

# DOWN IN THE VALLEY

Dear Hope Valley Neighbors,

I hope that this letter finds all of you well and in a much better place than one year ago. Between the gloomy weather conditions, the calendar and fact that Christmas swags are now decorating Hope Valley; we are all aware that its holiday time and a new year is on the horizon. Things now have a much better overall feel than they did at the close of 2021! Many positive things have happened this year and it certainly feels more like it used to.

Membership has again reached about 67% of Hope Valley homes and while we are very happy to have that, we still seek to strive for higher numbers. Yes, two out of three is good but three out of four would be better and that is the number on which our sights are set. The numbers of users on both the Bulletin Board and Listserv are extremely strong. As a Board we are very happy to see them being used. Both represent excellent ways not only to communicate important neighborhood information but also to offer and solicit basic recommendations, everything from a qualified electrician to a pet-sitter; it seems that neighbors can help each other out in a flash. In fact, yours truly used suggestions to have some roofing and gutter work done based on others' experiences.

Appearance issues are continuing to be handled as they arise coupled with the ongoing projects existing throughout the year. I would like to thank the kind members of the Town & Country Garden Club for their generous financial donation to the HVNA. These dollars made possible the recent plantings around the Rugby Road entrance to Hope Valley. If you have not seen them, have a look.

Another amazing Halloween parade happened this year on Somerset and a good time was had by all. (See photos in this newsletter) That event has really amassed a loyal following over the last 20 years and it seems better and better each time around. Again, thanks go out to all the volunteers who make that happen along with the kind neighbors on Somerset letting us converge on their street for a few hours.

Please remember basic safety tips during the Christmas season, lock your homes and cars, regardless of where you are. Set alarms and turn on lights when you are not at home and in the evening. As best you are able, place gifts in the trunk or back area of an SUV to make them less visible and enticing to the bad guys. Work with delivery companies and neighbors and friends to ensure that packages are not left outside longer than they need be. The Board wants those who call Hope Valley home and those who come to visit to have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

I, along with my amazing fellow Board members would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the HVNA. We do what we do for Hope Valley and the people who've chosen to call her home.

All the best in the coming year!

*Tommy Kinney*

## HOPE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

### A 'Craig's List' Service for Hope Valley Residents

This unmonitored email list service (supported by your HVNA Annual Dues) 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 available to Hope Valley residents & HVNA members only.  
No spam, no phishing, just Hope Valley neighbor-to-neighbor communication!

To join, or to determine whether you have paid your \$50.00 annual dues, send an email to:

[donstanger@hvna.org](mailto:donstanger@hvna.org)

**NOTE: This does not replace the current monitored HVNA listserv for crime, emergency, lost pets, and HVNA official business.**

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# THE 2022 HVNA HALLOWEEN PARADE!



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