

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The October 2008 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Pat Shank. Our financial balance as of September 30 is \$4,975.56. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.) As of this writing, we have 84 members.

PICNIC IN THE PARK. Join us for an afternoon of good food and great conversation on **Sunday, October 19, from 2:30 to 4:30** in the Grimesdale Community Park on Charlyne and Cheryl Drives. All Grimesdale residents (even nonmembers of the association) are invited to attend this popular annual get-together. Rub elbows with old friends and shake hands with new ones. Hot dogs, drinks, condiments, and eating utensils will be provided. If possible, bring lawn chairs and a salad, side dish, or dessert to share, but please don't stay home if you can't bring them. The more of ye, the merrier we! If it rains that afternoon, the picnic will be postponed until the following Sunday, October 26, during the same hours.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD! Please extend a warm welcome to our new neighbor, Cecille (Ceal) Masters-Webb of 3136 Magnolia Drive.

SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDER. On behalf of the Grimesdale community, Ruth Musolff, our Sunshine Director, recently sent sympathy cards to Norma McMahan of Crabapple Hill Lane, whose mother passed away; Bob Brown of Primrose Drive, whose wife, Opal, passed away; and Carleton Graham of Florida Drive, whose sister, Janie Sims, passed away. (Janie was a former resident of Magnolia Drive.) Please keep these neighbors and their families in your prayers and perform random acts of kindness in their presence.

DIRECTORIAL DEBUT. After months of having to do without, Charlyne and Cheryl Drives now have street directors. Karen Brostowicz (489-1260) volunteered to serve as director for Charlyne Drive, and Jacqueline (Joni) Shipp (692-8325), who also lives on Charlyne, volunteered to serve as director for Cheryl Drive. We thank both of these neighbors for their gracious offers. We now have only two GHA vacancies to fill: street director for Wesley Way and vice president. If you can serve your community in either of these positions, please call or e-mail Chuck Mason (see masthead above) to volunteer.

OUR APOLOGIES TO SHAKESPEARE. "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet." But wouldn't you blush if you called your sweet neighbor "Rose" and it wasn't her name? That's why we need the most up-to-date directory for the Grimesdale community. Chuck Mason has been working diligently to ensure that all entries are correct, but many of the phone numbers listed in the most recent version are now disconnected. If you know of any changes that need to be made to your entry or those of your neighbors, please call or e-mail Chuck (see masthead above) so we can distribute a new-and-improved directory to Grimesdale residents. "O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?" Let Chuck Mason know!

HALLELUJAH! WE MOVED THE MOUNTAIN! Your neighborhood Moses (the GHA Board) told the Street Pharaoh, "Let my people go (without having to stumble over potholes)," and the ruler of the asphalt jungle finally agreed. We didn't have to send him a plague of locusts, just a strongly worded letter and a comprehensive inventory of needed road repairs compiled by GHA Secretary Evelyn VandenDolder. Evelyn and Bob Wilson of Napier Drive (our resident road expert) met with engineers from the N.C. Department of Transportation, and State Representative Carolyn Justus added a persuasive push. After this coordinated campaign, we finally convinced the DOT to fix our pockmarked and serrated streets. DOT crews will also be working on various projects to improve drainage and safety along our roads. Although Evelyn, Bob, and other members of the GHA Board pressured the DOT to completely repave our streets, the agency's engineers said that was impossible right now. The DOT develops a two-year repaving plan based on current funding levels and construction costs. Its engineers have already allocated their repaving funds for the years 2009 and 2010.

The earliest that our streets can be repaved is 2011, but even that estimate is iffy. In the meantime, however, DOT crews will still make repairs (fill new potholes, fix low shoulders, etc.) and trim vegetation. Any resident can call the DOT maintenance department at 694-7971 when repairs of this nature are needed. The GHA Board will continue its quest for repaving funds by writing to the DOT periodically and requesting an annual update on its repaving plans. But for now, we can gratefully shout, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last" from the scourge of potholes and crumbling pavement.

OUR FIRST DATE. The next GHA Board Meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12**, at the home of Tanya and Larry Jones, 25 Apple Creek Lane. 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 September 30, 2008

Bank Balance as of June 30, 2008	2,166.14
<u>INCOME</u>	
Dues Collected (July through September)	<u>161.01</u>
TOTAL	\$2,327.15
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Ice Cream Social (June 8)	122.66
Printing (<i>Gazette</i> and Newspaper Ad for Garage Sale)	<u>67.15</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$189.81
Bank Balance as of September 30, 2008	2,137.34
Certificate of Deposit Principal Amount	<u>2,838.22</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$4,975.56

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

Apple Creek Lane	S & J Collins, M Cosgrove, R Giles, T & L Jones, J & R McMillen, B Miller, C & J Wiley
Brookside Camp Road	
Cardinal Lane	K Buchanan, M Gordon, B & R Snyder, M & C Stanberry, R & R Turner
Charlyne Drive	G Alexander, M Ashe, K Brostowicz, L & E Freeman, J & D Giles, D & D Robinson, J Shipp, L & J Simpson, M & H Trieu
Cherrywood Lane	
Cheryl Drive	M Aselin, F Bushmann, H & P Cianca, D & U Evans, V & K Kemp, C & B Kish, B & P Packer, M & G Postler, S & B Young
Crabapple Circle	B & H Carrier, J & L Tharp
Crabapple Hill Lane	J & C Ellis, N McMahan, L Siebel & C Parker
Florida Drive	H & L Buchanan, M & C Graham, J Henderson, A & R Holt, D & J Kilbourn, M & R Matteson, J & D Noehre, F & R Ramsey, A Reed, K Schafer, M & J Stefanko, S & T Waldbillig
Magnolia Drive	C & D Bumgarner, L & B Fitch, L Grant, L Harper, J Ladner, B & J Nicholson, L & M Rinehart, P Shank, J Sims & C Graham, O Suleimansade, J Tarrer, E VandenDolder & B Erickson
Mason View Lane	K & T Simon
N. Mason Way	D Hess & B Chandler, J & C Mason
Napier Drive	R & B Bishop, M & D Johnston, J O'Connell, C Plack, A & L Souther, V Swain, B & B Wilson
Primrose Drive	L & L Bondar, J & D Patterson, J & V Van Matre
Starlight Lane	J & J Lucus, R Musolff, P & M Orr, K & T Sullivan, M & B White
Wesley Way	D & C Ford, E & R Herman, J Hill, E & B Laney, M & M Pugliese, C & C Sloan, C & H Witthuhn

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Thanks to all who have already paid their 2008 dues. If you haven't done so, please make your check in the amount of \$20, payable to GHA. Mail it to Bill Fitch, Treasurer, 3095 Magnolia Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792.

Name _____ Address _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____