Police Department website for additional information and registration form.

STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY

Hope Valley street right-of-way extends several feet beyond the edge of the pavement and is government property. Most homeowners maintain their yards to the edge of the street to the benefit of the City and neighborhood. Many owners try to discourage traffic by putting various objects along the edge of the street or within the right-of-way.

A Public Works representative has informed us that placing small stakes, plastic tubes, etc. in the right of way is acceptable if these objects can cause no damage to pedestrians or vehicles. The homeowner is liable if there is damage. Metal stakes, large rocks, and most signs are prohibited unless placed by the city. Candidate signs are permitted but must be removed after Election Day.

SOUTHERN ENTRY GATES

Many people pass Rugby Road at Hope Valley Road each day. Some notice the sign for St. Stephens Church at that intersection. What many people don't know is that this is also the major southern entrance to Hope Valley.

The HVNA is exploring with both the city and church the idea of building a set of gates to mark this important neighborhood entrance. Plans call for "gates" similar to the ones that mark our Dover and Windsor entries at Old Chapel Hill Road.

The work we are proposing would be a landmark that would welcome visitors, mark the Rugby Road entry, and perhaps help St. Stephens better identify itself. The gates would not be restrictive or intimidating. One of the wonderful things about Hope Valley is its openness and accessibility.

Our request is presently winding its way through the city machinery. Once permissions have been gained, the HV Appearance Chair will present a proposal to the HVNA Board. To provide input or support for this project, please contact us at adanwcp1@aol.com.

ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT

To facilitate timely dues payment and record keeping, the HVNA Board adopted an annual request for payment in a printed statement format, in addition to the form in the newsletter. If you're not sure if you are paid up, look for "Paid" or "Due" next to your name on this newsletter's mailing label.

2005 CONTRIBUTIONS

Thanks to the 361 Hope Valley homeowners (out of 903) who have paid dues in 2005. 66 of those homeowners made additional contributions to the neighborhood Appearance Committee!

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Address _____ Phone _____

Comments _____

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Annual Dues are \$15 per household. Mail application and check to: Jack Hughes, 3818 Regent Road, Durham, NC 27707.