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## COME JOIN US:

**Thurs, July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

### Community Watch & NHIA Membership Meeting

**7:00pm** Sergeant Butch Clark:  
Community Watch

**7:45pm** NHVFD Chief Mike  
Tapp: New Hope EMS Update



**Sun, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 4pm**

### Front Porch Ice Cream Social

Stay Cool with Frozen Treats (Ice Cream, Sorbet, Italian Ice) and Summer's Favorite Beverages (Lemonade, Iced Tea, and Ice Cold Water). Challenge a Friend with a Game (Horseshoes, Corn Hole, and Checkers) or Drop-By After a Walk in The Woods



2014  
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## New Hope Improvement Association

## Hello Neighbors!!!

This is a **“big year”** for the NHIA. In addition to federal and state elections, it's also the year for electing a new NHIA Board. The agenda, schedule and focus of our organization is set by a 12 member Board who serve 2 year terms. The Board will propose a 5 person nominating committee which will be selected at our October meeting with Board elections in November. Please contact any current Board members (until the nominating committee is named) if you are interested in serving on the Board although there are many other opportunities to get involved.

This is also a year of challenges. The NHIA, which formed in the

### *Letter from the NHIA Board*

sparsely populated New Hope Creek area, in the 1970s needs to stay relevant in the more connected and more populated community we have become. And the 1970's built NHIA building needs some professional repair. The NHIA will be looking for ideas and support with fundraising.

Please join us in revitalizing the NHIA which has been a part of our community for all these years. Descendants from some of the founding families are still in the organization but we will need “new blood” to bring it back to life.

**Get involved!**

## Donation Wish List

NHIA could use a projector for meetings and for guest speaker presentations. If you or your place of business has an old, unutilized projector, we would appreciate the gift.

**Not an NHIA Member? Membership forms are located at:**  
<http://www.newhopeimprovement.com/membership/>

**Need a room for your next event? Requests can be made at:**  
<http://www.newhopeimprovement.com/rent-the-community-center/>

## Deer Resistant Gardening Highlights (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

[The Unique Plants, Inc.](#) offered the New Hope Improvement Association (NHIA) community a special workshop on Deer-Resistant Gardening. Owner Joann Currier showed us many varieties of plants for both sun and shade garden locations. Joann's recommendations can be found on the [NHIA](#) website. The plants all shared general characteristics like 1) fuzzy or thorny, 2) odorous or 3) not palatable / poisonous to deer.

We also were treated with a scenic stroll on winding paths through the picture perfect grounds and nursery located at 4207 Oak Hill Road in Chapel Hill. Many thanks to Joanne & The Unique Plant.



## PSNC Natural Gas Information Meeting Summary (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

Shane Currin, Chapel Hill PSNC Representative, spoke to the 26 people about how they can get natural gas into their neighborhoods. To be cost effective for PSNC, there needs to be 75%-85% of the homes on the street willing to sign-up for heat & hot water within a year of running the lines.

People went away from the meeting learning that they have a dedicated contact at PSNC and that neighborhoods need to be proactive in getting their neighbors to complete a questionnaire to request bringing service to their area. Questionnaires can be filled out on-line at [psncenergy.com/form](http://psncenergy.com/form) or by completing a postage-free postcard (located in a folder on the NHIA Community Room covered porch). More meeting information can be found on the [NHIA](#) website.

## Upcoming 2014 Events at the NHIA Community Center

**Thurs, July 17 – [Community Watch & NHIA Membership Meeting](#) @ 7pm.** Sgt. Butch Clark of Orange County Sheriff's Department will speak about how to keep our neighborhoods safe followed by a short NHIA membership meeting

**Sun, July 20 – [Front Porch Ice Cream Social](#) from 1pm to 4pm**  
Frozen treats, summer beverages and porch/lawn games

**Sat, September 20 – New Hope Volunteer Fire Department & NHIA [Country Breakfast](#) is back from 7am to 11am**

**October (tbd) – [Candidates' Forum](#)**

**November 8 – [New Hope Turkey Run](#)**

**November (tbd) – [NHIA Member Meeting & Board Elections](#)**

## Sheriff Candidate Meet & Greet (July 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)

### Patterson Precinct Voting

Voter turn-out was brisk for the May 6<sup>th</sup> primary elections at the NHIA Community Room.



Hopefully the July 15th run-off was just as well attended.