

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The January 2015 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Evelyn VandenDolder and Bill Erickson. As of December 31, our bank balance was \$4,390.85. We had 80 dues-paying members in 2014, compared to 95 in 2013. As of this writing, we have seven paid members for 2015. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.)

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD! Please extend a warm welcome to our newest neighbors, Duan Lin and Qin Hua Ni of 39 Apple Creek Lane, and JoAnne and Paul Johnson of 192 N. Mason Way; and to our youngest neighbors, a baby born to Lorelei and Christopher Scollin of 3096 Magnolia Drive, and a baby born to Saleena and Brandon Russell of 48 Crabapple Circle. If you know of any other newcomers to Grimesdale, please contact Evelyn VandenDolder (see masthead) so she can welcome them in the *Gazette*.

SUNSHINE REPORT. On behalf of the Grimesdale community, Tanya Jones, our Sunshine Director, sent a sympathy card to Helen and Steve Pennock of Magnolia Drive. (Helen's father passed away.) Please offer them a kind word when you see them. 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.

'TWAS NO PICNIC. Turnout for the picnic in the park on Sunday, October 19, was disappointing. Although the company was delightful, the food was delicious, and the weather was de-lovely, only 12 residents showed up. Attendance at the annual picnic has dwindled over the past several years. Perhaps holding the picnic in autumn is not the best idea because parents and children are busy with school-related activities. Perhaps if the picnic were held in summer instead of autumn, on Saturday instead of Sunday, and at 12:00 instead of 2:30, attendance would be higher. The GHA Board decided at its recent meeting to move the annual picnic to noon on a Saturday in August, before school starts, and to move the ice cream social from July to June. The exact dates of these social events will be announced in the April issue of the *Gazette*. Perhaps with these changes, instead of singing Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," we'll be singing Grimesdale's "Everyone Goes" (lyrics still to be written).

ELECTION RESULTS. Because no one else stepped forward, we are very fortunate that the folks who have served on the GHA Board during the last several years volunteered to serve again in 2015. Thank you, Board members, for your continued and devoted service to our community. "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." — Sherry Anderson

EGG-CEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY. Shelia Mason at 186 N. Mason Way is offering fresh, free-range eggs at \$3.00 per dozen on a first-come, first-served, as-available basis. Call Shelia, Green Meadow Farm, at 692-8423, if you're interested in buying very local, very fresh eggs.

'S NO PROBLEM. Are you worried about shoveling snow during winter? There's no reason to look outside the neighborhood for your snow removal needs. Stay local and call John Mason at 186 N. Mason Way (692-8423). Leave a message, and John will return your call with a fair price for plowing your driveway.

AD YOUR SERVICE. Do you have any special skills, talents, or services that you can provide to your neighbors? If you pay your GHA dues, you're entitled to advertise those services on a special web page on the Grimesdale website, titled "Helping Hands," which was recently created and already lists several ads. If space is available, you will also be entitled to advertise your services *one* time in the *Gazette*. Services might include

carpentry, plumbing, or landscaping. Children of dues-paying members can also advertise their services, such as babysitting, pet walking, lawn mowing, and snow shoveling. If you're interested in advertising *once* in the *Gazette* or much longer on the Grimesdale website, contact Evelyn VandenDolder (see masthead). Remember, you must be *both* a Grimesdale resident *and* a GHA dues payer to advertise here.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK. Members of the Grimesdale Book Club spent a festive evening in early December feasting and toasting to the Christmas season while discussing fine literature (*The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd). The next meeting of the book club will be held at **7:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 29**, at the home of Polly Orr, 47 Starlight Lane. We will discuss the book *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks. At the meeting after January 29, we will discuss the book *The Language of Flowers*, by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The date and location of that meeting will be decided later. If you would like to join us or learn more about the club, please contact Evelyn VandenDolder (see masthead).

APRIL IN PARIS. Well, not quite, but at least we got your attention. Join us for the next GHA Board Meeting, which will be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14**, 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, 2014

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| Bank Balance as of September 30, 2014 | \$4,751.64 |
| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | |
| Dues Collected (October through December) | 80.00 |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | |
| 2nd Half of Park Lawn Maintenance | 300.00 |
| Printing (January, April, and October issues of <i>Gazette</i>) | 79.76 |
| Picnic in the Park | <u>61.03</u> |
| TOTAL | 440.79 |
| Bank Balance as of December 31, 2014 | \$4,390.85 |

THANKS to the following residents for supporting your GHA by paying your dues **FOR THE YEAR 2015**

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| Apple Creek Lane | |
| Brookside Camp Road | |
| Cardinal Lane | G & R Hensley |
| Charlyne Drive | J Kunath, M & H Trieu |
| Cherrywood Lane | |
| Cheryl Drive | |
| Crabapple Circle | |
| Crabapple Hill Lane | J & E Askew |
| Florida Drive | |
| Magnolia Drive | E VandenDolder & B Erickson |
| Mason View Lane | |
| N. Mason Way | J & C Mason, S & J Mason |
| Napier Drive | |
| Primrose Drive | |
| Starlight Lane | |
| Wesley Way | |

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Thanks to all who have already paid their 2015 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 _____