



The Oak Tree

President's Message

HURRICANE TIPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This past June, the GHMA, CDD, CERT and Vesta jointly sponsored the second annual "Hurricane and Disaster Preparedness Presentation" in the Village Center Grand Haven room. It was most gratifying to see a standing room only group of residents in attendance. The presentation portion of the event lasted less than one hour, followed by a series of thought provoking questions from the audience. Although the room was filled to capacity, those in attendance represented a fraction of the total number of residents of Grand Haven. Therefore, I thought that it would be of value to share the high points of my presentation with the entire community.

Although we incurred some clean up issues and minimal damage from both Matthew in 2016 and Irma in 2017, either of those storms could have caused major damage and destruction to our community, if they had followed a slightly different track. History has shown that a minor variation in a storm's path can have catastrophic consequences. Understand the power of a severe weather event and act accordingly. If you were unable to attend the presentation in June, I want to take this opportunity share some of the tips and information that was presented by the Master Association.

GENERAL:

- Fuel up cars and purchase fuel for generators, chain saws and other tools
- If you have a gas grill, fill the propane tank
- Charge cell phones and other devices
- Have a sufficient amount of cash on hand. Small bills are preferable
- Purchase and become familiar with a "NOAA" battery operated radio
- Make an early decision whether to "stay or go".

EXTERIOR OF HOME:

- Cover windows with shutters or plywood.
- At the start of the storm season, have all large trees pruned and thinned and have all yard debris removed from your property.
- If you trim your trees yourself, do not place any tree branches at the curb prior to a storm
- As the storm approaches, be sure that there is no yard waste, recycling or trash at the curb.
- Secure all garden decorations, flags and other loose objects from the exterior of your home.
- Secure all outdoor furniture, grills, potted plants and pool accessories on patios and lanais.

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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 23
2 PM, Friday, September 20
2 PM, Friday, October 18
2 PM, Friday, November 22

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

International Coastal Cleanup

**Saturday, September 21, 2019
8:00—11:00 AM**

The community is invited to sign up and take part in the Coastal Cleanup along the waterways of the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway. The International Coastal Cleanup is a global effort hosted by the Ocean Conservancy to clean up our environment.

Visit www.scenica1a.org or email Danielle_anderson@scenica1a.org for details

Bring your hat and a refillable water bottle and the Friends of A1A will provide the rest, including gloves, bags, etc.



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INTERIOR OF HOME:

- Minimize quantity of perishable foods in refrigerator and freezer.
- Purchase food items that do not require either refrigeration or cooking
- If you have a pet, ensure that a sufficient amount of food is available.
- Ensure that that you have a sufficient amount of drinking water and medications available.
- Turn off or disconnect all appliances that you were using at the time of the power loss.
- Place flashlights in strategic locations throughout the house.
- If windows are not shuttered, move smaller items away from windows and doors.
- If you are determined to "stay", select and prepare your emergency "safe area" well ahead of the storm. This should be a well-constructed interior room, without windows.
- NEVER run a generator indoors or in a garage.
- NEVER use candles for lighting.

FOLLOWING A STORM:

- Be aware that snakes and other "critters" were also seeking shelter during the storm and may have found it close to or on your property.
- During the clean- up process, be mindful of the extent and duration of the work involved. Be aware of your limitations. Cleaning up yard debris can be as strenuous as shoveling snow

Although we all hope that we will be "hurricane free" for many years to come, no one can predict the future. Therefore, we must be well prepared for whatever comes our way. It is of utmost importance that you never underestimate the potential force and destructive power of hurricane force winds and a possible storm surge.

The information provided above is not meant to be all inclusive, but rather an overview of the actions that are recommended to be taken by all residents in the event that we should experience another hurricane. In the aftermath of prior hurricanes, Grand Haven has been among the first communities to be cleared of debris and returned to pre storm conditions. Although the actions of the Master Association and the CDD may share some of the credit, this could not have been accomplished without the spirit, the hard work, the cooperation and



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the dedication of the residents of our community. In a short but simple summary, as we go through the 2019 hurricane season, let's all keep in mind that we need to **"HOPE FOR THE BEST AND PREPARE FOR THE WORST"**

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President



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No Rest for the Wicket

Well the 4th of July has come and gone, but the **Grand Haven Croquet Club** had lots of fun this 4th. There was a Red, White's, and Blue themed costume game with a prize going for the most patriotic costume. Afterwards, we headed to the Golf Club for an old fashion BBQ and Cookout. In all we had 51 members and guests having a wonderful time. There will be more fun events coming in the year so stay tuned.



The club has had some excitement this summer with some of the members playing in sanctioned tournaments. Congratulations to all!

May 2-5, Kathie and Gary Gamble participated in the largest attended Golf Croquet Regional ever held in the USA. The event was the Southeast Regional Golf Tournament held at the Chesapeake Bay Croquet Club in Hartfield VA. Kathie took 2nd and Gary placed 3rd in Second Flight Singles. Then Kathie and Gary came in 5th in the First Flight Doubles.

In June, three of our members represented the club in Cashiers, NC, at the Chattooga Club's Spring Invitational playing six wickets. Bob Crouch competed in a 10-person Championship Flight and tied for third, in the process lowering his personal handicap to 2. Mijai Pagano, and Nancy Crouch played a competitive First Flight, with Mijai bringing home a trophy for placing second place, with each lowering their personal handicap.

On to the Southeast Regional American Rules Tournament in Pinehurst Golf Resort in NC. Six of our members attended the tournament: Bob and Nancy Crouch, Tony and Linda Dos Santos, Mijai Pagano and Joe Ziligen. All members represented the club well and had lots of fun in the meantime.

For more information on the **Grand Haven Croquet Club** visit our website at www.ghcroquetclub.com or contact membership Director John Fitterman at jfitterman@gmail.com. Stay tuned for announcements on Fall Classes. Have a wonderful rest of the summer!

Submitted by: Patti Paukovich

CRITTER CORNER... Florida Sandhill Crane

These magnificent birds got their name from their habitat near Nebraska's sandhills, and are found in many parts of U.S. The Florida Sandhill is endangered with barely 5,000 remaining. Like many species, they are threatened by the loss of habitat. Harsh penalties are enforced for killing them, which include \$500 fine and jail time. There are cases of people shooting these birds but many others are killed on our roads.

Baby Sandhill Cranes are called "colts", possibly because of their long legs and love of running. Colts can walk shortly after hatching as they grow rapidly and little leg muscles have to be toned. These birds are easy to identify not only by their height, which can be up to 4 feet, but also by the distinctive red skin on the forehead. They may weigh up to 10 pounds, which is a lot of lift but helped by a wingspan of 7 feet. They, like eagles and vultures, are skilled soaring birds; using thermals to conserve energy they can stay aloft for hours. Unlike herons flying with their necks tucked in, Sandhill cranes fly with their long necks stretched out completely with feet extended behind. (Is that how we "crane" our necks?)



Sandhill cranes like golf courses and The Grand Preserve is home to a pair of them. They spend most of their time on the ground, strolling and foraging for insects, snails, rodents, snakes, bulbs, grain and berries.

Their distinguishing trumpeting call can be heard at some distance away. Part of their ritual is to stand close and serenade each other, two male trumpet calls versus one female. Couples stay together and return to the same nesting area year after year. Their nests are built on shallow water using vegetation arranged into a mound with a recess to hold eggs. Nest failure is common because of the usual suspects, raccoons, crows, eagles and owls etc.

Florida Sandhills are non-migratory. In winter, around 25,000 Greater Sandhill cranes join them. When these gather to migrate, we are told, it is a sight worth seeing. In flight they are often mistaken for ducks with outstretched necks but they fly much higher and are barely visible.

Submitted by: Anne Scuito

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Neighborhood Watch

**Grand Haven Neighborhood Watch (GHNW) Program
Frequently Asked Questions:**

What is the Neighborhood Watch program?

A **Neighborhood Watch program** is a group of people living in the same area who want to make their **neighborhood** safer by **working** together and in conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime.

What's the GHNW mission?

To promote awareness and education in support of crime prevention. The good news is there is very little crime in Grand Haven, and to keep it that way, we need to know our neighbors, and have Neighborhood Watch representation in each village!

How is the GHNW structured?

Steering committee (Chairperson, Flagler County Sheriff Office Liaison and Village Representatives.)

If I volunteer for the program, will I have to patrol my village?

No. There is no patrolling, nor does the GHNW encourage it.

If someone sees something, do they call The GHNW?

No. The resident should report it immediately to the Sheriff's office, then contact their GHNW Representative, who will report to the Grand Haven community POC.

How much work is involved with being a Village Captain? Do I have to knock on doors? Make phone calls?

No door knocking or phone calls required. The primary task is to compile your village's emails and/or phones numbers to keep them informed. The GHNW will provide Information and assist you with the setup (to include reporting documents) if required.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Lisa Mrakovic at 447-4063 or Lisa_Mrakovic@hotmail.com.

Submitted by: Colette Moran, John Polizzi, Jesse Rand

CDD CORNER

Village Center Restoration Project Update

Good news! The Village Center building restoration project is underway.

You may recall from the November 2018 Oak Tree that the need for this project stems from water intruding through the exterior finish that has caused delamination and rotted wood especially evident around most of the windows.

The project calls for the following:

- ◆ Repair to portions of the roof
- ◆ Replacement of the failing façade
- ◆ Replacement of windows, frames and sills
- ◆ Enhancement of exterior trim detail and lighting
- ◆ Addition of stonework up to the window sills and on columns near the pool
- ◆ New paint and all new landscaping

The contractor bid was \$453,000 vs. our estimate of \$600,000 so we have some flexibility in case there are more issues than anticipated. Work began July 8th on the northwest side behind the Grand Haven room. The duration of this building envelope work is expected to be six months but unforeseen issues could cause delays so we ask for everyone's patience.

When the work is done there are plans for additional improvements such as renovations to the bathrooms and fitness center along with some new doors and columns around the pool.

The contractor will try to minimize any inconveniences such as pool or other temporary closures and restricted parking. We will provide email blast updates regularly and as needed to keep everyone informed.

Renderings of the completed building will soon be posted at the Village Center and Creekside complex. We appreciate your patience during this important renovation and please keep in mind there will be lots of trucks, lifts, dumpsters and debris. Use extra caution when walking or driving there.

Questions should be directed to the CDD office at the Creekside facility or by calling 386-447-1888.

Submitted by: Kevin Foley, CDD Board of Supervisors

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MEET THE STAFF

Most Grand Haven residents have dealt with **Michele Logan** either directly or indirectly through the Architectural Design Committee (ADC) process. Michele is employed by Southern States Management Group (SSMG) and a member of the team, along with Troy Railsback and Thomas Leach, supporting homeowners and residents on behalf of the Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA).



Michele is primarily responsible for the following:

- * ADC secretary to review, prepare, process and track Modification and New Construction ADC applications.
- * Helping residents understand and comply with the ADC Standards, and Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs) of our community.
- * Provide help and orientation regarding standards and regulations for builders, realtors, and contractors who operate in Grand Haven.
- * Recording of PLM Work Orders.
- * General homeowner and resident liaison.
- * General office administration and clerical work.

Even though her work can be challenging at times, she enjoys helping Grand Haven residents and vendors with information and guidance on how to get things done while observing the applicable standards and CC&Rs. She enjoys meeting new residents and providing orientation information about living in our deed restricted community.

Michele was born and raised in Pennsylvania. She was a Kindergarten School Teacher and also taught dancing classes.

Michele and her husband Rob moved to Palm Coast in 2007 and live in Grand Haven. They have 2 sons, one who now lives in Palm Coast and the other in Utah. She previously worked at Palm Coast Data and was introduced to SSMG by the realtor who sold them their house in Grand Haven. She's been at SSMG for the past 6 years.

When she's not taking care of Grand Haven business at work, she enjoys tennis, gardening and cooking. She previously also did catering for weddings. Michele was voted Class Clown in her high school senior year out of 600 graduating students. She once had a goal to be a stand-up comedian, but has not pursued that (yet).

Submitted by: Mike Frichol

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MADC CORNER

Did You Know?

If you built your home in Grand Haven, you should be familiar with the ADC design review process for making modifications to your landscape. That process includes submitting a full set of landscape plans, which should include a plant schedule and tree count as defined in The Standards, reference Minimum tree requirement, Sec.2Y.6 and Minimum yard tree requirement Sec.2Y.7. When changes are needed, your request comes before the MADDC.

Here are a few suggestions to assist in expediting your request for modification.

- Bring a copy of your survey clearly showing landscape plantings locations, yard tree locations and street tree locations.
- Make sure all of the above are clearly noted and counted.
- Tree removal requires a Permit from the City of Palm Coast.
- All tree removals are subject to GHMA approval.
- When requesting removal and replacement of a yard tree, the location of the NEW tree must be balanced with the existing landscape.
- Minimum shrub requirements (Sec.2.Y.12) are 3 gallon. If screening equipment, the minimum size is 7 gallon. Shrubs should be large enough to obscure 75% of the equipment at the time of planting and provide 100% coverage in 1 growing season.
- Bring photos.

Some of the home sites have existing trees that need to be preserved. No clearing of existing trees is allowed without MADDC approval, Sec.2.Y.21. The ADC makes every effort to preserve and protect all large oak trees that exist on the property.

Hire a professional. Their knowledge, expertise and their computer programs can pull your ideas together for you.

If you have questions about what you should do, contact Michele Logan, Southern States Management Company at mlogan@ssmgroupinc.com.

Submitted by: Stephanie Johnson, Chair MADDC



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MENU

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CANINE CORNER

LISTEN UP, HUMANS!

GH McWoof here, representing all Grand Haven canines, with some updated etiquette for traversing the paths of GH.

First off, this is not a 'scoop the poop' column, 'cause, for the most part, you've got this. Sure, occasionally one of you slips up....just don't leave home without a baggie...and be sure to use it!

LEASHES

Please keep your canine on a leash...always. And those retractable leashes! They may be fine in an open field, but around here, if your canine has 10 feet of leash and you're on your phone or chatting it up with your walking companion and come across another canine...well, it's a dog war waiting to happen. My human and I have seen other humans tripped up by those long leashes when another canine and human have approached, resulting in the one with two legs falling to the ground.

BICYCLES

We know we need to share the sidewalk with bikes...we get that. But PLEASE give us fair warning, and not with one of those *little tinkle bells*. Let's face it. More than half of the humans of GH are over 50 and many are hearing impaired (and if I were to be honest, many of my senior dog colleagues are, too.) So use a **LOUD** horn or bell from at least a half a block away and SLOW DOWN. And for heaven's sake, please don't try to pass on the canine side of the walking pair...go around on the human side to avoid startling a canine who might jump and cause you to lose your balance. Remember, you are on a moving device...we are walking...and no matter what, pedestrians ALWAYS have the right of way.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

You and your canine are walking and see another human and canine pair heading toward you. Please shorten the leash and bring your canine close to you for the best control. I know...you say he's so well behaved and friendly....he might be, but the other guy, maybe not so much. If you want socialization for your pal and your friends with canines are fine with that...super. But approaching an unknown canine for that purpose is always risking a conflict. The dog park is a great place for socialization, where canines are unleashed and have room to interact and space if they need to move away from an uncomfortable situation. And if you are driving

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Thanks for your attention! You are free to go now and give your canine lots of belly rubs and exercise.

Submitted by: GH McWoof

DID YOU KNOW?

There are now drop boxes for
UPS and FedEx at the
Waterfront Park Office complex just
off Colbert Lane at Waterfront Park Drive





The Palm Coast Arts Foundation welcomes Grand Haven resident, AJ Barr as newly elected trustee and treasurer. As an artist, teacher, finance major and a career in technology, AJ will bring her expertise to our leadership team at PCAF.

The Turtle Trail has expanded with more on the way! “Pablo” was revealed in June with his new home at Old



Kings Elementary School. A great collaboration with the school district, and special

thanks to Dave Freeman of the facilities department for creating the perfect space for this new Picasso turtle sculpture.

Save the date for October 10 at 10:00 am – for the unveiling of “Quilty”, inspired by a 1700s quilt artist, sponsored by Grand Haven residents Pat and Bill Verhagen, and painted by our first female artist, Bettie Eubanks, also of Grand Haven. Be sure to come to the unveiling at their park off Colbert and Waterfront Park (4 Concorde Lane) and support your Grand Haven neighbors.

Other turtles soon to be dedicated include “Nadia” an Edgar Degas inspired turtle painted by JJ Graham and sponsored by an anonymous donor, installed in front of City Hall and a special tribute to our Palm Coast history will reveal “Garfield” in honor of Founders Day in late October at the Palm Coast Historical Society. This sculpture made special by sponsor, Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky, also of Grand Haven and painted by Andy Sovia. Watch for more popping up throughout Flagler County over the next several months, including the new Community Center, and the Flagler County Museum in Flagler Beach.

Coming soon to our outdoor stage: encore performance of Anna Maria Soprano, who shared her operatic voice with us last fall, returns in September for one night only! Blues in October, our 3rd annual Shake-

speare in the Park: Romeo and Juliet in late February...and Picnic and Pops April 19, 2020!

The Creative Bazaars on First Saturday were such a hit among vendors, that we will continue this monthly tradition the first Saturday of the month from 9 am – 2:00 pm through December; free to shoppers of course! Great opportunity to pick up those unique gift items! And if you’re interested in a vendor space, contact us – info@palmcoastartsfoundation.com or 386-225-4394.

Thank you for keeping the spirit of art alive! Grand Haven residents truly understand the importance a culturally rich community adds to the vitality of our lives.

Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, PCAF Executive Director



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- **Counselors** to work with taxpayers by filling out tax returns
- **Client Facilitators** to welcome taxpayers, help organize their paperwork and manage overall flow of service
- **Technology Coordinators** to manage computer equipment and ensure all data is secure
- **Communications Coordinators** to promote the program to prospective volunteers and taxpayers
- **Bilingual Specialists** are always in great demand
- **Call Center Specialists** to schedule taxpayers in available time slots at nearby locations

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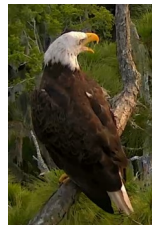
THE EAGLES'S NEST

For over a decade, the end of August brings great anticipation waiting for our resident Bald Eagles, Romeo and Juliet, to safely return. As experienced eagles they beat the odds by having 100% perfection for ten years, as all their 19 hatchlings successfully fledged. However, last season everything changed as several large, aggressive eagles (likely female) approached the nest during incubation causing heart-wrenching disruption like nothing ever seen at this nest before.



Eagles are very territorial. In December Juliet was observed with obvious injuries as a result of a territorial fight. She persevered for some time but soon vacated. Romeo faithfully resumed duties of two, yet he could no longer persevere with the influx of intruding eagles. He vacated the area after a persistent eagle flew in and took his hatchling during the hatching process. This eagle likely equated the hatchling for food.

The season appeared to come to a disheartening halt. Then the atmosphere changed when a special eagle arrived at the nest. Through comprehensive comparison observations this eagle appeared to be one of Romeo and Juliet's offspring from 5 years ago. He was then named Samson. Once young eagles leave the nest, they often return to their natal area and return to their nest. Samson has been a regular at the nest for the past six months. He resembles Romeo in several ways. He has bonded with another eagle, and they appear to be a pair. Samson has actually claimed the nest and was last seen July 4 in the nest area.



It's unknown where or how Romeo and Juliet are, or if they will return this fall. Our fervent hope and prayers are that they are ok and will return.....providing there isn't chaos as seen last season. They would defend their nest with all they have, but they likely can't compete with younger, stronger eagles.

After the unexpected events of the past nesting season, Samson brought joy back into Romeo and Juliet's "Hamlet". Should the torch be passed on, Samson would surely be the choice to carry on Romeo & Juliet's legacy.

Submitted by: Gretchen Butler, Audubon Eagle Watch Volunteer, Audubon Eagle Foundation Volunteer



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Every December on *National Wreaths across America Day*, the mission to **Remember, Honor, and Teach** is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at least 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

This year on December 14, 2019, Palm Coast Wreaths for Veterans will be added to the List of Locations. Wreaths will be placed on every Veteran's grave that lay to rest behind Craig Flagler Palms Funeral Home (approximately 380 Veterans). Please join us to Honor our Heroes!

If you would like to support this newly formed group's efforts to raise funds for this project, they are hosting an event, the proceeds of which will fund the wreaths for this year.

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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

If you read this article in each edition of the Oak Tree, you already know that the Grand Haven Woman's Club raises funds to support over 30 organizations here in Flagler County. While our membership doesn't meet or conduct fundraising events during the summer, many of our members are busy planning so that we are ready to hit the ground running in September.

In this article, I wanted to highlight the work of one of our committees, specifically the **Home Life Committee**. This committee, chaired by Mary Coyle with a team of 10 committee members, supports 15 local organizations. Its focus is on the homeless, food pantries, medically underserved, and those living below the poverty line. In addition to the \$14,300 donated by the GHWC from its budget for just these projects, our members provided an additional \$22,618 in donated goods and cash.

Many of our members also volunteer at the organizations we support by preparing and serving meals to the homeless, delivering supplies to the food pantries and the Family Life Center, tutoring the children in residence at the Family Life Center, working with foster children in the Guardian Ad Litem program, providing transportation through the Haven Family Fund, working at the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, working with the Diabetes Alliance through the Free Clinic and Hospital Foundation and so much more.

The volunteer hours donated by the GHWC members last year amounted to over 15,000. And so as the summer continues, our members continue to volunteer and plan how they can continue to have a positive impact on those in need in our community. If you are interested in getting involved with one of these organizations, email the Editor and she will put you in touch with the appropriate person at the GHWC.

If you would like to learn more about the GHWC, visit our website at www.GHwomansclub.org. Or you can visit our Facebook page at Grand Haven Woman's Club.

We thank the Grand Haven residents who have come out to support the many activities of the GHWC and look forward to seeing you at future events.

Florida Friendly Landscaping

As a resident of Grand Haven, I wanted to share some information from the Extension Office about Florida Friendly Landscaping. **What is it?** FFL is an integrated approach to maintaining an attractive, colorful, diverse, and environmentally/wildlife friendly yard.

There are nine principles to FFL:

1. Right Plant, Right Place
2. Water Efficiently
3. Fertilize Appropriately
4. Mulch
5. Attract Wildlife
6. Manage Yard Pests
7. Recycle
8. Reduce Stormwater Runoff
9. Protect the Waterfront

These principles are all tied together, but **Right Plant, Right Place** is the overriding principle because if plants are adapted to your site condition, they will require less irrigation, fertilizer, and are less prone to pests.



This can result in real cost savings and is better for the environment, and who doesn't like that. Your yard is the first line of defense in preserving Florida environment.

Principle # 8, Reduce Stormwater Runoff, is important for water conservation and the Florida environment. Have you driven down the street and saw someone's irrigation watering the pavement instead of the lawn? This is an easy fix, most of our irrigation comes on early in the morning, so we don't see how the sprinkler heads are working. The recommended thing to do is to test your sprinklers so you can monitor them. They don't have to run full cycle to test, just a few minutes to see if they are correctly calibrated. To find out if you are over or under watering your lawn, you can measure your water output by placing several of the same size containers around the yard to monitor the irrigation output.

If you want to learn more about Florida Friendly Landscaping or just have a question about your yard, and plants contact the UF/IFAS Horticulture Flagler Extension Office at 386-437-7464 or visit at 150 Sawgrass Rd, Bunnell, FL.

Submitted by: Patti Paukovich, Master Gardner Intern

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please remember that any changes to your landscape plan requires MADC approval.

PALM COAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

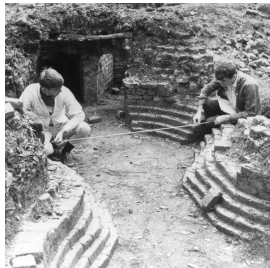
The Palm Coast Historical Society is dedicated to exploring our history and learning about the events and individuals who shaped this area. One of those individuals was Joseph Marion Hernandez. In addition to being the first delegate to the US Congress from the Territory of Florida and serving as Brigadier General of the Militia of Florida, in the early 1800's Hernandez also owned three large plantations in what is now known as Flagler



County.

Many are familiar with Hernandez's Bella Vista and Mala Compra plantations. Bella Vista was located in present-day Washington Oaks State Park. Mala Compra was located in present-day Bing's Landing. Ruins from this plantation house were uncovered during a construction project in the 1990's and are preserved under a pavilion at the park. These two plantations mainly cultivated oranges, indigo, and cotton.

Less well-known is Hernandez's St. Joseph's plantation once located in present day Palm Coast at the corner of Old King's Road and modern-day Palm Coast Parkway. Plantation ruins were still visible in the 1960's when local resident Reece Moore led a Boy Scout excavation project. Unfortunately all remnants of this historic plantation were lost when ITT excavated the site in the early 1970's to create homes, streets, and commercial sites for their newly planned community.



Historical research has revealed that in the area now occupied by the Island Walk Shopping center Hernandez owned an 800 acre agricultural operation primarily focused on sugar cultivation and refinement. The sugar mill is said to have included a two-story coquina structure with a huge brick chimney. The plantation is also believed to have had an extensive network of roads and canals.

The process of growing cane and converting it into sugar, molasses, and rum are labor intensive activities. Historians believe Hernandez acquired as many as 80 slaves to work the fields and sugar mill. The plantation remained in operation until shortly after the Second Seminole War began in 1835. Eventually this plantation and others in the region were abandoned, looted and burned.

As we approach the 50 year anniversary of Palm Coast's founding and the 20 year anniversary of our incorporation as a City, it's appropriate to pause and reflect on the people who impacted this area prior to our arrival.

Submitted by: Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky



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.

Important information regarding sidewalks – As you may already be aware, the maintenance and repair of all portions of the sidewalk pads installed on your property, as required as part of the initial construction of your home, are the sole responsibility of you, the homeowner. This includes any deflections and/or lifting in any and all areas of the sidewalk that may result in a tripping hazard. Owners are also responsible to keep their portion of their sidewalk free of mold and mildew stains which can cause a slippery environment and also becomes unsightly over time.

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.

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