

GRIMESDALE GAZETTE

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BOARD MEETING & TREASURER'S REPORT. The board meeting for the final quarter of 2023 was held on Zoom on January 9, 2024. As of December 31, 2023, we had 76 dues-paying members, and our bank balance was \$2,438.10. (See the Treasurer's Report on the reverse side.)

NEXT GHA BOARD MEETING. The next GHA board meeting will be held via Zoom on **April 2, 2024, at 7:00 PM.** Additional details will be emailed later to residents.

LOSS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. We have sad news to report. Mary Ashe Hull of Charlyne Drive passed away in November after a long illness. A longtime Grimesdale resident, Mary served as the Charlyne Drive Street Director for many years. We will miss Mary and we express our condolences to her family.

PROPOSED DUES INCREASE FOR 2025. In 1983 a gallon of gas in North Carolina cost \$1.16. Today it is \$2.94. That is a 153% increase. In 1983 the hourly minimum wage in North Carolina was \$2.90. Today it is \$7.25. That is a 150% increase. In 1983 the annual Grimesdale dues was \$20. Today it is \$20. There have been no dues increases in the past forty years. Consequently, and in order to keep up with the increasing cost of gas and labor, which are the principal costs involved in maintaining the park, the GHA board voted unanimously to increase annual dues from \$20 to \$30 per year, which will take effect next year, 2025. The annual dues this year, 2024, will remain \$20. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments about this difficult decision.

BOARD CHANGES. We regret to inform the neighborhood that Secretary Brenda Sauer and Editor Anna Williams have resigned from the GHA Board. We thank them for their service. Please let us know if you are willing to serve in one of those essential positions pro tempore until elections are held later this year, when the next president and all of the other officers will be chosen. We also need a webmaster ASAP who can revamp the GHA website.

REMINDER. Please remember to keep your animals leashed or fenced, in conformance with Henderson County regulations. We urge pet owners to attach an identifying tag on their pets to ensure that they can be identified easily and returned safely to their owners should they become lost.

IVY AND TREES. You may think that ivy growing in your trees looks pretty, but it's slowly killing them. Trees and ivy rely on the same supply of water and nutrients. Because ivy can be more aggressive, there's a chance your tree isn't getting its fair share of nutrition. Vines can also weigh the tree branches down, putting them at a higher risk of breaking during a storm – especially an ice storm. Over time, an ivy invasion will weaken a tree, making it a target for opportunistic pests. To

remove ivy from a larger tree, begin by cutting all of the ivy stems around the circumference of the tree at a height that's comfortable for you. You should also cut the stems again 3-4 inches above or below the initial cut to ensure that the stems won't grow back together. You can use hand pruners, but if the ivy stems are thick you may have to cut them with a hand saw. After all stems are cut, you will have an 'ivy-free' band around the trunk of the tree. The ivy above the cuts will die, with the die-off accelerating in hot weather. The leaves will brown and fall off first, with the vines falling off gradually over time. Do not pull off the vines, as forced removal could damage the bark.

KUDOS. Thank you Rich Stevenson of Cheryl Drive for cleaning the invasive plants and overgrowth out of the park.

GRIMESDALE HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

Treasurer's Report for Period Ending December 31, 2023

Bank Balance as of September 30, 2023 (revised) \$ 2,826.61

RECEIPTS

Dues Collected (September 30 through December 31, 2023) \$ 100.00

EXPENDITURES

Park Maintenance \$ 425.00

Gazette Printing \$ 63.51

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$ 2,438.10

THANKS to the following residents for supporting your GHA by paying your 2023 dues. (2024 dues payers are shown in ***bold-italics.***)

Apple Creek Lane	Elmore, M & S; Jones, L & T; Knighten, C; Miller, B
Brookside Camp Road	
Cardinal Lane	Bailey, M; <i>Hensley, G & R;</i> Nolasco, E; Russell, R & Black, T; Stanberry, C & M; Turner, R & R; Williams, G & A
Charlyne Drive	Collier, D & L; Freeman, E & L; Shipp, J
Cherrywood Lane	Diaz-Simon, A & A
Cheryl Drive	Davis-Lee, P; Evans, U & D; Johnston, S; Kish, R & C; Kit, C; Morgan, J & S; Robertson, A; <i>Stevenson, R & Lemon, C</i>
Crabapple Circle	Gregory, T & J; Rodriguez C & KM
Crabapple Hill Lane	Parker, C
Florida Drive	<i>Cassedy, A & B;</i> Ellis, C & J; Graham, C & M; Kilbourn, J & D; Nielsen, T & J; Reed, A; Riggs, W & K; Sauer, J & B; Schafer, K
Magnolia Drive	Blackwell, E; Erickson, B & VandenDolder, E; George, R & S; Gudger, C; Nicholson, J & B; Rinehart, L & M; Sulemansade, O; Wagaman, K; Wagner, D & V; Whitaker, M; <i>White, J</i>
Mason View Lane	
Mason Way	Chandler, B & D; Jones, J & C; Mason, C & J
Napier Drive	Cooper, CJ; Johnston, R & G; O'Connell, J; Powell, C; Swain, L
Primrose Drive	Bondar, L & L; Maclellan, S; Patterson, D & J; <i>Van Matre, J</i>
Starlight Lane	<i>Alfaro, W;</i> Atwell, J & S; Hass, R & T; Orr, P & M; St Clair, C & Smith, K; White, M & B
Wesley Way	Burkle, A; Dubis, Falk, M & J; J & P; Ford, D & C; Goldman, M & L; Hill, J; Laney, R; Paxton, K; Piper, J & D; Pugliese, M & M; Smith, R & A; Webb, J & Ariail, N

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To pay your dues for 2024, 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 _____

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