



The Oak Tree

President's Message

Capabilities and Limitations of Your Board

The Board of Directors of the GHMA are elected by the property owners and charged with the responsibility of managing the residential portion of our community. Therefore, I believe that it is of importance that all residents understand both the capabilities and limitations of the Board.

By far, the most frequent complaint heard by Board members has to do with nearby properties that are not being adequately maintained. Most often the complaint will involve one or more of the following: overgrown lawns, dead sod, untrimmed trees and/or shrubs, mold, and rust stains. "Why isn't the Board doing something about it?" "Property values are being reduced and it looks terrible." "It is ruining the neighborhood."

Let's assume that in fact, a violation of the CC&R's does exist. If so, that property owner will be cited. If the violation is corrected, no further action is taken. If the property owner chooses not to respond, a process begins which, by law, has predetermined timelines and procedures. During this period of time, the Board must review the violation and the response by the property owner and decide whether or not to levy a fine and the amount of the fine. Depending upon numerous factors, the fine may range from \$50 to \$100 a day, up to \$1,000 per violation. If a fine is levied, it is then forwarded to the Fine Committee for the fine to be reviewed and either imposed or rejected. As you might expect, this is a time consuming process, but one that must be followed in accordance with our governing documents and State law.

At the end of this process, let's assume that the property owner has been fined, say \$500 or even \$1,000 and that amount has been added to their homeowner's account balance. Now what? The violation still has not been cured and the property owner has no intention of paying the fine. In the long term, a property that is encumbered with unpaid assessments or fines cannot be sold until that debt to the Association, including all interest and fees, has been satisfied. This process can involve an extended period of time before closure is obtained. In reality, at this point, the Board has a limited number of realistic options. The Board is more than aware of your frustrations when the solution to this type of situation is not quickly obtained. In fact, the Board shares these frustrations and is constantly seeking viable ways to address the problem.

The example above is but one of the limitations with which the Board must deal. Most often, the Board cannot contract for services such as mowing or tree/shrub trimming at an out of compliance property without the permission of the homeowner. Most often, permission is not forthcoming. One must also keep in mind that when such services are provided, they are paid for by all of the members of the Association. Since the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the Association, it does not authorize such expenditures without due diligence and forethought.

Although the Board is committed to equitably enforcing the governing documents of our community and adhering to State Statute 720, there are also limitations imposed either by law or by the practicalities of the situation. Adhering to the law is a given. Making decisions based on practicality is dependent upon the good judgement of your Board members.

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GHMA Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors of the Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA) meets on the next to the last Friday of every month (unless otherwise noted.) All property owners are welcome to attend.

WHEN: 2 PM, Friday, August 18
2 PM, Friday, September 22
2 PM, Friday, October 20
2 PM, Friday, November 17

WHERE: Creekside Amenities Center
2 North Village Parkway

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The Oak Tree is always looking for articles with ideas and topics for future issues, especially those that would be of interest to Grand Haven residents—Grand Haven activities, clubs, happenings, sporting events, resident volunteer activities and opportunities.

Please contact Nancy Carlton at ncarlton096@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Just A Thought.....

*To laugh often and much;
to win the respect of intelligent
people and the affection of
children...
to leave the world a better place...
to know even one life has
breathed easier because you
have lived.
This is to have succeeded*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Congratulations to the members of the Grand Haven Woman's Club who have recently won three awards from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Florida.

- ◆ Domestic Violence Awareness, First Place
- ◆ Fund Raising & Development, Second Place
- ◆ Communications, Third Place

Under the leadership of the Home Life Committee, chaired by Paula Benham, the GHWC's work with the Family Life Center helped earn the **Domestic Violence Awareness Award**. The **Fund Raising Award** is a tribute to the work begun by Jacki Unger as chair of the Ways & Means Committee and continued by Jenny Scott, the current chair. It is also a huge tribute to the generosity of the GHWC members who have so willingly supported all of the fund raising initiatives. The *Cooking Grand* cookbook produced by the GHWC in 2016 fueled much of this success. If you still haven't received your copy of this coveted publication, you can get one at the Village Center office for a \$25 donation to GHWC. In the area of **Communications**, the credit goes to Fran Anderson (2015-16) and Sheila Tebbano (2016-17) who produced the spectacular newsletter for our members.

Of course, the pinnacle of the year is the presentation of the scholarship recipients who attended our May meeting.

The 2017 GHWC Scholarship Recipients: Holly Cook, Matanzas HS, who is heading to Sante Fe State College and Felicity Rollins, FPC, who is headed to UCF to study nursing

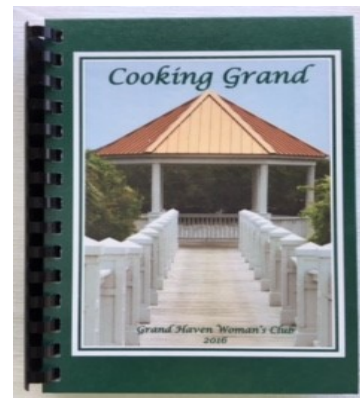


Receipt of these awards and presentation of scholarships was a nice way to wrap up the GHWC Club year in May; however, grass didn't begin to grow under the Board's feet before they were right back at the Planning table on June 12 to coordinate activities and programs for the 2017-2018 Club year, which will begin in September for the full membership. It looks like GHWC will start the year with 212 members and a very aggressive calendar of activities and fund-raising events. Among those fund-raising events is a new one, the *Walk for the*

Woman's Club on December 2. This event will be open to **ALL** Grand Haven residents of any age. It will be a fun event on a Saturday morning and you can walk the distance of your choice. Entry fee will be \$25, for which you will receive a tee shirt and have a great time. There will be more information about this event in the November issue of the Oak Tree and forthcoming on eblasts.

While the members of the GHWC have a good time raising money, socializing and learning new things at our meetings from our Program Speakers, the real reason for everyone's efforts is to have a positive impact on the lives of others through our financial and volunteer support for nonprofit organizations in our community. In the last year, GHWC supported 24 local organizations and 6 state and international organizations, providing not just financial support but over 11,000 volunteer hours as well.

If you would like more information about the work of the Grand Haven Woman's Club or how you might join, feel free to visit the website at www.grandhavenwomensclub.org or the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/grandhavenwomensclub



Looking for that perfect housewarming gift for a new Grand Haven neighbor?

Want to begin your holiday shopping early?

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However, if there is original paperwork, such as a permit, survey, landscape plan, etc. that you might want back, simply include that request in writing with the submittal or if you attend the MADC meeting, ask the ADC Administrative Assistant to return an original with your approval letter.

ADC CORNER

Are you new to Grand Haven? Over the past several years, Grand Haven has had a significant number of new homeowners move into the community. It is often sad to see old friends and neighbors go, but also exciting to meet new friends and neighbors. Because of this, it is important that the Architectural Design Committee make our new neighbors aware of what is going on. And, remind existing neighbors of things we all need to know.

As a deed restricted community, there are governing documents that keep Grand Haven "GRAND". There are architectural guidelines; commonly known as "Architectural Design Standards" that every resident must follow when contemplating architectural changes to the exterior of their property. As a matter of fact, there is a 71 page document that spells out each standard. This is the reference document that the Architectural Design Committee uses when a resident wishes to submit a request to make a change to the exterior of their property.

In case you are not aware, Southern States Management Group (SSMG) is the management company who handles the Grand Haven Homeowners Association account. Each property in Grand Haven has an account with SSMG. And, when you go to the Grand Haven website, (grandhavenmhoa.com) you can log into your account. It contains records of your property, necessary forms for making changes, frequently asked questions, who to contact for specific services and an abundance of other information you may need to know about your property. If you don't know how to access your account on this website, please call SSMG at 386-446-6333 for assistance.

So, when you wish to make changes to the exterior of your property, please don't forget to complete the necessary forms and submit them to SSMG for review by the ADC. Together we can keep Grand Haven "GRAND".

Submitted by: Architectural Design Committee



**Join Grand Haven
Team Pink
Pink Army
5K-1 mile run/walk
at
Florida Hospital Flagler
Sunday, October 15, 2017**



Join Grand Haven Team Pink for the 7th annual Pink Army 5K-1 mile run/walk. We are gearing up for the best event ever. This year features a new logo, choice of two color “tech” shirts, a separate 1 mile walking course (dog friendly), as well as a partnership with Mayor Milissa Holland’s **Mayor Challenge** and her desire to make Palm Coast and Flagler County the healthiest community in Florida.

More importantly, your support will continue to provide money for the Pink Army Breast Cancer Fund. Your past participation has helped the Florida Hospital Flagler Foundation to distribute over \$121,000 (since 2009) in direct support to Flagler County men and women dealing with Breast Cancer. We have directly helped 212 patients and preformed 611 procedures.

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Submitted by: John Subers, Executive Director,
Tony Papandrea, Chairman, Flagler Hospital Flagler
Foundation



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For example:

- should the Board authorize spending a large sum of Association funds to foreclose on a property that is worth less than the potential legal fees and court costs?
- should the Board authorize spending Association funds to “clean up” the landscaping or other violation on a distressed property with the understanding that a precedent is being set and may be responsible to do the same for virtually all other such properties?
- should the Board take any action regarding a distressed property that could result in litigation and extensive expenditures of Association funds for a legal defense?

Keep in mind that “Association Funds” are derived from your assessments. Board members are consistently questioning how much is reasonable and prudent to spend from Association funds to satisfy a very limited number of residents who are unhappy about the condition of an adjoining property? By law, Association funds must be utilized to benefit or serve the entire community, not a few dissatisfied neighbors or any special interest group. In essence, the Board has a great deal of authority in regard to its designated responsibilities. However, with that authority comes ethical guidelines and legal limitations.

In closing, I just wanted you to be aware that your Board does virtually everything in its power, while adhering to the legalities and practicalities it faces, to maintain the beauty, integrity and value of our community. Your concerns may not be resolved as quickly as you would like but rest assured, if the Board and its management company are aware of your concerns, they are being addressed as promptly and as effectively as possible within the powers granted the Board and the limitations under which it must function.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President

The Other Hawkeye

While our bald eagles garner a lot of attention for many months, ospreys grace us with their presence all year.

Smaller than the bald eagles, this magnificent predator has a wingspan of an impressive six feet. Recognized by their dark brown backs with white heads and bellies, ospreys are frequently mistaken for bald eagles.

Also called “fish hawks” they are excellent fishers. Hovering above the water they swoop in feet first with extended talons to scoop up their main course. The osprey and owl are the only raptors whose outer toes are reversible, which allows an osprey to grab a slippery fish with two toes in front and two behind. Sharp spines on the bottom of their feet also help to keep fish in place while flying. Fish is their major source of food. Amazing vision allows them to source fish from 30 to over 100 feet above the water. We frequently see them in Grand Haven (fish in foot), leaving the Intracoastal to bring their catch to a suitable tree.

Ospreys, whose range is worldwide, usually mate for life. When they meet up in spring they stay together for about five months. (Absence making the heart grow fonder?)

A female lays up to 4 eggs in a month and the chicks fledge in eight to ten weeks. Threats to the eggs, fledglings and even the parents come from sources such as raccoons and bald eagles.

Ospreys have closable nostrils (handy?) to keep water out during a dive while their oily dense feathers prevent waterlogging.

In a Chinese poem the osprey is considered as an icon of fidelity and harmony between husband and wife, due to its monogamous habits. (Hmm!)

In spring, the University of Florida monitors an Osprey cam, which might be of interest to bird-lovers; presenting an inside view of another predator’s parenting skills.

[Osprey Cam - Florida Wildlife Extension at UF/IFAS.](#)

Submitted by: Anne Scuito



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Yard Waste 102 (REMINDERS!)

1. The designated day for yard waste pickup (whether it is bagged or not) is Wednesday.
2. Place items at the curb no earlier than Tuesday.
3. If you hire a vendor and they generate yard waste, they need to take the waste with them.
4. If you produce yard waste earlier than Tuesday, it should be stored out of sight on the side of your home until Tuesday.
5. If your yard waste is not picked up on Wednesday, please contact the City of Palm Coast for their staff to address your circumstances.

Let's get the community looking great for the fall and upcoming holiday season... Please remember to and plan to address the below items in the near future...

Street Tree Canopy – Trimming of the street tree canopy is a continual maintenance item. Selective pruning on a regular basis will continually prohibit limbs from interfering with street and/or sidewalk traffic. The minimum heights are: 7 feet over the sidewalk, 9 feet over the curb, 11 feet over the traffic lane and 14 feet over the crown of the road.

Mold on Roofs and Concrete Surfaces – Each owner should take a look at their roof and consider having it cleaned. The roof itself can and will get dark in color and/or moldy (particularly tile roofs). Also the border or fascia around the edge of the roof may need attention as well. This is something to plan for at least annually if not more frequently.

Remember, driveways/walkways/sidewalks tend to develop mold this time of year. Cleaning roofs and concrete surfaces all at once can save time and/or money.

Lake Bank Maintenance – Each owner living on a detention pond needs to continually maintain their lake bank. Each lake bank (where there is not a concrete stem or retention wall) was originally developed and planted with spartina grasses. These are the feathery bushes or clumps of grass about 4 feet tall that were planted to keep the lake bank from eroding. REMEMBER – if your spartina has died or is not there, then you will need to replant them. It is each lake bank owner's responsibility to preserve those spartina grasses and keep the lake bank free of weeds, vines and/or wild growth. This maintenance responsibility is best accomplished with regular monthly attention.

If you have questions about any of these items, please contact Troy Railsback at [386-446-6333](tel:386-446-6333).

In Addition....

Regarding **Yard Waste**, residents are required to put it out for pick up on time and not exceed the limits specified on the City of Palm Coast website (www.palmcoastgov.com/trash/schedule). By contrast, Waste Pro has until 6 PM on Wednesday to pick up yard waste. Unfortunately on rare occasions, Waste Pro has failed to pick up yard waste at individual homes or entire streets/villages during normal Wednesday pick up. If they fail to do so and you have not exceeded the amount of waste they will take, you should call the City of Palm Coast Customer Service at (386) 986-2360 that night after 6 PM and leave a detailed message or call them the next morning before 12 noon. Contractually, Waste Pro has until 6 PM Thursday to retrieve your waste, but only if you file a complaint with the City's Customer Service. If you look around your neighborhood and believe that Waste Pro missed your entire street and not just your residence, please advise the City as well.

You may call Waste Pro directly to report the missed pick up at (386) 586-0800. However, the preferred method is to call the City so that they may properly enforce the contract with Waste Pro. In addition to calling the City, you should also call Southern States Management Group the next day at (386) 446-6333 to advise them that Waste Pro missed the yard waste pick up. SSMG can then take this situation into account when doing compliance inspections within the community.

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Neighborhood Watch

While statistically Grand Haven is a safer community than most in Flagler County, reporting considerably less incidents of any crime, your Neighborhood Watch volunteers urge all neighbors to not slip into complacency. Crime tends to recede when all neighbors continue to communicate readily with each other, sharing information, and staying alert, observant and diligent about applying simple, safe practices together.

How fortunate we are in Grand Haven to live in such a lovely, large and diverse community. We are a community with a variety of amenities that provide us with many opportunities to gather and meet, get to know others and enjoy activities together. What fun!

Your Neighborhood Watch in Grand Haven is supported by our Flagler County Sheriff's Office and is quite simply about neighbors reaching out to neighbors, communicating to help keep us all safer and to help maintain the quality of life we all appreciate here.

Currently, our community features 27 villages making up the greater Grand Haven. Of those Villages, 21 are represented by volunteer Village Captains and Block Leaders joining our GH Neighborhood Watch team where we meet, share information and get the communications out to our Village neighbors. We continue to encourage residents to volunteer to help support and represent their Village. We especially need volunteers to be Village Captains and or Block Leaders in the following, 6 unrepresented Villages:

East Lake	Linkside East
Lakeside	Riverview
Linkside	North Park

If you enjoy people, communicating, can send and receive emails, and like meeting your neighbors, you are appreciated and needed in our Neighborhood Watch team. We invite you to join us. Together, we all help keep our wonderful community safer.

Many thanks go out to all our Captain and Block Leader volunteers for your participation, interest and communication with your Village neighbors.

To volunteer or get information, please email or call:

Pat Maloney 386-864-7195, pmal37@aol.com

Lisa Mrakovcic 386-447-4063, lisa_mrakovcic@hotmail.com



The Palm Coast Arts Foundation wishes to thank all of our Grand Haven members who comprise a third of our membership! We have many new and exciting events planned in the coming year and thanks to the leadership of our **Events Chair, Awilda Hamilton** (and Grand Haven resident), we will offer the community a variety of programs with some presented for the first time in our area.



If you or your business would like to help sponsor one of these events, please let me know! AND volunteers are always welcome and truly appreciated! Remember, members receive advance notification and discounts on all events – to join, call 386-225-4394 or visit our website: www.palmcoastartsfoundation.com – and while on our site, check out our page for volunteers

September 9: To recognize and celebrate National Arts in Education Week, PCAF will present a free film screening of the *Misty Copeland Story*, the first African American female principal dancer to join the American Ballet Theatre – Matanzas High School, Pirate Theatre, 12:00 – free, but reserve your seat!

September 23: NEW TO YOU Tag Sale on our stage – We will be accepting donations of your gently used items in September – contact Jan Jackson: jjpas-tel@aol.com

October 14: JAZZ IT UP has been sold out since early July and we look forward to hosting saxophone musician, Eirinn Abu at the Grand Haven River Club

Watch for more news on these two exciting new events! Details still in progress.

October 21: Family Flow Fest

November 11: Cirque Salutes Veterans (Veterans are free to this event)

2018 Events in Progress:

January 20: Chalk Festival, Outdoor art extravaganza for all ages!

February 22-25: Shakespeare in the Park – presenting MACBETH (theatre-in-the-round, directed by John Sbordone)

March 31: Garden Party, Ladies luncheon featuring plants and new garden accessories

Spring: In the Garden: Seed to Feed program (children’s project chaired by Grand Haven resident, AJ Barr)

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April 15: 11th annual Picnic and Pops concert with the Jacksonville Symphony



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PCAF Site Update: Drive by our site on Central Avenue and see more construction! Our outdoor restroom facilities are underway and expected to be completed in October. In November, our own tent goes up. Thanks to a generous donor gift, it will enable us to accommodate all our staged events while we continue raising funds for a permanent roof.

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Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, Executive Director



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STUFF Bus Tournament



On Monday, July 24, over 50 golfers headed out on their carts in the 2nd Annual STUFF Bus Tournament at Grand Haven Golf Club. Most of these golfers and many other members of the community had donated items that will be used to support Flagler County school children in need. The STUFF (Supplying Things U Find Fundamental) Bus is a program of the Flagler County Education Foundation.



First Place:
 Frank Fleisher
 Paul Guggenheim
 Jim Walls
 Dan Cornell

"I love playing in the STUFF Bus Tournament, knowing that the funds raised go back to the children in need. Grand Haven Golf Club has been our sponsor course and we appreciate all that they do. Several Education Foundation members participated, along with people from all walks of life, helping to make this another successful fund raiser," said Joe Marotti, *President-Elect of the FCEF.*

Second Place:
 Brad Scott
 Steve Thomas
 Joe Marotti
 Brian Havens (not Shown)



Third Place:
 Jan Marsh
 John Douglas
 William Boyer
 Mike Rowlands



"Great big thanks to all Grand Haven residents who support the Flagler County Education Foundation programs," added Joe Rizzo, *Executive Director.* If you would like more information about the Foundation, call me at 386-437-7526, ext. 3215.



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Grand Haven Golf Club

The Grand Haven Golf Club is gearing up for a busy season. We're excited to welcome back our snowbirds and look forward to the rest of the residents returning. A few "Save the Dates" to keep in mind while filling in the rest of your 2017 calendar:

Navy League Golf Tournament
Monday, October 30th, 2017

Angel Tree Golf Tournament
Monday, November 27th, 2017

Flagler Humane Society Golf Tournament
Monday, December 4th, 2017

Don't forget, Grand Haven Golf Club is offering Trial Memberships, which is a great opportunity to experience the club without signing a full year's contract. Trial memberships are a 3 consecutive month membership with all the benefits of a full golf member including unlimited green fees & range access. The best benefit about the Trial Membership is the credit towards initiation fees you receive when transferring into a Golf Membership. Call the membership team to find out more or request more info via email on our website.

Not a golfer? We invite you to join as Social Members. For only a \$50 initiation fee and small food minimum you too can enjoy all the activities in the restaurant. We welcome social members to dine Tuesday through Sunday for lunch beginning at 11am and Wednesday through Friday for Ala Carte Dinner beginning at 5:30pm. We keep the calendar packed with events including Birthday Bash, Turkey Buffet, Wine Dinners, DJ Night, and much more! For more information on social membership or to sign up, contact Jeri Harper at Grand Haven Golf Club. Phone: [386-445-2327](tel:386-445-2327) ext. [3206](tel:386-445-2327) or email: JHarper@GrandHavenGC.com.

The Golf Club is also here to help with any of your private events, birthday parties, anniversary's, weddings, etc. Our trained staff and superb chef are excited to host your next special day! Chef JP is always available for questions on a recipe or planning your next dinner party. Send him an email at JProberts@GrandHavenGC.com or stop by the Club and say hi!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING ALONG COLBERT LANE??

This is a question that many residents have been asking and has led to much speculation. We have gone straight to the source in the hopes of providing you accurate information.

Tuscan Gardens of Palm Coast – Located north of Wild Oaks and south of Blare Drive, Phase I is under construction and includes Assisted Living and Memory Care living spaces in an Italian Tuscan themed architecture. Vertical construction should start this summer with a tentative Fall, 2018 opening.

Creekside at Grand Haven – This new shopping and office center is under construction at the corner of Colbert and Waterfront Park Drive. Corporate office, garden center and much more will occupy close to 18,000 sq. ft. If you would like more information, stop by the Grand Living Sales office.

Shoppes of Grand Haven – Planned 50,000 sq. ft office and retail center, located just south of the Grand Living Realty building, will feature medical offices and convenience shopping. Coming soon!

Lighthouse Harbor Marina Village – Located on the east side of Colbert Lane and north of Roberts Road, clearing and grading is underway for this 88 acre Marina Village, which will include new single family and multifamily homes, hotel, restaurants, shops and offices, all located around a 7+ acre full service marina with wet and dry slips available for use by Grand Haven residents. If you would like more information, stop by the Grand Living Sales office.

Gurell RV Park – this property is located on the east side of Colbert Lane at 5135 Colbert Lane. This property is wrapped by conservation area that was dedicated as part of the Palm Coast Plantation development. If developed as an RV park, it is proposed that this property will have a substantial buffer surrounding the proposed RV park, which is slated to be an upscale 12-space recreational vehicle park and development of one single family residence that will be for the manager of the Park. This project is awaiting approval for rezoning from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) District. As of this writing, it has been reviewed by the Flagler County Planning and Development Board (see minutes of their May 9, 2017 meeting); however, no date has been set for it to be on the agenda for approval of the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners.

Marina Del Palma – this is a development that was approved in 2004 for 154 single family lots and 461 multifamily units, with a height limit of 80 feet. It also sits within the access gates of Palm Coast Plantation; however, there currently is no active land development permit for this project.

Residents can sign up at www.flaglercounty.org, **About Us/E-Notify**, for meeting information and to receive all notifications for agendas for the Planning Board, County Commission and many other committees.

Colbert Lane Resurfacing – is scheduled to begin before the end of 2017. This will include the entire road from Palm Coast Parkway to SR 100. County Commissioner David Sullivan provided answers to some questions asked by residents following his presentation to the May 18 CDD meeting. These answers are:

- Passing zones are set in places where the geometry and speed limit allow for safe vehicle operation. The engineer of record has reviewed the plans and has determined that the existing road geometry and speed limit preclude the addition of new passing zones.
- Crossings are being upgraded to comply with ADA requirements and will include curb cuts.
- A bike lane is being planned for sections of the roadway where adequate space is available. Bicyclists have the option to use the sidewalk also.
- There will be no sound deadening added.
- This project does not include new roadway construction. It is a resurfacing project. Flagler County Engineering has not recently conducted any studies to evaluate the need for a center left turn lane, shoulder right turn lanes, shoulder acceleration/merge lanes.
- Traffic light installation along Colbert Lane is not planned. A few of the intersections have stop bars without Stop signs for traffic entering Colbert Lane. The addition of Stop signs is planned at these locations. No Stop signs are planned to stop traffic traveling along Colbert Lane.
- Additional research is required in order to determine if speed limits along Colbert Lane might be changed.

Editor's Note: Several sources were consulted for input into this article. The above projects are in various stages of development and permitting, and some projects may take months/years to become reality, depending on funding and approvals. Stay tuned!

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Please, Share Your News

In the November issue of the Oak Tree, we would like to include an article about all of the ways in which residents of Grand Haven are helping those in need for the upcoming holidays. We know of the Gingerbread House at the Village Center and the Angel Tree at the Grand Haven Clubhouse. However, I hear anecdotal stories about others who are involved with their member Clubs and neighborhood groups.

We would like to share this information with all residents, in the event they may be looking to get involved and share their resources during that time. Please send your information for the article to Nancy Carlton at ncarlton096@gmail.com.



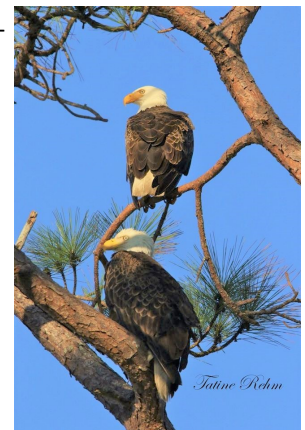
The Eagles at Grand Haven

A nest tree that keeps on giving

Through the nesting off-season Romeo and Juliet's nest is truly a "nest for all seasons", as an Osprey and Vulture pair have frequented the nest on a daily basis thru the summer. These raptors, like Bald Eagles, are a protected species as well. The male Osprey attentively spoils his mate, just as Romeo does, by delivering her fish to the nest as she vocalizes with intensity. She then prefers to dine solo. They have actually been quite entertaining.

The nest tree is a very sturdy longleaf pine. It stands high above other trees in the area and is likely over 100' tall. The eagle's aerie (nest) is estimated to weigh likely over a ton like a penthouse in the sky! This prime real estate is obviously a magnet for any raptor flying by. However, once our resident Bald Eagles return, all visiting birds flee as Romeo and Juliet make it known (loud and clear) the nest is "theirs" and theirs alone. But until then it's a tree that keeps on giving!

Our hope and prayer is for Romeo and Juliet's safe return from their summer hiatus (unknown to us) around September 1. Their return is emotional and always a relief. They will likely notice the nest wasn't quite the same as they left it (lol) along with numerous construction projects taking place near their haven, but it is expected they will resume business as usual. Excitement abounds as they quickly repeat their annual courtship activity, nest building, egg laying and ultimately raising their young. Year after year they never disappoint!



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The Haven Family Fund

Status Report

Since we first reported on the establishment of the Haven Family Fund in our February 2017 issue, its Board of Directors and volunteers have been busy getting the Fund established.

After that original report, Bill Holland, Haven Fund President and founder, reports that "we were amazed at the outpouring of support the Fund received in the form of contributions, interest in volunteering and interest in general. It was very rewarding to those of us involved from the beginning and we are very thankful for that boost when we needed it."

The Fund's purpose is to assist people in need of transportation (usually medically related), loan of medical devices assistance and advice in time of need from the loss of a family member or some other tragic event.

For information on the Fund's services, please contact Bill Holland at Soccer1 ghpc@yahoo.com or Jim Griswold at jrgsfg@me.com.



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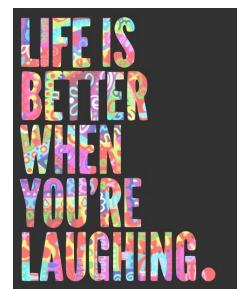
Laughter IS the best medicine!

With all the information disseminated about heart disease, there still remains a little secret to a healthier heart: Laughter!! Studies have highlighted how laughing decreases both arterial inflammation and stress hormones while it raises that good cholesterol, HDL. How is all this possible? Research from the University of Maryland indicates that laughter increases the blood flow of our endothelium (the inner lining of our blood vessels) thereby replicating the benefits of aerobic exercise. WOW - without a treadmill we can have an immediate and positive effect simply by having a hearty laugh.

Although in its infancy, laughter research has already shown that laughing increases anti-body cells which may lead to a stronger immune system. Coupled with the decrease in stress hormones the effect is relaxing the blood vessels allowing for better blood flow which can carry the immune boosting cells - a double benefit for the entire body. Other studies have shown that people who hold onto anger have a higher rate of heart disease than folks with an easy sense of humor and a more light hearted nature. It may just be that the least expensive medicine and the one with the least unwanted side effects is laughter.

A unique and fascinating study revealed that participants who watched the film "Saving Private Ryan" showed constricted blood vessels while those who saw "Something About Mary" had relaxed and healthier vessel circulation. These findings by Dr. Michael Miller support his recommendation that watching funny videos should be added to the existing list of exercise, eating right and laughing a few times each day as ways to help reduce heart disease. SO, if anyone would like to borrow my disk set of "Dean Martin's Celebrity Roasts" and lighten your day or evening perhaps your heart will be lighter and healthier for doing so.

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