

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The July 2007 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Chuck and Joyce Mason. Our financial balance as of June 30, 2007 is \$4,401.44. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.) As of this writing, our membership for 2007 includes 86 homeowners.

NOT ON MY WATCH. He's the Captain of the Community Watch Program in Grimesdale. No, he doesn't work for the Dept. of Homeland Security, nor is he a CIA operative. He is, however, concerned about the safety and security of our neighborhood. His name is Dwight Giles, and he lives on Charlyne Drive. Dwight distributes a brochure and decal created specifically for the program. The decal, designed for placement on windows, states, "Warning! We look out for each other! All suspicious persons and activities are immediately reported to our police dept." The brochure, titled "The Way to a Crime-Free and Secure Neighborhood," provides tips on keeping your home safe: (1) make your home look occupied by leaving on some lights and a radio or TV when you're out; (2) lock your doors; (3) use dead bolt locks; (4) don't hide a key outside; (5) drill and pin your windows; (6) brace sliding glass doors; (7) install good exterior lighting; (8) keep bushes and shrubs trimmed; (9) stop mail and paper deliveries; (10) get a dog; and (11) install an alarm system. Ask your street director for free copies of the brochure and decal. Street directors can obtain additional copies from Dwight (696-2435). If you don't think our neighborhood needs a Community Watch Program, then please read the next paragraph.

STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT . . . AND IN THE DAY. Elaine Laney of Wesley Way sent an e-mail message to Chuck Mason, GHA Vice President, on June 23, in which she described a disturbing incident. Her next-door neighbor, Corinne Ingle, had asked her if she had seen any strange men around their property. Corinne said that one night a man with a flashlight had been in their backyard, and one day a man had tried to open their basement door. Elaine wrote, "The nighttime event was over before anyone could react; he ducked through the trees at the rear of their property. The daytime event scared [Corinne's daughter], and she tried to call her mother at work but couldn't get her. When she looked again, the man was gone. Her only identification was that he had on jeans and a black sweatshirt. I advised the mother to call the Sheriff's Dept." Criminals avoid neighborhoods where they might get caught. If they know they're being watched, they'll go elsewhere. As neighbors, let's work together to keep our homes and families safe. Become an active participant in our Community Watch Program. Read the brochure, put a decal on your window, watch out for your neighbors, and report suspicious activities. If you see a suspicious person in the neighborhood, call the Sheriff's Dept. (911 for emergencies, or 697-4911), and tell your street director so he or she can warn others in Grimesdale.

NO ORGANIZATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. Let the fireworks begin! This July we not only commemorate our nation's independence, but we also celebrate the attainment of a complete congress of Grimesdale street directors. After many months without representation, Florida Drive now has a bona fide street director. Joe Stefanko (698-7269) has volunteered to serve in this worthwhile position. We thank Joe for helping us keep our neighborhood free from the tyranny of crime, clutter, and declining property values.

AND THE "EXCELLENT NEIGHBOR AWARD" GOES TO . . . Fred Bushmann and Uel Evans, both of Cheryl Drive (loud applause)! Fred removed part of the fallen tree from Mary Ashe's property after the windstorm. Uel mowed the community park while our mowing contract with another party was being renewed. GHA President Chris Swain stated, "Both Fred and Uel did these things without any input from me. They did it because they love their community." Although the award does not include a trophy, it does include the heartfelt thanks of all Grimesdale residents. So thank you, Fred and Uel, for being excellent neighbors!

OUR VP AND PINCH HITTER. GHA Vice President Chuck Mason will be assuming most of the duties of President Chris Swain while Chris and his family care for his mother as she undergoes treatment for a rare form of cancer. Residents with questions or problems should contact Chuck (692-2185) instead of Chris until further notice. Please keep Chris, his mother, and the rest of his family in your prayers during this trying time.

WALK YOUR WAY TO A HEALTHY LIFE. Do you like to walk but hate to walk alone? If so, would you be interested in joining a walking club in Grimesdale? Lance Siebel of Crabapple Hill Lane wants to organize such a club. If you're interested, call him at 696-9791 and look forward to wearing a smaller pants size.

PICNIC IN THE PARK. Because last year's picnic was so successful, we're planning to hold another picnic in the Grimesdale Community Park in late September or early October. Street directors will inform residents when a firm date has been set so you can mark your calendars for an afternoon of good food and great fun.

A MEETING OF THE MINDS. The next GHA Board Meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1**, 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 June 30, 2007

Bank Balance as of April 1, 2007	2,063.25
<u>INCOME</u>	
Dues Collected (April through June)	<u>320.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,383.25
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Tree Removal (in Community Park)	300.00
Park Maintenance	280.00
Gazette Printing (January and April Issues)	51.39
Entrance Maintenance (for 2006)	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$681.39
Check Book Balance as of June 30, 2007	1,701.86
Certificate of Deposit Principal Amount	<u>2,699.58</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$4,401.44

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, M Ashe, K Brostowicz, L & E Freeman, J & D Giles, A Gilliland, D & D Robinson, J Shipp, H Trieu, 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, S & C Penland, L Siebel & C Parker
Florida Drive	H & L Buchanan, 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, G & L Johnson, B & J Nicholson, L & M Rinehart, P Shank, O Suleimansade, J Tarrer, E VandenDolder & B Erickson, D & M Whitaker
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	J & J Lucas, R Musloff, P & M Orr, K & T Sullivan, L Tooker
Wesley Way	D Dellinger, P & J Dubis, J Hill, E & B Laney, M & M Pugliese, C & C Sloan

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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.

Name _____ Address _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____