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Down in the Valley

Presidents Letter

By Debbie Rand

Did you know that Hope Valley is turning the big 8-0? Few people in Durham, or Hope Valley for that matter, do! In the short time that I have lived here, I have absorbed Hope Valley's rich history, and come to appreciate the architectural significance of our landmark clubhouse and numerous noteworthy historical homes in our neighborhood. I urge you to recognize how fortunate we all are to call Hope Valley home, and encourage you to educate your children so that they may adopt the same sense of pride that has been present in Hope Valley since its inception in 1926.

Hope Valley was conceived in the mid 1920's by R.J. Mebane and W.E. Sharpe who recognized the need for an upscale development in our area. They organized just that around a golf course and country club on what had been farm and dairy land throughout the previous century. The economic boom created by the tobacco and textile industries, as well as the prospect of establishing Duke University (nearly all of Hope Valley's first homes were purchased by Duke professors), inspired the men to form Mebane and Sharp, Inc in 1926 to develop the new suburb. According to Preservation Durham, "Hope Valley was designed to be a gracious community removed from city congestion and pollution, which would include modern conveniences such as underground water and sewer mains, electricity, two paved main thoroughfares, architect-designed homes, a professional golf course, and a country club destined to become the hub of social life for the new community and for greater Durham." It was promised that residents would experience a healthier lifestyle and even greater longevity!

Durham's foremost residential architect of the time, George Watts Carr, was hired to design moderately sized Tudor Revival and English Cottage style homes that were rich in detail. Hope Valley was platted in July 1926 into nine sections comprising 200 half-acre lots. The only street names assigned at that time were Devon and Dover. Other routes were designated "Trails" (as in 'Trail 23' which still exists in Surrey Green). In December of 1926 the *Durham Morning Herald* announced a competition inviting Durham residents to name our "Curving Boulevards and Woodland Drives"; the prize being \$5 in gold (or \$10 for main drives)...and the rest is history!

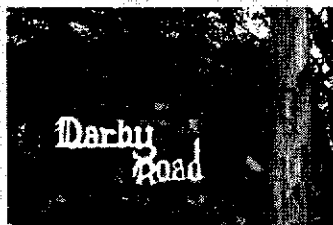
In 1993 The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA) was organized and welcomed by the residents! That year our membership was 498 strong. It was the largest membership of any neighborhood group in Durham. From its onset, the mission of the HVNA has been to build community and provide voice for Hope Valley. Please know that we are organized to serve you and to help make Hope Valley a wonderful place to live.

By now, you should have received an invitation to Hope Valley's 80th Year Celebration! All Hope Valley residents are invited to the Hope Valley Country Club on Sunday, September 17th from 1pm – 5pm for golf, swimming, tennis and more, followed by a cookout from 5pm – 7pm. In lieu of potluck, we are asking for a contribution of \$10 per person or \$25 per family. We'd love to have everyone's participation -young and old, short and tall – for our good old fashioned neighborhood party! We want to be sure to have plenty of food on hand, so please RSVP to Debbie Rand by phone (765-9488) or email dcrand@earthlink.net. See you on the 17th!

**Be watching for street signs announcing the date and location for
our community wide Halloween celebration and parade!**

Historic Hope Valley Sign Project Completes Phase I

By Tad DeBerry



After a year of planning and lots of background work, the Appearance Committee is pleased to announce that the first phase of the Hope Valley Sign Project is complete! Thirteen original signs were removed, sand blasted, galvanized, security marked, repainted and re-hung in their original 1920's locations. 17 new signs were created using original templates and creating new designs based on the original lettering.

In a wonderful display of neighborhood unity, several of the new signs were purchased by individuals, streets, or intersections. The HVNA, through your dues, underwrote the restoration and repair of the original 13 and purchased several of the reproduction signs to jump-start the project.

Two local firms were instrumental in this exciting project: Stonehenge Group LLC, Builders and Re-modelers, and Vega Metal Works. These firms donated time, expertise, and materials to make this effort a reality.

Stonehenge Group, owned by Somerset Drive resident Chris Wood, sourced the materials, provided critical support and donated countless hours during the project. In fact, all the signs were removed and re-hung free of charge by Chris and his team. Chris helped us identify Vega Metals as the preferred fabricator of the reproductions and the restorer of our original signs. Please thank these fine gentlemen should you see Chris Wood or Frank Vega.

Phase two of the sign project involves YOU! Based on the excitement generated from Phase I, several groups are raising funds for their own streets. Anne Niemann is spearheading the North Bristol/Dover Road area and has offered to host the sign in her yard on the corner of those two roads. Ruth Shaffer and Jones Pollard are working on the Nottaway/Darwin area and Mr. Pollard has offered to host a sign in his yard on that corner. A St. Marks group is being led by HVNA President Debbie Rand. You can contact these leaders directly or make a donation payable to HVNA and mail to: Jack Hughes, HVNA Treasurer, 3818 Regent Road, 27707.

If other groups would like a sign for their area, please contact Tad DeBerry at adawccpi@aol.com for more information. A second round of signs is being scheduled now and if you would like your street's name on the list, I will need to hear from you immediately! The signs typically run about \$500 for a single sign, which includes the post, design, painting, laser cutting, galvanizing, security stamp and installation. Signs with 2 street names on a single post would run about \$800.

These signs are purely decorative and generally will be installed outside of the public right of way and are meant to add charm and character to our community. They do not replace the city issued green and white signs which serve police and 911 responders. The Appearance Committee is looking into replacement posts for city issued signs, similar to those found in newer upscale communities like Meadowmont, Treyburn and Governor's Club.

The HVNA Appearance Committee appreciates all of the volunteers involved with this project; all those who offered to host the signs in their yards and those of you who have been deputized to watch over them. Thank you to the many residents making a special donation to the HVNA earmarked for the sign and gate project!

On a final note, The Appearance Committee asks residents to be mindful of garbage littering our neighborhood. Consider carrying a plastic bag with you while out walking in Hope Valley and pick up the trash! Help keep Hope Valley clean and beautiful!

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Hope Valley Neighborhood Watch

By Luther Misenheimer & Tom Morris

We are proud to announce that the Hope Valley Neighborhood Watch program has been rejuvenated! Officer Tony Paylor of the Durham Police Department spoke at our first meeting on June 13th at the Hope Valley Country Club. He gave a presentation with ideas geared toward protecting our neighborhood from crime and vandalism.

Officer Paylor said that it is most important to "Be aware of nonresidents visiting the neighborhood. If you feel uncomfortable or are suspicious about their intentions, there may be a good reason. Trust your instinct and call 911 to report unusual behavior."

The DPD would rather check out a questionable situation than have it go unreported and allow a crime to occur. He further explained that crimes happen when you have a criminal, a victim and an opportunity. It is our responsibility to minimize the opportunity! Please lock your cars, secure your homes, set your alarms, light your property and simply pay attention to your surroundings. Also, Officer Paylor encouraged us to know our neighbors and to know how to reach them whether they are at home, at work or on vacation.

A successful Neighborhood Watch program will open lines of communication in Hope Valley and be in everyone's best interest. We need your help! If you are willing to be the designated block captain for your street, please contact Tom Morris (TomMorris@nmfn.com, 401-0331) or Luther Misenheimer (Luther@cb-wm.com, 536-0042).



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DURHAM PARKS AND RECREATION seeks citizen input on master signage plan. If interested in serving on an ad hoc committee during the Fall 2006, email INC President Mike Woodard at mike@mikewoodard.com.

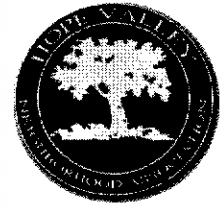


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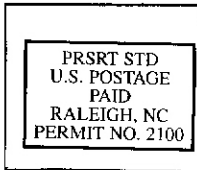
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Not sure how long it's been since you paid your dues? Check the date next to your name on the mailing label!

Annual dues are \$15 per household. Mail application and check to: Jack Hughes, 3818 Regent Road, Durham, NC, 27707.
Make checks payable to: Hope Valley Neighborhood Association. Thank you!