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Down in the Valley

President's Letter

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The New Year has become synonymous with resolutions and change. Whether your New Year's resolution is to eat healthier, exercise more, budget time more wisely or to organize your home/ life/ office, almost everyone has one. Some view change as hard or at least a challenge. Others envision it as an opportunity for fresh energy and ideas or a clean slate.

As I write this letter, I am personally planning on a lot of change this year. My husband Richard and I are expecting our third child in May. As a result, this will be my last term serving as President of the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association. I want to free up some time for diapers, feedings, lots & lots of baby talk and tummy time!

Please join us for our Annual Meeting **Tuesday, February 12th, 2008 at 7pm at the Hope Valley Country Club** to learn more about the change in leadership of the HVNA and to participate in the elections. After a brief business meeting we will have a feature presentation on Hope Valley and our efforts to add Hope Valley to the National Register of Historic Places. It will differ from the presentations that were made at the Neighborhood Meetings last fall so please be sure to mark your calendars to join us that night.

According to The National Register of Historic Places website (www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com) "The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The National Register is administered by the National Park Service.

Achievement of National Register status for Hope Valley is long overdue; other neighborhoods in our area long ago achieved National Register status, including Forest Hills, Trinity Park, and Watts-Hillandale. Besides recognition of our historical significance, addition to the National Register provide State tax credits for qualifying modifications to historically significant Hope Valley properties. In addition, although it is difficult to prove, there is a strong belief that National Register of Historic Places recognition improves property values in the neighborhood and that is something I know is important to all of us.

Much more exciting information about this, as well as the rich history that Hope Valley offers will be presented at our Annual Meeting, so please plan to join us on **Tuesday, February 12th, 2008 at 7pm at the Hope Valley Country Club** to learn more.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2008 filled with a lot of positive change!

Did you know...
that Newman Ivey White, a Trinity College and Duke University English professor and the first resident of 2804 Chelsea Circle was preeminent Percy Bysshe Shelley scholar of his time and that his Shelley biography was prominently featured in the December 16, 1940 issue of *Time* magazine?

HVNA Annual Meeting

**Tuesday
February 12, 2008
7:00 PM
Hope Valley CC**

NEW PEOPLE ON THE BLOCK?

Forward their name and address to Debbie Rand at 765-9488 or dcrand@earthlink.net

PLEASE Volunteer!!

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

Please check the label on this newsletter —
it may be time to renew your HVNA membership.
(... and donations are always welcome!)

The History of Hope Valley's Street Signs

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After a brief flirtation with street names (in another article we'll reveal how this was started and what the names were) recalling the area's native American past Hope Valley's original developer Mebane and Sharpe/Hope Valley Inc. chose street names with English backgrounds.

On the original plat maps Hope Valley's streets were merely numbered "trails." See listing below, right. Once the Architectural Review Committee, consisting of famed architects Aymar Embury, II, Charles Barton Keen, and Robert Cridland had set the tone for Hope Valley's architecture, the English street names seemed most appropriate. Most of Hope Valleys early homes were period revivals for such English favorites as Tudor, French Eclectic, English Cottage and Norman. There were also a good number of Colonial revivals and at least one Dutch Colonial as well.

In keeping with the English rural theme of the development a series of cut iron signs were created with distinctive wrought iron brackets. While no records exist, it is thought that Clubhouse Architect Aymar Embury II may have designed these signs, ones were of his later New York missionary Moses, at Jones



Our signs, modified script and grasses have withstood 80 years of weather and change. In the mid 1950's the Hope Valley Garden Club, under the direction of (Mrs Watts) Anne Norton sanded and painted the signs and the gates. They had fallen into disrepair when Hope Valley had gone into receivership in the 1930's.

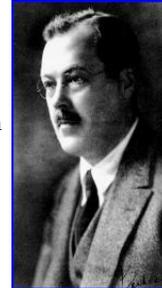
Later in the 1980's the Garden Club again had the signs and gates refurbished and re-hung a number of the signs that had fallen over the preceding 30 years.

The latest chapter in our sign story is still being written. In early 2006 the Neighborhood Association began to catalog and photograph the 13 remaining signs and worked to find those that had been lost or stolen over the years. Signs popped up from basements and attics as well as from the 1950's fabricator, still in business, in downtown Durham. With the found signs and old photographs and templates the Neighborhood Association was able to restore the 13 original signs, (see **Signs**, Page 3)

First Duke Dean Loved Barbecue!

By Don Stanger 489-2248 or donstanger@aol.com

While some people may know something about Dr. Wilburt Cornell Davison – he was the founding dean of the Duke University School of Medicine in 1930 and a Trustee of the Duke Endowment. He and his wife, Atala, were the first residents of Norwich Way and no longer standing). ment. He and his first residents of Norwich Way architect and no longer standing).



Dr. Wilburt C. Davison

What many do not know is that he was an early and active supporter and promoter of the quality life at Hope Valley. So much so, that in the early, difficult times of Hope

Valley, he purchased 30 Hope Valley Country Club memberships for incoming Duke personnel to entice them to move to the neighborhood. He was an avid barbecue fan, and often met colleagues and friends at Turnage's BBQ, on Moreene Road (no longer standing). In his later years, he spent much of his time enjoying his leisure at Roaring Gap.

Hope Valley's Original Street Names

- Trail One – Surrey Road/Windsor Way
- Trail Two – Devon Road, Westover, Somerset Loop
- Trail Three – Dover Road
- Trail Four – Norwich Way
- Trail Five – Hathaway Road
- Trail Six – Cornwall Road
- Trail Seven – Exeter Way
- Trail Eight – Chelsea Circle
- Trail Nine – Hanover Circle (Littlewoods Lane)
- Trail Ten – Cambridge Road
- Trail Eleven Plymouth Road
- Trail Twelve – Rugby Road
- Trail Thirteen – Sussex Road (Unopened)
- Trail Fourteen – Tonbridge Way
- Trail Fifteen – Banbury Way
- Trail Sixteen - Unopened
- Trail Seventeen – Stratford Road
- Trail Eighteen – Avon Road
- Trail Nineteen – Buckingham Road
- Trail Twenty – Eton Road
- Trail Twenty One - (Coventry Road? Unopened)
- Trail Twenty Two – Unopened
- Trail Twenty Three – Trail 23



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Around the Neighborhood...



Neighbors and friends recently gathered at the home of recent Chelsea Circle arrivals Reid and Holly Walker. Pictured from left: Karen Rabenau Mebane, Mary Barringer, Henry Wood, and Joanne Bixler Marbury



Pictured from left: Linda Jennings, Connie Kearney, Holly Walker (hostess), Taylor Walker, and Lindsay Walker.



Pictured from left: Ken Lee, Martha Uzzle, and Paul Broughton.



There's enough snow for sledding, right?

From left: Graham Kaestner (2), Joe Kaestner (3 1/2), Charlie Rand (4), Richard Rand (5 1/2), Benjamin Kaestner (6), Catherine Field (6 1/2), Matthew Field (3 1/2), Caroline Field (4 1/2)



Snow angels, anyone?!?

HV Signs (continued from Page 2)

find several others, and recreate even more. Today there are over 30 of the distinctive red cedar posts sporting one or in many cases two, of our unique and historic signs.

In a measure of our community's cultural and historic importance, the Durham Historic Preservation Commission recently listed both our signs and gates on Durham's Landmark Signs List.

There are currently templates for the creation of a sign for all streets in Hope Valley. From Avon to Acornridge, from Cornwall to Champaign or St. Marks we can provide each street with a sign. Residents wishing to have an historic Hope Valley Street sign for their street can email or call Tad DeBerry, HVNA Appearance Chair Person for further information at adawccpi@aol.com or 489-6505.



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Drought Tips

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As Governor Easley has directed and our local officials have decreed, due to our severe drought, people should stop such non-essential uses of water as watering lawns and washing houses, sidewalks and automobiles. With this issue, we begin a two -part series on tips to help you conserve water at home. We hope you find them helpful.

In the Bathroom

- Replace older plumbing fixtures with newer, low-flow models or install water-saving devices, such as faucet aerators.
- Place a water-filled bottle or brick in your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water needed to fill it.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank and watch if the coloring shows up in the toilet bowl before flushing. If so, replace the leaking flap.
- Check tub and sink faucets for drips and replace washers and "O-rings" as necessary.
- Turn off all water to your home and look at the readout dial on your water meter. If the dial moves, you have a leak.
- Check pipes coming into the house for leaks and have them repaired immediately. Don't forget to check outside faucets and garden hoses.
- Turn off water while lathering, shampooing, shaving and brushing your teeth.
- Plug the bathtub before turning the water on, and then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- Take showers instead of baths.
- Time your shower to keep it as short as possible.
- Collect water from the bath/shower while waiting for it to heat up and use it to water plants and flush toilets.

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Hope Valley Sign Decorations

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The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Appearance Committee would like to thank Anne Montgomery Wood for creating over 30 hand made holiday decorative greenery arrangements for our historic Hope Valley Street Signs.

In the days following Thanksgiving Anne and her daughter Chessley along with her grandchildren created the arrangements with the red bows that we all enjoyed throughout the holiday season. Many thanks too to all those who helped straighten the decorations and or rehung them after December's strong winds!

The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Appearance Committee hopes that these cheerful arrangements helped brighten your holidays and reminded you how special our Hope Valley community is to all of us.



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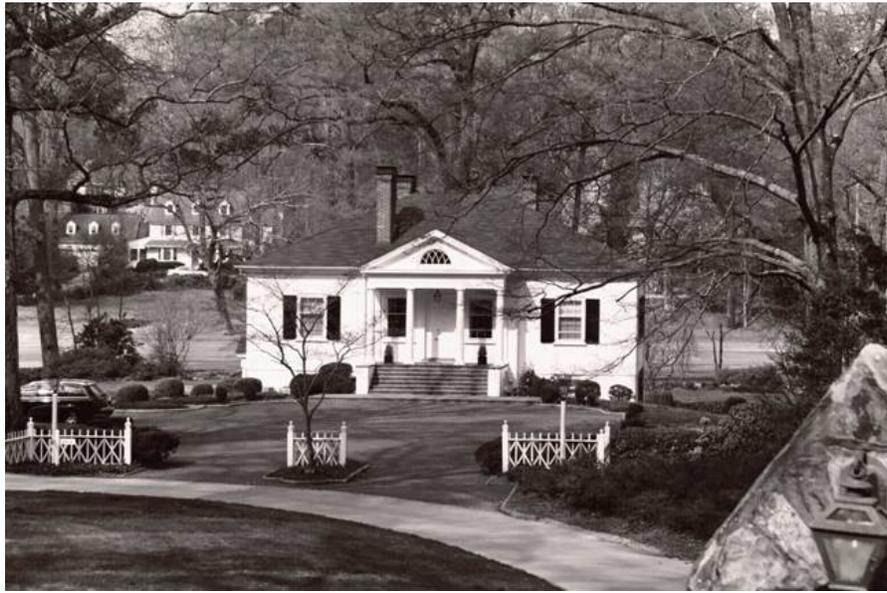
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Hope Valley History

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***Maryvale* - Home of Eddie and Mary Toms Cameron
2818 Chelsea Circle**

Edmond McCullough (Eddie) Cameron and Mary Toms Cameron built this house in 1962. Mary Toms Cameron was the daughter of Clinton W. Toms, Sr., who was Chairman and CEO of Liggett & Meyers from 1928 until his death in 1936.

Mary and “Big Eddie” lived next door at 2822 Chelsea Circle (known as *Fair Pines*) prior to moving to *Maryvale*. Eddie became Duke basketball coach in 1929 and compiled a record of 266 wins and 99 losses over the next 24 years.

From 1942 through 1945, Eddie assumed the director of athletics and head football coach roles from Wallace Wade, (who was called to active duty in WWII). With Eddie at the helm, Duke defeated Alabama in the 1945 Sugar Bowl. When Wade returned, Eddie kept the director of athletics role. He was instrumental in the founding of the Atlantic Coast Conference. In 1972, the Duke basketball arena built in 1940 was named Cameron Indoor Stadium, recognizing his many contributions to Duke University. Eddie called this “his most cherished honor.” Adding to the celebration of the event, Duke beat North Carolina (ranked third in the nation at that time) 76-74 in the first game in the newly renamed arena.

Robert Winston (Judge) Carr designed this home, modeled after *Edgemont*, which is believed to have been designed by Thomas Jefferson. The current owners are the Bob and Linda Jennings.

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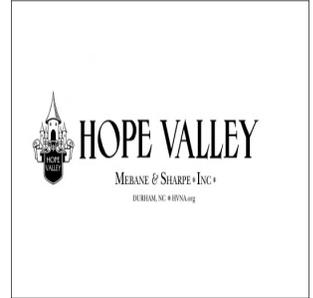
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