

Down in the Valley

President's Letter

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Happy 2013! I hope everyone had a wonderful and memorable holiday season. Let me thank you for the honor of being elected your new HVNA President. Having lived in Hope Valley all my life, it will be my heartfelt task to help move our HVNA projects forward.

The first piece of business I need to make everyone aware of is in 2012 we worked at a significant cash loss. We spent \$30,260 and took in far less. We have only 55% of the residents in our neighborhood paying dues. That boils down to 400 residents NOT paying. I urge each of you to pay your \$30 dues and talk to neighbors to ask the same of them.

We have made it easy to pay your dues by offering payment at www.hvna.org with PayPal and credit cards. Checks are always welcome. We will work very hard to get our membership numbers up to enable us to offer more to the neighborhood. It benefits each of our lives and property values to keep the HVNA thriving! Our dues are responsible for neighborhood aesthetics (including street signs), common area landscaping, extra police patrols, detailed crime analysis, the Halloween Parade and Holiday street decorations. Your dues also cover our newsletter, web site, listserv and post cards. We appreciate your \$30 and any extra you might have available to support the HVNA!

With the warmer weather arriving I've seen more people out and about enjoying our fabulous neighborhood! Spring break and vacations will begin soon so lock up your house, set your alarm and travel safe!

Always my best wishes,

Chase

2012 Hope Valley Night of Lights!

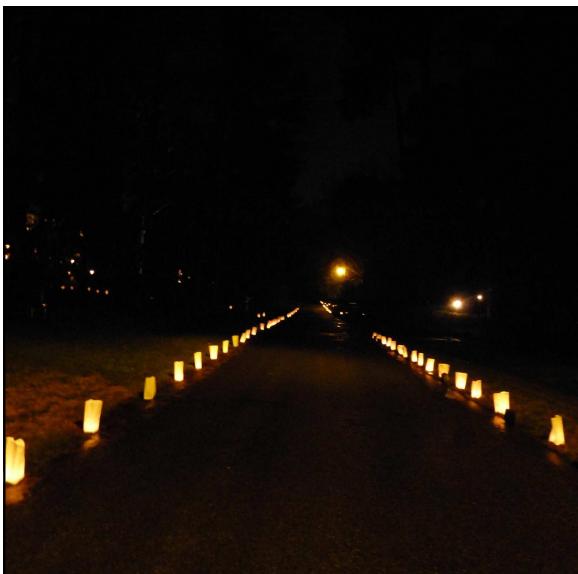
By Lee Anne Contarino 919-237-2150 / leeannecontarino@hvna.org

The second annual Hope Valley Night of Lights proved to be a great success despite Mother Nature's best efforts to dampen the residents who participated and braved the evening in Hope Valley.

We also want to thank the Hope Valley luminaries and for sponsoring the cookie 16th. It was a fun and delicious way for spirit.

In just our second year with this event we enjoyed and successful. We look forward to some helpful suggestions such as an neighborhood block parties to add to the

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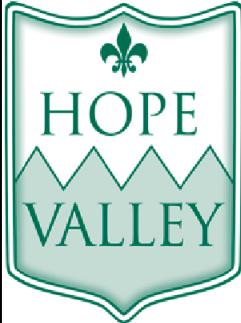


Lights proved to be a great success despite wet weather to create a festive and beautiful

Country Club for providing the sand for the and cider party the afternoon of December neighbors to gather and get in the holiday

are continuing to learn ways to make it more to this year's Night of Lights and to provide inclement weather plan and tips on festivities!

Lee Anne Contarino at leeannecon-



HOPE VALLEY Neighborhood Association

HVNA Annual Meeting

- Thursday, February 21, 2013 -

On Thursday, February 21, the HVNA held its Annual Meeting at Hope Valley Country Club. The meeting was attended by Hope Valley residents and other interested individuals.

HVNA Board President Mary Tatum conducted the business meeting and elections of new officers. She reported that the HVNA operated at a cash loss in 2012, spending \$30,260 and spending \$21,721, principally on landscaping, extra police controls, street signs, printing and event expenses.

Congratulations to new HVNA board members Ginger Rouse and Al Martindale and officers: Chase Teer Loew, President, Tad DeBerry, Vice President, Clay Chandler, Secretary, and Ginger Rouse, Treasurer.

Captain David Addison, Durham Police Department District 3 Commander, spoke and addressed residents' questions about crime and neighborhood safety. He was joined by his local team of officers. Captain Addison and his officers were recognized and thanked at the meeting for their dedication and all they do to help keep our neighborhood safe.

Thanks to all for your support of the HVNA!

New Hope Valley Address Markers!

The HVNA has engaged Durham's Vega Metal Works to create high visibility address markers exclusively for Hope Valley homeowners. These wrought iron markers, echo our iconic historic street signs, and should last for generations.

Address numbers appear bright white during the daylight hours, but are highly reflective and seem to glow vividly at night. They should provide clear direction to your home for visitors, deliveries, and emergency personnel. They will arrive fully painted with your address and a mounting post, if you desire, for \$230, or sign alone for \$200.

They may be affixed above or below your mailbox, to a tree, a post, an architectural entry structure, or even your home. The HVNA can provide you with recommendations on installers if needed.

Vega requires a minimum order of 100 and we are well on our way, but need you to act now to insure summer delivery. Please send your check, with the address you wish to be on the marker to HVNA PO Box 51338, Durham, 27717 (yes 17). An example is available for viewing at 3831 Somerset Drive, Hope Valley.



District 3 Commander David Addison at the 2013 HVNA Annual Meeting.



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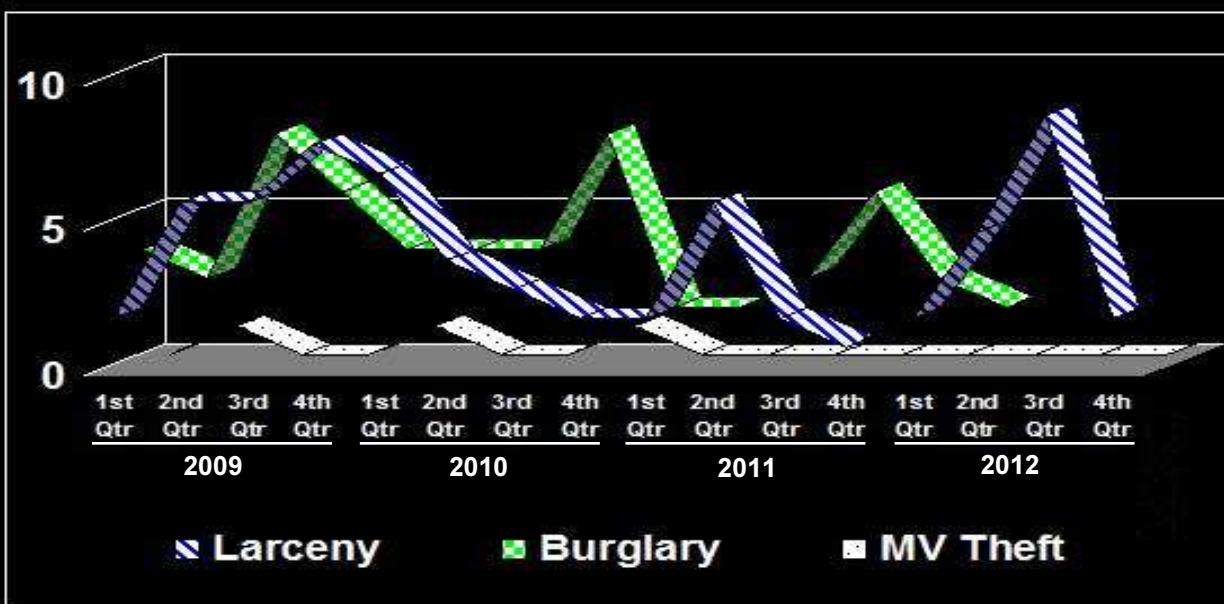
Are You New to Hope Valley or Do You Have a New Neighbor?

The HVNA welcomes all new neighbors! If you are new to Hope Valley or know someone who is and would like a bag that includes local information, HVNA contacts, and some fun Hope Valley items, please contact Lee Anne Contarino at leeannecontarino@hvna.org.

Hope Valley Property Crime Statistics

- 2009 thru 2012 -

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In the past couple of months, we have reassessed Hope Valley property crime statistics for the past four years to make sure that our statistics are accurate. This has enabled us to determine the most likely times and locations for property crimes (see the Fall 2012 issue) and to schedule extra Durham police patrols (paid for by your HVNA dues) at times and in neighborhood locations where crime has the highest probability of occurring.

We now have access to two online sources of crime statistics, Raids Online and Durham Crime Mapper. Raids Online sends a daily email reporting any property crime that may have occurred in a geographical area, including the time of day, but not the exact address of the incident. Durham Crime Mapper provides the exact address of property crimes. Between the two sources, we have a timely, up-to-date view of crime in Hope Valley without having to rely on the police department to run reports for us.

The chart above shows the property crimes that have occurred over the past four years in Hope Valley, including Larceny, Burglary and Motor Vehicle Theft.

Over the past four years, we have averaged 17 larcenies per year. Nine larcenies occurred in the third quarter of last year, the highest quarter over the past four years. While larcenies are generally non violent crimes, it is worrisome that they occurred so frequently last year.

Burglaries have been reduced dramatically since we began extra police patrols in early 2011. There were a total of 21 burglaries in 2009 and 20 burglaries in 2010. In 2010, there were 13 burglaries, down 35% from 2009. Last year, there were 12 burglaries, down 8% from 2011. While we have averaged over three burglaries in December 2009 thru 2011, we only had one burglary this past December. In fact, we haven't had a burglary in Hope Valley for the past three months, significantly below our average of one per month.

Fortunately, we have not had a motor vehicle theft since the fourth quarter of 2010.

Larceny is defined as *the unauthorized taking and removal of the personal property of another by an individual who intends to permanently deprive the owner of it; a crime against the right of possession.* Burglary is defined as *the criminal offense of breaking and entering into any dwelling or building illegally with the intent to commit a felony or crime.*

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Better Airflow: The Cure for the Common Household Cold?

By Bobby Farrel

With winter in full swing, you are most likely spending more time indoors, sealing out the cold and damp weather with closed windows and doors. If you're finding that your home suddenly feels stuffy or clammy, or if common colds now seem like a chronic condition for your family members, it might be time to check the airflow in your home.

Properly sealed ductwork

It's sad but true that most duct systems installed to current building codes still leak almost 30 percent of the air that flows through them.

Leaky ducts are inefficient. You are paying to heat and cool air that is supposed to come out of the vents in your house, not leak into the attic or crawl space. Leaky ducts can cost you an extra 10 to 20 percent on your heating or cooling bill.

Leaky ducts can also cause your house to be under negative or positive pressure, which can cause your house to leak conditioned air to the outside, or suck unconditioned air into your home. Either of these conditions put undue stress on your HVAC system, costs you money and can lead to unhealthy air inside the home.

A sufficient-sized air return

Every central heating and air system should have an air return that is large enough for the same volume of air to return that the system puts out. A rule of thumb on the size of this opening is 1 square foot per one ton of your system's size.

Many homes aren't designed to allow proper airflow, even when the return opening is large enough to accept the necessary volume. Every interior door in the home should have sufficient space beneath it to allow the return of any volume of air that is dumped into the enclosed room from the HVAC unit.

Air return shaft accessibility

Wherever the return shaft is located for the HVAC system, you should take care to keep it accessible. As a rule of thumb, use the width of the air return vent as the measure for how far from the wall your furniture should be placed to allow proper airflow.

The importance of the lowly air filter

The "lowly" air filter is one of the most neglected parts of a central heat and/or air conditioning system, and yet it is so vitally important. Depending on the type of filter you have, you may be able to clean it rather than throwing it away, but the important concept is to keep it clean to allow your heating or cooling unit to work the way it was designed. A cleaner filter means higher efficiency performance.

Clean or replace your filter every two or three weeks and this one small task can add years to the life of your HVAC appliance.

The exception to the rule: Closed Crawl space sealing

Your crawl space is the only thing that stands between your living space and the earth – and the earth is damp. Crawl spaces are a primary source of excessive moisture in our region, and moisture is a leading cause of structural and air quality issues.

Most experts recommend that properly closing and sealing a crawl space is best practice for green, efficient and healthy buildings. Luckily, even old-fashioned, ventilated crawl spaces can be upgraded, with energy reductions of between 5 and 20 percent.

Cleaner air means a healthier environment

'Think of the airflow to your unit as you do your own breathing. If you can't get enough air, your life will be shortened, but having an abundance of clean air will help to keep you healthier and for a longer duration.'

About Bobby Ferrel

Bobby Ferrel is co-founder of Green Horizon, with offices in Durham and Charlotte, offering home owners and builders a one-stop shop for energy efficiency and green building.

Services include home performance assessments, weatherization, closed crawl spaces, insulation, HVAC installation and maintenance, duct cleaning and geothermal heating and cooling.

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Set Your Alarm!

Even though most of our Hope Valley homes are equipped with burglar alarms, many of us either forget to set our alarms when leave home or intentionally don't set them, thinking that nothing bad can happen while we are away.

In the past few months, there have been three instances where burglar alarms have made a difference in whether a burglary has occurred. In one case, the resident left home without setting the house alarm, because she knew she would only be gone a short time. During those few minutes, her home was broken into and many valuables were taken. Fortunately, the burglars tried to pawn several items taken during the burglary and the Durham Police were able to arrest and charge them with this burglary and another one elsewhere in Durham.

In two other incidents in our neighborhood, home alarms were triggered when burglars attempted to break into homes while the residents were away. In both cases, the house alarms were triggered, audibly alerting the transgressors and neighbors that the homes were being broken into. Hearing the alarm, the perpetrators fled before they could gain entrance to the homes and take anything of value.

If you don't have an alarm, please consider installing one. If you have an alarm, ensure that it is armed whenever you leave your house, even if it is for a few minutes, or if you are working outside in the yard. These three recent incidents are proof positive that

Plague of the Yard Guards

Many of us in who live in the areas of Hope Valley without curbs are plagued with the ruts and dead grass caused by vehicles driving on the edges of our lawns. From its earliest days, much of Hope Valley has not had curb and gutter, and the edges of our lawns often come just to the edge of the street.

To help keep things looking nice many of us have put out PVC pipes, stakes, stones or even metal posts. Technically the city right of way extends approximately 16 feet from the center of your street, so many of us are "protecting" City property.

Durham City Officials tell us that anything put in the right of way is subject to being removed, and anything that might damage vehicles on City streets is forbidden. Please be aware that you may be liable if stakes or pipes in your yard, but within the City right of way, injure someone, or cause vehicular damage.

That said, PVC pipes, or thin wooden stakes are permissible if when struck by a car or truck they give way or snap off without damaging the vehicle. Further reinforcing PVC pipes with rebar or metal spikes is not permitted.

Therefore large rocks, metal posts cemented in the ground, and other permanent yard guards could be removed by the City and if they cause damage to vehicles could, again, subject you to potential liability.

Please remember too, that your neighbors, visitors, and potential home buyers see these lawn protection stakes, so strive for something attractive.

**Are you new to Hope Valley or know of someone who is?
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State Tax Credits for your new Roof? Yes! Tax credit zones in Hope Valley

The State of North Carolina provides tax credits to homeowners maintaining their homes in older established neighborhoods. This program could provide significant tax benefits for many Hope Valley homeowners in the oldest parts of Hope Valley. The HVNA is working to include newer areas including Westover, Somerset, Churchill and Darby right now.

Exploring credits before you begin work is ideal, but careful record keeping and photographs allow for retroactive approvals as well. To begin the process contact David Christenbury in Raleigh at david.christenbury@ncder.gov or 919-807-6574.

Some covered items include new roofs, painting, driveways, as well as other renovations, and repairs. A number of Hope Valley, Forest Hills and Watts – Hillandale homeowners have already received their credits which can be used over a number of years to offset income or subsidize the cost of the work.

The HVNA Board urges you to explore this significant program which is designed to support our older housing stock and maintain our unique character.

Are you a Real Estate Professional? Contact David to explore possible tax credits for your prospective buyers.

Hope Valley Block Party Grants

As part of its mission to build community, the HVNA make grants to groups for block parties. Groups interested in a \$300 grant for a block party should submit a request approximately six weeks prior to the anticipated event with a brief description of the party, the area in which it will take place, and who will be organizing the event.

RULES:

- All residents from Block Party area must be invited
- HVNA Funds may not be used to purchase alcohol, although alcohol is permitted, if desired
- Grants can only be made once a year per area.
- Invitations must include mention of the HVNA and an appeal for annual dues, i.e., "This event is partially underwritten by the HVNA who encourages you to pay your annual dues of \$30."
- Street closing arrangements, if needed, should be arranged through the Durham Police Department and communicated via the HVNA list server.

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- Grant monies by check
- Names and addresses in targeted area

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Hope Valley in the 1940 Census

By E. Harvey Estes, Jr., M.D.

Several years ago, I used the 1930 Federal Census as the source document for a review of the Hope Valley colony at a point shortly after its beginning. The word "colony" is fitting, because the families living there were isolated from their friends and coworkers in town. There were no buses or trolley lines to transport children to and from downtown, or to bring household servants to their work. The automobile was rapidly becoming established as a household requirement, but the less affluent could seldom afford such a luxury. Twenty five homes were listed in the 1930 census, and these were divided between professors at the newly endowed and rapidly expanding Duke University and a group of young entrepreneurs from "downtown".

Shortly after the opening of the Hope Valley development, and shortly before the 1930 census, the tragic 1929 depression hit Durham, Hope Valley, and the nation. The developers of Hope Valley quickly "went under", but one of the financial backers of the project stepped in with added funds, and supported the development through an orderly dissolution.

The Federal Census is undertaken every 10 years, and the results are always withheld (except for group statistical information) for about seventy years before release of names and household data to the public. This information from the 1940 census was released in mid-2012, and is now available. This provided an opportunity to revisit the colony and its occupants and to see what has changed after an extremely stressful decade.

The household listings for Hope Valley in the 1930 Census were easy to identify. The enumerator apparently went down each street in order, and all were together on two pages. In the 1940 Census, the enumerator apparently skipped about the area from day to day, and Hope Valley residents are randomly interspersed with other residents of Patterson Township, which forms the whole southwestern section of Durham County. This made it necessary to cross check the residents with an additional resource, the Hill Company Durham City Directory for the year 1940, which lists city residents alphabetically and by street, listing each occupant by house number. Hope Valley was not a part of the City of Durham, but it was apparently important enough to warrant an exception to this rule. Hope Valley streets were listed in the Hill Directory, but the residents were listed alphabetically for each street, rather than by house number. There are some deficiencies, such as a lack of a listing for Hope Valley Road, where Hope Valley residents were known to live, dating from before 1930.

First, the colony had not grown very much since 1930: not too surprising in view of the economy at that time. About a dozen more homes are now identified, half of which were built in 1930, before the full impact of the depression. Almost all of the Duke contingent were still occupying the homes they lived in at the 1930 census. Many of the downtown young entrepreneurs were now missing, and these homes were now in the hands of other Duke professors. The explanation seems obvious: the Duke employees had an assured source of a salary, while the downtown business men felt the full impact of the depressed economy. The events in Europe that led to World War II were rumbling in the distance, but had not stimulated the Durham economy. In this still depressed environment, some Hope Valley residents were accumulating tracts of land, which would (10 to 15 years) later become the new expansions of the colony to the south and east.

The following are listings of occupants of various Hope Valley streets, from the Hill City Directory of 1940:

Dover Road: Brownell, Constable, Eadic, Gardner, Gross, Harris, Lyon, Maggs, Norton, Perlswieg, Pierson, Smith, Sprunt, Swett, Thomas, Toms, Waller, Wily

Chelsea Circle: Allen, Branscomb, Cameron, Cranford, Mayo, Pearse, Teer, White

Devon Road: Alyea, Beckerath, Forbus, Gregory, Nelson, Wallace

Surrey Road: Bryson, Fuller, Hansen-Pruss, Lansing, Shepherd

Windsor Way: Bolich, Ogsbury, Spence

Norwich Way: Clement, Davison

Have you paid your dues?

Please help the HVNA continue to make Hope Valley the best place to live in Durham! Paying your annual family dues of \$30 will allow the Association to continue sending this newsletter, maintain the neighborhood list service, website, supplementary police patrols, common areas in coordination with local garden clubs, our historic entry gates and street signs, as well as provide a voice for Hope Valley with City government.

Please send dues to HVNA, P.O. Box 51338, Durham, 27717 (yes 17).

Please join the monitored neighborhood list service for neighborhood updates, crime alerts, lost pets, and other items of interest. (Email Joe Walston at joewalston@hvna.org to sign up).

Be on the lookout for a new service, the Hope Valley Neighborhood Bulletin Board, an unmonitored list service to alert your neighbors to garage sales, houses for sale or rent, community projects, charity events, etc.

