

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The July 2018 GHA Board Meeting was held at the home of Joyce and Chuck Mason. As of June 30, our bank balance was \$2,670.88. As of this writing, we have 66 dues-paying members for 2018. (See Treasurer's Report on other side.)

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD! Please extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors, Luis Ramos Amaya of 3209 Cardinal Lane and Christel-Jana and Joshua Cooper of 3074 Napier Drive. If you know of other new residents in Grimesdale, please email editor@grimesdale.org so we can welcome them in the *Gazette*.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE? That is the question concerning GHA. Will our neighborhood association continue with officers at the helm, or will it disband after 56 years because no one in Grimesdale was willing to volunteer? Only one of the five positions listed in the masthead (Treasurer) has been definitely filled for 2019. (Bill Erickson has agreed to serve again next year.) Volunteers are sorely needed for the other positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Editor). If no volunteers come forward and these positions remain vacant, GHA cannot continue as an organization and will be forced to disband in January.

If you're wondering whether GHA is needed, think back on the past several months as our neighborhood, along with other communities, fought against the Balfour Parkway, a potentially destructive 4-lane expressway that could have sliced through our homes. Because of GHA, residents in Grimesdale were informed about this road project and its proposed paths well before DOT revealed them at its first public meeting on February 27. GHA President Chuck Mason contacted other homeowner associations and community leaders to alert them about this threat. Two GHA members (Cindy Lemon and Bill Erickson) then took the reins and created the highly effective Stop the Balfour group to mobilize and coordinate the grassroots effort that miraculously stopped this road project in mere months. This most recent victory proves that GHA is as valid, important, and necessary today as it was in 1962, when it was founded.

Help save GHA. Volunteer to serve as an officer. If you want to know more about the specific duties of each position, you may email or call any of the current Board members. For a written description of GHA officers and their duties, read "Article IV" in the GHA bylaws on our website (grimesdale.org). For more details about GHA's beneficial impact, read the "History of Grimesdale" on our website. If you would like to volunteer to serve as an officer in 2019, please let Chuck Mason know (see masthead).

GRIMESDALE GARAGE SALE. Another community yard sale will be held on **Saturday, July 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Residents will sell their own goods in their own yards for their own benefit. The sale will be advertised on the Grimesdale Facebook page, on the nextdoor.com website, and in the *Times-News*. Signs will also be placed at the entrances to Grimesdale, but you may want to place a sign or balloons on your own property as well. Unclutter your life while making extra pocket money. Participate in this community-wide event.

BOOK A DATE. The next meeting of the Grimesdale Book Club will be held at **7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24** at the home of Joyce Mason, 185 N. Mason Way. We will discuss the book *Calling Me Home*, by Julie Kibler. At the meeting after that, which will be held at **7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4** at the home of Evelyn VandenDolder, 3116 Magnolia Drive, we will discuss the book *Memoirs of a Geisha*, by Arthur Golden. The book club meets every 6 to 8 weeks in members' homes. If you would like to join us or learn more about the club, please contact Evelyn at 693-5992.

PICNIC IN THE PARK. We can almost taste those savory treats now! Our annual picnic will be held on **Saturday, September 15, from 12 to 2 p.m.** in the Grimesdale Community Park. (If it rains that day, the picnic

will be postponed until the following Saturday, September 22.) All residents are invited. GHA will supply the hot dogs, rolls, condiments, drinks, plates, and utensils. Residents are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. The election of new officers for 2019 (we hope) will also be held at the picnic.

BALFOUR PARKWAY. Now that this destructive road project has been stopped, it's time for a celebration. The Stop the Balfour group will be hosting a victory party, complete with food and non-alcoholic beverages, for all who helped in this concerted fight. The venue has been donated by good neighbors who participated in our effort and would like to celebrate with us. The party will be held on **Sunday, September 16, at 12:30 p.m.** **Reservations are required no later than Friday, July 27** because space is limited to 150 people at any one time. To RSVP, visit the "Celebration RSVP" page on the Stop the Balfour website (stopthebalfour.com). List your name, email address, and number of people attending on the form. Location information and directions will be provided once you RSVP. If more than 150 people RSVP, another time slot will be scheduled around 1:30 p.m. to accommodate everyone. Attendees are encouraged to carpool because of limited parking.

FAITHFUL STEWARDS. Cindy Lemon of Cheryl Drive and GHA Treasurer Bill Erickson spent countless hours serving as leaders of the Stop the Balfour group. Their selfless dedication to this cause was a major reason for our victory. Rich Stevenson of Cheryl Drive and GHA President Chuck Mason spent many hours cleaning up the debris left in the park after eleven trees were topped or cut down. They also removed crabapple trees and other nuisance vegetation. Rich pruned the bushes and pulled the weeds around the Grimesdale entrance sign near the railroad. Cindy spent many hours repainting and re-stenciling the concrete street-sign pillars in Grimesdale. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Cindy, Bill, Rich, and Chuck for saving our neighborhood, sprucing it up, and making it a wonderful place to call home.

NEXT GHA MEETING. The next GHA Board meeting will be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9** 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 and encouraged to attend because the future of our beautiful neighborhood is in your hands.

GRIMESDALE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.
Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 2018

Bank Balance as of March 31, 2018	\$3,314.88
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Dues Collected (April through June)	206.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Contribution to "Stop the Balfour" campaign	500.00
Park Maintenance (1 st of 2 payments)	350.00
Bank Balance as of June 30, 2018	\$2,670.88

THANKS to the following residents for supporting your GHA by paying your dues **FOR THIS YEAR (2018)**

Apple Creek Lane	S & M Elmore, T & L Jones, J McMillen, B Miller, W Wood
Brookside Camp Road	
Cardinal Lane	M Bailey, E Nolasco, R Russell, B & R Snyder, M & C Stanberry, R & R Turner
Charlyne Drive	L, D & G Collier, D Hart & W McNeilly, M & V Hull
Cherrywood Lane	
Cheryl Drive	D & U Evans, C & B Kish, C Lemon & R Stevenson, S & J Morgan, A Robertson, B Young
Crabapple Circle	J & L Tharp
Crabapple Hill Lane	J & C Ellis, L Siebel & C Parker
Florida Drive	M & C Graham, T & J Nielsen, J & D Noehre, K Schafer, B Wray
Magnolia Drive	C Masters-Webb, B & J Nicholson, J & E Norton, 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	D Hess & B Chandler, J & C Mason
Napier Drive	M & D Johnston, M & M Kline, J O'Connell, C Plack, C Powell
Primrose Drive	L & L Bondar, S Maclellan, J Van Matre
Starlight Lane	T & R Hass, J & R Owenby, K & T Sullivan, M & B White
Wesley Way	K & M Adams, A Burkle, P & J Dubis, J & M Falk, D & C Ford, R Goldman, L & L Harris, J Hill, B Laney, K Paxton, D & J Piper, M & M Pugliese, C Sloan

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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.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____