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The Oak Tree

President's Message

Although it has only been four months since your Board of Directors assumed their new responsibilities, everyone started out at full speed and a great deal has transpired in a relatively short period of time.

As Vice President and Communications/Newsletter Coordinator, Patty Stauffer has continued to publish the Oak Tree, which among other things, succinctly defined the roles of the Grand Haven Master Homeowner's Association (GHMA), Southern States Management Group (SSMG) and Community Development District (CDD). In addition, Patty is developing an informational "welcoming" packet to orient new residents and is working on refinements/updates for the GHMA website.

Your new Treasurer and Architectural Design Committee Liaison, Jerry Kagan, has been evaluating our bookkeeping and financial reporting procedures in an effort to develop a more efficient process. Jerry has also been intent upon keeping the Board fully informed regarding the activities and operational procedures of the ADC.

New Board Director, Vic Natiello has also accepted the additional responsibility of providing support for the Private Lawn Maintenance Program. In this role, Vic will be updating the evaluation process of PLM contractors and will compile/evaluate your input. This will ultimately assist the Board in making informed decisions regarding contractor performance.

Your other new Board Director, Murray Salkovitz, is contributing his talents in the additional role of CC & R Compliance Support. In doing so, Murray is involved with the follow up on properties that are consistently in violation of our CC&Rs. In addition, he monitors the Violation Reports and evaluates existing trends and patterns prior to reporting to the Board.

In addition to serving as the President of your board, I have also continued my involvement with the Problematic Properties Committee and assumed the additional responsibility of serving as liaison with the CDD.

In a relatively short period of time the Board has, or is in the process of dealing with a number of meaningful issues on behalf of all of the residents of Grand Haven. We have researched and resolved the issue of the Crossings pool and compliance with the dictates of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also, in regard to the Crossings, the Board has signed a new pool maintenance contract with Amenities Management Group and repairs on the pool fence have recently been completed. The Board is currently assisting the residents of the Crossings in their efforts to amend their CC&Rs in regard to their rental policy.

We are currently in negotiations with the owners of Riverview, Phase 2 regarding a more substantial and attractive fence surrounding the construction site. In regard to on-going items, the Board is committed to aggressively pursuing property owners who have unpaid fines and assessments. Liens have been filed on all such eligible properties and two properties have been referred to the attorney for foreclosure.

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GHMA Meeting Schedule for 2012

The Board of Directors of the Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA) will meet on the third Friday of every month (unless otherwise noted).

All residents are welcome to attend.

- When: 2:00 PM, Friday, April 20, 2012
 2:00 PM, Friday, May 18, 2012
 2:00 PM, Friday, June 15, 2012
 2:00 PM, Friday, July 27, 2012
 2:00 PM, Friday, August 17, 2012
 2:00 PM, Friday, September 21, 2012
 2:00 PM, Friday, October 19, 2012
 2:00 PM, Friday, November 16, 2012
 2:00 PM, Friday, December 14, 2012
- Where: Creekside Amenities Center in Grand Haven 2 North Village Parkway

President's Message, continued

On a more positive note, we have had an increasing number of residents in attendance at the Board meetings and have heard numerous positive comments and suggestions. Your involvement and participation is both valuable and appreciated,

There are, of course, still a number of challenges facing the Board. However, with the continued support of our residents, I have every confidence that we can successfully meet these challenges. We live in Grand Haven because of the lifestyle it provides. The singular goal of the GHMA is to protect that lifestyle and all that accompanies it.

Dr. Robert Jay Carlton, President Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA)

Southern States MANAGEMENT GROUP INC.

SSMG continues to monitor the condition of properties in Grand Haven with twice a month tours of every lot. The following are the most frequent CC&R violations:

- Dead sod
- Rust stains caused by well water
- Dead trees on the property
- Unapproved changes to a house or landscaping
- Weeds between the pavers in a driveway or lanai
- Mildew and mold on a house, roof, sidewalk
- Low hanging street trees
- Lake bank maintenance
- Unapproved signs on the property
- Leaving a trailer in the driveway

One of the main objectives of this newsletter is to inform and educate the residents on the rules of Grand Haven. Your CC&Rs and the ADC guidelines define those rules and can be found on Southern States' website <u>www.ssmgroupinc.com</u>.

When a resident's action breaks (or greatly bends) one of the rules, a violation letter will be sent. He or she or they will then have 10 days to respond to the letter, either stating that the problem has been fixed and how, or giving a time frame for compliance.

If you have questions about any of these items, please contact Troy Railsback (Ext. 307) or Lindsay Marriott (Ext. 310) at 386-446-6333.

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The Trashman Cometh	Grand Haven Women's Club
Dear Grand Haven Resident,	The Grand Haven Women's Club is a big success. As of the
In these difficult economic times, your GHMA has explored a number of ways to minimize the impact of what we have labeled "Problematic Properties". The primary goal of our efforts has been to improve the overall image of our commu- nity. We believe that this will result in making the homes in our community more attractive to prospective buyers and thereby increase property values.	March meeting, there are now 152 members. As a volunteer service organization, the theme of "Embrace the Joy of Giving Back" is working quite well. The Club donated \$2,000 again this year to the Flagler County Stuff Bus program and has donated for another year a \$1,000 scholarship to the Flagler Palm Coast High School and a \$1,000 scholarship to the Matanzas High School for 2012.
As a homeowner, we are asking you to support our efforts in attaining this goal. As we are sure that you are aware, a first impression is a lasting impression. As a prospective buyer drives through the villages of Grand Haven, the visual image they obtain will play a part in their decision regarding their future home. In order to make the first impression a	The January Day of Games this year raised \$2,600. April 28th is the annual GHWC Book Sale. Books sell for \$.50 and \$1.00. The 2011 Book Sale raised \$1,707 and the Club is hoping to beat that total this year with the help of the residents of Grand Haven. If you wish to donate books, please contact Gail Na- woral at gnaworal@yahoo.com or 386-986-4069.
 most positive one, we would appreciate it if you would participate in enhancing the attractiveness of our villages by complying with the following: Trash and recycling should be put out on the curb, not the street, the day before collection and empty containers should be returned from the curb the day of collection. <u>Trash is collected on Mondays and Thursdays and recycling on Thursday.</u> Yard waste should be put out on the curb, not on the street, the day before collection. All cuttings must be in 	Charities the GHWC donate to are: State Special Olympics, Hacienda Girls Ranch Children's Hone, ROCK Camp for Can- cer Kids, HOBY Youth Leadership, Canine Companions, Flor- ida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, American Heart Association, Church Women United, Flagler County Life Center, New Beginnings, Flagler Habitat for Humanity, Stuart F. Meyer Hospice, Flagler Free Client, Flagler County Library, Flagler Volunteer Fire/ Rescue Dept., Florida Hospital Foundation, Relay for Life/ Cancer Fund, Washington Oaks Gardens Fund, Flagler Humane Society, Flagler Beach Turtle Project, Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, the S.T.U.F.F. Bus.
containers or tied/taped in bundles. It is likely that any yard waste placed on an unimproved lot will not be picked up. In addition, the disposal of yard waste that results from work completed by a landscape contractor is the responsibility of the contractor and will not be picked up for disposal. <u>Yard waste is collected on Wednesdays</u> . Your cooperation with the above would significantly contrib-	At every meeting, there is a brief business meeting, an informa- tive program and, of course, lunch at the Club House. If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact: Annemarie Schutz, Membership 386-246-5023 Sandra Mankowich, President
ute to the positive image of our community and would be greatly appreciated by all.	386-864-7548 Come join the fun and the good
Sincerely,	feeling of giving.
Board of Directors	Peggy Smith, Publicity
Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA)	GHWC
In This Issue	Coming in the July Issue
President's Message1Southern States2The Trashman Cometh3Grand Haven Women's Club3Neighborhood Watch4CDD Corner5Golf.5	The history of Grand Haven. Imagine Grand Haven with just 100 houses on mostly undeveloped land, a community with a lot of promise but with more wild creatures than people. When there were few roads and no mailboxes and residents had to drive to Palm Coast west of I-95 to get their mail. A golf course with a double-wide trailer for a clubhouse came much later. Village Center? What's that?

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FAQs

Art Dycke, a resident of Grand Haven and Palm Coast historian, will contribute stories about the good old days.

Neighborhood Watch Tips	Home Inventory 101	
Be careful if you're approached by a pleasant young man (tall, thin, dark curly hair who usually wears a baseball hat) who offers to help with pruning or small odd jobs. Please note that he is not licensed or insured and has been banned from	There are many compelling reasons to do a home inventory but one that stands out is peace of mind. With hurricane sea- son almost upon us, now would be as good a time as any to finally just do it.	
the Creekside Amenity Center and the Village Center. Report any "incidents" to the police and remember:	For those of us who find accumulating things effortless, but categorizing and inventorying them exhausting, technology has come to the rescue. An article in the NY Times reviewed sev-	
 Be careful when you hire a contactor or person to work in your home. Not all are licensed and insured. You can verify their credentials by calling Code Enforcement at 	eral software programs for doing an inventory of your posses- sions. Google "Apps for Taking Inventory at Home" for the full article and the author's software recommendations.	
386-986-3764. If they are not properly licensed and in- sured and an accident occurs, you can be liable for any injury or damage to others.	The "contents" line on your insurance policy is an insurable amount that many of us estimate. In a disaster, natural or oth- erwise, could you produce an accurate record of all your pos-	
 Lock your car doors and keep your garage door closed to deter any robbery attempts. 	sessions? Furniture, jewelry, books, clothes, photographs, CDs, artwork and heirlooms to name just a few, are encompassed in one word—"contents".	
• GOING ON VACATION? To put your home on vaca- tion watch, call the Sheriff's office at 386-313-4911 and get a free house watch by the Flagler County Sheriff's Of- fice. You will have to go to their office and fill out a form and they limit this service to 20 days annually.	Insurance isn't the only reason to conduct a home inventory. It provides a comprehensive record for your heirs or benefici- aries who may not be aware of all your treasures. You could designate gifts and eliminate any doubt as to who was prom- ised what. It's also helpful in estimating the fair market value for estate tax purposes.	
Murray Salkovitz Neighborhood Watch	So, if you ever have to call your insurance agent to say every- thing is gone, at least you can produce a digital record of your "contents".	

Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You

- 1. Of course I look familiar. I was here last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
- 2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom while I was working in your yard last week. While I was there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
- 3. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
- 4. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see it if it's set. That makes it too easy.
- 5. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally I hit the jackpot and walk right in.
- 6. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer?
- 7. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
- 8. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent that the best alarm system.
- 9. Sometimes I carry a clipboard. Sometimes I dress like I'm conducting a survey (not permitted in Grand Haven). I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
- 10. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosey neighbors.
- 11. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
- 12. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

Golf Course sold to Escalante	CDD Corner		
By DIANE S. ZEEMAN, GET A GRIP	DISTRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DIASBILITIES ACT UPDATE		
It was rumored for months and now it's a done deal: Grand Haven Golf Club was sold to a Fort Worth-based operator of luxury golf properties and will remain a private club.	Accessibility standards required by The American with Disabili- ties Act Legislation, enforced by the United States Justice De- partment, became effective March 15, 2012.		
It will now be known as The Club at Grand Haven. Hampton Golf, the longtime operator of Grand Haven, is out. The price of the sale was not announced.	The Grand Haven CDD employed two expert consulting firms prior to embarking on a program to bring the District's ameni-		
Escalante Golf purchased the Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course from Crescent Resources, a Charlotte, N.C. company that recently emerged from bankruptcy.	ties in compliance with the ADA legislation. The following is a list of some of the changes necessary to en- sure the provisions of the new standards are met:		
Crescent has also sold The Grand Club, three Palm Coast golf courses originally developed by ITT, to a group of private investors.	I. Exercise Machines and Equipment: At least one of each type of exercise equipment must be on an accessible route and must have a clear floor space positioned to enable an individual with		
In a Dec. 29 email to members, Hampton Golf president M.G. Orender said that its relationship with Grand Haven "is com-	a disability to use the equipment.		
ing to an end," adding that he was "proud" of the vast im- provements Hampton made to the club.	 Creekside Gym: equipment rearranged. Village Center Gym: rearrangement required removal of some equipment 		
Orender, the former president of the PGA of America, founded Hampton Golf in 1998 with Ed Burr. The company manages golf clubs in Florida and the Southeast. Hampton also ran The Grand Club until the new owners took over.	2. Play Areas: Accessible ground and elevated play compo- nents, accessible routes, ramps and transfer systems (platforms or transfer steps) and accessible ground surfaces must be pro- vided.		
Escalante Golf also recently purchased Black Diamond Ranch, a high-end residential development with three Tom Fazio- designed courses in Lecanto, Fla., and has several other clubs in the state.	and ground components are located and added.		
Escalante describes itself as a "boutique owner and operator of golf properties nationwide," including courses in California, Colorado, Ohio and Indiana, in addition to Florida. Its operat-	 pacted, transition from concrete to mulch leveled. Village Center Horseshoe Court: closed until ADA ac- 		
ing partners are David McDonald, Elcio Silva, Robert Silva and David Matteson.	cessible paver pathway installed		
McDonald, the president of the company, founded Escalante in 1991.	pathway installed		
Its other Florida properties include Spanish Wells Country	3. Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, and Spas		
Club in Bonita Springs; Tarpon Cove Yacht and Racquet Club	Creekside Bool pool lift required		
in Naples; Kingsgate Golf Club in Port Charlotte; and Water- lefe Golf & River Club in Bradenton.	Due to ambiguity and subsequent confusion with the standards		
The new owners said they have ordered a fleet of new carts for Grand Haven and will make improvements to the land- scaping and lighting; the pro shop will get new fixtures along with a new line of logoed items.	required, the United States Justice Department has delayed necessary compliance with this portion of the law. The GH CDD District Counsel will continue to monitor developments re the required installation of Pool Lifts. The Board will take such actions as are required to comply with the standards, as they may be clarified or amended. The complete reports provided by both ADA Act compliance consulting firms may be found on the What's NEW section of the GH CDD website at: www.grandhavencdd.org Dr. Steve Davidson, Chairman Board of Supervisors Grand Haven CDD		
They also said they plan to elevate the club's stature, and be- lieve that "its best days are ahead."			
The Grand Haven golf course opened in 1998; the course was closed for four months for a major renovation in the mid 2000s. Mark Bowlus, the general manager under Hampton Golf's management, is remaining as GM.			
Check it out on www.escalantegolf.com			

Flagler Humane Society

Your Flagler Humane Society is striving to become a facility that will make the entire community proud. And now there's an even bigger reason to be proud. The community has voted FHS into the ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100,000 Challenge! Now the Shelter can compete with 49 other shelters across the nation to greatly increase the number of animals saved over the previous year. Prizes in the Challenge total \$500,000 so there are plenty of opportunities to win.

Have you been to the Flagler Humane Society lately? If not, you're in for a big surprise! The Shelter has initiated a new program called Plan *Alive*—a progressive new program aimed at eliminating the need to euthanize adoptable animals because of space and/or time limitations. From February 2, 2012 to date, not a single adoptable animal has been put to sleep and everyone involved with the Shelter is very proud.

Volunteers are needed to help with the animals (social interaction and exercise are key to a dog or cat's well-being). Kennels and cattery cages must be cleaned and the animals fed and watered. Dogs have to be walked. Cats and dogs love being groomed. All of the animals respond to play.

Volunteers are critical to the success of all Shelters and the Flagler Humane Society is no exception. But if you either cannot or do not want to have close encounters with the animals, there are so many other very important things that you can do.

- Greet people who come to the Shelter and help them smoothly transact the business that brought them in. This could be to look over the animals to find that perfect pet, purchase a tag, surrender an animal that they can no longer care for, purchase a spay/neuter certificate, etc.
- Help with the laundry. There are tons of blankets, towels, etc. used every day that must be washed, dried, folded and put away so that they are ready for reuse. The Shelter's laundry facilities are kept busy 10 hours a day, 7 days a week and this whole effort is handled by volunteers.
- Become a foster. This does not require a long-term commitment of time. Sometimes just a week or two is all an animal needs to be ready for adoption. In the case of puppies and kittens, a foster home is the ideal place for them to grow enough to be spayed/neutered so that they can go to a forever home. Occasionally, a dog or cat needs a quiet place to adjust and be socialized before adoption. The Shelter will pay for all medical expenses and provide food so the foster family does not have out-of-pocket expenses.



- Write letters to thank people for their donations or to offer condolences when their beloved pet must be euthanized.
- Follow up with foster homes and/or rescue groups to track the pets transferred to their care.

And don't forget about the Flagler Humane Society's Thrift Store, located at 4490 US Hwy. I South, in Bunnell. The Thrift Store is open every day except Monday and Wednesday and has a wide (and ever-changing) selection of clothes, furniture, sports equipment, small electronics, decorative items, and other household goods at very reasonable prices. Keep the Thrift Store in mind when you have items that you no longer need. There is even a pick-up service for large items. The telephone number is 386-446-4501. All of the money earned by the Thrift Store goes to the Shelter and helps take care of the animals.

Of course, all of these good things place added demands on the Shelter. You can help in so many ways because volunteers are critical to the success of all Shelters and the Flagler Humane Society is no exception.

And don't forget, all donations, both cash and in-kind, are appreciated. The Shelter can always use your old laptop or computer or printer when you upgrade. Donated paper goods and office supplies means one less expense for the Shelter. The Shelter goes through cat and dog toys every day and the animals really love having them. A complete Wish List can be found on the Shelter's website, <u>www.flaglerhumanesociety.org</u>. You can also easily make a one-time or recurring donation from the website.

Diane Voigt Your Grand Haven Neighbor

Grand Haven Website

The Grand Haven Master Association has its own website, <u>www.grandhavenmhoa.com</u>. Its purpose is to make information accessible about Association activities.

It includes the names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of the Grand Haven Master Association Board and the Architectural Design Committee, meeting schedules, agendas, FAQs and financial information.

The site also lists ADC guidelines and forms for residents to use to make submittals for changes to their property. For more information check out the website.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. My husband is adamant that when we bought our home here several years ago, the sales brochure presented to us listing the "amenities" included a pool table at Creekside. He says that the space there is more than enough to fit a regulation size table and all it's being used for is cards! So, where's the pool table ?
- A. Please tell "Fast Eddie Felson" that some research would have to go into that. However, he is certainly welcome to contact the CDD directly to inquire about the alleged missing pool table. The number is 447-1184. Ask for "Minnesota Fats".
- Q. I've been trying to get information to and/or from the management group concerning stuff that's important to me. How can I actually get in contact with a person?
- A. Easy-peasy. Any owner can get information or change his/her GHMA correspondence/billing address (anything that is sent from/to Southern States Management Group, Inc.) by calling the SSMG office or by sending an email with the "important" info to Troy Railsback (Community Manager) or his assistant, Lindsay. The phone number is 446-6333 (ext. 307).
- Q. I have found a very easy way to dispose of all the leaves and other stuff that falls from our shedding trees that I wanted to share. I just sweep it all into the storm water sewer opening in the street by my house. There's no problem with doing that, right?
- A. WHOA, big fella! Sweeping leaves or ANYTHING ELSE into the storm sewers can result in MAJOR problems for you and your neighbors. If the debris reaches the detention pond, it may possibly pollute the water, which could result in a very unpleasant, long lasting odor. If the debris lodges in the sewer itself, the sewer will become clogged. Can you imagine the street flooding that will result from the next heavy rain? Do you own hip waders?
- Q. My landscape guy said he can remove an overgrown tree on my property and I don't have to get anyone's approval. Is he right?
- A. He's right out of his mind, he is! In a word -NO! In fact, double NO, NO! Grand Haven property owners need two approvals one from the ADC and one from the City of Palm Coast. You can get the ADC forms from www.grandhavenmhoa.com. Include photos if appropriate. The other approval is from the City of Palm Coast. The contractors normally handle the city forms. The city will not approve the request until the ADC has approved it. Both the city and the ADC send out inspectors.

- Q. I want to rent my residence. What is the rental policy in Grand Haven?
- A. The CC&Rs limit rentals within Grand Haven. Their objective is to limit short term rentals. Grand Haven does permit longer-term leases. Generally, the rules restrict rentals to a minimum of 30 days; a property may be rented only twice per year; the renter has to register at the CDD office; and the lease has to be on file with the CDD and the GHMA (give a copy of the lease to the CDD office and they will get it to the GHMA.) These rules are to prevent residences from becoming youth hostels, or worse yet, a Motel 6!
- Q. I wanted to put a big orange and blue (Go, Gators!) gazebo on the front lawn of my house to provide shade in the afternoon and show my support of UF. One of my neighbors said I couldn't because Grand Haven is a deed-restricted community. What in tarnation is that?
- A. When residents purchased their property/lot in Grand Haven, we agreed to a set of CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions) that stipulate Grand Haven as a deed-restricted community. Here is a sampling of the restrictions that all property owners should be aware of: no fences or walls without ADC approval, no sheds or outbuildings, no doghouses, no gazebos without ADC approval, no lawn ornaments without ADC approval, no vehicle, boat, mobile home or trailer may be parked, stored or repaired on outside property. (You can go back to your original purchase documents to find the complete list of CC&Rs, go online at <u>www.ssmgroupinc.com</u> or contact SSMG directly)

To ensure that an owner is in compliance with the deed restrictions, SSMG, tours each village every month. Residents can report violations to the management company and when a violation is verified, a letter is sent to the resident with a required time to respond.

Tennis, Anyone?

If anyone is interested in writing an article for the OakTree regarding tennis activities (or lack of them during the improvement phase), please let me know at postauffer@earthlink.net.

In the meantime, you can see before and after pictures of the project at:

www.grandhavencdd.org/docs/TennisCourtEnhancment.pdf

Wild Oaks Eagles

EAGLES.....EAGLES.....EVERYWHERE!!

In the January Newsletter the secret was out....."New eagle's nest on Egret Drive in Grand Haven!" The pair building this nest were busy with construction for approximately one month and since then have vacated the nest. However, they have still been seen in the community. The female eagle appears to be a sub-adult (approximately 4 yrs old and not fully mature). It's possible she was not ready to start a family. However, they were a "fully bonded" pair and it's hopeful they will return in the fall and continue with their unfinished business and produce young next season....stay tuned!

It has been another successful and interesting season at the Wild Oaks nest. "Mom and Dad Wild Oaks" have two robust fledglings that will soon be leaving for cooler climates. The first hatch was on December 9. It is uncertain if there is one of each gender as they appear to be fairly close in size, but one is likely a male and the other eagle probably a female.

For their first 10 weeks they grew to full size (approximately 7-10 lbs) and remained exclusively inside their nest home. At 11 wks they dared to leave the nest and jump out to a limb ("branching".....which is their first attempt before flight). At that point they were busy gaining coordination, balance and exercising their legs jumping up and down like kids do. The big difference is at this time they were doing what the big eagles do....."perch"! They would show off for their parents with such excitement.



Typically animals "in the wild" are not given names simply removing any sense of domestication. However for purpose of identification they were given the names 'Whitey" for the eaglet that had

much white mottling and "Dudley" who.....well, was somewhat of a "dud" in the nest (although going forward provided constant entertainment).

They both took their first flight at 12 wks right on schedule.....well almost. They left the nest tree on the same day and Whitey returned later that day. That's a good sign. Well, Dudley was clearly not ready for flight! He didn't return back to the nest for 2 days. It's certain he followed his sibling and landed <u>wherever he could</u> and stayed put until he mustered up enough courage to make that scary flight back. Well it was quite the occasion when he returned as he and his sibling were screaming with joy when he awkwardly landed at the nest....almost on top of Whitey!



Today at 18 weeks, Dudley often struggles with his landing and often has to circle the nest before he makes his approach or takes a break from it all and just lands on top of the tree in the pine needles.

They have been doing all the fun things eagle fledglings do.....like "sky dancing" which is when they fly high together and one eagle flips upside down and they try to lock talons. This practice is similar to the aerial maneuvers mature eagles do as a part of courtship or when in a territory battle. Whitey and Dudley were without a doubt having fun and vocalizing all the while.

These two are "buds" and are usually seen perched or flying together. They have found a friend as an immature eagle has been recently seen flying and perching near them. This eagle was possibly a Wild Oaks baby from 3 years ago and Whitey and Dudley can learn from this eagle. They have their favorite perching spots and still remain close to the nest area. They still wait for their parents and forever beg for food and love to perch near them. They haven't been seen foraging yet, but they are likely doing so.

Whitey and Dudley left on April 15 for their "highway in the sky" depending solely on themselves for survival. Although it's possible they may make a quick return hoping for a "free meal" from their parents. "Mom and Dad Wild Oaks" will remain in the area for several weeks and with good fortune, return to their "nest home" in the fall. Fly Eagles Fly!

Watch a video by John-The Video Guy—of Our Own Wild Oaks Male catching a fish. <u>http://youtube/YeVhmckOa9A</u>

Submitted by Gretchen Butler Audubon Senior EagleWatch Volunteer Grand Haven Neighbor



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRAND HAVEN MASTER ASSOCIATION (CDD) (GHMA) **PUBLIC ENTITY PRIVATE ENTITY SCOPE:** Grand Haven Private Property **SCOPE:** Grand Haven Common Property **RESPONSIBILITIES: RESPONSIBILITIES:** Creation, financing and maintenance of community infrastruc-Implementation of Grand Haven governing documents (Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions or more commonly ture: known as the CC&Rs). The Board hires the Community Man-• • Common grounds and landscaping ager to execute the day-to-day responsibilities: • • Lakes (retention ponds) • Village Center and Creekside Amenity Center Deed restriction enforcement • • Roads Architectural control (ADC) Entrance gates HOW ARE FEES PAID? HOW ARE FEES PAID? Owners are assessed through their annual property tax bill in Owners receive an annual assessment bill from the Associathe section "Non-Ad Valorem Assessment". The fee per unit tion each December for the following year. The fee per unit this year is \$1,941. for 2012 is \$125. with the exception of Wild Oaks which has a one-time special assessment this year of \$15 which brings their total to \$140. **CONTACT INFORMATION: CONTACT INFORMATION:** Southern States Management Group Creekside Amenity Center 2 N. Village Parkway 2 Camino Del Mar Palm Coast, FL 32137 Palm Coast, FL 32137 386-446-6333 386-447-1184 Operations Manager: Barry Kloptosky Community Manager: Troy Railsback (ext. 307) ADC: Brandy Despang (ext. 306) www.grandhavencdd.org www.ssmgroupinc.com www.grandhavenmhoa.com **BOARD MEMBERS: BOARD MEMBERS:** Chairman: Steve Davidson President: Rob Carlton Vice-Pres.: Patty Stauffer Vice Chair: Pete Chiodo Treasurer: Asst. Secretary: Marie Gaeta Jerry Kagan Director: Murray Salkovitz Asst. Secretary: Tom Lawrence Victor Natiello Director: Asst. Secretary: John Pollinger Secretary/Treas: Craig Wrathell

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