



New Hope Improvement Association



Hello Neighbor!!!!

A new NHIA Board was elected last Fall and it is larger and more inclusive – it includes members of our neighborhood who are like you and who share your concerns. We have put together a list of events that will cover all of 2015 (see sidebar)) and we would like your help in making each one a success and your ideas for new events – please visit our website to get involved and to volunteer. NHIA is also on Facebook. Please friend us!

Letter from the Board

fundraisers) but we're talking new septic system and eventually a new roof – hard to do with just country breakfasts and Turkey Runs even though we're pretty good at doing those. One option being considered is to transfer ownership of the building either by sale or by lease to the New Hope Fire Department which has more resources for repair and upkeep of the building. Discussions are ongoing and a proposed transfer



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The NHIA built and continues to own the building that we share with the New Hope Fire Department and we are two different entities. The current Board (and past Boards) has realized that the NHIA alone does not have the resources for many necessary repairs to the aging building at the present time and for anticipated repairs and continued maintenance in the future. The NHIA is in decent enough financial shape to run an ambitious schedule of events (some of which are

agreement would include a guarantee of continued use of the "NHIA area" by the NHIA and its members. Any transfer will require a vote by the NHIA membership and the issues will be presented in more detail at the membership meeting scheduled on April 28. Discussion with the members at this event or at other times will be welcomed. Please come and tell us what you think. It's your building and your NHIA.

2015 Events

at the NHIA Community Center, 4012 Whitfield Road

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- **Duke Forest Botanical Landscape Exploration** will be led by UNC professor Bob Peet on **Saturday, April 25** from **9am until 12pm**
- **Sue Whitfield Memorial Bench Dedication** will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 pm** (before the Members Meeting)
- **Members Meeting** to discuss the **future of the NHIA Community Center** will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th at 7pm**
- **Funny Girl Farm Tour** is in the works. Stay tuned for details
- **Ice Cream Social** is scheduled for **Sunday, July 12th from 1pm until 4pm.**
- **Country Breakfast** will be hosted by the NHIA and the New Hope Fire Department on **Saturday, October 3rd from 7am until 11 am**
- **Turkey Run** is being organized again by Walter Fowler and is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14th**
- **Annual Members Meeting & Board Elections** will be scheduled for **Tuesday, November tbd**

NHIA Members Meeting & Sue Whitfield Memorial Bench Dedication on Tuesday, April 28th

Your participation is urgently needed to help determine the future of the NHIA Community Center. There are major repairs needed and limited funds available so input is greatly desired from the association members on possible solutions. Please attend the Members Meeting or send you comments to contact@newhopeimprovement.com so that your thoughts can be included in the discussion.

Meeting Agenda:

- 2015 NHIA Event Calendar
- Fire Station & EMS Update
- Finance Update
- Community Center Dilemma

Past Events

31st Annual Turkey Run

The Chapel Hill News & Observer ran a great article on the 2014 Turkey Run <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/community/chapel-hill-news/chn-sports/article10124699.html>.

Beautiful weather graced the NHIA sponsored event which was held in the Korstian Division of Duke Forest. A light breakfast and a random draw of 20-30 baked items made by members of the neighborhood and about an equal amount of merchandise awards from businesses in Chapel Hill and Durham made everyone a winner.



Community "Trash Talk" Recycling Seminar

Muriel Williman, Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Orange County Solid Waste Management Department presented an informative recycling discussion to NHIA members on March 10th.



We learned about waste reduction, [what can be recycled](#), recycling markets, processes, how the new containers cut down on manpower costs, and how well Orange County and NC have done on meeting & exceeding goals set forth in 1990.

So, recycle and place your blue container on the curb in its proper position to reduce the amount of garbage in our landfills and keep recycling costs to a minimum.

Upcoming Events

Duke Forest Botanical Landscape Tour *Saturday April 25th*

Explore the beautiful botanical landscape of Duke Forest: a reflection of biology, geology, history and topography. UNC botany professor Bob Peet will lead the excursion as we take a few motor vehicles into the forest and hike to some off-the-beaten-path landscapes.

Funny Girl Farm Tour *COMING SOON*

Come see what sustainable agriculture is all about. The 105 acre Funny Girl Farm produces pastured eggs, shiitake mushrooms and seasonal vegetables. Products are sold at the on-farm store and nearby restaurants. Meet Ben and Ethan, general manager at the farm stand located near the roundabout at the end of Mt. Moriah Road.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

JOIN or RENEW your membership

New Hope Improvement Association (NHIA)

Membership dues are ONLY \$5 per household per year
(If you paid after October 1, 2014 you are still good for 2015)

Name: _____ Name _____

Email: _____ Email _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip code: _____

Mail completed form with payment to: New Hope Improvement Association, P.O. Box 16013, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-6013

Add your initials to VOLUNTEER for NHIA activities and committees!!!

___ Country Breakfast ___ Turkey Run ___ Membership ___ Building & Grounds Maintenance
___ Events & Programs ___ Communications ___ Hospitality ___ Other (specify) _____