

NEW HOPE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

7 P.M.



4014 WHITFIELD ROAD
CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514

New Hope Improvement Association

Officers and Members-At-Large

Officers	
2015-2017	2016-2018
Gail Boyarsky, President	Suzanne Sauter, Secretary
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Mike Tapp, Fire Chief	

Year in Review

President Gail Boyarsky opened the Annual Membership meeting with a review of the events of 2016.

The first event of 2016 was the Robson Mill hike on March 12, 2016. The mill, located on New Hope Creek, was built in 1793 and sold to William Robson in 1810 for \$3500. The talk was presented by Stewart Dunaway, an author of a book on the subject of the

Johnston and Robson mill.

The second event of the year was the Country Breakfast that is a fund-raiser to support the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department and the New Hope Improvement Association. The weather was beautiful on April 16, 2016, unlike the cold rain of 2015. Attendance was much improved in 2016, but still less than the 300 plus attendees during the 1990s and the first decade of 2000.



April 19th was the spring membership meeting and the minutes from this meeting are posted on the New Hope Improvement Assocation website.

<https://www.newhopeimprovement.com/>

Sara Childs, the Director of Duke Forest presented a talk on Tuesday, May 17th entitled, "Duke Forest: A Resource for All Seasons. Duke Forest allows the NHIA to use the Forest for the Turkey Run in the fall. From time to time. Duke University makes use of the NHIA building for events relating to Duke Forest.

On June 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. the neighbors met with Sheriff Charles S. Blackwood of Orange County and several of his deputies. Sheriff Blackwood was elected in 2014 and took office in 2015. Both serious and lighter topics were covered. When to call 911? Whenever there is an obvious medical or public safety emergency. But also call for suspicious persons or



Robson Mill Hike



Sheriff Charles S. Blackwod

vehicles or anything that is out of the ordinary. Crime prevention tips and identification of scams were discussed at length. Community policing and building relationships with the varied communities served by the Sheriff of Orange County were among the topics of discussion. Lighter topics included the new uniforms, new police cars and a new logo.



Deputies with Gail Boyarsky & Sheriff Blackwod



gallons of ice cream, and jars and jars of chocolate fudge, chocolate, strawberry, butterscotch toppings, and cans of whipped cream, and pineapple and cherries, jimmies and sprinkles. It was all gooey fun. Even better than the ice cream was the bouncy house and a visit to the brand spanking new fire engine purchased by the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. More than 80 adults and kids came for all the fun.



Enjoying ice cream



l. Bouncy House

r. New engine



Work Crew

On a hot and very humid Sunday morning, August 21, 2016, a crew from the Board of Directors of the New Hope Improvement Association, pruned and cleared weeds and scrub trees from the front of the building, put in Chapel Hill gravel in front of the east side steps, and most importantly, made significant repairs to the back ramp to the kitchen so that the ramp is now useable and safe. Earlier in the year, a crew of mostly women from the NHIA worked hard to scrub and clean the kitchen and kitchen serving area.

The fall membership meeting was held on September 8, 2016, and again, the minutes from the meeting are posted on the NHIA website:

<https://www.newhopeimprovement.com/>

October 13, 2016 was the date for the October membership meeting and pizza get-together. The main purpose of the membership meeting was the election of a Nominating Committee to identify candidates for the November NHIA elections. Minutes are on NHIA website. <https://www.newhopeimprovement.com/>

On this night, a lively Candidates' Forum was held. Neither of the two Republican challengers to the Democratic State House and Senate candidates came. The candidate for House District 56, Verla Insko, did not attend, through the other General Assembly candidates, Valerie Foushee (Senate District 23), and Graig Meyer (House District 50) did attend. Candidate

for County Commissioner at large, Mark Marcoplos, and candidates for District 1, Penny Rich and Mark Dorosin came. The candidate for District 2, Renee Price, did not attend. The candidates faced lively questioning about housing, transportation, light rail, development in rural buffer among other issues. <https://www.newhopeimprovement.com/2016/10/candidate-forum-101316/>.



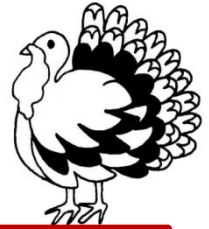
November 9, 2016, the Turkey Run was held for the 33th year. Begun in 1981, the run was held annually in early December except when the Forest was closed because of Hurricane Fran(1996) and a freak early December ice storm (2000) with widespread loss of power and multiple fallen trees. More recently, the race has been held in November. Occasionally a bit warm for running, usually the weather has been clear, cool and crisp as it was on November 9th. As a sports reporter, Randy Young, commented to me, "I can report the results, but I cannot report the warm comradery and the smell of freshly baking biscuits." Many, many thanks to the donors that provide the prizes. And thank you to all the runners who participated in the 2016 Turkey Run. The event raised about \$1800.00

Among the other events in November, Steve Herman hung a wood sign over the front, east, porch of the New Hope Improvement Association Building, identifying the building and reminding all of us that the New Hope Improvement Association was founded in the backyard



New sign made by Steve Herman

Turkey Run, November 12, 2016



Four mile course laid out by Doug Tilden

Registrants: 151 Runners 142

- Male: First, Zack Scholl 27:01- Durham,
 - Second, Kevin Rumsey 28:08 - Stem,
 - Third, Charlie Schaefer 29:19 - Durham.
- Female: First, Millie Barritt 29:19 - Chapel Hill,
 - Second, Sandy Kendall 31:18 - Durham,
 - Honorable Mention, Zack Third, Rietta Couper 31:35 -Chapel Hill
- Dalva Baird, 9 y.o. student at Durham Academy ran the whole 4 mile course in 36:44
 - Oldest male, Emil Malizia,
 - Oldest female Supatra Campbell.
 - Youngest male, Eli Chappell 7,
 - Youngest female, Addy Chappell 5 (his sister).

T-Shirt Sponsors

New Hope Animal Hospital
Marvin Barnes (Fast Fare)
9th Street Active Feet

Donors of Gift Certificates, Merchandise, and Art

Mike Brady
Bruce Buley, MA, PT (Comprehensive Physical Therapy)
Margaret's Cantina
Sage Vegetarian Café
Victoria Florist
Bagel Bar
Joe Van Gogh
The Pig Restaurant
Henry Walker
Chelsea Theatre
Sue Wilkins
Framemakers

Special thanks go to the bakers:



Carolyn and Gary Higginbotham are part of the team of bakers, as is The Rev. Dr. Lee Carter, and cook, Jim Worrell (below).

Donors of Baked Goods and Sweet Treats

Gail Boyarsky
Rose Boyarsky
Ellen Cassilly
Kitty Harrison
Meg McCann
Suzanne Sauter
Caty Sherman
Verna Spiers
Joan Walker
Leslie Wilson
Helen Youngblood



New Hope Turkey Run, 2016



Kitchen crew-Carter & Higginbothams



Goodies



Young runner



**I. Kitty Harrison r. Rose Boyarsky.
Getting entries ready for drawings**



Breakfast



**Walter Fowler announces
winner**



Youngest winner-male



Turkey Run November 12, 2016 Runners on Trail. Photo by Randy Young, The Chapel Hill News/ News and Observer



Senior Winner receives prize

of Glen Whitfield's home in the summer of 1969. Steve Herman was able to re-purpose what might have become scrap wood to construct a sturdy, handsome new sign.

The New Hope Improvement Association was initially incorporated in 1970 and then again in 1974. The concerns of the residents of the New Hope area were the proposed placement of a superhighway in the midst of the community, the location of the proposed county landfill on nearby Eubanks Road, and the need for fire and emergency ambulance protection in Orange County, south of Hillsborough and north of Chapel Hill. The interstate highway I-40 was built over the objections of the residents. The landfill was sited on Eubanks Road, used to capacity, and closed. There was a volunteer rescue squad at the New Hope Fire Station, but eventually emergency medical services were amalgamated over the southern half of Orange County, NC.

The need for fire protection resulted in the formation of the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. Originally, a class 9 fire station, upgrades in person-power and equipment have resulted in the upgrade of the fire protection in this area to class 6 insurance district with stations on Whitfield Road and Highway 86. [There is more under the Fire Chief's report.] The New Hope Fire Station still provides first responder medical service to the community, though the area is now covered by Orange County Emergency Medical Services.

At first, the New Hope Improvement Association met in local homes and churches. In the 1972 the present building was built with \$30,000 in donations from the community and a \$25,000 loan from Orange Savings and Loan (now PNC Bank) that was paid off on June 1, 1987.

On November 8, 2016, the New Hope Improvement Association was once again the voting site for Patterson Precinct.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Membership meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. on November 15, 2016 at the New Hope Improvement Association buildings. Twenty-one members representing 17 households were present at the meeting. The President reviewed the events of the year. Other items on the agenda:

- Building and Grounds and Fire Chief reports,
- Building Rental report,
- Treasurer's report,
- ratification of Bylaws,

- election of Secretary and Treasurer, three members-at-large and one member-at-large to serve one year to fill an unexpired term.



Annual Meeting

The Building and Grounds ad hoc Committee report was presented by Steve Herman and Fire Chief Mike Tapp. The well that had ground water leaks was re-sleeved on Friday, November 11, 2016. Also, maintenance on the pump mechanism was completed at that time. In addition to the above-mentioned work, several items remain to be addressed during the 2016-2017 year among which is the adequacy of the aging septic system. Nothing more can really be done to improve the inflow into the septic system since all fixtures that are used with any frequency are low flow. The system seems to function just fine with regular pumping at yearly or longer intervals. Other building and grounds items are: building maintenance, both interior and exterior (roof); and the need to re-landscape the east, front, entrance of the building. Steve Herman solicited input from the membership as to priorities of non-essential maintenance, especially aesthetic improvements to the building.

Report of the Fire Chief: Chief Mike Tapp reported that there have been no house fires thus far in 2016. The fire department has responded to 544 calls, most of them car wrecks on I-40 and first responder calls for medical aid. There were also calls for removal of safety hazards after Hurricane Matthew. Chief Tapp expressed his deep concern about the number of vehicular wrecks occurring along the approximate 7-mile stretch of I-40 to which they respond when a wreck occurs. The main accomplishment for 2016 was the purchase of a \$506,000 pumper truck from Spartan Emergency Response Vehicles, South Dakota. Of the purchase price, \$300,000

was obtained by an interest- free loan through Piedmont Electric Membership from the Corporation Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program of the United States Department of Agriculture. The significant savings from no interest payments means that there is more money for safety equipment, among other needed items. The hope of Chief Tapp is to see the NHVF upgraded to a class 5 department, which is a good insurance rating for a rural fire district.



l. Steve Herman r. Gail Boyarsky



Fire Chief Mike Tapp

Building Rental has yielded \$2300 in income and \$392.00 in cleaning expenses. The building, kitchen, and bathrooms have to be checked immediately after each rental to make certain that it is clean for the next rental. Renters have not infrequently left the space messy without trash picked up. The President Gail Boyarsky has been trying to manage building rental by herself. She has found this to be too time consuming and too much work for her to manage alone. A discussion ensued on several points: charges for building rental, deposit fees, use of a facilities manager, other ways to supervise building rentals, and need for upgrades. One side comment made was that most of the folding chairs need to be replaced.

Treasurer's report: See following section.

The Standing Rules were voted upon and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors at its October 18, 2016 meeting. Minutes can be found online.

<https://www.newhopeimprovement.com/2016/11/board-meeting-minutes-101816/>.

Vote upon Bylaws: Seventeen members voted for the Bylaws and four voted against. That is, fifteen households voted for the Bylaws and two households voted against the Bylaws. Since a quorum was present, the Bylaws were ratified. The Bylaws and Standing Rules are now posted on line for reference.

Election of Officers and Members-At-Large: The table below summarizes the election results since all the candidates received more than a majority of votes.

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The meeting adjourned at 8: 20 p.m.



L. to R. Mike Tapp, Kay Tapp, Gail Boyarsky. Lindsay Carroll, Ed Tostanoski, Suzanne Sauter, Walter Fowler, Jim Worrell, Steve Herman. Missing Alison Windram and Alice Freeland

Treasurer's Report for NHIA year to date ending November 21, 2016

Income		
Dues	272.23	
Rental from NHVFD	4,000.00	
Interest	3.35	
Rental	2675.00	
Fund raising events	998.91	
Net-Turkey Run	1859.85	
Other donations	160.00	
Total Income		9969.34
Expenses		
Post office, safe deposit box, Orange County recycling fee	222.00	
Banking fees	78.93	
Utilities, pest control, fire extinguishers	1572.05	
Website, printing, postage	21.95	
Building maintenance	1885.92	
Fund raising expenses (Ice cream social)	334.74	
Refreshments	364.22	
Disbursement to NHVFD	500.00	
Total expenditures		(4977.81)
Approximate net income year to date		4991.53
Unfunded commitment to Hollow Rock Store Preservation	500.00	
Money Market Account	\$12,283.16	
Operating account	\$20,592.82	
Building Rental account	\$2,994.75	
		\$35870.73