

Down in the Valley

Did you know that in 1953 the Hope Valley Garden Club won the "Outstanding Dogwood Program" from the state in a state-wide competition, for their efforts in planting dogwoods all over Hope Valley?

Congratulations to Tad DeBerry who was recognized by the INC as a Neighborhood Hero for 2006!

NEW PEOPLE ON THE BLOCK?

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

PLEASE Volunteer!!

Your fresh ideas and enthusiasm needed! Become a Board member. Contact Debbie Rand @ 765-9488

President's Letter

By: Debbie Rand

I can't remember WHEN I've taken so much pride in our neighborhood, its beautiful landscape and our wonderful residents! The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association's mission has been to build community and provide voice for Hope Valley, and have we got a good thing going! Our Board members are people like you and I: parents taking care of children, children taking care of parents, professionals, athletes, long time residents and newcomers, all volunteering their time because they love Hope Valley and want to keep it a great place for all of us to live. Please take a moment to recognize them as you see them in your daily life!

In 2006, your neighborhood association spearheaded several successful community-wide events including:

***80th Birthday Celebration:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 80th Birthday celebration of our wonderful neighborhood. We were ecstatic to have a fabulous turnout with over 300 Hope Valley residents enjoying golf, tennis, swimming and a cookout at Hope Valley Country Club on September 17th. The photo collage on page 3 says it all! Thank you to HVCC for allowing us to host our party on their grounds – the perfect setting!

***Halloween Parade:**

Our annual Halloween Parade elicited enthusiastic participation as always! Thank you to the Elam's, the DeBerry's and the Vermillion's for coordinating that event on Somerset Drive.

2007! It's a new year and a great time for resolutions and change. Our main goal with the HVNA this year is to kick our Neighborhood Watch Program into full gear. The wheels are already in motion, but we need your help! See the Neighborhood Watch article—and PLEASE plan to become involved!

Volunteers: We anticipate improving communication this year, in part by revamping our website. We have contracted with an outside service provider to redesign and update our website to better serve current and prospective residents of Hope Valley. If you have suggestions for improving our web presence, I would love to hear from you! www.hvna.org. The Board positions of Treasurer and Secretary also need to be filled immediately! We are in need of a person proficient at Microsoft Publisher to assist with our newsletter. And finally, the intra-neighborhood council (INC) position on the board will be vacant as of June. I hope you can help!

HVNA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 13,
7:00 pm at HVCC

Neighborhood Watch Update:

We are excited to kick off the next annual Hope Valley Neighborhood Association meeting with the focus on our neighborhood watch program! Our guest speaker is Officer Tony Paylor from the Durham Police Department. Many of you met Officer Paylor when he spoke at our June 13th neighborhood watch program at Hope Valley Country Club. He gave an informative speech on neighborhood safety, and has agreed to lead our February, 2007 annual meeting, this time with a talk about personal safety. Please come with your thoughts and ideas on how we can improve overall neighborhood safety.

As many of you know we are in the process of rebuilding the block captains program. We have volunteers to fill approximately half of the block captains needed. If you are interested in being a block captain or need more info please contact the co-chairs for the neighborhood watch program; Luther Misenheimer or Tom Morris. Luther can be reached @ luther@cb-wm.com, Tom can be reached at tom.morris@nmfn.com.

Historic Hope Valley Street Sign Project

By Tad DeBerry

Your Neighborhood Association continues to restore and replace the signature wrought iron signs that once graced much of Hope Valley. In phase 1 of the project, the HVNA restored and replaced 25 signs. In phase 2, we hope to add 10 more. Design work has been completed for most all Hope Valley streets, using either current signs as templates or by creating new ones based on the shapes and fonts of the originals.

The HVNA Board agreed in November to underwrite the first \$200 of each sign to assist neighborhood groups in funding signs for their intersections. Both the Banbury Road neighborhood and the Regent Road/Darwin Road area have collected and submitted funds for their signs.

Areas that expressed interest but have not gotten monies in, include Nottaway, Kimberly, St. Marks, Northampton, Churchill, Avon, Exeter, lower Rugby, and upper Bristol. To contribute to your area sign simply mail a check to: HVNA Sign Project c/o Tad DeBerry, Suite 201, 5102 Chapel Hill Durham Blvd, Durham, 27707. Questions? Call 489-6505 or email ADAWCCPI@aol.com.



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Neighborhood Farmer Leaves Hope Valley

By: Cathy Abernathy

For the last time, I waved to Bud Whatley, seated high on one of his three tractors. After 40 years, Bud and Sis Whatley have moved to their Topsail, NC beach home, near two of their three children.

In the middle of Hope Valley, hidden beyond a hill from Churchill Circle, Bud's 'tractor-size' farm reminded us of the farmland origins of our neighborhood. Rows of corn, cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, squash, collards and much more grew abundantly. Tractor rides were a special treat for our children with pediatrician Bud.

Let's salute the signs of nature all around us—rushing water, turtles and frogs, rabbits, raccoons, deer, a fox family, and yes, . . . even a farmer or two.

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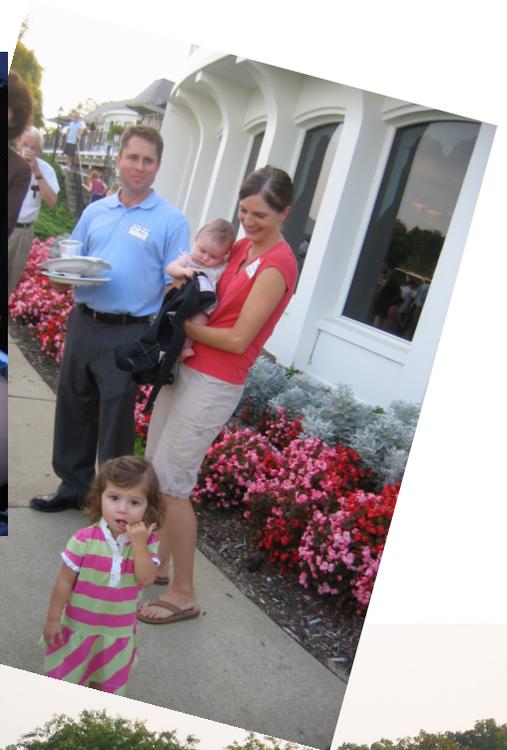
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Happy 80th Birthday Hope Valley!

Folks met neighbors from their street as well as diverse sections of HV. Historical displays transported us back in time; a "Block Captain" sign-up map attracted hordes of volunteers! Colorful t-shirts made great souvenirs!



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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!