

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

President's Letter

Hello Neighbors!

The HVNA has been very busy these past few months with some special projects. We had our Annual Halloween parade with 250+ attendees with our featured guests Wool E. Bull and the police dog. The icing on the cake was the fire truck! Kudos go out to Al Martindale for putting our annual Halloween Parade together, he truly did a fabulous job. Exciting additions to our neighborhood are the newly completed Northampton gates. They have added such beauty along Old Chapel Hill Road. All the credit goes to Nancy Carstens for her fierce fund raising efforts and laser focus on completing the gates in record time including landscaping! Next we'll be making swags for the holiday street signs and we certainly hope you'll remember that we need your greenery to make them.

Nothing happens without a very dedicated team, which I am proud to have....

Chase

Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Membership

The HVNA is now accepting 2017 Annual Dues.

To join the HVNA or renew your Annual HVNA Dues, to go to www.hvna.org and click on the "Pay Dues" button.

Your HVNA Annual Dues help support common area landscaping, street signs and address markers, enhancements to the neighborhood, communications, and many other expenditures that benefit Hope Valley residents.

*An 'Angie's List' Service for
Hope Valley Residents!*

Join the HVNA Neighborhood Bulletin Board

- An HVNA Members Only Forum -

This new unmonitored email list service is a great way to:

- Recommend a service vendor like a plumber, painter, electrician, mason, etc.
- Ask your neighbors for a vendor recommendation
- Publicize your personal charity activities (Durham or Hope Valley only please!)
- Advertise babysitting, house sitting or pet sitting services
- Advertise a yard sale, house for sale, or rental

This service is only available to HVNA members who live in Hope Valley and are current on their dues.

No spam, no phishing, just Hope Valley neighbor-to-neighbor communication.

To join, or to determine whether you have paid your \$30 annual dues, send an email to:

donstanger@aol.com

NOTE: This does not replace the current monitored HVNA listserv for crime, emergency, lost pets, and HVNA-related informational posts.

THE 2016 HVNA NEIGHBORHOOD HALLOWEEN PARADE!



THE NEW NORTHAMPTON GATES ARE COMPLETED!

By Nancy Carstens



It is with great excitement that I am able to tell you that the new 'Gates' on Northampton Road are now finished!

With more than 60 Hope Valley families throughout our neighborhood, donating over \$12,000, we were able to achieve the '2016 version' of those iconic gates that have been standing for over 90 years on Dover Road and Windsor Way.

It should be noted that without the approval from two Hope Valley neighbors, Bill and Barbara Spruill and Ben Manor and Heather Whitson, these gates would not exist.

They granted easements, which allowed us to build on their properties. Additionally, neighbor Tommy Brown (Kelly) loaned his heavy equipment for tree removal and excavation, as well as giving countless man hours to help move the project forward.

I want to say thank you so much to everyone who supported this vision with your contributions and your support. It takes a village....and that village is us!

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Hope Valley Address Markers Are Available!

At long last Hope Valley Address Markers are in the final stages of fabrication and will be delivered soon to residents who ordered them. The HVNA has authorized Vega Metals to produce a few extra sets for quick delivery this fall. The Address Markers, with highly reflective street numbers, were designed to honor Hope Valley's historic street signs, which were created, it is thought by George Watts Carr in collaboration with Aymar Embury II.

Residents may order these unique and highly functional markers via hvna.org or by mailing a check to HVNA Address Marker, PO Box 51338, Durham, NC 27717. Markers come with bracket and number sign for \$200, or as a kit which includes a rustic cedar post, lag bolts, and washers for \$230. Be sure to indicate the address numbers you want on your marker.

Act now there are a limited number of markers available in this fabrication run. There are no current plans for another run in the near future.

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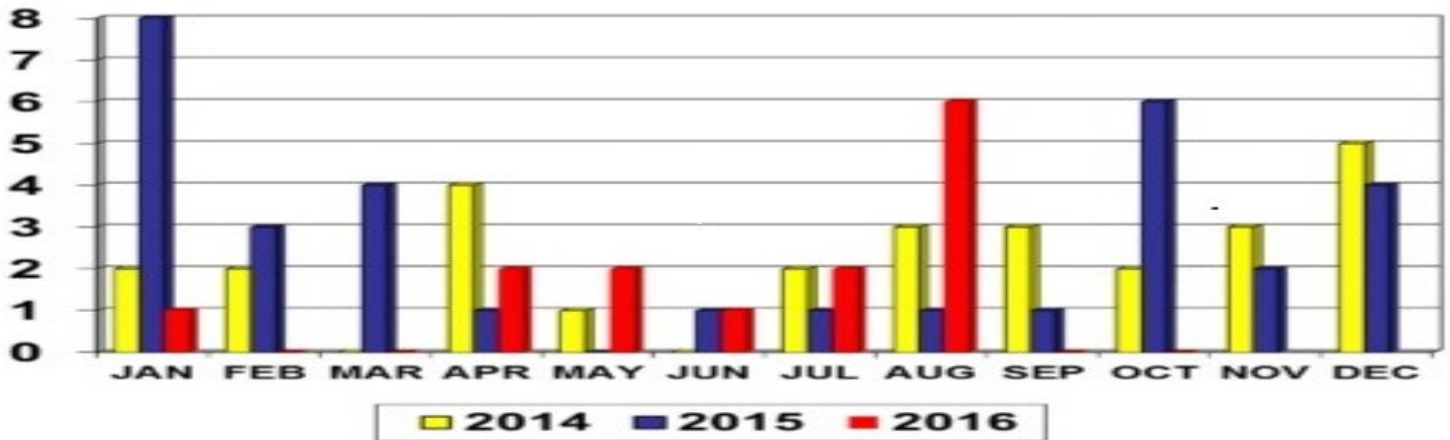
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Hope Valley Burglaries

- 2014 through October, 2016 -



By all accounts, 2015 was a disastrous year for burglaries in our neighborhood, with eight burglaries in the month of January, followed by 22 more burglaries in the next 11 months. The burglary total of 30 was the all time high number of burglaries since we have been keeping detail property crime statistics eight years ago; and January marked the highest number of burglaries that we have ever experienced in a single month.

Except for one month, 2016 stands in stark contrast to 2015. Through October this year, there have been 14 burglaries in Hope Valley. This, in spite of a spike of six burglaries in the month of August. So far, we have had four months with no burglaries. In fact, we have not had any burglaries since the six in August.

Determining precisely why burglary rates increase or decrease in our neighborhood is difficult. However, investigations and subsequent arrest of burglary suspects by our friends at the Durham Police Department undoubtedly had an effect. Also, neighbors watching their neighbors' property and calling 911 when they see anything suspicious has also sent the message to potential burglars that Hope Valley residents are not easy pickings.

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Larcenies have continued to remain low, with three in 2015, down over over 60%. However, we had three motor vehicle thefts in the first ten months of 2015.. These are the first motor vehicle thefts since 2009.

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Holiday Decorations - A Hope Valley Tradition -

Tradition is a large part of our neighborhood charm. One of the most beautiful traditions in Hope Valley is our street signs. These signs were reproduced to replicate the original 1920's signs hung in the neighborhood 90 years ago.

Ann Montgomery Wood and her daughter Chesley Wood Sneed began our Christmas holiday greenery swags several years ago.

Each street sign is decorated with spruce pine, magnolia, cedar and a beautiful red bow. Our gates are also given a festive look with a large wreath and holiday swags.

After many years of getting neighborhood volunteers and several loads of greenery together as well as designing all of the swags Ann allowed the neighborhood board to take over her project.

Many a board member and neighborhood volunteer has become an expert floral designer of the holiday swag.

If you would like to help with this Christmas Hope Valley tradition the board would love to have you volunteer. We are in need of greenery the week of November 28th

Swags will be put together on Friday December 2nd at 3205 Banbury Way.

We will hang the swags on Saturday December 3rd beginning at 9am.

We will begin at 11am on December 2nd and lunch will be provided at noon.

For more information on this event call Clay A Chandler at 919-493-8535 or 919-606-6049

Running Enthusiasts Take Note!

By Mary Rae Hunter, A not so fast runner...

All runners have personal stories about and reasons for their sport. Kevin Nelson's simple rationale is that "Every day is a good day when you run."

Every Saturday at 8 a.m., a weekly 5 KM timed run begins at the Southern Boundaries Park. Southern Boundaries Park is located at Third Fork Road in Durham, just a short drive from Hope Valley. I learned about this race from friends—one of the new families that just moved into Hope Valley.

This fun race takes all runners: those competing against themselves, those in training, those who enjoy the company of fellow runners, families who run together. You name it. There is no fee to run in this timed race—you get to keep track of your weekly running time improvement. It is advisable, however, that you register before running.

So whether you prefer to zip through the course or walk at a leisurely pace, this race welcomes all participants. This is a great way for families to get out and exercise together on Saturday morning, or to meet other runners that share a common interest.

You can find out more information about this race by checking out the website at: www.parkrun.us/durhamnc/

I look forward to running alongside many of our neighbors at the race.

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The Historic Windsor Gates

- Hope Valley History -

By Don Stanger

In 1926 the concept of a rustic development situated between Durham and Chapel Hill began to take shape. Early on, three well known architects were engaged to design key elements of the new concept: the golf course — Donald Ross, the landscape — Robert Cridland, and the club house — Aymar Embury II.

In addition to designing the now historic HVCC club house in 1927, Embury designed the iconic gates that adorn the intersection of Windsor Way and Old Chapel Hill Road.

By the time he became involved with the Hope Valley project, Embury had already achieved some renown as an artist and designer.

A graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Civil Engineering, Embury served as a U.S. Army Captain in World War I. During his Army service, he established the Army Artist program, which documented WW I events through paintings. Following the war, he was commissioned to design medals for recognition of WW I heroes. He designed the Distinguished Service Medal and Distinguished Service Cross (awarded to early Hope Valley resident, Lt. Hubert Teer for his heroic acts in France).

In the 1934 New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia appointed Robert Moses as sole commissioner of a newly unified Department of Parks for New York City, commencing a seven-year period of construction and renovation of city parks. As Moses' principal architect, Embury designed many notable projects, including the Central Park Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, Prospect Park Bandshell, McCarren Park and four of the other ten WPA pools built throughout the city in the mid-1930s, the New York City Building at the 1939 New York World's Fair (the first meeting place of the United Nations and currently the Queens Museum of Art), Triborough Bridge, Henry Hudson Bridge, Orchard Beach, Bryant Park, the Hofstra University Campus, and Jacob Riis Park.



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