

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

Dear Fellow Hope Valley Neighbors,

We'd like to start our spring letter by thanking outgoing President Chase Teer-Loew for her years of dedicated service to the neighborhood and Association. Chase was ever cheerful and energetic as our leader these past years. Thank you Chase! We also want to welcome Jim Burham our newest board member!

2017 is going to be an exciting year in Hope Valley and at the Association. We have several initiatives on the horizon and we need your help and participation.

As many of you know, we have embarked on a fundraising campaign to restore our iconic entry gates at Dover and Windsor Way. We urge you to use your postage paid envelope to send in your contribution to this project, or go online. We plan to remove decades of grime and white paint, replace crumbling components with newly cast replacements, and stabilize these structures so that they will last another 90 years. We are also mindful that Hope Valley's centennial is approaching and these gates are important reminders of our shared history.

We also are pleased to announce HVNA Night at the Bulls Wednesday August 9th! You should have received a listserv post regarding this fun event for all Hope Valley residents. Visit our web site, www.hvna.org, for more information and to pay for tickets online, or send your check to HVNA Baseball, PO Box 51338, Durham, 27717. Tickets are \$26.50 each, including food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Planning has already begun for the Annual Hope Valley Halloween Parade, scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. Stay tuned for more on this event, including special guests and activities.

Your Association provides many services to you. Have you signed up for the HVNA email List Service, The Hope Valley Neighborhood Bulletin Board email list, ordered a Welcome bag for new neighbors, planned a Block Party, or attended a Partners Against Crime Meeting? Head to our web site and contact board members, we would be pleased to help you.

Summer is great time for Block Parties, apply for your grant monies and kit today!

The HVNA Board of Directors

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 HVNA annual 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@hvna.org

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

Help Save Our Hope Valley Gates!!!



In early 1926 Jesse Mebane and Walter Sharpe met with Durham civic and business leaders to begin the planning for Hope Valley and its eponymous Country Club. The group determined that they would employ a number of America's most celebrated architects and planners to create the neighborhood we know today. Donald Ross, Robert Cridland, and society architect Aymar Embury II came together to create Hope Valley.

Embury widely known for his club and country house work was selected to design the country club clubhouse, and the iconic gates that would mark the entries to Durham's finest suburb. Using the same molded piers he used on the portico of the clubhouse, Embury designed two sets of entry markers, one at Dover Road and another more elaborate set at Windsor Way. The handsome gates provided a prelude to the style and quality of the community that lay beyond.

These structures were listed as contributing elements on the National Register of Historic Places for Hope Valley in 2009. 90 years on these icons have begun to show their age. Recent damage caused by vehicles, and the ravages of time have seriously weakened these structures. Landmarked by the City of Durham as Historic Signs in 2006, they require a careful restoration. The HVNA, as the guardians of these important reminders of Hope Valley's rich history, have begun a fundraiser to raise the \$40,000 needed to accomplish this significant project. We have consulted with the area's most qualified historic preservation contractors to begin this work, but we cannot start without the funds in hand.

We need the help of all Hope Valley's residents. These gates are the symbolic entry to our community no matter where you live within Hope Valley, please consider a gift to this project today. Details of the work will be provided in a letter mailed to all residents, and updates at hvna.org.

Checks may be mailed to HVNA Gates, PO Box 51338, Durham NC 27717 or go to hvna.org, go to the pay dues tab and scroll down to the other amount section. Please note on checks and on line that you are donating to the Gate Project.



The Cricket / Chippenham & Beyond Block Party - April 8, 2017 -



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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 created, it is thought by George Watts Carr in collaboration with Aymar Embury II.

Residents may order these unique and highly functional markers via www.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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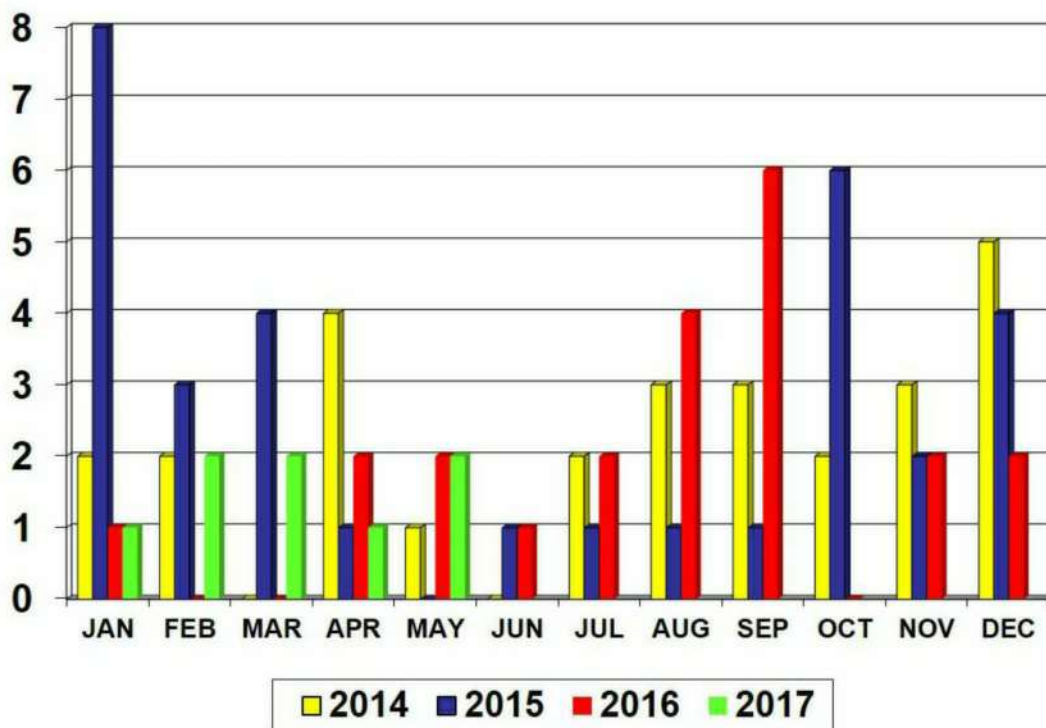
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Hope Valley Burglaries - 2014 through 2017 YTD -



During the first five months of 2017, burglaries outpaced those of last year. Over this period in 2016, we only experienced five burglaries, while we have had eight burglaries so far this year. However, our burglaries this year have to be evaluated in the context of the fact that three of the eight burglaries this year occurred at Hope Valley Country Club; so residential burglaries are equal to the number of residential burglaries last year. When compared to the same period in 2014 and 2015, the number of burglaries for this year so far are much reduced. In 2014, we experienced nine burglaries. In 2015, we had 16.

Larcenies have continued to occur at a very low level; so far this year, we have only had three. We have had one car stolen (unlocked, with the keys left inside).

We know that this low rate of property crime will not continue forever. We continue to evaluate ways we can reduce crime in Hope Valley. The most effective strategy for reducing property crime in Hope Valley is for each of us to take an ACTIVE role in crime prevention. The most important actions that we can take to minimize the opportunity for criminals to target our property are:

- Ensure our homes are locked and house alarms are armed when we are working outside, away and at night,
- Watch out for any suspicious activity around our homes and around the homes of our neighbors,
- If cars cannot be parked in the garage, ensure that any valuables are removed (or out of sight) and locked,
- Call '911' to report anything or anyone that looks suspicious.

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. Larceny is the taking of someone else's property without the use of force.

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We Need Your Help!

The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association has embarked on a plan to restore our crumbling Hope Valley entry gates at Dover and Windsor Way.

After vetting multiple contractors for this project, the HVNA Board has identified a team of three contractors with the requisite expertise to meet our high standards for quality and maintain the historic significance of these Hope Valley landmarks. We have also obtained quotes for refreshing the Windsor Gates, which we plan to do in parallel as a cost savings. This project has come in at \$40,000+/-

To date, we have raised just over \$18,500 from 148 Hope Valley families (out of 950), including each member of the HVNA board. This puts us at about 45% of the total amount required for the project.

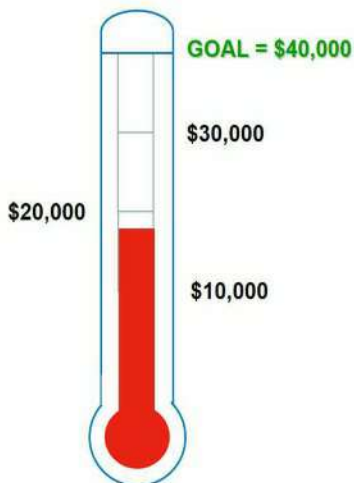
Construction cannot begin until all money is raised.

For those who have already donated - thank you for your early support. For those who haven't made a contribution, ANY amount you can donate to this important project is appreciated. Remember, donations to HVNA are tax deductible in most instances.

Our goal is to hit 50% (\$20,000) by the end of this month, so please act promptly to support this important neighborhood initiative. We will continue to update you on the funding progress for the project.

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Hope Valley Fund for The Dover & Windsor Gates




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- New Application New Hope Valley Resident?
- Renewal
- Additional Contribution to Beautification

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Address _____ Phone _____

Comments _____

You can pay your 2017 HVNA Annual Dues now — just go to www.hvna.org

**The Oldest Homes
in Hope Valley**
- Hope Valley History -
By Don Stanger

Which homes are the oldest homes in Hope Valley? And who were the original owners? Thanks to the careful and thorough research by Dr. Harvey Estes, one of our most revered and knowledgeable historians, we know not only the oldest houses, but also their earliest residents.

Based on Dr. Estes's research, these are the oldest Hope Valley homes, listed oldest first (from 1927), named after their earliest owners:

McDougal House, 3730 Hope Valley Rd

Pearse House, 2815 Chelsea Cir

Shepherd/Mebane House, 2814 Chelsea Cir

Crouch House, 3724 Hope Valley Rd

Montgomery House, 3301 Surrey Rd
(no longer standing)

Miller House, 2822 Chelsea Cir
(burned, but replaced)

Cannon House, 2812 Chelsea Cir

Branscombe House, 2810 Chelsea Cir

Snow House, 3301 Devon Rd

Franck House, 3005 Norwich Rd

Carver/Brown House, 3940 Dover Rd

ADDITIONAL HOMES, BUILT BEFORE
THE 1930 CENSUS (ALPHA ORDER):

Cheek House, 3936 Dover Rd

Constable House, 3934 Dover Rd

Davison House, 3004 Norwich Rd
(no longer standing)

Fuller House, 3938 Dover Rd

Gross House, 3816 Dover Rd

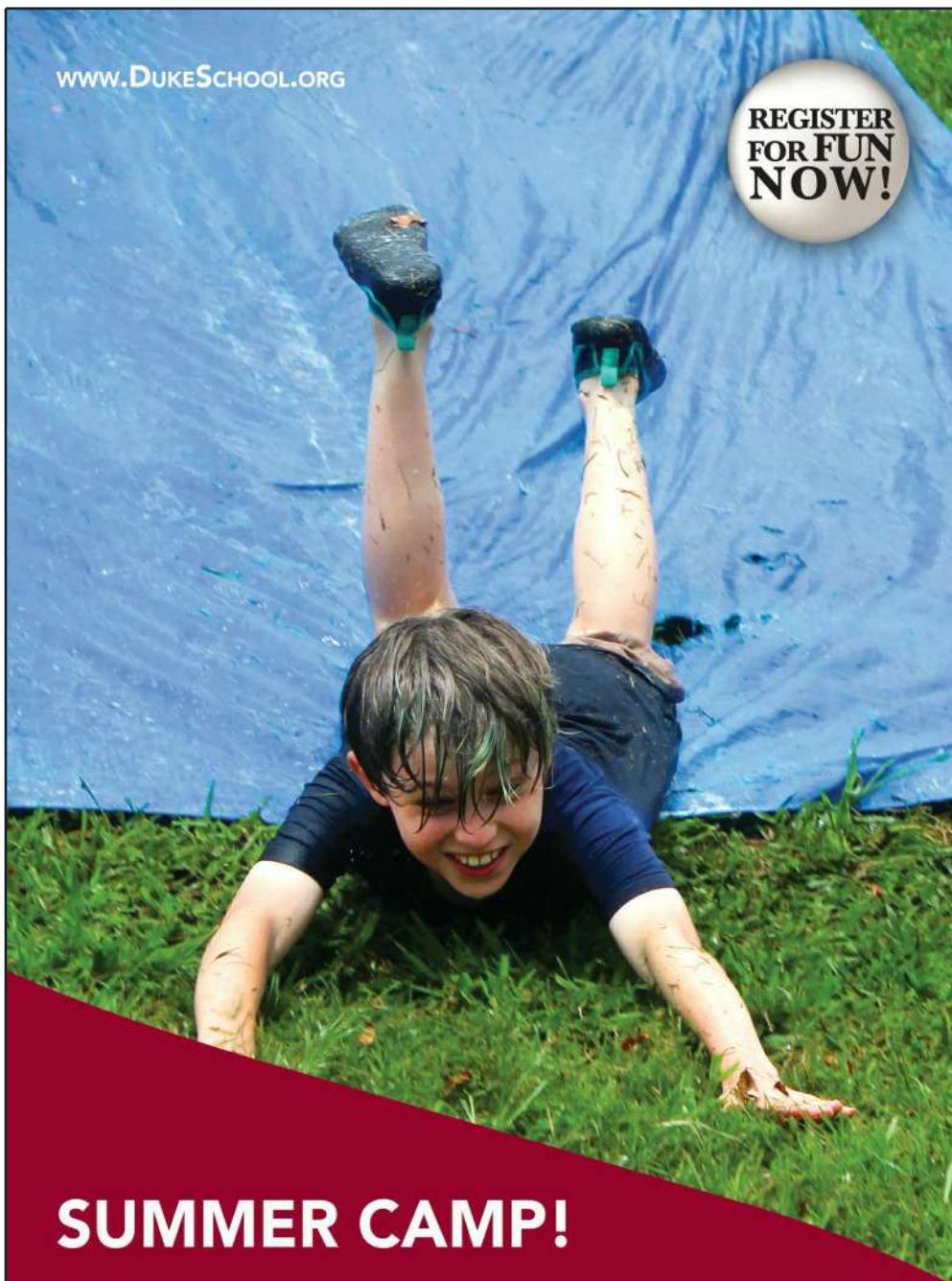
Lyon House, 3408 Dover Rd

Norton House, 3812 Dover Rd

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