



# The Oak Tree

## President's Message

For those property owners who have not had the opportunity to attend a meeting of your Master Homeowner's Association, I wanted to take this opportunity to share the somewhat unique structure and functioning of this governing body. As president of the Association for the past five years, I have been granted the opportunity to provide organizational leadership for the GHMA. However, it would be both presumptive to believe and self-serving to even imply that I was responsible for the many accomplishments of the Association. I am but one member of a five member Board, each of whom contributes to the Board's success and fully deserves the credit for doing so. It has been my pleasure to serve with a number of hard working and highly motivated Board members over the years and I thank each of them for their service.

I believe that it is important for residents to be aware that in addition to serving on the Board and attending monthly meetings, each member of the Board serves in an additional capacity in order to better serve the needs of our community. Although these "specialty" roles are both challenging and time consuming, they allow each of the Board members to become intimately involved and knowledgeable in regard to specific aspects of the Board's functioning

These roles and responsibilities are currently as follows:

**David Alfin-Communication & Oak Tree Liaison, Problematic Properties Committee:** In the role of Communication Liaison, David administers the Neighbor to Neighbor Program, coordinates communication from the Board to our residents and conveys information between the Board and the editor of the Oak Tree. In addition, he has recently become a member of the Problematic Properties Committee, bringing with him a great deal of professional expertise. David also serves as Treasurer for the Board.

**Pete Capozzi-Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&R) Compliance Liaison:** Pete was elected to the Board this past January and in a short period of time has learned a significant amount about the Board and the Association. He is responsible for communication between the Board and our management company in regard to CC&R compliance issues and concerns. Although our Master and Village CC&R's are quite extensive, Pete has quickly begun to comprehend their complexities.

**Rob Carlton-Community Development District (CDD) Liaison, Problematic Properties Committee:** As CDD Liaison, I attend all monthly CDD meetings and workshops and convey to our Board the projects, issues and concerns discussed at the CDD meetings. I am proud to have been a member of the Problematic Properties Committee since its inception and to convey the

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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, May 20 \*\*\*  
 2 PM, Friday, June 17  
 2 PM, Friday, July 22  
 2 PM, Friday, August 19

**WHERE:** Creekside Amenities Center  
 2 North Village Parkway

\*\*\* Due to construction, the May meeting is scheduled to be held in the Grand Haven Room

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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.



## Help Someone Along the Road to Recovery

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# Who are the Grand Haven Houligans?

The Grand Haven Houligans are 46 members, mostly Grand Haven residents, who love to ride Motorcycles and Scooters 250 cc and up. Weather permitting, they meet at 10 AM every Sunday morning at the Main Gate, riding to a selected destination for lunch and then back home by around 2:30 PM. You and your wife or significant other are invited to join them.

Their groups consist of 6 to 16 and adhere to the Motorcycle Safety Rules and all state laws. Destinations include: St. Augustine, Palatka, Crescent City, Astor, Daytona, Ponce Inlet, Vilano Beach, Deland and more. They ride on County and Florida scenic highways and backroads...they DO NOT RIDE ON I-95!

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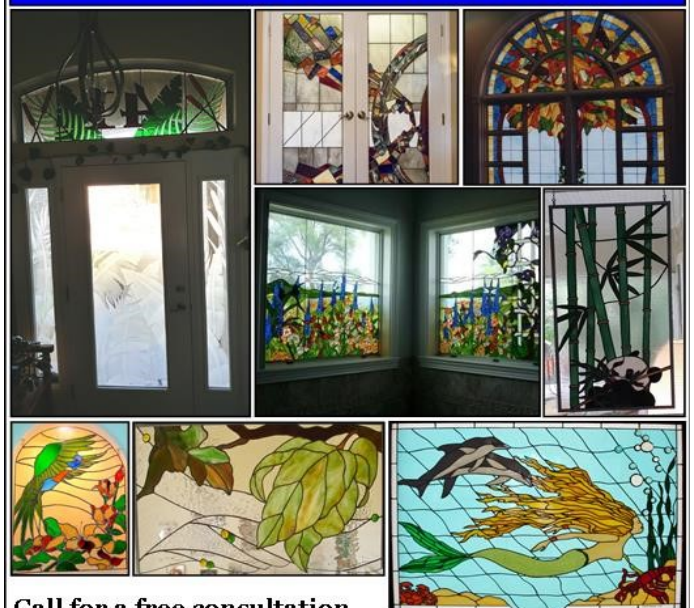


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## President's message.... *continued*

recommendations from the monthly PPC meetings to our Board.

**Jim Gallo-Private Lawn Maintenance Liaison:** Jim has truly immersed himself in the PLM Program. He has developed and maintains relationships with our PLM contractors and spends a great deal of time completing on-site reviews of the PLM Villages. He also coordinates the PLM satisfaction survey and presents the results, follow-up and recommendations to the Board. His understanding of the PLM program and its implementation throughout the participating Villages is outstanding.

**Vic Natiello-Architectural Design Committee Liaison:** Vic attends meetings of both the New Construction and Modification ADC, and reports to the Board regarding ADC functioning and issues that may have been raised. In addition, Vic has been instrumental in leading the ADC Standards revision committee during the scheduled three year review of this document. Vic has a comprehensive understanding of our governing documents and other information relating to our community. Vic also serves as Vice-President for the Board.

As result of the efforts of individual Board members, each of the above functions has had a significant impact upon the stability and success of Grand Haven. As property owners, the appeal of our community and the accompanying property values are a priority. Therefore, in response to the fallout that resulted from the downturn in the housing market in 2008, the Problematic Properties Committee (PPC) was formed. At that time a number of Homeowner's Associations found themselves in severe financial crisis due to their owner's inability to pay assessments, maintain their properties and in many cases, failure to make mortgage payments. Although our Association was never in financial distress, the community experienced a pronounced upswing in unpaid assessments, an increase in fines due to CC&R violations and a surprising number of properties that were either abandoned or in foreclosure.

The purpose of the PPC was to designate properties that met the above criteria and prioritize them in terms of the dollar amount of the arrears and the degree of deterioration. In addition, the Board had taken the position that if warranted, legal action would be taken in regard to delinquent accounts. In response, the PPC evaluated such properties and made recommendations to the Board. Litigation has resulted in varied outcomes, from collections to pre-trial mediation to foreclosure and purchase of the property by the Board. In virtually every case, a positive outcome has been achieved.

As the Board had anticipated, by adopting this more aggressive and pro-active approach when dealing with delinquent accounts, Grand Haven has experienced a significant reduction in the number of properties designated as "problematic" and a dramatic improvement in the overall condition of a number of properties throughout the various Villages. In regard to foreclosures, according to the most recent data supplied by our management company, out of our 1901 properties, Grand Ha-

ven currently has only one property that is in the foreclosure process at this time.

Actions by the Board have also had a significant impact in the reduction of amounts owed the Association in unpaid assessments, fines and fees. In September of 2013, the Association's collection balance was in excess of \$370,000.00 In April of 2016, the unpaid balance was \$95,844.00. Needless to say, your Board is extremely proud of its efforts regarding problematic properties and the outcomes that have resulted.

As we move forward each of your Board members are committed to the responsibilities of their elected positions and the unique demands of the specialty areas for which they have volunteered. As always, the support shown by the members of the Association is greatly appreciated and your participation is encouraged and welcomed.

*Submitted by: Rob Carlton, President, GHMA*

## Calling all Senior Athletes

In 1992, the first Florida Senior Games State Championships were held in Bradenton. Over the years, the Florida Senior Games has continued to grow and together with the Local Games, provides fun, fellowship, fitness and competition for Florida's fastest growing age group. The focus of the Senior Games is not winning, but participating. The Florida Senior Games is dedicated to:

- Encouraging and promoting healthy lifestyles for Florida's Seniors
- Providing Florida's Seniors with the opportunity to compete at the local, state and national levels
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*Submitted by: Nancy Crouch*





## Grand Haven Woman's Club Celebrates 10th Year

The Grand Haven Woman's Club began its 10<sup>th</sup> Year in September, 2015 with 197 members and is ending with 221 members....it has been a great year. When we consider the GHWC started with 22 members in September, 2005, we have come a long way both in terms of membership and the positive impact we have had on the Flagler County community over the last 10 years. Currently, the GHWC is contributing thousands of volunteer hours in addition to funding to 24 local non-profit organizations.

Some of this year's Club highlights include:

- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala
- Dinner Auction
- Guitars for Children project
- Take Stock in Children Scholarship (completed over the last two years)
- Scholarships for two graduating seniors (one at FPC and one at Matanzas)
- Tech Class with high school students
- Prom Closet
- Annual Book Sale

Because of our record breaking fund raising year, we are able to provide support for the Stuff Bus, Flagler Free Clinic, Family Life Center, Florida Hospital Flagler Foundation, Flagler Playhouse, Habitat for Humanity, Flagler Library, PCAF, Turtle Patrol, Washington Oaks, Relay for Life, Food Bank, PC Volunteer Fire Rescue, Hope 2 Help Foundation, GAL 7 Foundation and many others.

Plans are already underway for our GHWC Cookbook, which will be published and released in September. Look for order forms to appear in our August issue of the Oak Tree....you will want to reserve your copy, since we have some really good cooks in our ranks who will be sharing their mouth watering recipes.

New officers for the 2016-18 term are being installed at the May meeting. Karen Finder is our incoming President, Laura O'Brien, 1st VP, Jenny Scott, 2nd VP, Pat Tomnay, Secretary, Paula Geppner and Sandi Walker, co-Treasurers.

If you would like more information about GHWC, please visit our Facebook page or our web site at [www.grandhavenwomansclub.com](http://www.grandhavenwomansclub.com). There you will find copies of our newsletters, membership information and more.

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# The ADC Corner... A Question & Answer Column

In past editions of the Oak Tree newsletter, the ADC article has been all about how the ADC operates and what is necessary by the homeowner to comply with the ADC Standards. In this edition, we attempt to change it up a bit and let you in on the types of questions we receive. Here are some that may make you stop and think and maybe even amuse you.

**Question:** Why do I have to have bushes in the front of my house when the neighbor across the street has removed theirs?

**Answer:** Everyone must have a landscape plan that incorporates shrubs and trees to compliment the entire property. Some owners choose to remove landscape vegetation without ADC approval. This, of course, can cause that property owner to be cited and possibly levied a fine.

**Question:** Several of my neighbors have "up lights" in their front yard. The ADC Standards state that exterior lights are allowed. Even though lights are permitted, do I still have to submit a request to install them?

**Answer:** Yes, ADC approval is required. Installed correctly, landscape lighting is beautiful and does enhance the landscape beds and trees. However, the type, placement and number of lights vary significantly.

**Question:** I'm painting my house just a few shades different than the current color of my house. So, I'm good, right? It's really not a change.

**Answer:** No, that is incorrect. If you paint your house the exact same color, ADC approval is not required. However, a shade or two may change the color considerably to the point of being too close in color to a neighboring house.

**Question:** I have several changes I want to make in my yard. Can I put all of these in a single request or do I need to make a separate request for each change?

**Answer:** When submittals for landscape changes are made, it is certainly permissible to make just one request. If it is removing or adding trees and shrubs, planting flowers and grass or changing the look of a landscape bed, one submittal is sufficient.

**Question:** Do I really need ADC approval to chop down my tree?

**Answer:** Any tree that you wish to remove must be approved by the ADC regardless of its health. There are many situations involving trees; i.e. number of trees required, number of trees existing and location of the tree being removed.

**Question:** Do I really have to submit for installation of my skylights even if no one will see them?

**Answer:** Yes, ADC approval is required. Skylights shall be flat or slightly convex as not to protrude from the roof surface more than six inches.

**Question:** I own my property and I have the right to do whatever I wish to my home and property. Why do I need ADC approval?

**Answer:** You are correct that you own your property. However, you purchased your property in a deed restricted community having Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs). These CC&Rs allow the Association to create an ADC to maintain the overall aesthetic relationship between homes, natural amenities, golf course and surrounding neighbors.

**Question:** I like my lawn figurines. Why can't I have them?

**Answer:** All lawn ornaments shall blend with the house and be in keeping with the style and material of the house, with suitable landscape shrubs involved in the setting. Consideration shall be given to the number and size of lawn ornaments. The ADC has the right to limit their number.

These questions are just a small sample of the questions the ADC receives from time to time. It is important to know that the ADC was created so that you would live in a beautiful community. There are numerous Villages within the community of Grand Haven representing 1901 properties. All Villages have their own specific development requirements, but are guided by the same ADC Standards.

It is important to be an informed property owner. We invite you to come to the meetings to see what it is all about. If you have a pending submittal, we encourage you to attend so that you can answer any questions that arise regarding your submittal. We are your friends and neighbors. We want to approve your request.

*Submitted by: Tom Byrne, MADC Chair on behalf of your Architectural Design Committee*



# SHIP FACED

What fun we had this past March starting with two luxury buses waiting in our club parking lot to transport over 90 GH neighbors to South Florida for a 7 day cruise.

The bus trip to Port Everglades/Ft. Lauderdale flew by with Bloody Marys, tasty snacks and interactive games organized by our resident cruise coordinator, Debbie DeCarlo, with help from "Mayor" Bill Holland and Rich DeCola, "The Closer".

Our ship, the Celebrity X Cruises Silhouette, made stops in St. Kitts where many of us took a sightseeing trip around the island via an old pineapple train or in our private van; in San Juan where we could walk to historical sites and taste local treats; and in St. Marten where shopping was the preferred activity.

Food was tasty and varied with daily buffets, formal dining room meals, or in one of the many specialty restaurants. Entertainment was top notch and there were more winners than losers in the Casino. It was a wonderful way to meet and get acquainted with new friends and spend time with old ones.

Plans are already set for the next Grand Haven cruise to the Western Caribbean in March 2017 with stops in Jamaica: Falmouth, Mexico: Cozumel; and Grand Cayman: George Town.

If you're interested in signing up or just getting more information, please contact Debbie DeCarlo at [debbie\\_decarlo@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_decarlo@yahoo.com) for details. Premier drink package and \$300 shipboard credit still available.

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## **WHEN**

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## **WHERE**

Portuguese-American Cultural Center of Palm Coast

## **COST**

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For more information and tickets: <https://danceforhope.ticketbud.com/> or call 386-264-6571



## Neighborhood Watch

### Summer Suggestions

- \* Keep your car locked when parked outside.
- \* Put your garbage cans away after they are emptied.
- \* If you are at work or away for the day, ask a neighbor to bring your trash cans in
- \* When you will be gone, cancel newspapers and ask a neighbor to pick up any newspapers that are thrown in your driveway overnight.
- \* Don't leave your garage door open unless you are nearby.
- \* Don't announce on social media that you are going on vacation.

The Neighborhood Watch Team wishes all our Grand Haven residents a safe and happy summer.

*Submitted by: Colette Moran*

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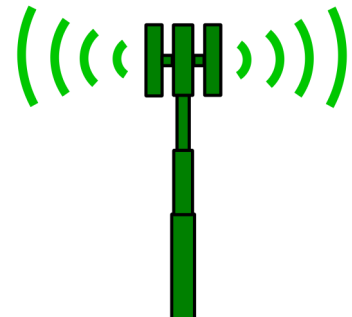
## Want a chance to potentially receive better cell reception?

A recent article in the Daytona News-Journal contained information about the approval of a cell tower by the Palm Coast City Council. In turn, this article has generated some questions within our community about improved cellular service. The tower in the article is being built by American Towers LLC and will be located near the Flagler County main branch library. The tower will have an effective radius of two miles; however Grand Haven is approximately 6.5 miles from this tower. Based on this effective radius, it is unlikely that we will experience any improvement of cellular service in our community.

What could potentially improve our cellular service is a tower slated for our area and within an effective radius to our community. RG Towers, LLC has received approval from Flagler County to construct a tower off of Colbert Lane and it would be located near the northwest corner of the first retention pond south of The Crossings.

A representative from RG Towers, LLC has provided information that states at this point they are awaiting vendor commitment in order to begin construction. This means one, some, or all of the major wireless providers need to commit to co-locating their equipment on this tower. **One of the ways our community could expedite the wireless carriers' decision to co-locate their equipment is for the residents to contact their carriers and complain about the service in our community. If you are dissatisfied with your cell service, you may wish to call your cell provider each and every time poor reception annoys you.**

*Submitted by the CDD*





## Do you know what is happening in Flagler County Schools these days?

For those of us who remember Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, school days have changed for today's students. If you haven't been in one of our schools recently, you would be amazed at how our students are learning and the value it is adding to their lives and to our community.

Let's first address how it is adding value to our community... the new Flagship Programs, started by our current **Superintendent, Jacob Oliva**, aligns classroom lessons with careers in Flagler County. Each of the schools has a flagship with at least one focus, most of which fall into the STEM categories (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). This is a way to get kids excited about what they're learning so they can see how that impacts their everyday lives and gets them thinking about their future beyond school. According to Oliva, "we are becoming laser focused on college and career readiness and have expanded the conversation by bringing in middle and elementary schools ". This initiative is preparing students for the jobs of the future, which in turn is providing an educated, trained workforce for employers in the community. Flagler County's future economy depends on how well prepared our youngest generation is for success. The value added to the students is exposure to a variety of careers and the academic requirements to be successful in such a career.

One example of this is the **Medical Lab** that opened at **Rymfire Elementary School** in May, 2015. With nearly \$7,000 in medical equipment donated by **Florida Hospital Flagler**, custom medical curriculum has been developed to provide students with hands-on learning tied to K-6 Florida Standards. Additional medical and dental professionals have generously donated time and materials to support lessons in medical science health and fitness. This Flagship Program helps students connect what they are learning in the classroom and medical lab to careers by offering guest speakers and student shadowing opportunities throughout the school year. The Flagship Programs at each of the schools is funded in part with Innovation Grants from the **Flagler County Education Foundation**.



### GRAND HAVEN RESIDENTS SUPPORTING THESE EFFORTS

While we have hundreds of our GH residents supporting education through a variety of efforts (Take Stock In Children donors and mentors, participation in events that raise money for Innovation Grants, contributions to the Stuff Bus and Henry Reid's Shoe Campaign), I recently caught up with some of the six GH residents who serve on the **Flagler County Education Foundation Board of Directors**. They are David Alfin, Jennifer Thornton-Ascone, Mike Beadle, Jim Bowe, Joe Marotti and Steve Thomas. I began by asking them what motivated them to make the commitment to become a member of the FCEF Board. For **Jim Bowe**, it was the opportunity to engage students in his business, Arrow Rehabilitation. Jim actually employs high school students who are managing the marketing and promotions department at Arrow and he is delighted with their performance. He believes strongly in the Classroom to Careers initiative and wanted to be part of its success.

## Flagler Schools....continued

The things being done in Flagler County Schools are cutting edge, probably among the best education in the nation – but no one knows about it,” says **Joe Marotti**. With Joe’s business experience and current work in Economic Development, he knows that potential employers are first and foremost looking for an educated workforce.

“I believe local community is the structural foundation for positive living,” says **David Alfin**, who currently serves as the FCEF Treasurer. David understands that one aspect of a strong community is a well-educated student population, which is why he serves on several committees and works closely with school personnel.

While **Mike Beadle** joined the Board because of family ties to education, he realizes that the education system continues to face challenges posed by an ever-changing world and he wants to better understand the challenges so that he can be part of the solution.



FCEF Board members, L to R, Jim Bowe, David Alfin, Mike Beadle and Steve Thomas attending the recent FCEF Strategic Planning meeting. Missing are: Jennifer Ascone & Joe Marotti

All of our Grand Haven residents involved in the Flagler County Schools echo the same phrase, “they feel blessed and want to give back.” We all know that a well-educated student population helps lower crime, increase property values and make the entire community stronger and a better place to live.



**The Flagler County Education Foundation sincerely thanks all the Grand Haven residents who have been so supportive of these programs.**

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Let's keep the community looking great as we get to the summer... Please remember and plan to address the following items in the near future...

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

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

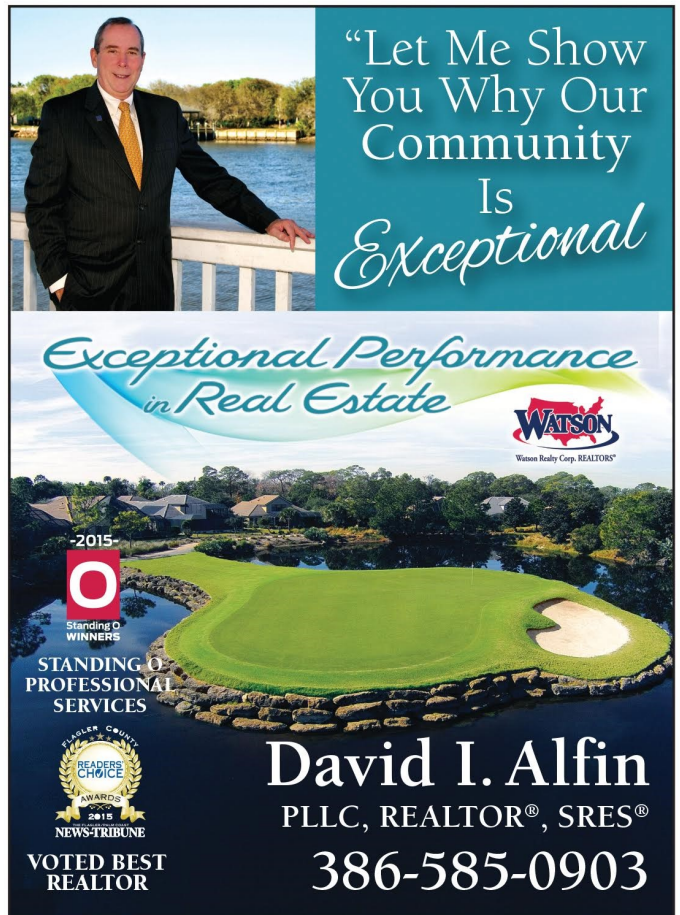
**Irrigation** – If you have not done so already, please make sure your irrigation system is tuned and is ready for a dry summer. There are specific recommendations and resources available at [www.grandhavemhoa.com](http://www.grandhavemhoa.com) by clicking on "PLM Villages" and scrolling down to the "Recommended Irrigation Times (Minimum)" section of the page. Your irrigation system should run twice a week this time of year.

**Owner Portal** – Web access to your Grand Haven Master Association, Inc. assessment account is available. With this online access you are able to:

- Review your account balance;
- Get information about payment amounts;
- Update contact information;
- Submit Work Order Requests (PLM, Crossings, River Club);
- Review ADC information/status;
- Review/submit Compliance information/status;
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Submitted by: Troy Railsback, SSMG



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In 1989 the Florida Legislature ordered the Attorney General to form a task force to report on crime and the elderly. From the work of that task force, Seniors vs Crime was formed as a special project of the Florida Attorney General. What began as a crime prevention program involving seniors in educating other seniors has now evolved into a statewide program providing direct services to senior citizens who may have been victimized or otherwise taken advantage of by business, service providers or even trusted friends and relatives.

With more than 40 offices throughout Florida, our "Office Program" has been successful in assisting thousands of seniors, all free of charge to our clients.

### HOW WE CAN HELP

The primary goal of this project is to reduce victimization of senior citizens who are often targeted for specific crimes based upon their age. We know there are dishonest people out there who want to try to separate you from your money.

We also know there are two sides to every story, and we strive to be fair in all cases.

There is no problem too small or too large. Each case is handled on an individual basis and confidentiality is maintained in accordance with Florida Public Record Laws.

### Seniors Helping Seniors

If you feel someone has taken advantage of you, cheated you out of money, or has not delivered what was promised, there is something you can do: Contact your nearest Seniors vs Crime office, call us at 1-800-203-3099, or visit our website at: [www.seniorsvscrime.com](http://www.seniorsvscrime.com)

We are there to help you and there is no cost to you for this assistance.

### What to Expect

You will be asked to gather all your documentation (receipts, contracts, invoices, payment records, etc.) and bring or mail COPIES of them to one of our offices.

A volunteer Senior Sleuth will be assigned to your case. He or she will review your information, investigate as required and attempt to resolve your case to your satisfaction through informal mediation.

Not all cases will be resolved to a senior's satisfaction, but we do enjoy a very high success rate. Seniors vs Crime has recovered millions of dollars for its clients.

We work closely with law enforcement agencies and state regulators. Any offense deemed to constitute a criminal offense will be referred to the proper agency for action. We cannot provide legal advice or assist with judicial proceedings.

### What else can I do?

#### Join the Seniors vs Crime Project!

Become a member of a truly innovative team of seniors whose main goal is the protection of other seniors. You may wish to serve only as an "eyes and ears" for the Office of Attorney General, volunteer to assist in an office or assist law enforcement as needed. The choice is yours. Call, write, visit our website or stop by any office to learn more about the Project and how you might participate.

#### How to Contact us:

Flagler Seniors Vs. Crime Office

Flagler County Sheriff's Office Substation

160 Cypress Point Pkwy C-107 Palm Coast, Fl. 32164,

phone number 386-586-2634

fax # 386-445-2394

Or call 1-800-203-3099

## El Nino Could Elevate Wildfire Potential

As we approach our 2016 wildfire season, remember that climate conditions for El Nino could possibly affect the frequency and intensity of fires. Unpredictable forecasts may caution for sporadic drier or wetter and stormier weather, depending on the changing effects of El Nino. Here's what you need to know to keep your family and property safe:

1. Pay attention to the Keech Byram Drought Index (KBDI) broadcast information in our area. A number one stands for very wet conditions, going up to a number 800 indicating extremely dry conditions. The higher the number, the better the chances for wildfires.
2. Call 911 as soon as you see any smoke or flames from anywhere at any time.
3. Be prepared to leave your home in a moment's notice. Take an emergency kit with you including ID papers, photographs/receipts for your valuables, medications, insurance policies and a road escape route from your home (smoke may disorient your driving).
4. Be cautious when using charcoal for grilling. Soak used charcoal and dispose of it properly – don't just dump it anywhere.
5. Trim trees and shrubs around your home and clear your gutters.

Be safe!

*Submitted by: Chief Mike Beadle, PC Fire Department*

## CDD CORNER

The Grand Haven Community Development District will begin distribution of the 2016-2018 Community Information Guides within the next couple of months. Distribution will take place at the Creekside Athletic Club/CDD Offices.

As in prior years, the new Community Information Guides will be distributed by resident volunteers, over a 3-4 day period, during different time slots for each day. The Grand Haven CDD staff strives to create a distribution schedule that will allow each and every resident an opportunity to pick up their Community Information Guide. The Grand Haven CDD will be seeking resident volunteers, to participate in the distribution, 2 weeks prior to the delivery of the Community Information Guides.

During the distribution process, residents will proceed to one of three tables based on the first letter of their last name, **provide a picture ID to verify eligibility**, and receive a copy of the new Guide. Residents will be required to acknowledge receipt of their copy by providing date, signature and printed name.

Residents are requested to review their contact information, as listed in the Guide. Updates/changes/edits should be submitted to the Grand Haven CDD office via Information Update Forms available at each distribution table. Updates provided, will be used to make corrections to the Grand Haven CDD Office Master Database, as well as future Community Information Guides. Residents are also requested to review the most recent version of the Rules, Policies, and Fees for all Amenity Facilities, which is included in the new Community Information Guide.

Initial distribution of the Community Information Guide will be to Grand Haven property owners, who reside in the District, **as well as tenants who have obtained a release authorization letter from the property owner**.

Tenants who would like to purchase their own copy of the Community Information Guide, can do so for \$10.00. Owners of multiple properties within the District may receive one additional complimentary copy, per number of properties owned, at a later date after this initial distribution.

Additional Information regarding the distribution of the 2016-2018 Grand Haven Community Information Guides will be sent to residents via the CDD and Amenity Center's Constant Contact E-Blast System. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Grand Haven CDD office at (386) 597-9805.

Submitted by: Ashley Higgins



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Have you moved here with your art collection and you really need an update? Are you tired of looking at the same old ... those snow scenes are so yesterday!! How about considering acquiring REALLY VERY LOCAL ART made right down the street? Did you know that FCAL is made up of more than 400 artists working in many types of media and more than one quarter of them live right here in Grand Haven? At our gallery in City Marketplace you can find wonderful work - oils by **Paul Beaulieu** and **Rita Mass**, abstracts in acrylic by **Mike Gleason**, acrylics by **Kathy Chiddister** and **Barbara Kurp**, Photography by **Stephanie Salkin** and **Marcia Goldsmith**, just about every media – oil, watercolor or acrylic works by **Rita Hueter**, mixed media and altered art by Jan Jackson, altered art works by **Olga Monkevich** and **Loretta Consolla** and many, many more!! I'm sure we missed members who may not have shown lately or are not artists but there are also members who are "art supporters" (we LOVE them!). Come and see what your neighbors are capable of!



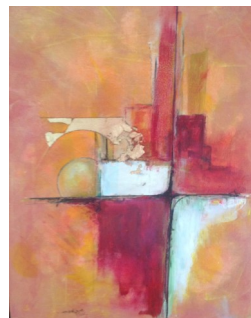
*Christina Katsoulis, museum curator, Sean Palmer, architect, and A. J. Neste, photographer, were panelists at "Art Works" a program sponsored by FCAL at FPC HS designed to encourage students to pursue a career in the arts. All graduates of FPC with successful art careers, they shared their passion for the arts and how they translated that into their work. These three were also inducted to the first "FPC Fine Arts Hall of Fame."*

*"Utopia Passing" by Mike Gleason.*

Come join us— attend a show, take a class, join the book club, take an arts trip. Check out our website for all the fun stuff coming up or just stop in and see what we are all about.

**The Flagler County Art League is located at City Marketplace, 160 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite 207C. Hours are M-F, 12 N to 4 PM, and Saturday, 10 AM – 1 PM. Visit our website at [flaglercountyartleague.com](http://flaglercountyartleague.com) or call us at 386-986-4668.**

*Submitted by: Ann DeLucia, FCAL President*



## Empty Nesters

As usual our resident eagle pair, Romeo and Juliet, had another successful nesting season. Their two fledglings, Liberty and Justice, took their first flights on the same day (March 19) and departed the area the same day (April 20). These youngsters are strong and healthy and flying the skies!

They were raised by two exceptional and experienced parents that, no question, set the stage for raising young. With 100% success for the past eight consecutive years at this nest, the statistics speak for themselves.....a fact hard to match!

This was the first season we haven't been on a search for a youngster "MIA" that was found either grounded or didn't return to the nest the same day. From the getgo Liberty and Justice both had exceptional landing skills which are always a trick at first, and they returned quickly! As usual one landed at the top of the nest tree dangling in the pine needles. Although Liberty had the strength to get airborne instead of slipping down into the nest as in the past.

Romeo and Juliet will depart in May and, with good fortune, return to their "home" around September 1.

Another job well done, mom and dad!



*Mom & Dad, Romeo & Juliet*

*Liberty & Justice*



*Submitted by: Gretchen Butler, Audubon EagleWatch Nest Monitor/Volunteer American Eagle Foundation/Partner-Volunteer [bengals2@earthlink.net](mailto:bengals2@earthlink.net)*



## What's Happening at Grand Haven Golf Club

Welcome to Spring! We're excited to have you come experience it yourself on one of our VIP Guest Days. The VIP Days are opened to non-golf members at a special rate of \$49.95 + tax per player. Tee times can be made up to 7 days in advance. Join us on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, and August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

It is our pleasure to introduce our new chef at the Golf Club, Chef JP Roberts, a graduate of the University of Florida with a culinary degree from Le Cordon Bleu in Atlanta, Georgia. He worked as the Executive Sous Chef for Michael Pappas. He comes to the golf club with 18 years of culinary experience, as well as a James Beard Award Nomination in 2006. Chef JP is a great addition to the Grand Haven team and is excited about bringing back the basics to fine dining and wowing you with flavor here in the clubhouse.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, the golf course hosted a Golf Tournament benefiting Cameron Higgins. Cameron was diagnosed with AVM and is now making a steady recovery. Cameron, his mother Ashley, and grandparents were able to join us for lunch and we even had Cameron drawing raffle tickets for our donated prizes. With 68 players, 4 live auction items, and a selection of vintage Masters hats donated for a silent auction, We were able to raise \$5,000 for the Higgins family! Needless to say, our community is extremely giving. We are ecstatic to be able to help a neighbor and friend! Stay strong Cameron!

Speaking of golf tournaments, we have two great charity tournaments upcoming. Our first is a 9 hole tournament with dinner to follow benefiting the Apex Christian Academy. Apex is a private Christian school in St. Augustine serving grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. The tournament is \$65 to enter. Registration is open online at [www.GrandHavenGC.com/Apex](http://www.GrandHavenGC.com/Apex) or contact Sarah Wells at 386-445-2327 ext. 3206 or [Swells@GrandHavenGC.com](mailto:Swells@GrandHavenGC.com).

On July 25<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stuff Bus Golf Outing. The Stuff Bus is a program that provides essential supplies and clothing to students in families experiencing economic difficulties. Each year, the Flagler County Education Foundation assists more than 1,400 families through the STUFF Bus Program. During the month of July we will also be doing a "Supply Drive" for the Stuff Bus. You can bring notebooks, paper, pens/pencils, crayons, colored pencils, and scissors to the club which will be donated to the STUFF Bus program. For

more information on the Golf Tournament stop by the club house or contact us at [JHarper@GrandHavenGC.com](mailto:JHarper@GrandHavenGC.com).

Interested in golf memberships? Check out our Trial Membership program that offers Full Golf Benefits for three consecutive months before making a full commitment. Contact Jeri Harper and get started today! *Live Grand, Golf Grand.*



We would like to thank the entire Grand Haven community for their support of our annual fundraiser on April 23 to benefit SPOHNC (Support for Oral Head & Neck Cancer)

The overwhelming generosity of this community is Awesome!

*Amy & Lewis Beilman*

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