

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The January 2011 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Joyce and Chuck Mason. Our financial balance as of December 31, 2010 is \$3,083.42. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.) Our membership at the end of 2010 was 84 homeowners, and as of this writing we have 3 members for 2011.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD! Please extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors, Meg and Dan Hoke of 3159 Cardinal Lane, Belinda Wray of 3127 Florida Drive (693-3876), Kelly and Randy Beaver of 3147 Florida Drive (808-5958), and Cynthia Waldrop of 3079 Napier Drive. If you know of any other newcomers, please contact Evelyn VandenDolder (693-5992 or editor@grimesdale.org) so we can welcome them in the next issue of the *Gazette*.

SUNSHINE REPORT. On behalf of the Grimesdale community, Ruth Musolff, our Sunshine Director, sent a sympathy card to Annie Rock, the partner of Linford (Lin) Thomas of Cardinal Lane, who passed away this month. Please keep Annie in your prayers.

BURGLAR ALARM. Detective Jeffrey Brooks of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office is warning homeowners about a recent rash of break-ins. Burglars are targeting mid-priced homes (in the \$250,000 to \$500,000 range) whose front and back entrances are concealed from the view of neighbors and street traffic. Det. Brooks advises homeowners to do the following to protect their homes when they are away: put lights on timers, stop delivery of mail and newspapers, leave a radio or TV turned on, arrange for the driveway to be plowed, ask neighbors to move parked cars so they don't stay in the same position the entire time one is gone, and make similar changes to mask that the house is vacant. If you see any suspicious activity in the neighborhood that might indicate a burglary is in progress, please call 911 immediately.

FLAG ETIQUETTE. Ever since 9/11, the number of homeowners who display the American flag has grown. However, it appears that some people don't know the proper etiquette for flying our flag, as stipulated in the section of federal law known as the Flag Code. The American flag should be illuminated at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source. If you want to fly the flag after sunset, shine a dedicated spotlight on it. If you don't have such a light, then please take down the flag at night. The flag should be flown only in fair weather, unless it's an all-weather flag or is being flown at half-staff during times of mourning. If it's raining or snowing, please take the flag indoors to show your respect for its symbolism of honor, sacrifice, and freedom.

ASK NOT. As we mark the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's inaugural address, we are reminded of the most notable passage from that historic speech: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." While this entreaty is as cogent now as it was then, the GHA Board asks you to substitute the word "neighborhood" for "country." Because of the lack of interest from other residents, the individuals who have served as GHA officers for several years have graciously agreed to serve again this year. However, they would welcome other volunteers so they could "let the word go forth . . . that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans." Please consider serving as a GHA officer "to assure the survival and the success" of Grimesdale. "Let us go forth to lead the land we love."

DIDN'T ASK, DIDN'T NEED TO. One resident who has taken President Kennedy's words to heart is John Mason of N. Mason Way. After each snowstorm this season, he has used his own plow on his own time without compensation to clear several streets in Grimesdale before the DOT plows arrived. Another resident who donated his time and plow to this same endeavor was Andy Buttrick of Magnolia Drive. We thank both John and Andy, as well as any other residents who cleared our streets but are unknown to us.

A SPRINGTIME SWING TIME. Join us for the next GHA Board Meeting, which will be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12**, 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, 2010

Bank Balance as of September 30, 2010	494.59
<u>INCOME</u>	
Dues Collected (October through December)	80.00
Interest Income from CD	<u>16.21</u>
TOTAL	\$590.80
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Park Liability Insurance	235.00
Picnic in the Park (October)	78.66
Safe Deposit Box (Annual Fee)	50.00
Gazette Printing (October Issue)	<u>31.81</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$395.47
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2010	195.33
Certificate of Deposit Principal Amount	<u>2,888.09</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$3,083.42

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TELL US YOUR WANTS & NEEDS. In order to serve you better, the GHA Board would like to know your interests and concerns regarding our community. Please take a moment to complete this survey and mail it to Bill Fitch along with your dues for 2011. Thank you.

What do you like about living in Grimesdale? _____

What changes would you like to see in Grimesdale? _____

Which Grimesdale functions do you attend? Ice Cream Social Picnic in the Park Neither

Have you ever used the Grimesdale Community Park on your own? Yes No

In which of the following neighborhood activities would you participate? Book Club Bridge Club
 Garage Sale. If you checked this box, please indicate how often you would like us to hold a Grimesdale garage sale: every year; every other year; even less frequently. Other Activities (please list):

What has the GHA Board done well? _____

What can the GHA Board do better? _____

What problems or concerns do you want the GHA Board to address? _____

Would you like to become involved in planning activities or projects? Yes No Maybe

Would you like to serve as a GHA officer? Yes No Maybe

What is your age? Under 30 30-50 51-70 Over 70

How long have you lived in Grimesdale? _____

Thanks to all who have already paid their 2011 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 _____