

## The Oak Tree

## **President's Message**With Thanks and Appreciation

I often think about Grand Haven, its status as a community, its current condition and its future. When doing so, words such as unique, stately, pristine and outstanding come to mind. That brings me to thinking about how, over more than two decades, it has evolved into such an outstanding community and who is responsible for it achieving and maintaining that status.

Although entities such as the Board of the Master Association, our management company and the CDD Board have played a part in the evolution of Grand Haven, I believe that after all is said and done, it is the residents who deserve the credit for the community that we all call home. Over the years, there have been instances of owner's dissatisfaction with a particular plan, policy or expenditure by one of our governing bodies, but by all measures, such complaints are relatively few and far between. When considering that Grand Haven encompasses 1901 properties, 27 Villages and over 4600 residents, some areas of dissatisfaction are bound to arise. In addition, social media allows for mass distribution of information, opinions and concerns. Many of those items are valid and need to be addressed and some are overstated and lacking in accuracy.

The point being that the outstanding manner in which Grand Haven has developed and now exists is a function of the understanding, commitment, cooperation and involvement of you, the residents. That is a pretty definitive statement, so let me explain what I mean. Although we very often take it for granted, the effective functioning of any deed restricted community is based upon the resident's *understanding* of the "rules", a *commitment* by the residents to abide by those rules, *cooperation* among residents to support the goals of the community and the *involvement* of residents with the elected governing bodies of the community. In support of the above, I would like to share some positive data with you. Data that addresses the positive actions of our residents and exemplifies what makes a deed restricted community flourish and prosper.

- After receiving an initial "area of concern" or follow-up letter, approximately 97.5 % of our property owners correct the area of concern without undue delay.
- On average, only approximately eight properties per month are referred to the Fine Committee for further action. This represents less than .5% of the total properties in our community.
- It should also be noted that anytime an area of concern, with the exception of yard waste and Realtor/ Contractor signs, is corrected prior to the Fine Committee meeting, any fine that had been imposed, is most

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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 19

2 PM, Friday, September 232 PM, Friday, October 212 PM, Friday, November 18

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

# RESIDENT SURVEY COMING.... SEE CDD CORNER



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often rescinded. This occurs in approximately 25% of the referrals.

As is readily apparent from the above data, the great majority of Grand Haven residents comply with our governing documents and when made aware of an "area of concern" they promptly address and correct the issue.

That is why I truly believe that the true heart and soul of Grand Haven are our residents who continuously display their commitment to the Association's mission, their support of our governing documents and a desire to live in a well maintained environment. On behalf of the Board, I thank each of you for your involvement and input. Your support assists the Board in its ability and goal to make decisions that best meet the needs and expectations of the vast majority of our residents. Submitted by: Rob Carlton, President, GHMA

#### Where Is Quilty?

Turtle #6 on the Palm Coast Arts Foundation public art Turtle Trail has been missing since January. A \$7,500 reward for her return and arrest of the culprits is offered by Crime Stoppers and friends in the community. Quilty was introduced to residents in October 2019 and sponsors Bill and Pat Verhagen and artist Bettie Eubanks (all Grand Haven residents) along with all of us at the Palm Coast Arts Foundation long to see her returned to her original site. Anyone with information should contact Palm Coast Arts Foundation 386-225-4394 or the Flagler County Sheriff's office at 386-437-4116.



Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, PCAF

## Whooo-whoo Did You Say?

This Great Horned Owl, found all over the State of Florida, with its five-foot wingspan and huge yellow eyes, is the largest owl in the state. In Grand Haven, one may hear the "whoo-whoo-whooo," at night when it is on the hunt and, if lucky, might occasionally spot one roosting at dusk or in the very early morning.

Those tall feather tufts at the top its head, giving the bird its name, are not ears, or horns, as some assume, but help to camouflage its shape which fools its prey and allows it to blend into the background of trees.

Specialized feathers direct sounds to its ears so it can

hear slight sounds over 150 yards away. That, coupled with a head that rotates 180 degrees and those massive eyes, makes it one of the most efficient and vicious hunters on the planet. Due to soft fringed feathers edging its wings, allowing air to pass

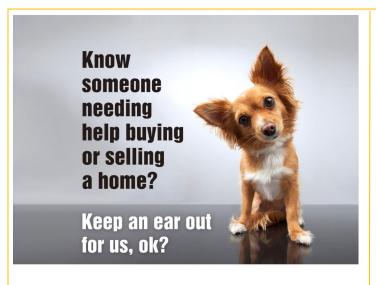


through softly and with almost no wing flapping, it glides suddenly and silently to its prey. The talons are sharp and powerful exerting over 500 pounds of pressure. Yikes! Compare that force to a human grip averaging about 40-50 pounds and a pit bull terrier's bite at 235 lbs. Rodents, rabbits, skunks, other owls, cats and even small dogs, do not stand a chance when this relentless predator is on the wing.

In Florida during December, the great horned owl begins the courting ritual, which the male initiates by bringing food to his special girl. While they can build their own nests, these owls prefer to take over a nest of any other large bird. If they decide on a particular nest, even if it is in use already, they will actually evict the owner and that includes even the bald eagle. It seems nobody wants to get into a fight with large bird.

After hatching, both parents care for the young which fledge at ten weeks although the parents will continue to feed them for several months afterwards. In spite of their predatory aggressive reputation, they are exceptional parents and benefit our environment by keeping rodents, rats, etc., in check.

Submitted by: Anne Scuito

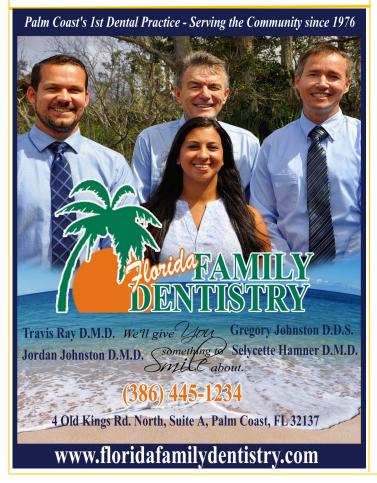




Please give me a call, I would love to help! Happy Summer!

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#### No Rest for the Wicket

The **Grand Haven Croquet Club** hopes everyone has had a wonderful Summer so far.

This past June 4, the **Grand Haven Croquet Club**, and the Community celebrated National Croquet Day. This year's theme was Community, and if you didn't make it out to the courts, we missed seeing you on that Saturday. In fact, not only did we celebrate in our **Community of Grand Haven**, but National Croquet Day was celebrated worldwide. Countries all over the world play croquet, even if they do not compete in the international tournaments, but croquet is most popular in England, New Zealand, **the United States**, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Ireland, and South Africa.

Forty four members and 15 plus Grand Haven residents participated in the activities. We had 6-wicket, golf croquet, skill games, prizes and for the residents who came out and were interested, we had instructions on the finer points of the game.

After the festivities, we went over to the Tiki Hut's Grand Opening on the 4<sup>th</sup> to partake in some delicious food, and a special cocktail called **"The Jump Shot"**. In croquet, the jump shot is a technique for the shooter to

jump the opponents ball blocking the wicket. The photo shows our member, Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky, performing the jump shot perfectly. Afterwards she enjoyed in the "liquid" Jump Shot as well. A special shout out to John Lucansky and his staff at the Tiki Hut. They did a wonderful job. Thank you!



Croquet can be as competitive or social as you want to make it. Those interested in **free** lessons to learn croquet contact us at <a href="www.ghcroquetclub.com">www.ghcroquetclub.com</a> or our Membership Director, Marsha Cargill at <a href="www.gmail.com">owdmac@gmail.com</a>. We are also conducting a Kids Croquet Camp this summer. The notices have gone out through Vesta, and we are always happy to see you on the courts.

Come join us to try something new, make new friends, and have just have fun.

#### See you on the courts!

Submitted by: Patti Pauckovich

#### **DID YOU KNOW??**

While Tuesday, August 23 is considered Primary Election Day, every voter may cast a ballot in these elections. Primary elections are important! All voters, regardless of political party affiliation are eligible to vote for *nonpartisan* contests. School Board Members and City of Palm Coast Council Members are nonpartisan. Several of these races could be decided in the Primary. Even if you do not declare a party affiliation, you may still vote for candidates in the nonpartisan races. As with any election, if you choose not to vote, someone else is making the decision for you.

#### THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL BE DECIDED ON AUGUST 23:

- Countywide nonpartisan contests with two candidates are always decided in a Primary Election. All voters are eligible to vote for all nonpartisan contests. That would be School Board, Districts 1 & 4.
- Nonpartisan contests with more than two candidates can be decided in a Primary if one candidate receives a majority of the vote (over 50%). All voters are eligible to vote for all nonpartisan contests. That would be School Board, District 2 and City of Palm Coast Council Member, District 2
- There is one Universal Primary Contest this year which will be decided in the Primary. All voters are eligible to vote for Flagler Board of County Commissioners, District 2

Early voting will be held August 13 - August 20, 2022. For more information about the races, the candidates for each race and locations for early voting, please visit the Flagler County Supervisor of Elections website at *flaglerelections.com*.

Remember, if you choose not to vote, someone else will make the decisions for you!







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#### **Palm Coast Historical Society**

The Palm Coast Historical Society unveiled its first history mural during National Preservation Month in May 2022. The three-panel mural, painted by local artist Bill Stead, depicts images ranging from ancient to modern to reflect the layers of time which encompass our collective heritage. The mural was dedicated to the memory of our second Mayor Jon Netts (2007-2016) who died in January 2021 from Covid-19 complications.

Included in the mural are images of the leaders from International Telephone and Telegraph who became

our "Founding Fathers" beginning in 1970 with Dr. Norman Young. Young was a sales and marketing executive with Levitt & Sons, the legendary builder of affordable post-war housing developments, when it was acquired by ITT in 1967. Levitt became one of 300 subsidiaries owned by the con-



glomerate that had started out as an international communications firm in the 1930's.

Other subsidiaries included Rayonier lumber, Sheraton hotels, Hartford Insurance, Avis car rentals, and even Wonder Bread. Many of the subsidiaries would play roles in the acquisition of land, later development of the acreage, and eventual sales and marketing of house lots. The financial powerhouse, with an estimated income of \$7 billion in 1968, covered the cost of creating a planned community with over 500 miles of road and canal infrastructure.

Visit the PCHS Museum in Holland Park anytime to view the 10 x 12 foot outdoor mural. Significant structures, events, personalities, and leaders are depicted to create a free-flowing visual timeline of local history.

For more information about our past, present, and future events visit us at <a href="https://www.palmcoasthistory.org">www.palmcoasthistory.org</a> and on Facebook.

Submitted by: Kathy M. Reichard-Ellavsky, PCHS Vice President



#### THANK YOU

This article is dedicated to the many volunteers (nearly 90) who support the activities of The Haven Family Fund. But first, the quotes:

- When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed! *Maya Angelou*
- Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see! Mark Twain
- Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. Marcel Proust

The HFF volunteers make me happy through the kindnesses that help our neighbors blossom. Ron and Ricki Leal (please see their testimonial at our website, thehavenfamilyfund.org) calls the volunteers that help at their home, the Haven Angels!! Other clients have told us that without HFF's unbelievable volunteers they would not be able to stay in Grand Haven. What a blessing!

Our Transportation Team is driving all over the place!! Lately we have had trips as far as Daytona and Mayo. During the first quarter we had 11 clients who were given 75 rides. The second quarter generated 91 rides for 8 new clients and 3 regular co-pilots. Terri Langan and Lynn Smith have done an outstanding job coordinating all this activity!!!! Thank you to all of you that have offered your cars, and your gas, for our neighbors!!

The In-Home Visitation Teams regularly supports four families, two of whom have Alzheimer issues. The opportunity to have a friendly face drop in is a wonderful boon for the caregivers; it can give them some time to get important things done. The social time sparks many interesting conversations and creates some solid friendships. It is a big need, filled by a bunch of great people!! Thanks to Sandi Walker and crew for putting all their hearts into this ministry!!

Other volunteers are covering three service areas. Gail Naworal is researching many community programs that may help Grand Haven residents. These primarily relate to in-home care support, support groups, local assisted living facilities, and city/county programming. Our events calendar has included Arts & Crafts sales (another is planned for November 2022), Mahjongg With a Twist, and our almost annual golf tourney. Julie Dolgin and her crew keep these programs running

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smoothly. Jim Griswold and Ed May organize education programming. You may have attended the Fire/Sheriff meeting or Estate Organization earlier this year. The ED group is planning programs for the rest of 2022 which include: CPR/Heimlich, a hospital construction update, a Fraud/Scams seminar, and a gastroenterology presentation.

Info for all these service areas can be found on our website, <u>www.thehavenfamilyfund.org</u>.

Another anonymous quote summarizes HFF volunteers pretty well: The best kind of people are the ones that come into your life and make you see the sun where you once saw clouds. The people that care for you, simply for being you. The once in a lifetime kind of people.

All of you put the YOU in thank you!!!

Submitted by: Brad Scott, Haven Family Fund





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#### Grand Haven Golf Club Celebrates 25 Years

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In addition to being home to a beautiful Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, our Members enjoy monthly complimentary golf clinics and access to some of the latest technology to improve their games with Flightscope analysis and practice range GPS. There is always a group ready to welcome you into the fun. Our Women's Eighteen Hole League plays every Tuesday, Men's League plays every Wednesday and our Niners League plays every Thursday morning. Our Members also enjoy a calendar full of golf and social events including Member mixers, bingo, happy hour, specialty dinners, tastings, and entertainment. But the one thing that is most coveted about Membership at the club is being part of an amazing group of fun and caring friends and neighbors.

Please join us on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for an Open House, and Membership preview. Whether you are a golfer, thinking about becoming a golfer, or just want to enjoy good food and drink without leaving the gates; we would love to show you what we are all about. For golfers, we will be hosting an 8:30 am shotgun scramble followed by lunch, a membership presentation and prizes. Non-golfers are invited to join us for a continental breakfast and presentation at 9 am. There will be a small fee for golf, and the food, fun, and presentation are complimentary. Reservations are required. Please call 386-445-2327 or email <a href="mailto:tcordova@grandhavengc.com">tcordova@grandhavengc.com</a> for details and registration.

We are "All About Our Members!"

Submitted by: Andrea Knox, General Manager, Grand Haven Golf Club

#### **CDD CORNER**

#### What is the CDD and what does it do?

The Grand Haven CDD is a special purpose unit of local government created under Florida law for purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining our community assets and services for residents. Based on those things, the board sets policy and directs management by majority vote. The board has five elected supervisors who are elected to serve four-year terms.

The GH CDD vision statement that has been in effect for many years reads as follows, "The Board of Supervisors aspires to make Grand Haven the most desirous community for residents to reside within Central Florida by consistently providing exceptional services which meet or exceed expectation, upholding a strong fiscal position and enhancing property values through proper grounds and amenities maintenance".

#### Resident Survey Update:

Thanks to Supervisor Polizzi's efforts, we are getting closer to distributing a resident survey later this summer. The survey will aim at gathering resident sentiments about our amenities including renovations to the café among others. An outside firm will be admin-

istering the survey and we ask that you be sure to complete it promptly. The survey will be mailed to each property owner with detailed instructions on



how to complete it. Your input will be an important influence to our long-term plan. Once we have the survey results, we will hold a town-hall type meeting to present the results and our long-term plan. The latter will show projected operating expenses, capital costs, fund balances and assessments over the next ten years.

#### Oak Tree Update:

At our June 2 workshop, Chuck Lippi from Advanced Tree Care, Inc., addressed the board and several resident questions about our oak trees and potential strategies for dealing with root damage to our sidewalks, gutters and roads. The short story is that we will continue to make repairs to those CDD assets. It is an expensive strategy but less expensive and more appealing than cutting trees down. There will be more to come on this probably in the form of a policy statement.



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#### Patience Please!!

Our operations management team is being affected by the same economic forces that are plaguing governments, businesses and consumers everywhere. The effects of the pandemic are not over. Hiring competent contractors is difficult and getting them to keep commitments is even more difficult given shortages of both supplies and labor. Despite our staff's good efforts, they are being delayed on the jobs that need to be done such as new crosswalks along with sidewalk and road repairs. The board asks that we all exhibit an unusually high degree of patience at this difficult time.

Submitted by: Kevin Foley, CDD Board of Supervisors

## Memorial Day in Grand Haven

It was another beautiful Memorial Day in Grand Haven. With so many residents who have either served themselves or have loved ones that have served and made the ultimate sacrifice, Memorial Day has become a very special occasion in Grand Haven. There were approximately 200 people in attendance for the observance.

Once again this year, we had veterans from each service branch who participated in the ceremony, which was hosted by Captain Bernie Hollenbeck, USN, Major General Wil Hessert, USAF and Dr. Rob Carlton. And we had more residents this

year attend in uniform, which was nice to see.

Making this even more special are those who participate in the ceremony. We express our thanks to the following for their involvement:

*Flag Detail*: Ted Geppner, John Giordano, Charlie Greer



#### **Color Guard**:

Tom Byrne, US Flag, Sharmon Moes, US Army, Pete Bianchi, USMC, Stephen Hartsfield, USN, Ed O'Brien, USAF, Doug Brown, USCG

**Wreath Laying**: Lt. Col. Mario Carmo, USMC and Capt. Bernard Hollenbeck, USN.

We also express our appreciation to Patty Stauffer who designed and constructed the beautiful wreath, which was placed in front of the Grand Haven Military Memorial, as well as our musicians, Pam Lacko and Doug Messner. And we extend our thanks to John Lucansky and the Amenity Center staff.



L to R: Lt. Col. Mario Carmo, Col. Vic Natiello, Cptn. Bernard Hollenbeck, Dr. Rob Carlton

We invite all residents to join us next year on Memorial Day.

#### **The Eagles Nest**

The end of the eagle's nesting season is often bittersweet.....sudden silence at the nest, inactivity in the park at Grand Haven, but a great "win" for our resident eagle pair.....and that's what it's all about! Such a rewarding season full of entertainment and much appreciation having these special species in our own backyard!

Samson and Gabrielle's two offspring, Rocket and Jasper, stole the show and successfully fledged (first flight) on April 16 & 20 right on schedule. They left the nest area fully prepared on May 13 & 14. As usual Gabby left right after they departed on May 14, while Samson stayed around longer (so typical of him) departing on June 4. However, he was spotted off-site until mid-June.

Samson and Gabby have certainly developed their own individual personalities, habits and routines and have become quite predictable. This being their 3<sup>rd</sup> breeding season, they've established great compatibility and devotion to each other, and excel at raising their young.

It won't be long and another nesting season will commence. Until then Samson and Gabby are "free to be" (wherever they are) until they hopefully return to their home and start their committed nine month's nesting season all over again.



Submitted by: Gretchen Butler Audubon EagleWatch Nest Monitor/Volunteer American Eagle Foundation/Volunteer Bengals2@earthlink.net

#### Were You Aware??

If you have toured any of the Flagler County schools in the last 5 years, you have undoubtedly been impressed with what you have witnessed. Much of what you see is a result of the half-cent sales tax, initially voted in by Flagler voters in 2002 and renewed in 2012. It is up for renewal again in 2022 and will be on the November 8 ballot. I thought you should know what the half cent has enabled the schools to do before you make your decision whether or not to renew it for 10 more years.

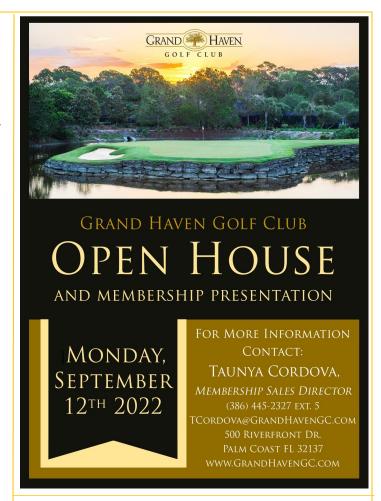
The voter approved ½ cent sales tax investment has allowed Flagler Schools to be a national leader in education innovation with the 1:1 device infrastructure for every Flagler student. Due to demographics, this student population has higher needs to be ready to learn. This was especially helpful during the pandemic when classes were held on-line and students had their devices available.

Another benefit of the sales tax investment is funding for the Classroom to Career programs (Career & Technical Education, which includes vocational training). These programs are determined by local needs and classrooms are built in collaboration with local professionals in the industry. Examples of this are the Fire Academy at FPC, started in collaboration with the Palm Coast Fire Department, where students complete that program fully certified as a firefighter/EMT for the State of Florida. The Medical program prepares students, upon completion, certification as a Phlebotomist, CNA, Certified Medical Assistant, in conjunction with AdventHealth. Then there is the Aeronautics program, in conjunction with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, which offers students the opportunity to obtain their FAA ground school license as well as a drone pilot license.

There are programs at the Elementary and Middle school levels as well with the intent to expose students to various pathways to either be prepared to become employed upon graduation or go on to college to pursue an education in a field that has piqued their interest. Marine sciences, culinary, robotics & engineering, agronomy, law & justice, teaching and construction are also offered.

Finally, the ½ cent for Flagler Schools is projected to provide \$80 million to our local economy over the next 10 years, 40% of which is paid for by non-Flagler County residents. When you vote in November and come to the question as to whether to continue this investment in the future of Flagler students, you now know what that investment buys. Please visit makecents4kids.org/faqs for more information on the difference this investment has made over the last 20 years.

Submitted by: Nancy Carlton





Palm Coast Wreaths for Veterans Fundraiser ID 0638

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#### **Grand Haven Woman's Club**

When GHWC wrapped up its 2021-22 Club year, the members took great pride in all they were able to accomplish in spite of many things being postponed and/ or cancelled. That is a true testament to the passion and commitment of many of our members for the work that is the mission of the Grand Haven Woman's Club.

While some of our meetings were zoomed and some of our events were postponed, the monthly collections

for the Food Banks, Family Life Center, Humane Society, Giving Store, STUFF Bus, etc. continued in the Golf Club parking lot. And thanks to so many of our residents who participated by dropping by with contributions. These monthly collections will resume in September, continuing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.



L-R: Roi Parris, Annette Felahis, Patty Hartsfield, Lynn Smith

Additionally, those who participated in the events GHWC was able to conduct were most generous and we were very fortunate to have several corporate sponsors this year supporting our efforts. By the end of our Club year, GHWC donated over \$55,000 in financial support to 32 programs at 26 organizations, in addition to thousands of hours of volunteer time and thousands of dollars of In-Kind contributions.

As we look toward the GHWC's 2022-23 Club year, we are planning our Nine & Dine on October 8 and the Day of Games on January 16 and you can always visit our website at *GHwomansclub.org* for more information on these and other GHWC activities.

Thanks again to all GHWC members, friends, family, sponsors and Grand Haven residents for your support.

## BECOME A MENTOR Make A Difference

The Flagler County Education Foundation has created several opportunities for community members to get involved as mentors. You may be aware of the Peter & Sue Freytag Take Stock in Children (TSIC) program offered by FCEF. This program helps economically disadvantaged students achieve their educational goal of going to college or career & technical college by offering a free 2-year prepaid college scholarship upon completion of the program. The student works with their mentor throughout their 4 years of high school as a part of the program

Another mentoring program offered through the Foundation is Classroom to Careers Career Coaching. This program is made possible through a generous grant provided by United Way Volusia/Flagler. The program provides the opportunity for career veterans to be matched with an aspiring career-minded student. The partnership will result in gained knowledge regarding targeted industries, educational requirements for a particular career, soft skills training, and a bond to last a lifetime.

With necessary funding for additional students to enter the Take Stock In Children program secured, FCEF anticipates increased need for mentors to join the TSIC team. If you are interested in becoming a TSIC or Career Coaching mentor please contact Christy Butler, Student Services Coordinator for both programs at <a href="mailto:butlerc@flaglerschools.com">butlerc@flaglerschools.com</a> or 386.682.0158.





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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#### **MADC Corner**

House numbers originated in Paris in 1512 and were quite innovative in their time. Washington, D.C. adopted that numbering system in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the rest of the states soon followed. No longer would a building of any kind be "the place at the end of the lane." The City of Palm Coast assigns the numbers based on the roadway by which you directly access your residence and numbered according to the house location on that street, parkway, or lane.

House numbers can be quite the thing in exterior home design and can add to your home's appeal. The numbers can be purchased inexpensively in numerous fonts and styles. Choice of number, style, size, color, and material may add to or take away from the overall design of your home. As you drive through Grand Haven neighborhoods, do a little review of the house numbers. Some may be old and rusted. Some are not visible from the street. Some number colors may be difficult to see because their color is the same value as the house color. Shrubs and foliage may obstruct their visibility. Some may be too small. In fact, many numbers have gone MISSING.

Put aside the esthetic value of numbers for a moment to consider the true reason for a numbering system. Family, friends, neighbors, maintenance, delivery people, should be able to locate your residence without difficulty. It will also be easier for Emergency First Responders to quickly locate you and not waste valuable time. (A best practice is to refer to the Grand Haven Architectural Standards, pages 13 & 37.)

Overall, your house number can be a way to accent your home in your personal style. But, MORE importantly, Hurricane Season is upon us. We all need to consider our personal safety and wellbeing by making sure our residence can be located in case of an emergency. So, do yourself a favor by making sure your house numbers can be seen and are in tip top condition.

Submitted by: Leigh Jackson, MADC Chair

## In Appreciation of GHMA Volunteers

Volunteer positions under the auspices of the GHMA are integral in the effective operation of the Association and are of infinite value to the Board. Those who serve in the following capacities are required to be property owners and to attend a specified number of meetings per year.

GHMA volunteers serve in one of the following capacities:

The Modification Architectural Design Committee (MADC), which is comprised of seven members. This committee is responsible for reviewing and evaluating all requests from owners regarding changes to the exterior of their home and property. The decisions of the MADC are made in accordance with the dictates of our governing documents. It should be noted that the approval rating of requests made to the MADC is approximately 90%.

The **Fine Committee**, which is comprised of five members. This committee reviews all fines imposed by the Board and has the authority to accept or reject the Board's recommendations. Property owners who are on the Fine Committee agenda are invited to attend the meeting in order to address the committee and express their point of view regarding the fine that was previously imposed. This does not pertain to fines for yard waste or realtor and contractor signs.

Architectural Design Committee Inspectors, which generally includes three individuals. The ADC Inspectors are responsible for reviewing both new construction and any exterior modification to an existing property to ensure that the work done was in accordance with the approvals that were granted.

The individuals who fill these critical volunteer positions serve to support not only the Board but serve each and every resident of Grand Haven. Their service is greatly appreciated by the Board of the Master Association and their importance to our community cannot be overstated.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, President On behalf of the GHMA Board of Directors



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