

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The January 2010 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Beth and Bob Wilson. Our financial balance as of December 31, 2009 is \$3,821.76. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.) Our membership at the end of 2009 was 88 homeowners, and as of this writing, we have 7 members for 2010. Although GHA membership has fluctuated over time, the 1990s were the stellar years, when membership reached its zenith. In fact, 1992 and 1993 generated the most financial support from residents: 116 households became members in each of those years. Breaking that record would certainly be an accomplishment, as would finding additional volunteers to help maintain Grimesdale's charm. Please consider becoming more involved in your neighborhood association and its activities.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD! Please extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors, Theresa and Randy Haas of 49 Starlight Lane.

SUNSHINE REPORT. On behalf of the Grimesdale community, Ruth Musolff, our Sunshine Director, recently sent a sympathy card to Debbie Ford of Wesley Way, whose mother passed away. Please offer Debbie and her family your prayers, kindness, and compassion.

THE WAY WE WERE (& ARE). After a yearlong hiatus, Grimesdale is back online, thanks to the efforts of Bill Erickson and his wife, Evelyn VandenDolder. Take a few moments to get reacquainted with our website at <http://www.grimesdale.org>. The design has been revised, and the information has been expanded. Did you forget the name of your street director? Do you want to know when our next board meeting or social event is scheduled? Do you wonder what the weather will be like for the next five days? Would you like to read back issues of the *Gazette*? Do you want to learn more about the history of our neighborhood? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then check our website. The new site includes photos of our general area, but we also plan to add specific photos of Grimesdale and its residents enjoying social events (e.g., the annual picnic). If you have any photos that might be appropriate for the website, please contact Evelyn VandenDolder (693-5992 or editor@grimesdale.org). The updated history of Grimesdale describes events from its birth in the 1950s through 2008. Old-timers will recognize the names of the original movers and shakers, and newcomers will discover the key role that GHA has played in establishing, protecting, and maintaining our neighborhood. Visit our website, learn about our community, and read about our history while wistfully singing, "Ah, yes, I remember it well."

2010: THE YEAR WE MAKE CONTACT (WE HOPE). In this sequel to "2009: A Replace Odyssey," we learn that, despite several entreaties, no one new volunteered to serve as a GHA officer. So the dedicated crew that has steered the ship for the past several years volunteered to serve another term. You'll see Chuck Mason, Bill Fitch, and Evelyn VandenDolder at the helm once again, but they're still seeking other shipmates, including a vice president, chairman of the Community Watch Program, and street director for Primrose Drive. Join the voyages of the starship *Grimesdale*. Her ongoing mission: to explore new worlds of community, to seek out new residents and make them feel welcome, to boldly go where no homeowners association has gone before.

A FOND FAREWELL & A GENEROUS GIFT. After living in Grimesdale for 25 years, Beth and Bob Wilson of Napier Drive are moving to Carolina Village. These dedicated volunteers have served in several capacities during their tenure here, including GHA vice president, chairman of the Community Watch Program, and street director. They told us they've enjoyed working on various projects with their neighbors and friends. They've also left us a parting gift: a gas-powered weed eater for use around the entrance sign and park. We thank you, Beth and Bob, for your service to our community, and we wish you well in your new home.

SINCERE THANKS. Vicki Swain has graciously agreed to take Beth Wilson's place as street director for Napier Drive. We thank Beth for her neighborly service and Vicki for her volunteer spirit.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH. Anyone who wants to travel by car or by foot to the horse stables and area along Mud Creek east of Grimesdale should do so via the Hickory Hill subdivision. There is **no** public access to the stables from Mason Way, Mason View Lane, or any other street in Grimesdale. The wooded areas and gravel paths at the end of these streets are private property and should be respected as such.

GRIMESDALE GARAGE SALE. Because only a handful of residents expressed interest in participating by selling their own goods in their own yards, we will **not** hold a community garage sale this spring. We may, however, hold one in June or July and will announce the specific date in a future issue of the *Gazette*.

SPRING FLING. The next GHA Board Meeting will be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6**, at the home of Joyce and Chuck 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 December 31, 2009

Bank Balance as of September 30, 2009	1,144.95
<u>INCOME</u>	
Dues Collected (October through December)	120.00
Interest Income from CD	<u>16.22</u>
TOTAL	\$1,281.17
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Picnic in the Park (October)	86.24
Safe Deposit Box (annual fee)	50.00
<i>Gazette</i> Printing (July and October issues)	53.70
Grimesdale Website (registering domain name for 1 year)	15.00
Grimesdale Website (buying server space for 3 years)	<u>142.56</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$347.50
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2009	933.67
Certificate of Deposit Principal Amount	<u>2,888.09</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$3,821.76

THANKS to the following residents for supporting your GHA by paying your dues **FOR THE YEAR 2010**

Apple Creek Lane	C & J Wiley
Brookside Camp Road	
Cardinal Lane	
Charlyne Drive	
Cherrywood Lane	
Cheryl Drive	C & B Kish
Crabapple Circle	
Crabapple Hill Lane	L Siebel & C Parker
Florida Drive	
Magnolia Drive	L & B Fitch, E VandenDolder & B Erickson
Mason View Lane	
N. Mason Way	J & C Mason
Napier Drive	
Primrose Drive	U & S MacLellan
Starlight Lane	
Wesley Way	

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Thanks to all who have already paid their 2010 dues. If you haven't done so, please make your check in the amount of \$20, payable to GHA. Mail it to Bill Fitch, GHA Treasurer, 3095 Magnolia Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792. (A pre-addressed envelope is attached.)

Name _____ Address _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____