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# **The Oak Tree**

### **President's Message**

During the beginning of the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you regarding your Association, your Board and our management company since these three entities play a major role in the welfare of our community. During the last quarter of 2022, the GHMA Board selected four goals that they wished to pursue in the coming year. It was of no surprise that there was a common theme throughout these goals, which was to develop an enhanced level of communication with the members of the Association. The most highly rated goal was to increase direct communication with owners and when feasible, renters to inform and promote the mission of the Board and the responsibilities of the Southern States Management Group.

In order to promote a better informed community, the Board has come to the decision that it needs to more effectively communicate with our property owners and, when feasible, our renters. We need to do this on a continuing basis, utilizing as many modalities as feasible. Towards that end, each of the members of the Board is involved in facilitating at least one of our four major goals. As the year progresses, you will be hearing from each of them.

The entire Board is committed to the position that we will make every effort to provide all our residents with accurate information regarding the functioning of the Board and the responsibilities of our management company. I would like to begin that process by elaborating upon these two areas. However, please understand that the following is by no means all inclusive.

In terms of background, it is important that every resident of Grand Haven understands the differences between the Master Association and the Community Development District, which together, comprise the governing bodies of our community. In basic terms, the Master Association has responsibility for all 1900 residential properties, plus the Crossings pool. In contrast, the CDD has responsibility for all amenities, common areas, gates, roads, detention ponds and other infrastructure. These are separate entities with separate Boards and vastly differing responsibilities.

That being said, let's begin by briefly discussing the governing documents of the Master Association, for that is what underlies the functioning of the Board. These documents include State Statute 720, the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Grand Haven, the By-Laws of the Association and the Declarations of each Village, which details the CC&R's for that specific Village. In addition, the ADC Standards details architectural regulations regarding the exterior of your home and the adjoining property.

Although created at different times, collectively they address the responsibilities and powers of the Board. These documents also address the obligations and rights of the property owners. The establishment of architectural

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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, February 17 2 PM, Friday, March 24
  - 2 PM, Friday, April 21
  - 2 PM, Friday, May 19
- 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

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### LIGHTENING AND LIGHTING THE WAY

First, another Thank You! After the successful development and many fabulous years of coordinating HFF's Visitation program, Sandi Walker is stepping down. Janet Search Young (<u>imsearch40@yahoo.com</u>) will be our new coordinator for the 5 families we are currently serving. If you're feeling "not so self-assured" (see below), reach out to Janet and her team.

2023 is upon us. A new year in a world that seems just a little darker than it should!! Too much complaining – so many "negative waves" (thank you Oddball, Donald Sutherland, from Kelly's Heroes). Living in this world sometimes seems more like the lyrics from the Beatles's HELP:

When I was so much younger than today; I never needed anybody's help in any way.

But now those days are gone, I'm not so self-assured; Now I find I've changed my mind and opened up the door.

Help me if you can, I'm feeling down; And I do appreciate you being 'round

Help me get my feet back on the ground; Won't you please, please help me!

Sometimes the light looks a little dim. HFF is here to help!!!

This quarter's quotes are for those who are interested in offering some light to help lighten someone else's load:

"One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone." Shannon Adler

"Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see; it is what gives life its deepest significance." Roy Bennett

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." Robert Louis Stevenson

"To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own." Abraham Lincoln

If you're ready to "plant some seeds", HFF is the place for you. We always need more volunteers, especially in our Visitation and Transportation programs. Visit our website to learn more and reach out to let us know how we can lighten your path!!!

Submitted by: Brad Scott, HFF – Ops thehavenfamilyfund.org havenfamilyfund@gmail.com.

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For questions, Jennifer Ames 386.569.3512

### No Rest for the Wickets

The **Grand Haven Croquet Club** hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and only good wishes for 2023.

2022 was a very busy year for the Croquet Club. After spending two years in a semi-lock down from the pandemic, residents and members have come out in force to enjoy the games playing either in intra-club tournaments, community instructional classes, or club socials.

Speaking of tournaments, we have had several club members who have competed from New York City to Chesapeake Bay Virginia, North and South Carolinas to Mission Hills California and back to West Palm Beach Florida for tournaments. Congrats to Nancy Crouch 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Flight Seniors Master WPB, and Dorothy Silliman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, First Flight Chesapeake Bay. Others who traveled to different tournaments are Kathie and Gary Gamble, Edmund Giancola, Jim Hester, Mijai Pagano, and Dave Paukovich.

Here at home, the tournaments didn't stop. We had a Golf Croquet Club Championship tournament, a handicap adjustment tournament, a championship play-in tournament, and our annual 6-Wicket Club Championship tournament. Congrats to all the players who had their handicaps lowered, to Dave Paukovich for winning GHCC Golf Croquet Club Champion, and Gary Gamble for winning GHCC 6-Wicket Club Champion.

A reminder to all – the GH Croquet Club in conjunction with the **Grand Haven Woman's Club** we will be hosting **Mallet Madness – Croquet for a Cause** on February 25-26, 2023. Come out and support your friends and neighbors and this worthwhile cause.

Croquet can be as competitive or social as you want to make it. Those interested in **free** lessons to learn croquet, can contact us at <u>www.ghcroquetclub.com</u> or our Membership Director, Marsha Cargill at <u>owdmac@gmail.com</u>.

Come join us to try something new, make new friends, and just have fun. *See you on the courts!* 

Submitted by: Patti Paukovich



### **Critter Corner**

### Sea Turtle Scoop

The loggerhead, the biggest sea turtle in the world, is the most common in Florida with about 80 % of its activity along our Atlantic coast. In nesting season, April thru September, a female will nest for several months, laying over a hundred eggs in numerous nests. She will produce thousands of eggs and hatchlings in her lifetime (one in a thousand will reach maturity.) Hatching takes 65 days. Male or female is determined by the temperature of the nest, the warmer will hatch females, the cooler will hatch males. With global warming, fewer males are now being produced.

If lucky, some late evening on Flagler Beach, we might see dozens of 2" hatchlings emerge from their sandy nursery and run toward the sea. Scientists do not yet understand what it is that guides these tiny creatures, if not an internal navigation system. Hatchlings feed on small animals living in sargassum until, as juveniles, they move out to coastal waters to bottom-feed in lagoons, bays and estuaries. Matured, they are found far out in the deep blue sea. Named for its big head and powerful jaws, which help to crush the dinner fare, be it conch or horse-shoe crab, the loggerhead also enjoys jellyfish!

Maturity is around 35 years, it weighs up to 250 lbs., measures around 3 feet and live up to 75 years. Salt glands near its eyes allow it to drink sea water and excrete salt. Every three to five years the female will mate in coastal waters, sometimes travelling thousands of miles before returning to nest her eggs on her own natal beach. An amazing feat!

Submitted by: Anne Scuito



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### **President's Message....continued**

control and the creation and function of the Architectural Design Committee are also detailed in these documents.

Our governing documents do not address specific goals or the mission of the Board, however, they do address its functions. One of the primary responsibilities of the Board is to ensure that the CC&R's and ADC Standards are implemented in a fair and equitable manner. In addition, the Board makes every effort to maintain the integrity of our community in a fashion that is consistent with the intent of our governing documents and in accordance with the views of the majority of our property owners. By successfully addressing the above, we strive to maintain the inherent beauty of Grand Haven, the presence of well maintained, attractively landscaped properties and as a result, increased property value for our owners.

I am confident that you will agree that in a community encompassing 27 Villages, 1900 properties and approximately 4700 residents, this is no minor feat. In essence, the Board strives to maintain or improve upon the positive aspects of our community which initially prompted you to purchase property here and make Grand Haven your home.

In addition, the Board selects the members of the Modification Architectural Design Committee, and provides oversight via the Board's MADC Liaison, who ensures that the decisions of the MADC are consistent with the existing CC&R's and ADC Standards. Similarly, the Private Lawn Maintenance Program also has a Board liaison who contributes time and expertise to maximize the services provided by the PLM vendors in the nine PLM Villages. The remaining Board members have Liaison responsibilities regarding the CDD, CC&R's, Oak Tree and Neighbor to Neighbor Program and the Property Oversight Committee. As a result, not only is each Board member providing additional services to our community but is also keeping the full Board informed regarding the status of their area of specialization.

Let's now turn our attention to our management company. If the size and complexity of our community presents a challenge to the Board, imagine the task facing the Southern States team members on a daily basis. First and foremost, I want to make it clear that if you have an issue with your management company, you have an issue with your Board. The fact is, our management company functions in response to directives by the Board and in accordance with our governing documents. It does not go out into the community and make arbitrary decisions but rather follows pre-determined and Board approved action plans. If any property owner believes otherwise, I would encourage them to bring their concerns to the Board.

Southern States Management Group has far-reaching responsibilities, beginning with a twice-a-month review of our entire community to assess properties regarding compliance with the ADC Standards or Village CC&R's. They also provide administrative support for the Board, the MADC and the Fine Committee. In addition, they are responsible for all the accounting functions related to the Master Association, maintenance and updating of our website, preparation and oversight of Board meetings, the administration of the Private Lawn Maintenance Program, providing support and research for five Board members, organizing yearly election procedures and coordinating the printing of the Oak Tree.

They are also responsible for all communication with owners regarding MADC decisions, inspection outcomes and followup regarding non-compliance issues. When not involved with those functions, the management team is constantly attempting to keep up with an unbelievably high volume of phone calls and e-mails from residents. Despite these numerous responsibilities, it should be noted that Southern States has consistently achieved exceptionally high ratings by the Board during its twice-a-year evaluations.

The coming year will bring its own unique challenges, of that I have absolutely no doubt. However, our community is well positioned with an experienced management company and a Board that shares a clear vision of its goals and responsibilities, plus the advantage of a historical perspective of our community. Be assured that the Board is keenly aware of existing issues within the community and the concerns regarding future residential and commercial growth along and adjacent to Colbert Lane. In addition, the Board is monitoring the potential need for the widening of Colbert Lane and is in the process of developing a severe weather event protocol for residents.

We are looking forward to a productive year, one in which we can generate enhanced communication with our residents and their increased participation in Board activities. By doing so, we hope to ensure a more accurate understanding of the functioning of the Board and the responsibilities of its management company.

If you would like any further information regarding our governing documents, please access the Master Association website at grandhavenmhoa.com, In addition, Statute 720 may be located by referencing FL State Statute 720 on the internet.

On behalf of the Board, I invite you to join us at future Board meetings, MADC meetings and all other upcoming Board events.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, President, GHMA



### **Eagles' Nest**

Since our resident eagle pair, Samson and Gabrielle (Gabby), returned from their summer hiatus, observing their activities and predictable routine gave every indication of eggs to be laid and another successful breeding season in the works. Mysteriously on November 25 Samson did not return to the nest. Fellow Audubon EagleWatch volunteers assisted me in the search. However, there wasn't a sign of him anywhere or any indication of a prior territorial fight. With the significant increase in eagle population, unfortunately that could be possible.

Gabby was left as solo resident of the well-prepared nest without her faithful mate. Within a week (and since then) several roaming eagles have visited the nest. Not all were well received by Gabby. However, one eagle she has accepted. They have been seen perched and roosting together at the nest and off-site, flying in and out of the nest together, and doing "nestorations". This eagle has delivered sticks, fish and prey to the nest, and spends significant time perched there. It appears he is guarding the nest and possibly taking up residency. All these favorable qualities would lead to a possible new mate for Gabby.

Although eagles are known to be monogamous, they will seek another mate should they lose one. They have a strong desire to reproduce, so it will be interesting to see if this



is her chosen mate. It's not too late for egg-laying this season, although unlikely. The good news is Gabby is not alone.

Submitted by: Gretchen Butler Audubon EagleWatch Nest Monitor/Volunteer American Eagle Foundation/Volunteer Palm Coast's 1st Dental Practice - Serving the Community since 1976

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the Annual Day of Games was held at the GH Golf Club with 128 participants and raised over \$5,000. This event was chaired by



Carol Walker with a great committee of members.

Next up on the GHWC calendar is Mallet Madness, February 25 & 26 at the Creekside Court. If you are not playing, you are still welcome to be a spectator and come watch the games. If you have questions about this event, you can contact Patti Paukovich at <u>GHWCMalletMadness@gmail.com</u>.

The Annual GHWC Book Sale will be held again on March 3 & 4. Once again, all paperbacks will be 50¢ and hard cover books will be \$1. Mark you calendars and come by to browse and shop. Rounding out the fundraising year will be the Cocktails & Tapas event on March 18, which is currently sold out.

And while all of these fundraisers are taking place, our members are also busy volunteering at various organizations throughout our community. Each month the Community Service Project chairs organize a collection for the food banks, women's shelter, STUFF Bus, Humane Society, etc. Then many members work at these organizations as well.

The GHWC is grateful to our corporate partners and event sponsors for their financial support and participation in our efforts. If you would like to learn more about the work of the GHWC, please visit the website at GHwomansclub.org or the Facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/grandhavenwomensclub/

Material Girls work to finish projects for the community organizations in need.



Photos by: Lucie Lachance

### **CDD Corner**

#### Part 1: Understanding the CDD and what it does for you

Grand Haven CDD is a governmental unit created to serve the long term specific needs of our community. It was created pursuant to Chapter 190 of Florida Statues. It's main powers are to plan, finance, construct, operate and maintain community wide infrastructure and services specifically for the benefits of the residents.

It is governed by its board of five Supervisors elected by the residents during general national elections. Each Supervisor serves a 4 year term. The Supervisors meet twice monthly. The Supervisors are responsible for setting policy and formulating an annual budget.

The district is funded through our annual property tax in the form of a non-ad Valorem assessment. The supervisors hire and manage multiple employees and consultants for the maintenance of the district.

The responsibilities of the CDD include but are not limited to:

- Maintenance of all infrastructure owned by the CDD. Examples include: the village center buildings, café and pool, tennis courts, pickleball courts, bocce courts, croquet courts, basketball courts, the playgrounds, the dog park, the gyms, the Creekside buildings and pool, the esplanade, the gazebos, bridges and piers, the 5 entrance gates and the parking lots at the village center and Creekside.
- 2. Maintenance of all roads and signage
- 3. Maintenance of all curbs and gutters
- 4. Maintenance of all street lights
- 5. Maintenance of all Community landscaping, irrigation and water services
- 6. Maintenance of all Common area sidewalks
- 7. Maintenance of all Common area benches and waste bins
- 8. Storm water management including retention ponds and lakes
- 9. Maintenance of all mailbox kiosks
- 10. Management of seasonal lights and decorations
- 11. Maintaining the District up to code and compliance with the State of Florida and other local entities
- 12. Prepare the annual budget and long term financing plan of the district
- 13. Manage all Amenity facilities intended for recreational use by the residents
- 14. Oversee the management of the CCD employees and office.



Grand Haven residents celebrate at the ANNUAL TENNIS PARTY held at the Grand Haven Village Center on January 8th. Special thanks go to Donna Wormser, who organized the event, and to Magdalena Pierkaz, Dancing Queen, of Elite Dance & Travel of Palm Coast.

Submitted by: Ed and Didi Pakel

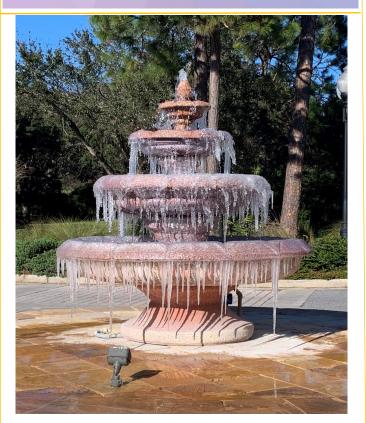


Submitted by: Dr. Merrill Stass-Isern, CDD Supervisor

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### **Director's Corner**

This is the second article in a series to familiarize our community with the roles and responsibilities of the individual members of the Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA) Board of Directors.

The GHMA provides lawn and landscape services for 535 properties in 9 Villages, plus The Crossings swimming pool. This service is known as Private Lawn Maintenance (PLM). A list of PLM Villages with contractor and service information is posted on the GHMA website at: <u>https://grandhavenmhoa.com/PLM/PLM.htm</u>

The GHMA retains our community management company Southern States Management Group (SSMG) to manage and administer the PLM program. I am the PLM Liaison Director for GHMA Board to ensure that the PLM program provides the required services according to the contractual specifications for each village.

The monthly costs of the PLM services for each village varies by the type and level of services provided, average lot sizes, amount of detail work, and labor and resource requirements.

The GHMA contracts with landscape vendors with the wherewithal and scale to perform the required level and quality of required services. The contracts run for 3 years and the next renewal is in 2023.

Homeowners in PLM villages can contact SSMG for any PLM service problems or requests. SSMG creates and tracks all resident issues in a Work Order system.

Every month I join the PLM SSMG manager(s) to meet with the vendors to inspect each village and review all Work Orders created during the past month, to ensure provision of the required level and quality of service for each property in every PLM village. Additionally, the SSMG PLM manager checks and inspects PLM villages every week. I will also do my own check several times a month.

Every year SSMG, on behalf of the GHMA sends and collects satisfaction surveys for all PLM property owners. The results of the survey are analyzed and reviewed by me, SSMG and the GHMA Board. The GHMA Board President, PLM Liaison Director and SSMG Managers meet annually with each vendor to review their performance and identify areas for improvement.

Submitted by: Mike Frichol, Director, Grand Haven Master Association

### Palm Coast Historical Society

#### LONG CREEK PRESERVE A NOTED HISTORIC SITE

Flagler County pioneer Joseph Long was shot and killed by Indians on the night of May 8, 1836 during a raid on the neighboring DuPont plantation, according to a transcribed report published by local historian Bill Ryan.

Prior to the destruction of local plantations during the Second Seminole War this area was an active economic center due to the production of sugar used in the making of rum. Long Creek is thought to have been named for Joseph's father George Long. The creek basin is believed to have contained a small port that was used to load goods for transport to larger ships anchored in the Matanzas River.

In 2008 historian and researcher Dana St. Claire studied the site and reported that archaeologists had found a raised earthen bulkhead that may have supported a wooden wharf. Piles of cut coquina stone and other early structural materials were located nearby.

The historical significance of the Long Creek site combined with its pristine nature prompted the City of Palm Coast to acquire the property in 2008 through a combination of grants and funds for environmentally sensitive lands. Long Creek Nature Preserve, located at 1050 Palm Harbor Parkway, opened in 2014. The nine-acre park includes a path and boardwalk that leads to a canoe/ kayak launch adjacent to the 225-acre Long Creek Basin.

Plans are underway to erect a Florida Historical Marker at the park to raise awareness about the site's historical significance. Visit <u>www.palmcoasthistory.org</u> for up-

dates. Follow the City of Palm Coast Historical Society on Facebook.

Submitted by: Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky



Artist: Robert Rohrich

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### **Update from GHMA Board**

In keeping with the Board's goal to enhance communication between the audience and members of the Board during the "Audience Comments" portion of the agenda, the Board has recommended a change in the existing format. In the past, the purpose of the "audience comments" was to do just that, to provide a time for audience members to state concerns that they may have regarding the Association. It was however, not seen as a time for active dialogue between audience and Board members.

More recently, it has come to our attention that some owners expressed frustration with addressing the Board but not being able to engage in a dialogue with Board members regarding their concerns. So, in keeping with the Board's 2023 goals of enhanced communication with Association members we are going to modify that process.

Beginning with our next meeting, during this portion of the agenda, when appropriate, the members of the audience will have the opportunity to engage in increased dialogue with Board members. However, we ask that you keep in mind that this is but a small portion of our agenda and it will be necessary to observe reasonable time limitations as determined by the Board president.

We hope that this adjustment will better serve the needs of the members of our Association and result in more constructive communication and more positive outcomes for our Association members.

Submitted by: GHMA Board of Directors





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!

#### FROST DAMAGE... MADC Approval needed?

Many property owners have experienced some level of frost damage to their landscaping already this year, and there may be a few more cold spells ahead of as we finish out the winter. <u>Any plants that have died due to</u> <u>the frost need to be addressed properly.</u> You may replace the plants that have died due to frost with the same species of plant, similar size and same # of plants without MADC Approval. <u>If you would like to replace</u> <u>frost damaged/dead plants with a different species</u> <u>and/or adjust your landscape plan please get PRIOR</u> <u>Approval to do so by contacting SSMG at 386-446-</u> <u>6333.</u> Brianne Bailey will assist in facilitating your request and getting your submittal and application ready for an upcoming MADC Meeting.

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 you home including: Your entry walkway, driveway, sidewalk and the stormwater curb in front of your home (this is the concrete portion adjacent to the asphalt road and the grass in front of your property).

#### Your 2023 Annual Assessment...

As a reminder, your 2023 Annual Assessment of \$150 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. 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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GHMA	CDD	
Private Entity	Public Entity	
SCOPE: Grand Haven Private Property	SCOPE: Grand Haven Common Property	
<ul> <li><b>RESPONSIBILITIES</b>: Implementation of Grand Haven governing documents (Covenants, Conditions &amp; Restrictions – CC&amp;Rs). Board hires Community Manager to execute the day to day responsibilities:</li> <li>Deed restriction enforcement</li> <li>Architectural control (ADC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RESPONSIBILITIES: Creation, financing and maintenance of community infrastructure:</li> <li>Common grounds and landscaping</li> <li>Lakes (Detention Ponds)</li> <li>Amenity Centers</li> <li>Roads</li> <li>Entrance Gates</li> </ul>	
<b>HOW ARE FEES PAID?</b> Owners receive an annual assessment bill from the Association in December for the following year.	HOW ARE FEES PAID? Owners are assessed through their annual property tax bill in the form of a non-ad valorem assessment.	
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This is an excerpt from the Neighbor To Neighbor packet

### Feral Hog Activity–Update

The following information is in response to increased awareness and concern regarding Feral Hog activity in our community. The Graham Swamp which is adjacent to Grand Haven property is home to an extremely large number of such animals. They breed rapidly, have voracious appetites and feed during a good portion of their waking hours. When weather conditions are such that they cannot locate food in their natural habitat, they will seek food elsewhere. This may result in them routing on landscaped property and causing extensive damage.

Their numbers are best controlled by hunting and trapping. Most local trappers are not allowed to transport trapped hogs to other locations and must kill the hogs where they are trapped. Therefore, it is not practical to trap and certainly not feasible to hunt hogs in highly populated residential areas.

In light of these restrictions, the remaining options are limited. The most practical means of addressing this problem, although a temporary one, is to trap and hunt the Feral Hogs in less populated areas and drive them back into the Graham Swamp. Towards that end, the CDD has granted permission for a licensed trapper to trap and kill hogs on the CDD property adjacent to the Crossings Village. This trapping effort is being funded by the Crossings property owners and coordinated by the GHMA. In addition, the CDD is coordinating with Flagler County Land Management for trapping teams to trap and hunt hogs on County property adjacent to Grand Haven, including large areas near the main gate. The goal of these programs is to divert Feral Hogs from their current feeding patterns that include Grand Haven property to undeveloped and unpopulated areas that better serve the needs of both the animals and humans.

The ten collective members of the MADC and CDD Boards are all property owners in Grand Haven. They each value their property as you do and are fully committed to addressing this problem in accordance with our governing documents and existing law. In the past few months, this item has been on each of their agendas multiple times and numerous hours have been devoted to resident comments and concerns. Although the presence of Feral Hogs will not be eradicated from surrounding areas, their numbers can hopefully be stabilized and their feeding activity eventually diverted to areas which no longer pose problems to Grand Haven property.

Submitted by: GHMA Board of Directors

### **Mark Your Calendars**

### Upcoming events at the Village Center & Café:

March 17—St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 4—8 PM

March 25— Live music on the Pool Deck, Kevin Quinn performing, 5—8 PM

April 8—Kids Easter Egg Hunt, 12:30 PM

April 15—Pickleball Festival, 8 AM—8 PM

April 22—Karaoke Night at the Café, 5—8 PM



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