

# GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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**BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT.** The January 2018 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Joyce and Chuck Mason. As of December 31, our bank balance was \$5,628.78. We had 86 dues-paying members in 2017, compared to 80 in 2016. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.)

**OUR APOLOGIES.** We were unable to update the GHA website for some time because of an ongoing security issue that would have allowed outsiders to steal our webmaster's password and alter the content on our website. We apologize for any inconvenience this problem caused and appreciate your patience as our webmaster resolved this issue. An "s" (for "secure") has been added to our website address (see above).

**BALFOUR PARKWAY.** As you may have read in the local papers, the N.C. Dept. of Transportation is planning to build Balfour Parkway, a 4.6-mile, four-lane, median-divided roadway from U.S. 64 to N.C. 191 north of Hendersonville. The parkway will consist of three segments: from U.S. 64 to I-26, from I-26 to U.S. 25, and from U.S. 25 to N.C. 191. DOT engineers recently visited John Mason's property on Mason Way to survey potential routes for the middle segment, which is the only one that is currently funded. The engineers told John that the potential routes have been reduced from four to two. One route will affect homes in Grimesdale. The other route, which is farther south, may affect the Rogers Group asphalt plant. The DOT website states that it will buy affected properties in 2022 and begin construction in 2024 for the middle segment, but the engineers told John that these events will probably occur in 2025. DOT is seeking comments from the public about the project and the potential routes. The agency plans to hold a public meeting sometime in late February to mid-March 2018. When a specific meeting date is known, DOT will mail details to residents and property owners, provide them to local media, advertise them in local newspapers, and list them on its website. To voice your concerns or obtain more information, visit the website: <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/BalfourParkway>.

**A QUESTION OF COVENANTS.** Some residents have wondered what they can do if a neighbor violates Grimesdale's restrictive covenants. The current version of the covenants was drafted in 1997 and approved in 1998. In 2003 GHA officers consulted an attorney about enforcing the covenants. The attorney noted that the covenants, as written, do not authorize the association to enforce the restrictions. Only if every Grimesdale homeowner agreed to give GHA such legal power could GHA enforce the restrictions; in other words, it must be unanimous. Obtaining this power would also require amending the corporate charter and bylaws and making drastic changes in the covenants. However, individual Grimesdale property owners may successfully take legal action in certain situations. (See paragraph Nine in the GHA covenants on our website.) We plan to obtain legal advice to clarify the circumstances in future issues of the *Gazette*. Our restrictive covenants are community guidelines that mirror the county zoning laws. Residents can also file a complaint with the Zoning Enforcement Division at 697-4857 or visit their website: <http://www.hendersoncountync.org/ces/zoning>.

**SHOULD WE DISBAND GHA?** GHA is dying. When an organization is deprived of the life blood that new volunteers bring to it, it loses its vitality and will to live. For many years GHA has struggled to find volunteers to serve as officers and street directors and to help with special projects. Our current president has served as an officer for 14 years because no one else has been willing to take his place. Other officers have also served lengthy terms because no one else volunteered. The handful of residents who attended the January 16<sup>th</sup> GHA meeting discussed the very real possibility that we will have to shut down GHA because of the lack of interest and participation. Paying your \$20 dues is one thing; volunteering your time is another. (For a description of GHA officers and their duties, read "Article IV" in the GHA bylaws on our website.)

GHA was founded in 1962 by residents who believed that a united group working together could accomplish more than individuals working alone. Over the years, GHA has brought numerous improvements to Grimesdale, fought many battles to protect us from rezoning and other onslaughts, and encouraged new

friendships through its social events. (Read the "History of Grimesdale" on our website for more details about GHA's beneficial impact on our community.) If GHA were dissolved, several consequences would ensue. Our community park might cease to be a park because its ownership (currently GHA) would revert back to the Grimes family. Annual community events, including the ice cream social, picnic, and garage sale, would end. The GHA website, *Grimesdale Gazette*, and Grimesdale directory would cease to exist. Our ability to fight impending threats to the neighborhood as a united front would be hobbled. On the plus side, the few residents who have been steering the ship for many years would finally find safe harbor, and the exhausting, never-ending, often fruitless search for new volunteers would be rendered unnecessary. We will revisit this topic in future GHA meetings and *Gazette* issues. For now, we'll end this discussion with some words for you to ponder: "A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm." – Henrik Ibsen

**TREES A CROWD.** Ten large, dangerous pines were topped and a very large dead oak tree was totally dropped in the Grimesdale Community Park to protect both the high-voltage line that crosses the park and six homes near the park. Cut-off limbs and trunk sections were left in the park to decompose naturally to reduce the cost, which still came to \$2,500. However, they were cleared from the ditch, trails, and grassy areas.

**NEXT GHA MEETING.** The next GHA Board meeting will be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10** at the home of Joyce and Chuck Mason, 185 N. Mason Way. All board members (including street directors) please plan to attend. Other residents are also welcome.

**GRIMESDALE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Treasurer's Report for Quarters Ending September 30 and December 31, 2017

Bank Balance as of June 30, 2017 \$5,798.78

RECEIPTS

Dues Collected (July through September) 120.00

EXPENDITURES

None (July through September)

Bank Balance as of September 30, 2017 \$5,918.78

RECEIPTS

Dues Collected (October through December) 60.00

EXPENDITURES

2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Park Lawn Maintenance (mowing contract) 350.00

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2017 \$5,628.78

**THANKS** to the following residents for supporting your GHA by paying your dues **FOR LAST YEAR (2017)**

Apple Creek Lane	S & M Elmore, T & L Jones, C Knighten, J McMillen, B Miller, J & J Witalis, W Wood
Brookside Camp Road	
Cardinal Lane	M Bailey, G & R Hensley, M & T Hoke, L Ramos, C Romeo, R Russell, B & R Snyder, M & C Stanberry, R & R Turner
Charlyne Drive	L, D & G Collier, L & E Freeman, M Guerra & J Ortega, M & V Hull, J Smith, K & C Woods
Cherrywood Lane	
Cheryl Drive	P & P Hegler, J Johnson, C & B Kish, C Lemon & R Stevenson, A Robertson, S & B Young
Crabapple Circle	S & B Russell
Crabapple Hill Lane	J & C Ellis, L Siebel & C Parker
Florida Drive	L Allison & R Glass, K & R Beaver, M & C Graham, D & J Kilbourn, Z and B Kuyrkendall, T & J Nielsen, J & D Noehre, M Pate & V Jones, A Reed, K Schafer, B Wray
Magnolia Drive	E Blackwell, J Bridgers, C Carcamo, C & B Faulkner, C Masters-Webb, B & J Nicholson, L & M Rinehart, O Suleimansade, E VandenDolder & B Erickson, V & D Wagner, D & M Whitaker, J White
Mason View Lane	K & T Simon
N. Mason Way	J Danielson & P Johnson, D Hess & B Chandler, J & C Mason, S & J Mason
Napier Drive	M & D Johnston, M & M Kline, J O'Connell, C Plack, C Powell
Primrose Drive	L & L Bondar, J Van Matre
Starlight Lane	T & R Hass, P & M Orr, J & R Owenby, K & C St Clair, K & T Sullivan, M & B White
Wesley Way	A Burkle, P & J Dubis, D & C Ford, R Goldman, E & S Harrison, J Hill, B Laney, A Loeb, K Paxton, D & J Piper, M & M Pugliese, C Sloan, W & S West

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**To pay your dues for 2018**, 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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