



The Oak Tree

President's Message

In the event that you missed the earlier E-Blast, the Master Association's annual meeting and Board elections were held on January 9th. There were five candidates for the two open seats and I would like to congratulate Vic Natiello and Mike Frichol on their re-election. I would also like to thank the three other candidates for their involvement and participation. In addition to the general election the Board also elected its slate of officers for the 2020 year and they are as follows.

President	Rob Carlton
Vice President	Vic Natiello
Treasurer	Ed O'Brien
Director	Denise Gallo
Director	Mike Frichol
Secretary Ex-officio	Troy Railsback

Now that the elections are behind us, the Board will turn its full attention to what it does best, advocating for the residents by ensuring that our community maintains the highest standard in regard to the maintenance of the residences, landscaping and overall ambiance of the individual Villages. Doing so involves many moving parts since Grand Haven is a large and complex community which has entered upon its third decade of excellence.

FACTS AND FIGURES OF INTEREST:

- Grand Haven is situated on over 1,350 acres of wooded land for homes and amenities, surrounded by 4,000 acres of conservation area.
- Grand Haven is comprised of 27 unique Villages, encompassing 1901 individual properties and approximately 4600 residents.
- At the current time, there are 1754 developed properties in our community and 147 undeveloped properties, which includes 99 single family home properties and the yet to be completed 48 Vista Par condominium units.
- The governing documents of the GHMA include the Master Declaration, the Declarations of the each individual Village and the ADC Standards.
- In addition to the above, the Board is mandated to function in accordance with State Statute 720
- The Modification Architectural Design Committee (MADC) and the Fine Committee are under the auspices of the GHMA Board, which selects the members of each committee.
- The function of the MADC is to review and if appropriate, approve any changes that an owner may request that pertains to the exterior of the residence and the surrounding lot.
- The function of the Fine Committee is to review and either accept or reject fines that had been previously imposed by the Board pertaining to CC&R (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) or ADC Standards violations

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, February 21

2 PM, Friday, March 20

2 PM, Friday, April 17

2 PM, Friday, May 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

February is Heart Health Awareness Month

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain (angina) or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

For more information about heart health and warning signs, visit

The American Heart Association at www.heart.org

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- Grand Haven is governed by a five member Master Association Board of Directors who oversees the residential properties and a five member Community Development District (CDD) Board of Supervisors, who are responsible for all of the amenities, common areas and infrastructure within the community.
- Only one amenity, the pool at The Crossings, is owned by the Master Association.
- Within the community, there are nine Private Lawn Maintenance (PLM) Villages, with a total of 335 units currently being served by four landscaping contractors.
- River Club Townhouses are comprised of a total of 72 units.
- Riverview Condominiums are comprised of a total of 48 units.

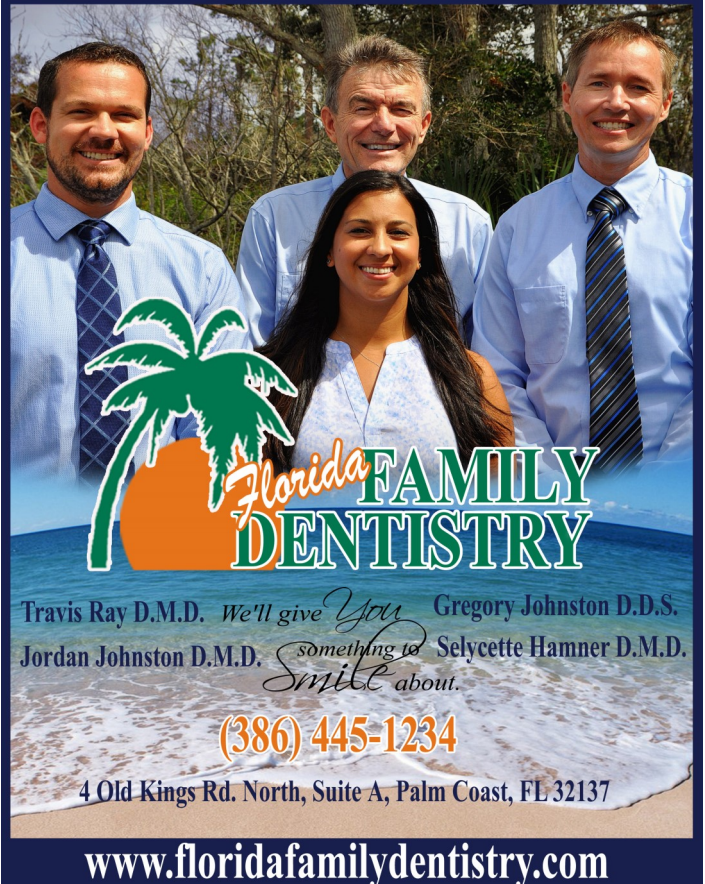
Since Grand Haven is a deed restricted community, the Board and its management company, Southern States Management Group, has the responsibility of implementing the CC&R's in a fair and equitable manner in order to maintain the properties in Grand Haven in accordance with pre-determined standards. This serves not only to ensure that the appearance of the community is maintained but as a result, the value of your property is protected.

As you may imagine, the size and diversity of the properties in Grand Haven, combined with the maturation of landscaping and residences alike, make this an enormous and complex responsibility. It involves touring the entire community twice a month followed by required procedures and documentation regarding any violations that were noted. Your cooperation in complying with our governing documents is greatly appreciated by the Board and will serve to contribute to the positive image of our community.

Your Board is fully committed to preserving the beauty and elegance of Grand Haven so that every resident may share in both the upscale lifestyle and the ambiance of a well maintained and prospering community. Please join us in fulfilling this mission. As always, you are invited to join us at the monthly GHMA meeting, the next to last Friday of each month at 2:00 pm, at the Creekside Amenity Center.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President

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The Eagles Nest

WONDERS never cease

After monitoring and carefully documenting activity at this nest over the past 11 years, the first 10 years (as Romeo and Juliet resided) was truly a WONDER. When considering life in the wild, their 100% success was profound. But nature can be cruel, as they experienced last season. Sadly, they were driven away in December 2018 by aggressive intruders (which isn't uncommon as eagle population increases). However, we have every reason to believe they are ok and have taken up residency out of the area away from further interruptions. Their departure was truly bittersweet.

The sweet part is their offspring, Samson who hatched at this nest in December 2013, is now residing at the nest along with his mate, Gabrielle (Gabby). The nest area (referred to as "The Hamlet") represents the founding eagles, Romeo & Juliet. What a WONDER as Samson will let his parent's legacy live on.

Samson and Gabby are a sweet pair and seem inseparable. They are usually seen together on-site and off-site. They roost together most every night either at the nest or very close by. By observing closely, there is every reason to believe they are both first breeders (positively for Samson knowing his age). By observing Gabby's plumage change over the past year, it appears they are close in age. They have mated numerous times. The female is typically only fertile approximately two weeks in a season, so their copulation needs to be timely and accurate. For new breeders, this is a balancing act and quite challenging!



Samson & Gabby sleeping

Well.... WONDERS do never cease, as it is confirmed they have their first egg! Gabby's egg was laid on January 13. Providing all goes well, there will be a hatchling prior to distribution of this Newsletter. Now we are waiting to see if she lays another egg, and hoping for a successful season for this new pair to again glorify the WONDERS of the Hamlet.

*Submitted by: Gretchen Butler
Audubon EagleWatch Nest Monitor/Volunteer
American Eagle Foundation/Volunteer*

What's All The Rage About Pickleball??

When my wife and I first moved to Grand Haven a year and a half ago we were so excited to start our new life as retirees in a place that offered so much. All the amenities were exactly what we were looking for. We are avid golfers, hikers, and bikers. I planned to start playing tennis again as I had played often as a kid and even for my high school team. Access to the pools at the Village Center and Creekside were also amenities we looked forward to using. I told my wife it was like we were living in a resort with endless vacation days.

My first venture to the tennis courts was fun. I played in the community league and thought I needed to work off a bit of the rust before I could become competitive. As I was heading home I passed by the pickleball courts where a bit of action was occurring. I thought I would stop by to see what this game was all about. Before I knew it the players had a pickleball racquet in my hand and I was on the court hitting this silly whiffle ball over a net on a miniature sized tennis court. It was not long before I realized I was pretty good at this game and the rest is history. I now play regularly with a great group of people who enjoy the sport and the camaraderie as much as I do.

So what is pickleball? Well it is a sport that combines the elements of tennis, ping pong, and badminton. It is almost always played with four people. It is easy to learn and even those who have no racquet experience can pick up the game quickly.

At a recent CDD meeting, there was a panel discussion by four local realtors who were identifying for the board reasons why people move to certain developments in the area. Obviously, amenities were at the top of the list. I was astounded to hear that the number one amenity buyers are looking for is pickleball. It has become the rage of the sports world and many are craving it. It was not a surprise to me as we have up to 20 people sometimes wanting to play in community pickleball. With only two courts it is often a challenge to get everyone in on the action, but we do. The more experienced players play twice a week in the afternoon as do the ladies who have formed a group of players of all skill levels.

If you are interested in learning the game and getting in on the action, community pickleball happens Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. We also

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welcome spectators who enjoy watching competitive sports. We are just starting to have a clinic for beginners once a month. Stay tuned for more information on this. You can reserve court time through the amenities office at the Village Center if you want to start on your own. The Village Center office will also loan you basic paddles and balls. Whatever you decide, this is one of many activities at Grand Haven that can grow on you. Hope to see you courtside!



Submitted by: *Ken Ersbak*



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CRITTER CORNER

The Manatee (also known as the Sea Cow) is our Florida State (Aquatic) Mammal. Manatees are actually related to the elephant when, millions of years ago, they had legs and lived on land. These creatures can be seen in our waterways all year long, either alone or with a calf. Being warm-blooded they are susceptible to temperatures below 68F, which can lead to malnutrition and occasionally death. To avoid the cold, from around December through March, they move to warmer waters in our inland rivers and springs. Blue Springs State Park is a special place for viewing them.

Manatees are slow moving gentle giants and pose no danger whatsoever to humans. They move along, using their flippers and flat paddle-like tail, at the leisurely pace of 3 miles per hour. Baby manatees, born underwater, must come to the surface with mother's help to take that first breath. Within an hour they can swim on their own. Adults must surface every 2 or 3 minute to get air and when they do, they replace 90% percent of the air in their lungs, unlike us who replace only 10%.



Babies survive on their mother's milk and adults graze on sea-grasses, weeds and algae, eating up to one tenth of their body weight per day. An adult can weigh 1000 pounds and that's a very hearty appetite to support on grasses. They pull their food with their big lips and chew it with their large molars. Called "marching molars" these teeth are constantly being replaced when one falls out. (A handy feature for any mammal!) Although they have no outer ears, their hearing is fine due to large inner ear bones. But having only six neck vertebrae, a manatee must turn its whole body to see behind.

There was a time when belief in mermaids and sirens existed all over the world. Even Christopher Columbus reported seeing a mermaid. Now it is understood he saw a manatee. It is hard to believe such a bulky lumbering animal could ever have been mistaken for a gorgeous fishtailed maiden but the belief was common enough that the scientific name for manatee is *Sirenia*. Sorry Ariel!

Submitted by: Anne Sciuto

No Rest for the Wicket

The club welcomes our newest members, William and Pauline Jutras, David Praisler, Paul Tetreault, Tod Quirk and Rao Yadlapalli. Welcome!

The club was very busy this fall with beginner classes, tournaments and socials. We started off with a fun 3-day Singles Croquet Golf Tournament in September, then a 4-day Sanctioned Handicap Adjustment Tournament in October with 9 members participating from handicaps 9-12. Robert Brightman won all 10 games and lowered his handicap from 10 to 8. Congrats, Robert!

In November we had 8 members vying in the Croquet Club Championship with handicaps ranging from 5-10. These members battled through 10 games to have Tony Dos Santos become club champion with Robert Brightman as runner up. Congrats to Tony and Robert, and to all the participants in the Championship. Tony will have his name put onto the winner's plaque as club champion. Stop by the Creekside Lobby to see the Croquet Club Trophy Cabinet to view all our trophies and members accomplishments.

With cold winds blowing, and temperatures dropping, December saw a First Flight Tournament for handicaps from 9-12 with 9 members competing for the prize. There were 3 days of exciting, stress filled block play, and it was anybody's game on day 4. Games were very competitively played, with spectators watching the intense action. The crowds were so quiet, the silence was deafening. The final match came down to Marsha Cargill and Jim Hester, with Jim winning the tournament. Congrats to Jim and Marsha, and all the participants of the matches.

Social Activities

What a fun season so far, we had a Spooky Halloween Wine and Wickets on October 31 with 50+ members coming to courts in costumes and then heading to the golf club for some "Spooky" eats. Congrats to Dorothy Silliman, Fran and Edmund Giancola winning the most creative and funniest costumes.

In December, we celebrated the Croquet Club's 20th Anniversary with 76 members and guests in attendance. We had a lovely cocktail chic dinner at the golf club with all the attending members receiving a 20th Anniversary pin. Oh yea, I forgot, there was cake too!

For more information on the **Grand Haven Croquet Club** visit our website at www.ghcroquetclub.com or contact Membership Director John Fitterman at jjfitterman@gmail.com. See you on the courts!

Submitted by: Patti Paukovich

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Palm Coast Historical Society

The Palm Coast Historical Society began its 2020 Speaker Series on Saturday, January 11 by celebrating the 20 year anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Palm Coast. Guest speakers included First City Council member William Venne, former Mayor Jon Netts, and current Mayor Millissa Holland. Each shared personal accounts of the growing pains Palm Coast experienced during the years following ITT's departure in 1995. Grand Haven resident Art Dycke received a Good Citizenship Medal awarded by the Sons of the American Revolution for his tireless work as City Historian beginning in 2000.

Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of each month for the following Free events held at the Palm Coast Community Center at 10 am:

February 8 - Dr. Diana Reigelsperger: "Tavern Life In Colonial Florida"

March 14 - Robert Stone: "Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition"

April 11 - The City Green Team: "Conservation In Our City"

May 9 - Elaine Studnicki: "Stories of Palm Coast"

In recognition of the 50 year anniversary of Earth Day, which coincides with the 50 year anniversary of Palm Coast's founding by ITT, we are hosting a SPECIAL audio/visual presentation at Flagler Auditorium at 5 pm featuring a National Geographic photographer.

Monday, April 20 - Carlton Ward Jr: "Florida Wildlife Corridor Conservation"

Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$5 for students, and \$8 for Palm Coast Historical Society members.

If you are not already a member we invite you to join us! Annual donations are \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. For details visit www.palmcoasthistory.org.



Submitted by:
Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky



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The Palm Coast Arts Foundation is excited to announce a Celebrity Charity Golf Tournament being held here in Grand Haven on Monday, May 11 with Mayor Milissa Holland serving as Honorary Chair. Nancy Lopez, former golf pro at Palm Harbor Golf Course in her early days, is excited to return and help PCAF raise funds for our benefit tournament. Joining her will be her friend Chi Chi Rodriguez, both legendary golfers and true ambassadors for the game of golf. PCAF members playing in the tournament are also invited to a private reception on Sunday, May 10 along with tournament sponsors. Several high-end silent auction items will include a Nancy Lopez painting by Victor Spahn and world-class golf resort packages in Florida. Nancy Lopez will host a Ladies Clinic on Tuesday, May 12 at Palm Harbor Golf Course for a limited number of registrants from 9-11:00 am. Register by calling PCAF at 386-225-4394.

Other upcoming events include:

- 3rd Annual Shakespeare in the Park: Romeo and Juliet. Award winning Orlando actress Lillie Thomas plays Juliet with Brent Jordan, one of the best young male talents around cast as Romeo. Due to the popular demand of this series, an additional performance has been scheduled; five performances to choose from, February 27-March 1. Performance and audience all on the outdoor stage at the Palm Coast Arts Foundation in partnership with the City Repertory Theatre.
- 3rd annual Garden Party will be held on Saturday, March 28 with this year's theme: "Garden Tea" with brief demonstrations that include how to prune tea roses; creating your own centerpiece and how to prepare Japanese tea.
- 13th annual Picnic and Pops concert with the Jacksonville Symphony will provide a new musical program never performed in past Pops concerts! A Hollywood meets Broadway theme will fill the nighttime skies with this much anticipated concert – Sunday, April 19.

And let's not forget the Turtles! The Turtle Trail continues with three more turtles hatching on the public sculpture trail. Watch for news of unveilings for Turtles, 8, 9, & 10! Flagler Beach Museum; Palm Coast Community Center, and Palm Harbor Golf course will all be home to these creations. Grand Haven residents Patti & Dave Paukovich sponsor "VINCENT", Turtle #9 being created by Grand Haven resident Jan Jackson. Save the date of

March 17 for this Van Gogh turtle unveiling at the Community Center.

Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, Executive Director

Palm Coast Arts Foundation Presents a Celebrity Golf Tournament featuring legendary golfers Nancy Lopez and Chi Chi Rodriguez Honorary Chair, Mayor Milissa Holland.

GRAND HAVEN GOLF CLUB
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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN’S CLUB

WOW! Thanks to this very generous Grand Haven community that comes out to support the activities of the GHWC. As you may know, the mission of the GHWC is to have a positive impact on the lives of people in our community through financial and volunteer support to nonprofit organizations. Our 223 members have been busy this Club year...hard to believe that it is half over.

The **Nine & Dine** in November was a huge success and raised over \$5,200 .

Many of the golfers who participated in this event commented on how much fun they had. This year we included a ball drop and had one very happy winner.



January is **Day of Games** month and on January 20, we had over 175 women turn out to spend a few hours playing their favorite games, enjoying lunch and camaraderie. This event raised \$5,800 to help support the 30+ charities who receive our financial support. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success.

Thanks to our sponsors who are supporting the **Denim & Diamonds** event that we are doing on February 8. Innovative Financial Solutions PC, Inc. is our Signature Sponsor and Diamond Sponsors include: Arrow Rehab, Coastal Rehab, Florida Family Dentistry, Grand Living Realty, Greg Lynn Jewelers, Raszl Pools and Walker Adventures. And thanks to all of you who attended this very fun event.

And still to come, GHWC will hold its **3rd Annual Tennis Tournament** on Saturday, March 21. For more details about entering the Tournament or coming to cheer on your favorite player, contact Maureen Pellegrini, Event Chair, at maureenpellegrini@gmail.com.

The last event of the year will be the Annual **Book Sale**, which will be held on Saturday, March 28, in the Grand Haven Room. This is always a popular event for our book lovers. If you have books that you would like to donate, contact Sherry Tomlinson at sherry_tomlinson@comcast.net to learn who is collecting books in your Village.

While you are supporting the activities of the GHWC, you are really helping to improve the lives of the people served by the 30+ organizations we support in this community. Thanks again.

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U. S. CENSUS

2020 not only ushers in a new decade, but an opportunity for everyone living in the United States to participate in the ten-year cycle for the US Census. I know for most Grand Haven residents the biggest question about this year's Census is, "has it been 10 years already?"

A complete and accurate Census count is critical to us because the results will affect local funding for schools, hospitals, etc. It will determine congressional representation and it even affects the decision businesses make on opening new stores in a particular area. Remember, revenue dollars given to our community from State and Federal resources often depend on Census numbers. So in effect, you help keep your taxes down by participating.

Fortunately, the participation process is becoming much easier. This year, for the first time, you can complete your Census obligation online. The US Census Internet website is an excellent resource for nearly every question imaginable. You can find the answers for what questions will be asked in the Census form, when you can expect the process to start, where you claim residence if you're a snowbird, how you count a relative or spouse residing in a facility, if you should expect to see a Census worker in person, and so forth. The 2020 US Census website is:

<https://2020census.gov>

I especially want to point out a section can be found under the tab labeled "How to Respond" on the home page. In that tab, the "Who to Count" page has a detailed explanation of many of the special circumstances cases residents may encounter.

The website also has a section on important dates, but let me emphasize just a few. Between March 12-20 households will begin receiving an invitation to participate. By April 1, all households should have received this invitation. Direct visits in remote areas start in January. However, for those households that have not responded via the Internet, phone or mail, direct visits will be conducted during May to July 2020. Oh, just in case you're concerned about an army of Census workers walking throughout Grand Haven, please realize that only households that have not already responded will be scheduled for a direct visit. For your security, Census workers have a valid ID

badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

I urge every Grand Haven resident to visit the web site in the coming weeks to become familiar with the process. It will make responding later this Spring much easier. And for those trivia buffs among you, the web site is a great source of obscure questions. For example, in what remote Alaskan village does the Census count officially begin on January 21, 2020?

Submitted by: Vic Natiello, GHMA Vice President

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Algae growth in our storm water detention ponds (lakes) continues to be a challenge to our entire community. By adhering to the Best Management Practices in your yard, you can make a difference in algae growth even if you do not live directly on a pond. Remember that most runoff and waste material from your yard is likely to find a way to a pond through the storm water sewer system.

MANAGEMENT OF GRASS CLIPPINGS AND VEGETATIVE MATERIALS:

"In no case should grass clippings, vegetative material, and/or vegetative debris either intentionally or accidentally, be washed, swept, or blown off into storm water drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies (ponds) , wetlands, sidewalks or roadways."

Your cooperation in adhering to the above represents a significant step towards minimizing unsightly algae growth in the ponds throughout Grand Haven. Please notify your lawn service of this request.

CDD CORNER

Just a couple of comments this quarter about being courteous here in Grand Haven.

Dogs on Leashes:

Dogs are very popular in Grand Haven and are widely seen being walked by their owners on Waterside Parkway and the Esplanade among other places. Owners are reminded that Palm Coast has a strict leash law requiring that all dogs be controlled on a leash no longer than 8-feet. There have been instances where dogs have been let off their leashes on the Esplanade and that is not allowed at any time. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs, the behavior of their dogs and for any harm that may be caused to people or property.



Bells on Bikes:

With all our winter friends back in Grand Haven there are lots of folks taking advantage of our pleasant weather with walks and bicycle rides along sidewalks and paths. Walkers can often be startled by a passing bicycle so here are a couple of suggestions to minimize those occurrences. First, walkers could try and stay to the right side of sidewalks and paths so that faster walkers and bicycles can pass on the left. At the same time, it just makes good sense for bicycles to ride cautiously and use some kind of bell or other pleasant sound-making-device that warns walkers. I ride my bike every day and my experience is that most walkers appreciate knowing that I'm coming along behind them ringing my very old-fashioned bell. I generally start ringing about 100 feet away and keep ringing gently until I am past. Some folks hear me right away and move over but others don't hear me at all because they forget their hearing-aids or they have ear-buds firmly inserted!

Be Safe, Be Courteous

Submitted by: Kevin Foley, CDD Supervisor

In Memoriam

It is with profound regret that we acknowledge the recent passing of two prior members of the Grand Haven Master Association Board of Directors: Rob Sedelmyer and Gene D'iorio.

Rob served both as GHMA Vice President and President during the earlier formative years of Grand Haven and served on the Fine Committee as well. After leaving office, he remained involved in the inner workings of the community, always seeking ways in which to ensure that the established standards were maintained. He was truly committed to the residents and the future of Grand Haven. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Gene served as Treasurer of the GHMA during its more recent formative years. He actively recruited residents to become involved and seek a position on the board. Actually, he is the reason that I became a member of the Board. Gene encouraged me to run for the Board because in his words "we all need to give back to the community." It was my pleasure to serve on the Board with Gene as well as to join him on the tennis courts. He was a caring individual who truly enjoyed the many friendships he developed over the years. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Simply living in Grand Haven was not enough for either Rob or Gene. They both believed that they had a responsibility to their community and had the need to participate and serve on behalf of all of our residents. We are all better off as a result of their commitment to Grand Haven and the many lives that they touched.

*On behalf of the Board:
Rob Carlton, President, GHMA*



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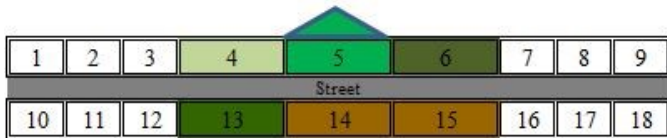
MADC Corner

House Color Challenge

Selecting the “right” color for your Grand Haven home can be an easy process. Follow these four steps to avoid needless delay in your submission to ADC.

Step 1: Download <http://www.grandhavenmhoa.com/ADC/ADCFormsStandards.htm> and turn to Section E, Integration of ADC (Architectural Design Committee) Standards with Neighboring Properties.

Step 2: Color is not completely arbitrary. (See Chart Formation Chart, also shown below.) Your property is #5. Neighbors are #'s 4,6,13,14, & 15. Most likely you have a color in mind, say jade green. You note that 3/5 of designated homes are shades of green. One more may be too many greens. However, if your jade green is of a "discernible difference", it will work. Otherwise, you can adjust the actual shade/color or the value/lightness or darkness.



Step 3: Obtain color swatches from your local paint store. Give yourself several options.

Step 4: The LRV (light reflective value) is printed on the reverse side of the swatch. Light colors and white must have a LRV of 80% plus, while earthtones must have a LRV of 80% plus. Your jade green would be in the earthtone category. Now take your carefully selected swatches home to compare with your designated neighbor's homes. Make changes or adjustments as needed, remembering the key words, "discernible difference". (ADC has photos of homes in your chart range to review color choices.)

My goal is to simplify the color challenge. My next article will discuss the remaining elements of your submission: roof color, architectural design and submission of your plan. (See Exhibit #4-Architectural Review Application (major or Minor Alteration) Page 34 of Grand Haven Standards- May 2018.

Submitted by: Leigh Jackson, MADC Chair



Last May's article started with a Muhammed Ali quote. Thought this time I might spread the wealth:

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” (Aesop)

“To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.” (Abraham Lincoln)

“We make a living by what we make, but we make a life by what we give.” (Winston Churchill)

“Great opportunities to help someone rarely come around, but small ones surround us every day.” (Sally Koch)

Opportunities to help ... small gifts that I can give. ... maybe forget my problems for a while and make my life a little better? Sounds good, but the schedule is so full with golf, tennis, bocci, pickleball, mahjong, exercise (don't yell at me if I missed one of your favorites); how can I fit this new thing in. Well there are 16 hours in a waking day, make that 480 in a month ... maybe I can swing 2 or 3.

At Haven Family Fund, that is all it takes. Drive someone to a doctor's appointment, visit at someone's home, help out with our education events – you pick what, when, and how much. And as one of 77 volunteers, you can be part of a team that visited shut-ins 423 times last year or took neighbors to appointments 229 times in 2019!!

Two to three hours a month; maybe more or maybe less. Is this my gift of a guilt trip to you; no, I want everyone to encounter that JOY we feel when we can be a help to a neighbor! Really!!!

Submitted by: Brad Scott, Haven Family Fund





**Flagler
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League**

New Year New Objectives

The Flagler County Art League is excited about this 2020/2021 season with some new talent and new objectives! We continue to build programs, expand our membership to include the larger, growing community and explore outreach programs with our schools.

The new Board is busy developing new initiatives and fine-tuning those already in place, including exploring plans for a gala event for the 2020/2021 holiday season. We need volunteers to lead vital committee positions. Please email our President, Francie Shepherd at presidentfcal@gmail.com or our VP, AJ Barr at vicepresidentfcal@gmail.com to discuss how you can help FCAL thrive!

FCAL continues to offer classes in various media — watercolor and acrylic painting, beginner and advanced drawing, colored pencil, pastel, and children's programs. We are also developing new offerings (oil painting coming in the spring). We have several exciting workshops in play with more on the way! Watercolor artist Helen Beacham from St Louis, MO, will be here again in late February and Pastel artist, Lisa Ober of St Louis, MO, will be here in April to teach pet portraits. Additional workshops in calligraphy, encaustics, mixed media, silk painting, and photography are also in the works.

Larry Mingledorff with his Best of Show in our Juried Photography Show: Rare moment: Hummingbird. Larry won three other awards as well!



Shows continue to grace our gallery with colorful displays! Check it out! Our 8th Annual Juried Photography show with more than 100 works, opened on January 11th and remains through February 4, 2020. A video of all the winners are on our Facebook page – go there for more events that are going on at the gallery! Check out the full show schedule on our website for what's coming next!



*From our January Juried Photography Show: **Stephen DiMaria**, member of FCAL's new **Young Emerging Artists** - a new group for 18-25 year olds designed to mentor youth and give them an opportunity to learn from experienced artists and display their work. Stephen graduated from Flagler Palm Coast High School and is now a student of Daytona State College's prestigious Photography program. He won first place in the portrait category with *Guarded*.*

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Call our office at (386) 986-4668 or email us at info@flaglercountyartleague.org for more information.
You don't have to become a member to sign up and find out what's happening! We can't wait to hear from you!

Submitted by: Francie Shepherd & Ann DeLucia



SSMG, as well as the GHMA Board, would like to thank everyone for their efforts in keeping their property well maintained and getting advanced approval for requested changes to the exterior of your property. This is what keeps Grand Haven so Grand! **As always, Sidewalk Maintenance** for the portions of the sidewalk in front of your home is a very crucial responsibility for each individual property owner. Please take a moment to review the conditions of your sidewalk panels for any deflections or inconsistencies in height that could result in a tripping hazard. **Also Mold/Mildew tends to accumulate this time** of year and throughout the Spring. Not only is it unsightly, it also can be very slippery and result in a slip and fall on your property. Please regularly pressure wash the hard surfaces in front of your home including: Your entry walkway, driveway, sidewalk and the stormwater curb in front of your home (this is the concrete portion adjacent to and between the asphalt road and the grass in front of your property).

Your 2020 Annual Assessment...

As a reminder, your 2020 Annual Assessment of \$140 was due January 1st. The GHMA Annual Assessment funds the compliance activities for the community Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs), facilitating the Architectural Design Committee (ADC) review process, management, accounting services, legal fees, insurance, newsletter/communications and all other operating costs of the Association, including periodic maintenance of foreclosed/deserted properties. If you have any questions regarding your assessment please contact Southern States Management Group at (386) 446-6333.

Submitted by: Troy Railsback, SSMG

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