



New Hope Improvement Association



Hello Neighbor!!!!

A major effort of the newly elected Board is developing new Bylaws for the NHIA. The original Bylaws were written in 1970 when the area was sparsely populated and rural and the world was a different place! The new Bylaws, which will have to be discussed and then approved by the membership to take effect, are meant to bring the NHIA into the 21st century without changing the "neighborhood feel" of the organization. The new Bylaws are also designed to be easier to update, with future changes being inevitable.

Letter from the Board

The hike was well-attended and successful. We have planned a series of events that will cover all of 2016; they are listed on the sidebar of this page. We need your help to make each one a success – by attending an event or volunteering to help. You can also help by giving us your ideas for future events.

Please visit our website. NHIA is also on Facebook; please "like" us. (See addresses on this page).

Discussions with Board members



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Discover more about NHIA on our website

<http://www.newhopeimprovement.com>

The proposed Bylaws will be presented at the upcoming **membership meeting on Tuesday April 19**, right after the **Country Breakfast on April 16**. Join the discussion and let us know what you think. Any changes must be approved by you, the membership!

We held the first NHIA event of 2016 on March 12. (See article on the Robson Mill Hike on page 2).

are welcome at any time. Talk to us at the **Country Breakfast on April 16**. Please come to the **membership meeting on April 19** and help plan the future of NHIA. You can also talk to us at the grocery store or on evening walks. We're your neighbors and we're right next door or right around the corner. Tell us what you think.

2016 Events

at the NHIA Community Center,
4014 Whitfield Road

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- **Country Breakfast** will be hosted by the NHIA and the New Hope Fire Department on **Saturday, April 16th** from **7am until 11 am**
- **Members Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, April 19th at 7 pm**. Topics include budget, event schedule, and updated by-laws review
- **Duke Forest Update and Q & A** with Sarah Childs on **Tuesday, May 17th at 7 pm**
- **Public Safety and Crime Prevention** with Sheriff Blackwell and NEW Community Watch officer, Corporal Daniel on **Tuesday, June 14th at 7 pm**
- **Ice Cream Social** on **Sunday, July 10th** from **2 pm to 4 pm**
- **Meet the Candidates** will be hosted in **October** (date TBD)
- **Annual Members Meeting & Board Elections** will be scheduled in **November** (date TBD)
- **Turkey Run** is being organized again by Walter Fowler and is scheduled for **Saturday, November 12th**



Country Breakfast

Sat, April 16th from 7am to 11am

New Hope Fire Department and NHIA invite you to come out for a tasty, hearty, breakfast!!!

Plates:

ADULTS:	\$10
KIDS (12 & under):	\$5

Breakfast Menu

Eggs	Sausage
Biscuits	Country Ham
Grits	Red-eye Gravy
Coffee, Juice & Iced Tea	

PAST EVENTS

32st Annual Turkey Run

The *Chapel Hill News* ran another wonderful article last November on the NHIA 2015 Turkey Run

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/community/chapel-hill-news/chn-sports/article10124699.html>.

Beautiful autumn weather graced the event that was held several weeks before Thanksgiving. This was a 4-mile run/walk open to all ages through the Korstian Division of Duke Forest.

A light breakfast was provided to all the participants. A random draw of 20-30 baked items made by members of the neighborhood, plus about an equal number of merchandise awards from businesses in Chapel Hill and Durham, made everyone a winner.

Thanks to Walter Fowler and the many volunteers for making this event such a success!!!



Photo courtesy of *Chapel Hill News*

Robson Mill Hike

The first event of the 2016 NHIA schedule was a hike to the remains of the 18th century Robson Mill, which is located on New Hope Creek just upstream of the Wooden Bridge. This is the oldest mill in Orange County – constructed at about the same time as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1790s).



Stewart Dunaway, author of *Johnston and Robson Mill History - Orange County, NC*, presented information about the layout of the mill/farm complex. The hikers went to the millhouse ruins, the dam, and millpond. On the hill above the mill are foundations of the miller's house and farm buildings, as well as the Robson graveyard with several intact headstones, and periwinkle remaining from the homesteading days.

Thank you, Stewart, for sharing this fun and educational experience with NHIA members!!!

Early Voting



In addition to being the voting site for the Patterson Precinct, the NHIA Community Center was selected as an early voting / one stop voting site for the 2016 primaries. It averaged about 80 people each day. This convenience for rural voters hopefully encouraged greater voter turnout.

ROOM RENTAL



The 1400 sq. ft. Community Center is available for rent. For pictures, rental schedule, rates and agreement go to: <http://www.newhopeimprovement.com/rent-the-community-center/>. To reserve a date or ask questions, contact Gail Boyarsky at gail.boyarsky@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

JOIN or RENEW your membership by MAIL or ON-LINE
New Hope Improvement Association (NHIA)

Name: _____ Name _____

Email: _____ Email _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip code: _____

JOIN on-line at www.newhopeimprovement.com OR
Mail completed form with your \$5.00 per household payment to: New Hope Improvement Association, P.O. Box 16013, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-6013

VOLUNTEER for NHIA activities and committees!!!

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