

# DOWN IN THE VALLEY

Hello Neighbors!

Over the past several years the HVNA has taken some big steps. Many of our accomplishments are due to our rising membership numbers. We continue to ask for your help in getting these numbers up to help us bring you new things. Our newsletter is in color, the overall crime has significantly lowered, our website makes it easy to pay dues, the listserv will keep you up to date on news and the bulletin board is always there for posting non-HVNA news. Other big accomplishments are the Halloween parade that is beginning to morph into a fall fling with the many adults that attend along with the children. The block parties continue to bring new and old friends together for an afternoon of food and fun. Our newest addition has been the Northampton Gates! These gates seem to be the cherry on top. We were very lucky to have such kind donors that helped push this project to fruition. I can't take any credit for things happening on my watch only to say I had the greatest team that continues to work hard for the HVNA to keep it running smoothly. Please support Nancy Carstens in her new role as President of the HVNA. She will not disappoint. 2017 will have plenty for you to follow!

*Chase*

## 2017 HVNA MEMBERSHIP

The HVNA is now accepting 2017 Annual Dues.

To join the HVNA or renew your Annual HVNA Dues, go to [www.hvna.org](http://www.hvna.org) and click on the Pay Dues" Button.

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hancements to the neighborhood, communications, and many other expenditures that benefit Hope Valley.

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

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

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

# The Hope Valley Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting



On Thursday, February 23, the Hope Valley Neighborhood Association held its 2016-17 Annual Meeting.

2015-16 HVNA President Chase Teer Loew (Bristol Road) welcomed the group and shared last years' accomplishments.

## 2016 Accomplishments

2016 accomplishments included record membership, (65% of the neighborhood), continued robust communications: the newsletter, website, and the HVNA listserv and the Hope Valley Neighborhood Bulletin Board.

Over the last year the Association installed additional historic street signs, sold and installed address markers at individual residences, provided welcome bags to new residents, mailed three seasonal newsletters, decorated street signs for the holidays, organized the annual Halloween parade and gathering, helped organize and subsidize multiple block parties, monitored crime, engaged legal counsel to advise on covenant issues, maintained and repaired common areas in coordination with local garden clubs, led the fundraising and construction of the new entry markers at Northampton, and continued to provide a voice for Hope Valley at PAC 3 (Partners Against Crime Area 3) with the City of Durham.

## Elections

Nancy Carstens (Northampton) was elected HVNA President for 2017 and all other board members were reelected to their posts. (Please see last page of this newsletter for a complete list).

Out going President Chase Teer Loew was recognized for her outstanding service to our neighborhood over the past two years. Chase will assume the Welcoming Committee Chair for 2017.

## New 2017 Initiatives

The Board presented several new initiatives for 2017 for comment:

- Restoration of Gates at Dover Road and Chapel Hill Road, which are in very poor condition. These structures are protected by the City of Durham Landmark statute, and will require historically sensitive repair.
- A spring neighborhood-wide social event not unlike the Halloween parade.
- The exploration of additional Hope Valley Entry Markers at other entrances to Hope Valley.
- A late summer fall event with a cookie exchange.

- Block Parties - HVNA will subsidize and provide contact information and party kits.
- Little libraries for Hope Valley. A local architect has agreed to design a Hope Valley specific design, and several residents have offered to place these book depositories in their yards. Stay tuned for updates, and further information.
- Hope Valley Presentation. A presentation on the rich history of Hope Valley has been developed by Don Stanger, Tad DeBerry and others. The presentation is available for interested residents, clubs, or groups. A Hope Valley history exhibit is planned for the Museum of Durham History later this year.

## Q & A

A question and answer session followed, highlights include:

Questions about crime. Don Stanger, our crime monitor, noted that although property crimes will always occur, we have seen a marked decrease in the past year. Residents are encouraged, through block parties, neighborhood watch captains, and in general, neighbors getting to know their neighbors. The Durham Police Department recommends we monitor each others homes, advise when you are going out of town, and generally look out for one another. Even one burglary is one too many. Beyond interpersonal support, calling 911 for any suspicious activity is requested by the Durham Police Department, they will prioritize the calls, we just need to make them.

Questions about traffic and speeding. This ongoing problem is a concern for many residents. Durham Police are unable to do a constant thorough job. Tickets when issued are often dismissed. The City has stopped responding to speed table requests. Calling 911 is suggested by HVNA and Durham Police Department. License, make, and model are important. HVNA will post information on the HVNA listserv if provided by residents.

Questions about LiveWell Family Care Home on Bentley Drive. No State or County License has been issued. The HVNA has secured legal counsel funded by donations collected for that purpose. Nearby residents are making their feelings known by using yard signs. HVNA is opposing LiveWell because a non-resident business in an Hope Valley home is prohibited by our deed covenants. There are a couple of other Hope Valley homes where non-residents appear to be operating businesses, they have been reported to the City.

Questions about snow and ice plowing. The HVNA board researched this issue after the last ice / snow; to plow entire neighborhood would be cost prohibitive. Cost to plow Dover/Surrey/Rugby alone would consume the entire HVNA Annual Budget. Questions around what streets would merit "thoroughfare" plowing were asked. HVNA Board has tabled this discussion for time being.

# The Founding of Hope Valley

By London Burnham, Age 12

Have you ever wondered why all the houses in Hope Valley are so different? Read on to find out more about what makes our neighborhood unique.

In the early 1900's, Henry Ford made the newly created machine called the automobile affordable for everyone. A few years later, a car dealer and a real estate broker who lived in North Carolina had a great idea. Now that everyone would have a car, people wouldn't have to live in the city. They decided to create a spacious neighborhood away from the crowded, busy streets of Downtown Durham where families could have big yards and their kids could play safely. Even better, the neighborhood would have a clubhouse and a famously designed golf course that would only cost its members \$60 per year to use!

Hope Valley founders Jesse Mebane and Walter Sharpe were geniuses. In 1926, as the buzz of their new neighborhood spread through the area, other investors (such as the Richardson family who created Vick's Vapor Rub) got onboard. Mebane and Sharp went to work. They hired three designers, one for the clubhouse, one for the golf course and one for the roads and common land, and people started building. Nineteen homes were built that still stand today.

Then, just as Hope Valley was set to be a huge success, the worst happened. In 1929, the stock market crashed and left millions of citizens penniless. This was the start of the Great Depression. This crisis ruined many businesses, but somehow Hope Valley survived. In the 1930's, another 17 houses were built that are still here, and more joined them in the 1940's.

As the years went on and Hope Valley grew, homes were built a little at a time, and that's what makes our neighborhood so diverse. With each decade came different architecture styles and new building technology. If Mebane and Sharpe had been able to build out Hope Valley all at once, all the houses might look pretty much the same, but thanks to the depression, our neighborhood is like a giant time capsule that captures building styles from 100 years.

*Editor's Note: Congratulation to London Burnham for being the first "Hope Valley Young Journalist" to contribute to the HVNA newsletter! In future issues we will feature articles from young residents from our neighborhood.*

# Being a Good Neighbor in Four Easy Steps...

By Nancy Carstens

Remember the Motel 6 ad that said, 'We'll leave the light on for you' .....

1. In an effort to put a friendly foot forward, consider turning your porch light on every evening and then leave it on throughout the night. It not only says, 'welcome' but also serves as a good security technique throughout the night.
2. Speaking of lights...if you notice a street light that appears to be out, you can very easily go on the Duke Energy website, click on Outages, click on Report Street Light Outage. They will send you a confirmation and replace the light within 48-72 hours.
3. With the good weather and the number of pet lovers in this neighborhood, we are bound to see large numbers of dog walkers out and about. Please be a *careful driver* on our narrow streets, and be a curious dog walker and always have a bag (or two) at the ready to carry your pets 'giff' back to your home garbage can.
4. Keep an eye on your neighbor's house if you know they will be away. You are not snooping on your neighbor, you are helping keep their home safe!

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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](http://hvna.org) or by mailing a check to:

HVNA Address Marker  
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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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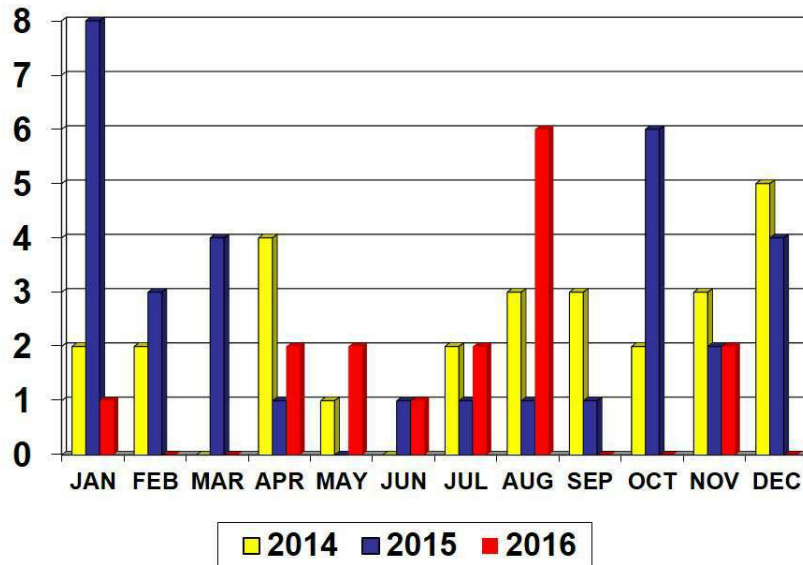
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# Hope Valley Burglaries

## - 2014 through 2016 -



By all accounts, 2015 was a disastrous year for burglaries in our neighborhood, with eight burglaries in the month of January alone, followed by 22 more burglaries during the next 11 months (see blue bars in the chart, above).

The 2016 total of 30 burglaries was the all time high number of burglaries since we have been keeping detailed property crime statistics eight years ago; and the eight burglaries in January 2015 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. For the twelve months of 2016, there were a total of 16 burglaries in Hope Valley. This, despite of a spike of six burglaries in August. When compared to the previous year, the 2016 full year total of 16 burglaries was equaled during the first four months of 2015. Further, there were five months in 2016 when there were no burglaries reported; during those same months in 2015, we experienced 18 burglaries!

Why the dramatic decrease in burglaries from one year to the next? It is hard to say. Determining the exact reason for any change in the rates of burglaries (either up or down) in Hope Valley is always a difficult task. For example, during some of our highest crime rate periods, we were paying for extra police patrols.

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 house alarms are armed when we are working outside, 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

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PORCH-Durham provides weekend backpacks to those children most in need within Durham Public Schools as well as the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Durham, Healthy Families Durham, The Durham Literacy Center, and the Durham Teen Center. In 2012, the Backpack Buddies Program expanded to include the School Pantry Program, which provides food relief for families of middle and high schools in Durham.

It is so simple - pick up a few single serving items while shopping for your family, place them on your front porch and let your coordinator know to pick it up. And you could be the coordinator for your street and that would mean simply forwarding our two emails to your neighbors, then pick up from porches and deliver to the parking lot at HVCC the third Monday of each month. 20.3% of children in DPS face food insecurity.

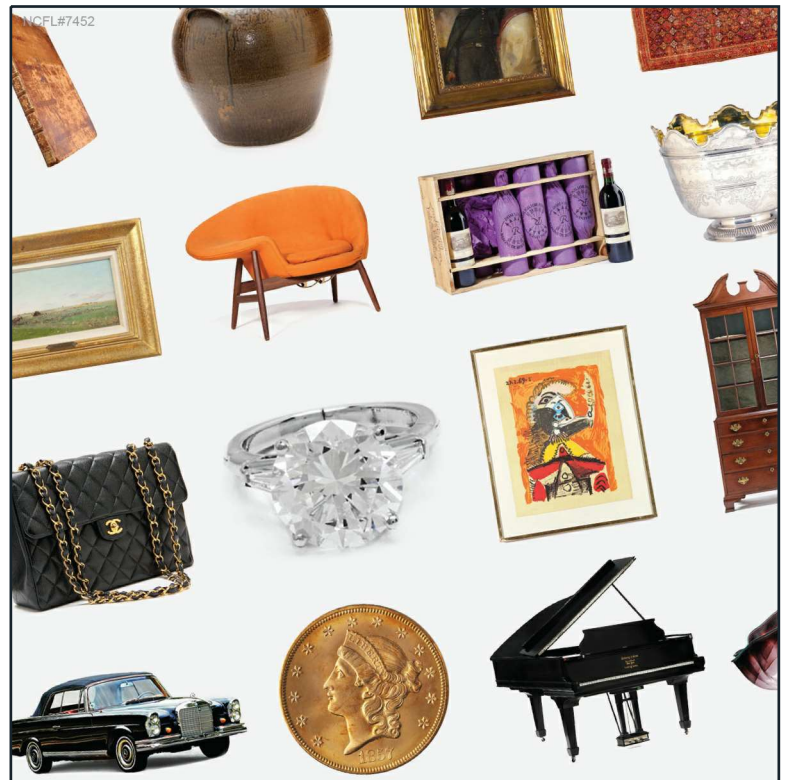
Here's how you can help:

1. Donate a bag(s) of individual sized servings of food once a month
2. Become a Neighborhood Coordinator
3. Delivery food from IFFS to school pantries on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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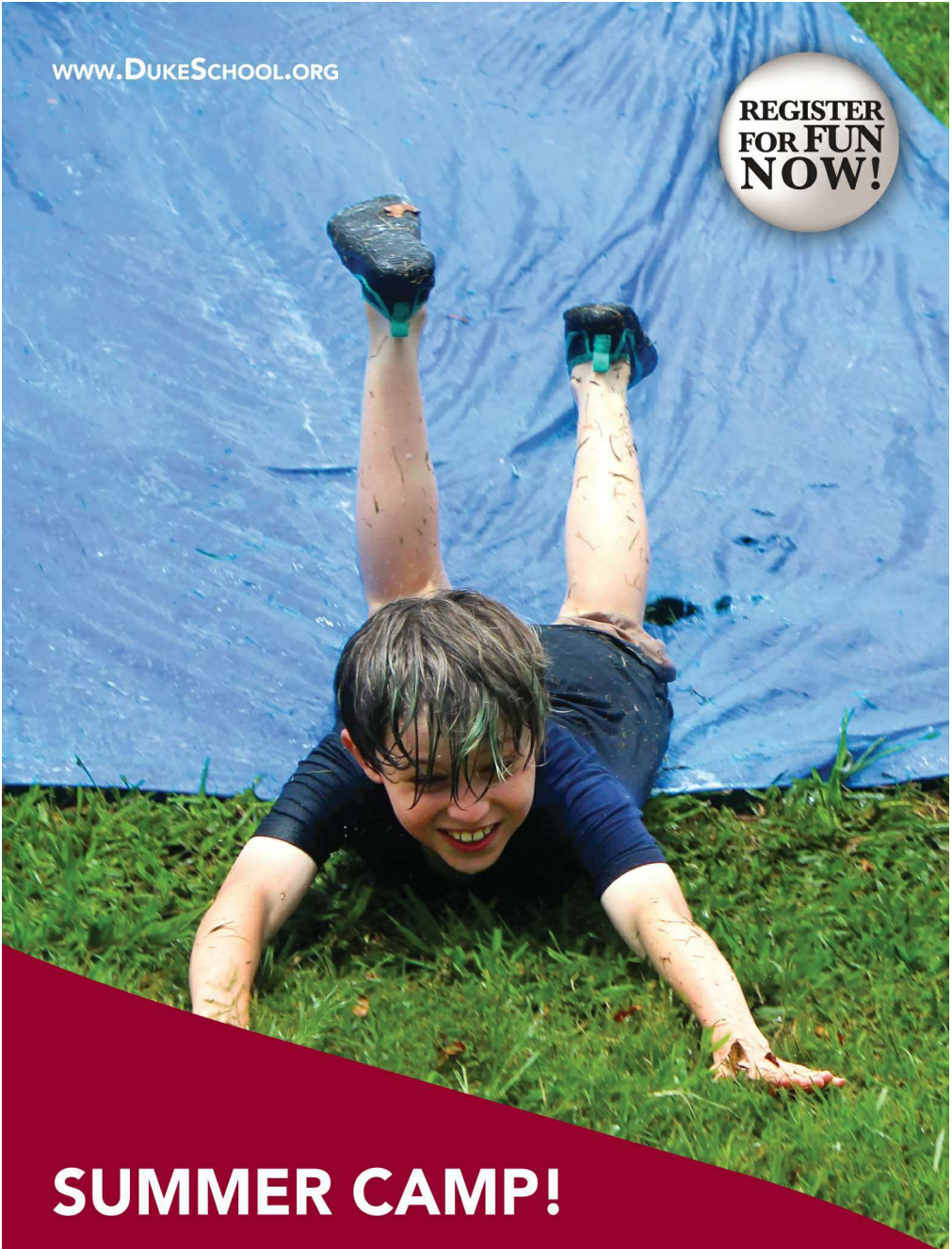
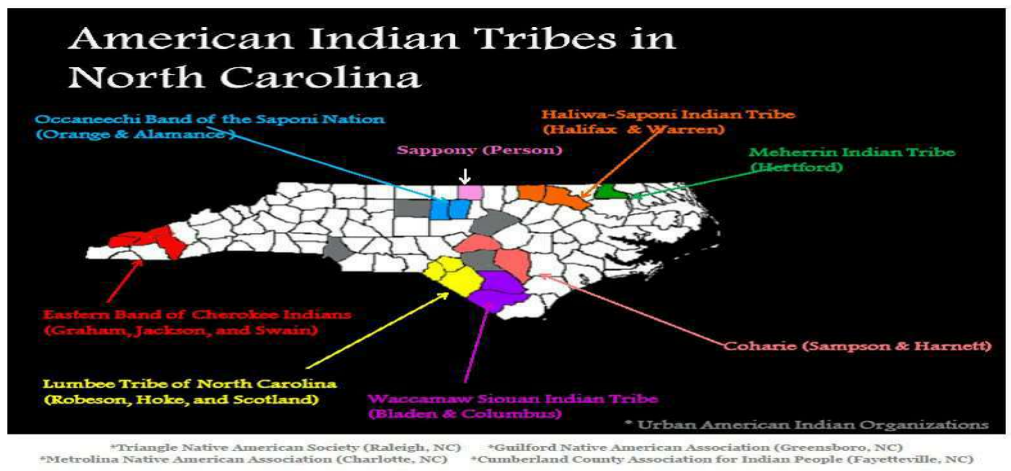
# Hope Valley's Earliest Residents - Hope Valley History - By Don Stanger

While the earliest residents of what is now Hope Valley may have been prehistoric hunter-gatherers, the earliest documented nearby residents were likely Native Americans, the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, who settled in Orange County (Hope Valley was located in Orange County until Durham County was founded in 1869).

According to the NCpedia web site:

The Occaneechi Indians were a tribe of American Indians who lived in the Piedmont Region of what are now North Carolina and southern Virginia prior to European settlement. They are first mentioned in historical records in 1650, when an Appomattox Indian guide told the English explorer Edward Bland that there was an island in the Roanoke River near present-day Clarksville, Virginia., where "some of the Occonacheans lived." The Occaneechi reached their greatest prominence as middlemen in the fur and deerskin trade that flourished between the Virginians and the Piedmont Indians during the 1660s and 1670s. Although no written accounts of the Occaneechi language have survived, the tribe is thought to have spoken an eastern Siouan dialect like many of their Piedmont neighbors, and the early Virginia historian Robert Beverley noted in 1705 that the Occaneechi's was the general language used by other Indians in the trade. John Lederer, a German explorer and doctor, visited and described the tribe's island village in 1670. A subsequent visit by James Needham and Gabriel Arthur in 1673 was described in a letter written by the Virginia trader Abraham Wood. The Occaneechi's control of the trade resulted in part from their strategic location astride the Great Path that led from the Virginia Colony to the Catawba and Cherokee. This situation came to an end in 1676, when the Occaneechi were attacked by a frontier militia led by Nathaniel Bacon. Following their defeat, the Occaneechi abandoned their island home on the Roanoke and moved south to the Eno River at present-day Hillsborough in Orange County. English explorer John Lawson visited and briefly described their village there in 1701. He noted that "their Cabins were hung with a good sort of Tapestry, as fat Bear, and Barbakued or dried Venison; no Indians having greater Plenty of Provisions than these." Lawson's "Achonechy" Town was excavated by archaeologists from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill between 1983 and 1986. These excavations revealed a small, briefly inhabited village that consisted of about a dozen wigwam-like houses that formed a circle surrounding an open plaza. At the center of the village was a large sweat lodge. The houses were surrounded by a defensive stockade, and a cemetery containing numerous graves was located just outside the village.

While the Occaneechi were probably not residents in this area, they no doubt traversed, hunted and camped here.



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