

THE NEHHPA NEWSLETTER



Mark Your Calendars for these events:

Annual NEHHPA Summer Picnic

Saturday, September 17th

**The Future and What it Holds for Our
Neighborhood**

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 20th

Look inside newsletter for details.

Slate: The Least Expensive and Most Dependable Roof You Will Ever Own

Slate has to be the most misunderstood roofing product on the market. Roofers talk to several dozen homeowners yearly who have slate roofs, and very few even know where slate comes from. This is not intended to be a long, boring history of stone roofing. It is, however, attempt to answer a few frequently asked questions about slate roofing, as well as list some do's and don'ts concerning slate repairs and selecting a slate roofing contractor.

Where did my slate come from?

The slate most commonly installed in Hampton Roads is the Blue/Black variety from Buckingham County, Virginia. Buckingham County is only about 4 hours northwest of Hampton Roads. There are also several green and buff colored slate roofs in the Hilton Village section of Newport News that were quarried and shipped from the slate valley area in Vermont.

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Calendar

September 17, 2011

NEHHPA Summer Picnic

September 20, 2011

NEHHPA Board Meeting

October 18, 2011

NEHHPA Board Meeting

October 20, 2011

Looking to The Future

General Meeting

November 15, 2011

NEHHPA Board Meeting

North End Huntington Heights Preservation Association

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The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

by Carolyn C. Hughes

North End Huntington Heights Preservation Association Preservation Forum Report

During the past century the Sanborn Map Company has published maps and atlases of more than twelve thousand United States towns and cities, issued in some seven hundred thousand separate sheets, and yet the name Sanborn is known to but a small number of American public. This anomalous situation has persisted because Sanborn's specialized maps were prepared for the exclusive use of fire insurance companies and underwriters. The maps were designed to assist fire insurance agents in determining the degree of hazard associated with a particular property and therefore show the size, shape, and construction of dwellings, commercial buildings, and factories as well as fire walls, locations of windows and doors, sprinkler systems, and types of roofs. The maps also indicate widths and names of streets, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers and, for Kentucky, distilleries and liquor warehouses. They show the locations of water mains, giving their dimensions, and of fire alarm boxes and hydrants. Sanborn maps are thus an unrivaled source of information about the structure and use of buildings in American cities. The maps are large-scale [lithographed](#) street plans at a scale of 50 feet to one inch (1:600) on 21 inch by 25 inch sheets of paper, bound into volumes, bound and then updated until the subsequent volume was produced. The maps have been produced in microfilm for firefighters to carry with portable readers and are there are now Digital Sanborn Maps accessed for a fee on the Internet.

The Newport News Public Library History Room has purchased the microfilm of the pertinent maps. The Hiden Virginiana Room at the Main Street library has the film and hard copies. There are no maps for Warwick County because there was no formal fire protection. There is one microfilm map for Warwick City for 1954.

Old Dominion Land Company Maps, as well as other local maps are also available.

THE NORTH END HUNTINGTON HEIGHTS PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

The mission statement for the North End Huntington Heights Preservation Association is to preserve the historic residential character of North End Huntington Heights through advocacy, communication, and education.

Slate

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How long does a slate roof last?

Depending on the type of slate, a slate roof can last hundreds of years. Buckingham Slate warrants their product for 150 years. Having the lowest water absorption rate of any American slate, it is safe to say it should outlive the home it was installed on.

How much does a slate roof cost?

The cost of installing a new slate roof can be relatively expensive compared to other forms of roofing materials, sometimes several times more. But while the up front cost of installation is high, *the cost per year over its lifespan is the lowest of all of its competitors*. It is impossible to list a general cost of a newly installed slate roof as there are too many variables. The roof size and pitch, the size of the slate, which type of slate will be used and the roof details all factor in on the figuring of the cost of a slate roof.

Do slate roofs require maintenance?

Slate roofs require no more maintenance than any other style of roof. Just like all roofs, they should be inspected by a professional every few years or so. Homeowners should conduct their own inspections yearly. Start in the attic and look for water stains. The exterior can be inspected by use of a simple pair of binoculars right from the ground. Look for slates that are missing, broken, sliding out or have holes in them. If an area of your roof is obstructed, be creative, just be safe!

How do I know if my slate roof needs to be replaced?

Typically, slate roofs will last well over 100 years. Buckingham slate roofs have been known to last over 150 years. It is rare the slate itself fails. If a slate roof leaks it is usually a failure in the details of the roof. Pipe collars, valley metal, and wall flashings are common

leak sources. Over 95% of the slate roofs a roofer consulted for this article looked at over the years were easily repaired. Only one roof he had inspected required replacement due to fastener failure. The few that require replacement was due to prolonged leaking that destroyed the substrate. Only trust the opinion of a certified slate roof repair company. This leads to the final question...

How do you select the right contractor?

Slate roofing practices haven't changed in the last 100 years yet so many roofs are repaired incorrectly. Do not consider a contractor if they suggest anything from nails though the face of the slate, plastic product used instead of real slate, tar slapped on anything that looks like a leak, or the most common incorrect repair of them all, the metal strap hanger. When trying to find a contractor to properly diagnose and repair your slate roof is simple, educate yourself! First, ask your neighbors for references. See who they have used in the past. Often you will hear who NOT to use which is just as important as whom you should call. Your next step is to read. Many slate roof owners have enjoyed Joseph Jenkins's book "The Slate Roof Bible". This is a very informative book on the history of slate roofing in the United States. It also has a very extensive section on slate roofing repairs. You should also only hire a contractor who has been certified by the various slate roofing governing bodies such as The National Slate Association and the Slate Roofing Contractors Association. Their websites are indispensable when it comes to finding the right contractor to repair your roof.

Don't let a poor decision in contractor selection lead to further damage and additional costs that may have been avoided by doing a little research.

The North End – Huntington Heights Annual Picnic

We are a unique community in Newport News and should celebrate that fact – it is through our solidarity that we continue to exist as the oldest neighborhood in Newport News.

COME AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS at an end of summer picnic potluck dinner and family friendly outing. This event will be held at Noland Memorial Church on Huntington Avenue from 5–8 p.m. on Saturday, September 17.

Several fun filled activities for the entire family (ages 0–99) will take place. We will also have a raffle for everyone to participate in.

Other fun events include a **planned visit by the Newport News Fire Department** and **number of activities for the kids.** For more details, visit www.nehhpa.org. We hope to see you on the 17th!



How much does it cost? The event is **FREE**.

What to bring?

Please bring a large covered dish and two 2-liters of soda to share. You may also want to bring lawn chairs and blankets if you want to sit outside.

We must have all RSVP's for the event by Friday, September 16th so that we have enough plates and cups.

Additional questions email: carolyn hughes, carolhug@msn.com.

A Look Forward

General Membership Meeting to Discuss Issues with and Their Effect on The Historic North End and Huntington Heights

As you may already know, with the creation of Huntington Ingalls Industries and the redevelopment of the downtown area things are already happening to and more is being proposed for this area. New development has brought housing for the Navy across from the former Newport News high School and redevelopment of the Noland building downtown as apartments. In a short time, ground will be broken for the new Shipyard Apprentice School complex, which will include the school, shops, and apartments. Much of this will have an impact on our neighborhood. **Let's make it a positive change which benefits our Neighborhood.**

Listen to the presentations and participate in the open forums given by industry, political and governmental representatives.

Get informed and give your input!

Who: Main Speaker: Mr. Tanner

Other Speakers: Representatives of the City are expected to attend

When: Thursday, October 20, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Noland Memorial United Methodist Church

5501 Huntington Avenue, Newport News

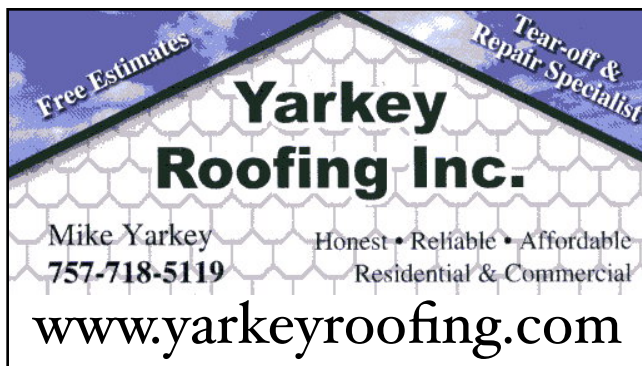
Trash Pickup Schedule for North End / Huntington Heights Modified

The city has recently modified the trash pickup schedule for our neighborhood. Garbage (in the city green totes) is picked up weekly on Wednesdays.

Recycling (in the city blue totes) is picked up every two weeks on Wednesdays.

Effective July 11, 2011, bulk pickup is now picked up only every two weeks on Wednesdays, coinciding with recycling pickup.

See <http://www.nngov.com/public-works/sw/front-page> for more information.



Block Captains

47th - 50th Vacant
 51st - Gene Nicholson - 340 51st
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 53rd - Vacant
 West Hunt 51-54 Linda Bordeaux 226 52nd
 54th - Bonnie Snead - 342 54th
 55th - Phil Shook 310 55th
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 58th - Pat Ward 315 58th
 59th - Karen Velkey 6702 Huntington
 60th - John Hughes 335 60th
 61st - Glenn Norcutt 340 61st
 62nd - Brenda Robbins 330 62nd
 63rd - Matt Gardner 6300 Huntington
 64th - Bea Dahlen 6306 Huntington
 65th - Billie Leggette 6408 Huntington
 66th - George Silk 6512 Huntington
 67th - Agnes Kump 314 67th
 68th - James Wells - 6702 Huntington
 69th, Warwick - Vacant
 70th - Vacant
 71st, 72nd, 73rd - Steve Hudak 319 71st
 Belvedere and River Rd - Vacant

River Precinct State Senatorial District moved from 2nd District to 1st District

Voters in NEHH will find new names on the ballot Tuesday, November 8 when we go to the polls at the War Museum in Huntington Park. In the 1st District Senatorial race, incumbent John Miller, resident of Newport News will face Michael Chohany, resident of Williamsburg. Miller was first elected in 2008 and Chohany won the uncontested GOP primary August 23.

The 94th House of Delegates District is a contest between Republican David E. Yancey and Democrat Gary R. West, who are seeking to replace Del. G. Glenn Oder, R-Newport News. Oder is retiring from the House effective September 1 to take over as executive director of the Fort Monroe Authority.

To keep up to date in the changes go to: <http://www.dailypress.com/>; <http://legis.state.va.us/>;
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Number of years ____ X \$20 = Total \$_____ or purchase a Lifetime Membership for \$150

Member #1: _____ Date: _____

Member #2: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address _____

Emergency contact _____ (in case something happens while you're out of town)

Please circle below any committees with which you might be willing to assist.

Block Captain	Membership	Homes Tour	Newsletter
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