

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The April 2007 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Chuck and Joyce Mason. Our financial balance as of March 31, 2007 is \$4,720.40. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.) As of this writing, our membership for 2007 includes 76 homeowners.

THE TOWN OF FOUR SEASONS . . . AND FREAK STORMS. Hurricanes, ice storms, gale-force winds — we've weathered them all, including the uprooted trees and power outages left in their wake. We extend our sincere sympathy to all residents whose homes and property were damaged during the recent storm. If this ever happens again (knock on wood), remember these important phone numbers: 1-800-POWERON (1-800-769-3766 for Duke Power) to report a power outage or downed power line; and 694-7971 (N.C. Department of Transportation) to report a toppled tree that is blocking a road.

GRIMESDALE ENTERS THE ELECTRONIC AGE. Grimesdale now has its own website. Chris Swain, our GHA President, has spent many hours during the last several months designing a neighborhood website that will help new residents become acquainted with our community and will keep us informed about events in our area. The website — <http://www.grimesdale.org> — includes a list of GHA officers and street directors, upcoming events and meetings, news alerts, the GHA covenants, the GHA budget, and a history of Grimesdale. Although the website is mostly completed, it is also a work in progress. For example, the history section includes information on Grimesdale from its inception in the 1950s to 1991, but it will soon be updated to the present. The website also includes a way for you to send your comments, concerns, and questions to your GHA representatives. Make yourself a cup of tea, log onto the site, visit for a while, and let us know what you think about our new addition to the world of cyberspace.

GOOD COVENANTS MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS. The first house in Grimesdale was built in 1955. In those early years a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants was drafted, which all new residents were asked to sign and follow. Although they've been revised since then, the covenants were, and still are, meant to protect the property values and welfare of all Grimesdale residents. They help to maintain the charm and character of our neighborhood by keeping it free of such health hazards and eyesores as pigpens, billboards, trash heaps, and auto graveyards. Every homeowner should have a copy of the covenants. If you don't have a copy, ask your street director for one, or log onto the Grimesdale website and click on the "Covenants" tab. Old-timers have lamented the decline in our neighborhood's appearance and ambience over the last ten years due to the increasing amount of clutter in yards and driveways. Please read the covenants and be mindful of the restrictions and their intended purpose.

THE BANE OF RAIN STAYS MAINLY IN THE DRAIN . . . BUT NOT ALWAYS. Sometimes it floods streets, driveways, yards, and even homes, especially when leaves and other debris clog the drains. Be a good neighbor. Clear out the leaves from the right-of-way sections on your property, and never rake leaves or other yard waste into the drainage ditches. If everyone in Grimesdale does this, then when it rains, it may still pour, but at least it won't flood.

APPLE CREEK GETS REDIRECTED. You folks on Apple Creek Lane have a new street director. After ten years representing her neighbors, Barbara Miller is stepping down. Tanya Jones has volunteered to take her place. We thank Barbara for her many years of dedicated service to the Grimesdale community and welcome Tanya to our band of merry men and women.

LET THE SUNSHINE IN. Perhaps you've seen Ruth Musolff listed in the Grimesdale directory and wondered what her title ("Sunshine Director") really means. Ruth serves as our neighborhood Florence Nightingale, but instead of providing medical assistance in the field, she provides solace, encouragement, and congratulations

through the mail. When someone in Grimesdale has died, has a serious illness, or has been blessed with a new baby, Ruth sends the person or his or her family a card on behalf of all of us in the community. In doing so, she brings a little ray of sunshine into each home and heart. Since January, Ruth has sent three cards to Grimesdale residents: a sympathy card to the family of Lois Orr, who passed away; a get well card to Ben Bishop, who was hospitalized; and a congratulations card to Terri and Mike Garren, who just had a baby girl. If you know of someone on your street or elsewhere in Grimesdale who could use some Hallmark first aid, do the neighborly thing. Call your street director, who will then talk to Ruth.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The next GHA Board Meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9**, at the home of Chuck and Joyce Mason, 185 N. Mason Way. All board members (including street directors) please plan to attend. Other Grimesdale residents are also welcome.

GRIMESDALE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.
Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2007

Bank Balance as of January 1, 2007	1,053.25
 <u>INCOME</u>	
Dues Collected (January through March)	<u>1,260.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,313.25
 <u>EXPENSES</u>	
Pressure Washing Entrance Posts	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$250.00
 Check Book Balance as of March 31, 2007	 2,063.25
Certificate of Deposit Principal Amount	<u>2,657.15</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$4,720.40

THANKS to the following residents for supporting your GHA by paying your dues **FOR THE YEAR 2007**

Apple Creek Lane	A & D Braswell, S & J Collins, M Cosgrove, T & L Jones, J & R McMillan, B Miller
Brookside Camp Road	
Cardinal Lane	K Buchanan, M Gordon, B & R Snyder, M & C Stanberry, R & R Turner, D & D Waldrup
Charlyne Drive	G & R Alexander, K Brostowicz, L & E Freeman, J & D Giles, D & D Robinson, J Shipp, M Walker
Cherrywood Lane	
Cheryl Drive	M Aselin, F Bushmann, D & U Evans, V & K Kemp, C & B Kish, A Magness, J & R Miller, B & P Packer, M & G Postler, S & B Young
Crabapple Circle	B & H Carrier, R Johnson, C & J Stepp
Crabapple Hill Lane	J & C Ellis, N McMahan, C Parker & L Siebel
Florida Drive	M & C Graham, A & R Holt, M & R Matteson, J & D Noehre, K Schafer, M & J Stefanko
Magnolia Drive	C Bumgarner, J & A Buttrick, L & B Fitch, C Graham, L Grant, L Harper, B & J Nicholson, L & M Rinehart, P Shank, O Suleimansade, J Tarrer, E VandenDolder
Mason View Lane	K & T Simon
N. Mason Way	D & B Chandler, C Mason, J & C Mason
Napier Drive	R & B Bishop, M & D Johnston, J O'Connell, C Plack, A & L Souther, L & C Swain, B & B Wilson
Primrose Drive	O & B Brown, L & E Orr, J & D Patterson, J & V Van Matre
Starlight Lane	R Musolff, P & M Orr, K & T Sullivan, L Tooker
Wesley Way	D Dellinger, P & J Dubis, J Hill, E & B Laney

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Thanks to all who have already paid their 2007 dues. If you haven't, please make your check in the amount of \$20.00, payable to GHA. Mail it to Bill Fitch, GHA Treasurer, 3095 Magnolia Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792.

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Phone _____ E-Mail _____