

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

President's Letter

Hello Neighbors,

Wow, is it March already? 2016 got off to a fast start in Hope Valley and we've been trying to hang on for the ride. We had a large group for our open forum Annual Meeting (see details on Page 2) where we unveiled our new approach to Neighborhood Watch by regions. If you are interested in helping with this effort, we need volunteers. Much of this can be done by email. (see details on Page 5) We also released the results of the survey and received lots of great feedback.

As you've witnessed, keeping up our landscape from storm debris and rain has been a challenge alongside the growing pains of fiber companies coming to HV, but we're making a difference. It's exciting to have choices for better Internet services coming soon to HV. Our roads feel a bit smoother with paving finishing up around the Club and it's been a long time coming! We are aware several area roads still need attention.

On another note, the HVNA Board is committed to the protection of our covenants by keeping this issue on the front burner and we appreciate all the support and patience while addressing these issues.

Finally, thank you to everyone that has written such wonderful notes of support. I'm lucky to have a dedicated Board that continues to work hard every day.

Chase

Chase Teer-Loew
President, Hope Valley Neighborhood Association

*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 Annual Meeting

The HVNA Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Hope Valley Country Club. The meeting was preceded by exhibits from HVNA advertisers Insurance People and Green Horizon and home security companies.

HVNA President Chase Teer-Loew welcomed attendees at the meeting and introduced Todd Ireland, appointed by the City of Durham to be our liaison with AT&T U-verse and Google Gigabit installations in our neighborhood.

Following this information session, President Chase reported on the 2015 HVNA accomplishments, discussed the HVNA financial condition, held 2016 HVNA board and officer elections, and reviewed plans for 2016. Board members Don Stanger and Al Martindale presented 2015 Crime Statistics (see Page 4) and a Neighborhood Watch Update (see Page 5), respectively. Don also presented the Neighbor Satisfaction Survey conducted last summer.

2015 Accomplishments

Accomplishments were detailed in three areas: Membership, Appearance and Communications.

Nearly two in three Hope Valley residents (61%) have joined the HVNA. Landscaping of common areas, finalization of the Historic Street Sign project, holiday street sign decorations, address markers were some of the success reported in the area of Appearance. In the area of Communications, the newsletter, web site, HVNA listserv, the Hope Valley Neighborhood Bulletin Board and the 2015 Halloween Parade were cited.

2016 Board & Officer Elections

Ginger Rouse, outgoing HVNA board member and Treasurer, was thanked for her past service by President Chase. The 2016 slate included all current board members and officers, plus Kathleen Monks, who was proposed as our new board member and Treasurer. The slate was unanimously approved and then the slate was voted upon and elected by those present.

2015 Finance Report

President Chase reported that, during the 2015 calendar year, the HVNA collected revenues of \$32,233.00 in dues, donations, newsletter ad revenues, merchandise, and luminary sales.

2015 expenditures totaled \$29,816.00, including payments for landscaping, newsletter and mailings printing, police patrols, neighborhood events, listserv and web site hosting, and maintenance.

Cash on hand as of December 31, 2015 totaled \$7,618.32.

2016 HVNA Plans

- Grow our membership numbers by at least another ten percentage points.
- Continue to evaluate the best strategies to reduce crime, including extra police patrols.
- Revitalize the Neighborhood Watch program.
- Continue to decorate for the holidays, maintain our landscaped common areas, and endeavor to install as many address markers as possible.

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HVNA Address Markers

In response to concerns regarding difficulties surrounding Hope Valley's often strange street numbering system the HVNA commissioned local vendor Vega Metal Works, to design and create a universal address marker for Hope Valley home owners. These large address markers will be highly visible to law enforcement, emergency responders, and vendors, as well as guests looking for your home.

Modeled on the design of our iconic street signs the address marker features a hand forged bracket, and applied reflective numbers that appear white during the day and are highly reflective at night. Prior to painting with high grade enamel they are zinc coated for rust protection and should provide decades of service.

Working with Vega Metal works and Durham's McCorkle Sign Company we are able to offer these unique markers to Hope Valley residents. They may hang independently on a cedar post, see photo above, or be attached to a mailbox post, tree, or lamppost.

Markers come fully painted and with address numbers applied, some light assembly may be required. Posts are available for \$20. You will be responsible for installation; however we will provide contact information for several firms who can install the marker at your home.

Pricing begins at \$205 for sign and bracket only, for a full kit with post and lag bolts: \$230. Delivery will likely be late this summer, based on work schedules at our vendors, and our ability to sell the minimum order of 100.

Questions? Email Jill Louv at jilllouv@hvna.org. To order please send a check to HVNA PO Box 51338, Durham, 27717, include name, address, and whether you want sign and bracket only or full kit with post and bolts. Please

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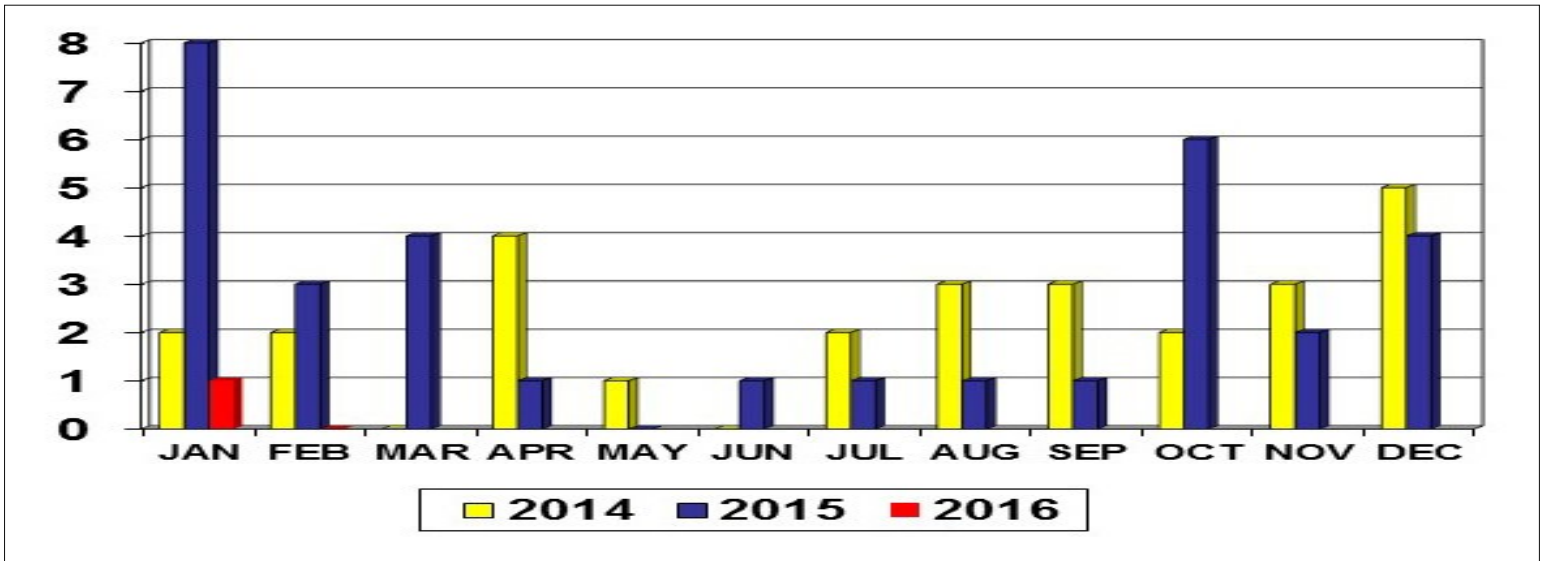
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Hope Valley Burglaries - 2014 through 2016 YTD -



Last year at this time, we were lamenting the fact that we were experiencing a record number of burglaries in Hope Valley — 11 burglaries in the first two months of 2015. This, despite the fact that we were paying for additional police patrols every week. Because we were not seeing an appreciable reduction in burglaries during the first part of the year, the HVNA board decided to eliminate the expenditure for extra patrols at the beginning of last summer.

While we experienced a spike in burglaries last October, there were no burglaries in May, only one burglary per month during June, July and August, and only two burglaries in November. Except for October, the number of burglaries during the last eight months of 2015 was reduced when compared to the last eight months of 2014. This lower trend continued in January of this year and there were no burglaries in February. The first two months of 2016 set the record for lowest number of burglaries, since we have been keeping detailed statistics.

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. A key strategy is to strengthen our Neighborhood Watch network of block captains. In order to better accomplish this, we have reorganized our block captains in to regions (see Page 5).

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 house alarms are armed when we are working out side, away and at night
- Watch out for any suspicious activity around our homes and those of our neighbors
- 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 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.



Announcing Hope Valley Area Block Captains!

Announcing a new component to the HVNA Neighborhood Watch program, Area Block Captains! There are approximately 950 Residencies within the HVNA boundaries. This is more than one overall Block Captain can effectively manage for maximum results. The HVNA Board has decided to recruit 11 "Area Captains". The primary duties of the Area Captains (AC) will be to help recruit future Block Captains in their areas, insure all Block rosters are updated regularly, Share best practices with other AC's. This should reduce the time everyone spends performing their Block Captain duties. The 11 AC borders have been determined. We plan to concentrate on four critical areas initially based on our crime history. These four areas contain entrance/exit points that are easy targets for thieves to leave after committing crimes in our Neighborhood. Looking at our crime history we know where most of our robberies occur. We know when they are likely to occur and which days are more likely to have break-ins.

Our first Area Captain is Steve O'Donnell. Steve has volunteered to serve in Area 1. Area 1 consists of the NE section of Hope Valley. The streets included on Area 1 include; Reynolds, Sheridan, Devon (2802-3114) and Buckingham (2900-3120). Steve is an excellent candidate for this role based on his passion to help drive crime down on his street. Over the last three years, burglaries have been reduced on his street as a result of, neighbors getting to know each other, noticing when someone doesn't belong on their street, and getting neighbors to call 911 when they see suspicious activity. Steve has also used the \$300 Grant available from the HVNA to support a block party for his neighbors. A block party is a great way for all your neighbors to get to know each other and learn more about who lives near them.

The three other initial Areas Block Captain boundaries are:

Area 2 - North Central: The streets included in Area 2 are; Westover (3603-3634), Devon (3120-3325), Windsor, Banbury, Tonbridge, Dover (3401-3437), and Cambridge 3400-3541).

Area 8 - South East: The streets included in Area 8 are; Rugby (3424-3613), Trafalgar, Kimberly, Bentley, Darwin, and Nottaway.

Area 11 – North West: The streets included in Area 11 are; Northampton, Colville, Pilling, Acornridge, Dunsinane, Champaign, Westchester, Chippenham, and Cricket.

If you would like to volunteer to become an Area Block Captain for any of the above Areas please send an email to Al Martindale at martindaleal67@gmail.com.

Is your HVAC ready for the Heat?

The spring and summer months are almost here! Your HVAC system needs to transition from heating your house, to cooling it for the warm months ahead. Does your HVAC system need a tune-up to gear up for the summer heat?

Your HVAC system is the primary factor in regulating your family's comfort. Regular fall and spring tune-ups for your HVAC equipment can not only alert you to potential problems in advance, but can also ensure that your system is working at peak efficiency and is properly distributing conditioned air throughout the home. The result: your family kept comfortable inside no matter the temperature outside.

Your home is generally your most significant financial asset, and HVAC systems can cost \$10,000 or more to replace. It makes good financial sense to maintain your systems with bi-annual tune-ups, ensuring that you're protecting your long-term investment and that this expensive system has a maximum life of service for your home.

Perhaps more importantly, HVAC systems are the biggest single energy consumers in your home, accounting for up to 50% of your total energy expenditures. Aside from the potential long-term costs of replacing a poorly maintained system, inefficient systems also cost you more each month to run. The smart homeowner monitors energy usage on a monthly basis to compare with previous years. It's not uncommon for our customers to report 10-15% savings on their gas or electricity bills after having an HVAC tune-up.

You might wonder, just what exactly is an HVAC tune-up? Just

as a tune-up for your car can improve the way it runs as well as its gas mileage, an HVAC tune-up can improve the efficiency and comfort of your system. A typical tune-up includes the following:

Check thermostat and measure the temperature differential

Check and Operate unit for correct and safe functioning. Make sure system starts, runs and shuts off properly.

Inspect equipment – electrical connections, furnace heat exchanger, gas valve – to ensure safe connections. Faulty connections can be a fire hazard.

Measure the amp draw for motors and test capacitors to ensure optimal performance. Faulty connections can cause unsafe operation of the HVAC system.

Lubricate motors as needed. Well-lubricated motors prevent friction, allowing your system to operate more efficiently, thus saving you money.

Inspect the condensate drain and pump performance

Check duct work for leakage, mold, possible damage and air flow

Whether you're getting ready to book your regular spring maintenance or you're just realizing now that it's long overdue, use the season's transition as a reminder to have your system serviced.

Bobby Ferrel, a resident of Hope Valley, is co-founder of Green Horizon – a Durham based company offering home owners and builders a one-stop shop for energy efficiency and green building. Services include energy audits, crawl spaces, insulation, HVAC installation and maintenance, and geothermal heating and cooling.

Community Resource Officer

Ever wondered if your Home has security issues that need to be corrected to make it more secure? Good news. You have a resource within the Durham Police Department that can help you make your home more secure.

Our Community Resource Officer for District 3 is Lawanda Mock. Here are a few things Officer Mock can help you with around your home:

Neighborhood Watch
Security Surveys/CPTED
Emergency Call-Back
Fraud Prevention
Stranger Danger
Kids ID
Community Events
Robbery Prevention

Contact Information:

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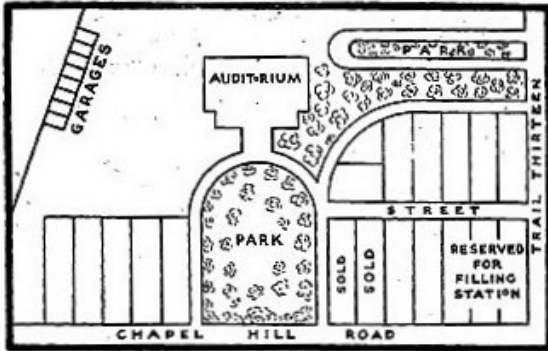
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- Hope Valley History -

By Don Stanger

HOPE VALLEY *Marketplace* - *An Original Conception*



Nothing of Its Kind Exists Hereabouts—Modern Ideas in City Planning Worked into a Model Rural Town Center—Provides for Future Needs in Beautiful Setting.

The steady growth of population out along Chapel Hill Boulevard, soon to be augmented by the work on the new site of Duke University, will require a new town or business center handy at once to this population, and to residents of Hope Valley.

With the idea of providing a convenient location, and at the same time guiding the development of this civic center along modern lines, Mebane & Sharpe have employed R. B. Cridland to design a model shopping center to be known as Hope Valley Marketplace.

Mr. Cridland looked the ground over and selected the most suitable location. His final plan and lay-out has been accepted and Engineer Lineberg will survey the lines and set the stakes this week.

A sale of this unique business property, about twenty lots, will then be announced.

The lay-out defines a small civic center, including a modern filling station, parks, and an auditorium to house a theatre, administration offices, and a hall for meetings. Deeds will contain a reasonable architectural restriction, and it is hoped that all buildings will conform to the English rural type of architecture—brick or stone, stucco and exposed oak strips.



Where Will They Play?

Those children of yours! What sort of home environment are you going to give them? Will it be the congestion of a city or the freedom of suburban life? Where will they play? On small lawns, concrete walks, traffic-laden streets—or out in the invigorating sunshine—out on the hillsides where open skies and long vistas inspire them? And their playmates! Who will be their companions—just anybody and everybody or youngsters of promise, talent and leadership?

In addition to every natural beauty of scenery and location, Hope Valley offers every city convenience. And also has many of the fine things which cannot be had in the city. Here, indeed, is a veritable paradise for "children" of all ages.

Make the decision now to buy and build in Hope Valley. For yourself and for your family, it will be a wise move.

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