

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The January 2014 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Joyce and Chuck Mason. As of December 31, our bank balance was \$3,997.71. We had 95 paid members for 2013, the highest annual total since 1998, when 104 households became GHA members. As of this writing, we have five paid members for 2014. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.)

SUNSHINE REPORT. On behalf of the Grimesdale community, Tanya Jones, our new Sunshine Director, sent get-well cards to Lorry Fitch of Magnolia Drive and David Patterson of Primrose Drive. If you know of anyone in Grimesdale who is ill, is in the hospital, or has died, please tell Tanya (joneslawrence@bellsouth.net or 692-8678) so she can send an appropriate card. (Tanya's phone number was printed incorrectly in the October issue of the *Gazette*, but it's listed correctly here and in the new Grimesdale directory.)

BEAR WITH US. We can't bear to think about how frightened some folks must have been when a mama bear and her two cubs roamed through the streets of Grimesdale on October 21. We thank our "cub scouts" who spotted the ursine family and warned residents by e-mail or phone call. We hope you were able to bear up under the strain and found a safe and secure cubbyhole until the danger passed. Fortunately (as far as we know), no resident or pet was harmed that day, although a few garbage cans suffered cuts and bruises. If a bear should appear again in our neighborhood, we suggest that you call him "Nate." Then you could tell him, "Hi, bear Nate!" as he wanders through your yard. Let us paws for a moment while we get our bearings. . . . Although some residents may have felt it was a grizzly experience, others may have found being this close to nature unbearably exciting. But please bear in mind that all wildlife can pose a danger. We hope this caveat bears fruit. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe so you can give each other bear hugs for many years to come. (We ask your forbearance for our overbearing wordplay in this paragraph. The temptation was more than we could bear! We hope you won't bear a grudge but will just grin and bear it.)

WHEN A BARK IS WORSE THAN A BITE. ♪ "The hills are alive with the sound of barking...." ♪ We've received several complaints from residents about barking dogs in the neighborhood. If a dog barks a few notes now and then, it's no problem. However, when a dog is compelled to bark an entire opera, nearby residents become prone to headaches and high blood pressure, may lose their patience and equanimity, and might even call the Sheriff's Office (697-4596) to report the nuisance dog. An animal that "barks, bays, yelps, howls, cries, squawks, or makes any other unreasonably loud disturbing noise continuously or incessantly for a period of 10 minutes or intermittently for a period of 30 minutes or more" is violating the Henderson County Noise Ordinance. Please don't leave your dogs outside if they are fond of barking. Consider the welfare of your neighbors so they won't have to consider calling the Sheriff's Office. If everyone makes an effort, we can all avoid barking up the wrong tree.

IT'S INCUMBENT UPON THE INCUMBENTS. Because of a lack of volunteers, we're fortunate that the GHA officers who served last year agreed to serve again this year. We thank the following residents for offering to serve another year in addition to the years they've already served in those roles (listed in parentheses): President Chuck Mason (8 years as President, 2 years as Vice President); Vice President Mike Pugliese (2); Treasurer Bill Erickson (2); and Secretary and Editor Evelyn VandenDolder (7). New faces are always welcome to help the GHA Board ensure the welfare of our community and enhance its friendly ambience. If you'd like to volunteer for any of these positions (and give these folks a break), let Chuck Mason know.

GRIMESDALE DIRECTORY. The updated directory of Grimesdale residents was distributed with the October issue of the *Gazette* (or mailed later) to all dues-paying members in 2013. If you paid dues but didn't receive a directory, tell Chuck Mason (see masthead). If you didn't pay dues but would like a copy of the directory, fill out the form below and pay your dues for 2014. As with any living document, the directory requires continual changes as folks move into and out of the neighborhood. Help us to maintain the most current version by contacting Chuck when you're aware of changes (names, addresses, or phone numbers) in our community.

CURL UP WITH A GOOD BOOK. Are you looking for a fun way to spend the cold and dreary winter? Join the Grimesdale Book Club as we read and discuss two fascinating new novels. The club will meet on **Thursday, January 16, from 7:15 to 9 p.m.**, at the home of Helen Pennock, 3135 Magnolia Drive. We will discuss the book *Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline. At the meeting after January 16, we will discuss the book *Guests on Earth*, by Lee Smith. The date and location of that meeting will be decided later. If you would like to join us or obtain more information, contact Evelyn VandenDolder (693-5992 or editor@grimesdale.org).

SPRING FORWARD. Join us for the next GHA Board Meeting, which will be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8**, 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, 2013

Bank Balance as of September 30, 2013	\$4,374.10
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Dues Collected (October through December)	140.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Park Maintenance	300.00
Printing (directory & three issues of <i>Gazette</i>)	129.94
Autumn Picnic	62.56
Cards & Stamps for Sunshine Correspondence	<u>23.89</u>
TOTAL	<u>516.39</u>
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$3,997.71

THANKS to the following residents for supporting your GHA by paying your dues **FOR THE YEAR 2014**

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

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Thanks to all who have already paid their 2014 dues. If you haven't done so, please make your check in the amount of \$20, payable to the Grimesdale Homes Association. Mail it, along with this completed form, to Bill Erickson, GHA Treasurer, 3116 Magnolia Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792. (Use attached envelope.)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____