

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The January 2008 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Tanya and Larry Jones. Our financial balance as of December 31, 2007 is \$4,012.07. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.) Our membership at the end of 2007 was 89 homeowners, and as of this writing, we have 8 members for 2008.

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR. Did you ever wonder what magical mysteries transpire at the quarterly GHA Board Meetings? Don't worry; these meetings are not cabals. We don't meet in secret, and we're not plotting to overthrow the government. We merely discuss matters that affect the welfare of our neighborhood and the residents who have made it their home. Much of what we discuss is later published in the *Grimesdale Gazette*, although in a more palatable, reader-friendly format. Detailed minutes of every meeting are also written and filed for future reference. If you want to learn more about our efforts to keep Grimesdale a safe, clean, and welcoming haven, then join us at our next meeting in April. (See meeting details on other side.) You might also consider aiding our efforts by volunteering for one of the vacant positions that are described below. Remember, Harry Truman started out as a haberdasher and rose to become the 33rd President of the United States. You could begin your illustrious career as a street director in Grimesdale and rise to become . . . who knows? Amazing things can happen. This is the Land of Opportunity, after all.

THE VIRTUE IN VICE. As you can see from our masthead, our organization lacks a Vice President. Fortunately incumbents Bill Fitch and Evelyn VandenDolder volunteered to serve another term as Treasurer and Secretary/Editor, respectively; and Vice President Chuck Mason, who has also been Acting President for the past six months, volunteered to serve as President in 2008. Wouldn't you love to see your name in print? That's just one of the many perks you'll get if you volunteer to serve as our VP. Other perks include getting to know your amazing neighbors, working with a great group of community caretakers, and having the satisfaction of knowing you're making a difference in the world of Grimesdale. Please call Chuck Mason (692-2185) and throw your hat into the ring. It's an election year, but you'll have it easy. We'll give you the job without the campaigning. All we ask is that you have an interest in helping your neighborhood. By the way, this is a nonpartisan administration. All flavors are welcome.

STEP ASIDE, STEVEN SPIELBERG. Have you ever dreamed of becoming a director? Well, here's your chance. Two street directors resigned recently: Mary Postler on Cheryl Drive and Chris Swain on Napier Drive. We thank them both for serving in this important position. A street director is a man (or woman) of the people; he (or she) distributes the *Gazette* to residents on the street and acts as their liaison with the GHA Board. Please call Chuck Mason now and volunteer for this stepping-stone to greatness. (Remember Truman?)

TIME TO CHANGE THE WATCH. After many years of dedicated service, Dwight Giles has resigned as Chairman of the Community Watch Program and as Watch Captain for Charlyne Drive. Bob Wilson of Napier Drive (693-8115) has volunteered to serve as Chairman of the program, and Eddie Freeman of Charlyne Drive (692-1251) has volunteered to serve as Captain for that street. We thank Dwight for his contributions to our community, and welcome Bob and Eddie to our team of Grimesdale guardians. In his parting letter to the Community Watch Captains, Dwight offered these safety reminders: (1) Pedestrians should always walk on the left side of the street, facing oncoming traffic; and (2) Bicyclists should always ride on the right side of the street, with the flow of traffic.

ON A SYMPATHETIC NOTE. On behalf of the Grimesdale community, Ruth Musolff, our Sunshine Director, sent sympathy cards to Jim Ladner, whose wife, Barbara, passed away in August; Jeff Tarrer, whose wife, Johnnie Lee, passed away in October; and Rod Miller, whose wife, Joan, passed away this month. Please give these residents of Magnolia and Cheryl Drives a kind word when you see them and keep them in your prayers.

GRIMESDALE GARAGE SALE. There has been some confusion about the neighborhood garage sale that was announced in the last issue of the *Gazette*. Some residents have thought that their items would be sold in the community park and that all proceeds would go into the coffers of the association. This is not the case. Any homeowner who wants to participate in the sale will sell his (or her) own belongings on his (or her) own property and will keep the proceeds from those items. On the day of the sale, participating homeowners will put up signs or balloons on their front lawns to indicate they have goods for sale. The sale will be advertised in the Hendersonville *Times-News* as a neighborhood event to entice more customers. We're planning on holding the sale on a Saturday in late April or early May and will announce the actual date in the next issue of the *Gazette*. So start cleaning out your closets and cupboards now.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER. The next GHA Board Meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7**, at the home of Jan and Vincent Van Matre, 3124 Primrose Drive. 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 December 31, 2007

Bank Balance as of October 1, 2007	1,571.86
 <u>INCOME</u>	
Dues Collected (October through December)	<u>180.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,751.86
 <u>EXPENSES</u>	
Park Maintenance	200.00
<i>Gazette</i> Printing (July and October Issues)	56.72
Liability Insurance	218.00
Safe Deposit Box (Annual Fee)	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$499.72
 Check Book Balance as of December 31, 2007	 1,252.14
Certificate of Deposit Principal Amount	<u>2,759.93</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$4,012.07

THANKS to the following residents for supporting your GHA by paying your dues **FOR THE YEAR 2008**

Apple Creek Lane	
Brookside Camp Road	
Cardinal Lane	
Charlyne Drive	
Cherrywood Lane	
Cheryl Drive	
Crabapple Circle	B & H Carrier
Crabapple Hill Lane	
Florida Drive	
Magnolia Drive	L & B Fitch, E VandenDolder & B Erickson
Mason View Lane	
N. Mason Way	
Napier Drive	M & D Johnston, C Plack
Primrose Drive	L & L Bondar
Starlight Lane	M & B White
Wesley Way	D & C Ford

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Thanks to all who have already paid their 2008 dues. Please make your check in the amount of \$20.00, payable to GHA. Mail it to Bill Fitch, Treasurer, 3095 Magnolia Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28792. (A pre-addressed envelope is attached.)

Name _____ Address _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____