



The Oak Tree

President's Message

In Memorium

It is with profound regret that I have to announce that on March 18, 2018, a member of the Grand Haven Board of Directors and our dear friend, Jim Gallo passed away. Jim was in his second term on the board and exemplified the qualities of an outstanding Board member. He was consistently on target with his input and brought a subtle sense of humor to our meetings. He advocated for our residents and was fiercely protective of the Private Lawn Maintenance program which was one of his board responsibilities.

Jim was extremely proud of serving his community. In addition to his involvement with our board, Jim attended every CDD workshop and meeting, staying from the opening comments to the vote for adjournment. That in itself is a true tribute to his patience and perseverance. He was also involved with Neighborhood Watch & CERT.

We will all miss his contributions at our meetings, the respect he displayed for his colleagues, his desire to excel as a board member and the many hours he contributed to our community.

Jim could never be considered pretentious or insincere. Many will remember him as the guy who rode around the community on his bike, with a sign on the back that read "Vote for Jim Gallo". How down to earth is that? After all is said and done, Jim was a really good guy, who was genuine, caring and giving. He will truly be missed, but not forgotten. The members of the board offer their thoughts and prayers to Jim's wife, Denise.

VISTA PAR CONDOMINIUMS

In recent months, the board has received an increasing number of questions, comments and complaints regarding the yet to be completed condominium project adjacent to the golf club house. In response, this topic was included on the board agenda for our meeting on March 23rd. In preparation, multiple sources were contacted in order to obtain all of the information that was currently available. Following a very active discussion by the board, the following facts, opinions and rumors emerged.

- The current developer, Lavaya Properties, LLC have paid their Grand Haven Assessments for 2018 and are not delinquent in their City real estate taxes.
- A previously issued Development Order, which is necessary prior to initiating further construction activity, has expired.
- According to information provided by the City, a modified DO was submitted in 2016, which included a construction staging area. This DO was never executed and therefore, no approvals were granted. The developers have been advised that the DO has expired and an application for a new DO needed to be submitted.
- A representative from Lavaya Properties recently met with the City Building Division to discuss the requirements for moving forward with construction of the two existing buildings. This will include revising existing site plans regarding modifications to infrastructure.
- Some sources indicate that Lavaya intends to obtain City permitting to move ahead with construction on 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 18
2 PM, Friday, June 22
2 PM, Friday, July 21
2 PM, Friday, August 24

WHERE: Creekside Amenities Center
2 North Village Parkway

GHMA Board Members

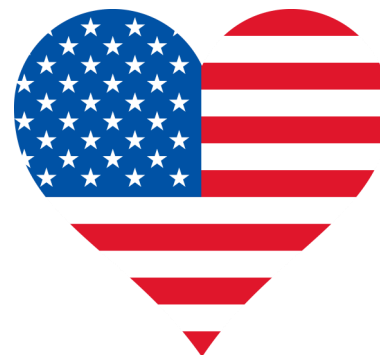
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The Oak Tree is always looking for articles with ideas and topics for future issues, especially those that would be of interest to Grand Haven residents—Grand Haven activities, clubs, happenings, sporting events, resident volunteer activities and opportunities.

Please contact Nancy Carlton at
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Monday, May 28**

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have our Freedom**

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remaining two building sites. Other sources indicate that Lavaya plans to sell the property for the remaining two buildings.

- The board had directed its counsel to review the pertinent documents to determine if any options existed that would apply to the uncompleted project. She responded as follows:
- "I have reviewed both the Master Declaration and the Declaration for River Club and I did not find anything in either of these documents that the Association could use to require Lavaya to do anything with this property".
- As suggested by counsel, the board agreed that a letter should be written to Lavaya requesting information as to the status of the development and the feasibility of any action that might screen or decrease the unattractiveness of the development.

In response to resident concerns regarding the lack of progress on this project, on behalf of the Board, I have written to the Registered Agent for Lavaya Vista Par, LLC, conveying the negative communication that Board members have received. The Board has requested that Lavaya provide information pertaining to the current status, timelines and future plans regarding completion of the condominiums. The Board will keep you informed regarding their response.

WASTE PRO


It is apparent that the board's letter to both the City of Palm Coast and Waste Pro has had an immediate positive affect upon the consistency of both residential and yard waste pick- ups within Grand Haven. However, in order to ensure that the improved services continue, residents must contact the City, not Waste Pro, if they should experience any deviations from the established pick-up schedules or procedures. The number to call is 386-986-2360.

As always, the GHMA Board thanks our residents for their cooperation and support. Your involvement and input is of great value in assisting your board members in making productive decisions that best serve our community.

NEW BOARD MEMBER AND TREASURER

The Board is pleased to announce that Brad Scott was selected to join the Board as a Director to complete the unexpired term of Jim Gallo. In addition, Brad was elected to serve as GHMA Treasurer. He will serve in his respective new positions until January 2019.

Robert J. Carlton , GHMA President



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2018 ADC STANDARDS

On Friday, April 20, 2018, the Grand Haven Master Association approved a new version of the Grand Haven ADC Standards to be effective May 2018. These standards are revised every 3 years to keep pace with our changing community. The revised Standards have updates in 25 different areas including colors, landscaping, ancillary structures, lawn ornaments and propane tanks for home generators. The new ADC Standards can be found on the Grand Haven web site on the ADC page at www.grandhavenmhoa.com. If you are planning to make any outside modifications, please make sure you check the Standards before you submit your request.

Submitted by: Ed O'Brien, GHMA Board Liaison to ADC



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FLAGLER HUMANE SOCIETY

SPRING FLING...A NIGHT IN THE TROPICS

Saturday, June 2, 6—9 PM
The Club at Grand Haven
500 Riverfront Drive, PC

Join animal lovers for a fundraiser to help homeless animals in Flagler County with live entertainment by pianist, Kenyon Dye. Pretend it's "Meet the Captain" night on a cruise and dress in your fanciest cruise attire. Get your tickets now for a great night of food, entertainment, dancing and both silent and live auctions for some once in a lifetime excursions. Join Flagler Humane Society staff and volunteers in honoring Detective Annie Conrad of the Flagler Sheriff's Office for her lifetime commitment to helping animals and people.

Tickets are \$60 each or \$100 per couple. All proceeds go to helping shelter animals with medical needs and daily care. To purchase tickets or for more information, go to www.flaglerhumanesociety.org or call 386-445-1817 ext 507.



Neighborhood Watch

The March 12, 2018 meeting had an amazing turnout. Ed Fuller discussed the Crime Stoppers program. Sgt. Mike Lutz reviewed safety tips, such as locking your car doors while pumping gas, or when parked in your driveway. We also discussed upcoming events, Ladies Self Defense class and an Active Killer presentation.

The good news for Grand Haven is crime is low, the bad news is that it makes us complacent, and we can't afford to be complacent about security.

I am excited to report that the meeting resulted in a few village volunteers stepping up, but we still need help.

The following Villages need Captains;

- Lakeside.
- Linkside.

The hardest part of the job is setting up the village e-blast, and we have individuals willing to help, if needed.

Many villages are unrepresented, especially in the summer, so please volunteer! Anyone interested in becoming block captains, please contact Pat Maloney, 386-864-7195.

Again, I would like to thank the residents of Grand Haven, for supporting this program.

Stay safe.

Submitted by: Lisa Mrakovcic



Together We Can Do Great Things
.....*Mother Teresa*

Did you know many of your Grand Haven neighbors help needy families throughout Flagler County? Did you know in 2017, they helped over 2,000 people with utility bills and other living expenses and over 600 families with emergency food needs? Some volunteers interview clients, others volunteer in the Thrift Store.

Your neighbors volunteer at the Nearly New Thrift Store in Flagler Beach, sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Santa Maria del Mar Conference. Among its varied efforts to offer material help, the thrift store sells donated goods at a low price to raise money for struggling families in Flagler County. The volunteers are the reason that SVdP is so successful!

Volunteers and your neighbors are:

Mike Coyle, Jim Morelewicz, Duane Berreth, Antonio Dos Santos, Judi Ernst, Shaun Porter, Judi Ernst, Ann Williamson, Rose Calenda, Judi Quayle, Anthony Dolce. Don Gregg, Chuck Langlois, Jim McMullin, Mary Pulick, Mike O'Brien, Gloria Hendrikson, Deacon Mike Moody, JoAnn Grunewald, Elaine Holland, Louise Porter, Louise Dycke, Jim & Maureen Pellegrini, Dan Wiggen, Mary Comisky, Mary Stowe, Frances Kozer

*Rose Calenda &
Mike O'Brien*



Next time you see one of them, say "thanks" and be sure to support their good work by visiting the Nearly New Thrift Store, located at 400 South Daytona Ave, Flagler Beach, open all week, except Tuesday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church founded in 1833. Members are devoted to providing personal service to the poor. Stop in, shop, donate or volunteer.



Mike O'Brien, Rose Calenda & Don Gregg



Submitted by: Anthony Dolce

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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

The Grand Haven Woman's Club has had a very busy few months and we thank those residents of this grand community who supported these events. On March 24, we hosted our first ever GHWC Tennis Tournament with over 50 players, many of whom are not members of the GHWC. This event raised over \$2,700 and, by all accounts from participants, was a fun, well organized event. Maureen Pellegrini championed and chaired this event and did a great job. A delicious lunch was provided by the Village Café for players, volunteers and the cheering gallery!



A few weeks later, on April 7, the GHWC hosted its 13th Annual Book Sale. This year's event was once again supported by so many of our residents in Grand Haven, which enabled GHWC to raise over \$1,300 on this event. Considering the proliferation of electronic readers, it was impressive to raise this amount. The GHWC Education Committee, chaired by Kim Lhota, was responsible for ensuring the organization and success of this event.



In case you are wondering why the Grand Haven Woman's Club does all of this fund-raising, it is because these dollars benefit 24 organizations in the Flagler County community. These organizations include Flagler Playhouse, Kids Rock the Nation, FC Art League, PC Arts Foundation, Humane Society, Turtle Patrol, Friends of Washington Oaks, Whispering Meadows, Flagler County Education Foundation, Flagler Library, Family Life Center, Flagler Free Clinic, Flagler Hospital Foundation, GAL 7, Habitat for Humanity, Hope To Help, PC Volunteer Fire Rescue and others.

Currently the Grand Haven Woman's Club has a roster of 240 members and May will be our final membership meeting for this Club year. We will take a break from fund-raising events and membership

meetings during June, July and August. However, during those months our Board will be very busy planning the activities for the next Club year, which will begin in September. At our May meeting, our new leadership team will be installed. We would like to express a very special thanks to our outgoing leadership team, which includes Karen Finder, President; Laura O'Brien, 1st VP; Jenny Scott, 2nd VP; Paula Geppner & Sandi Walker, Co-Treasurers; Pat Tomnay, Recording Secretary and Kim Lyons, Corresponding Secretary. These women have done a great job over the last two years and we look forward to working with our incoming team. We will introduce them to you in our August Oak Tree issue.

As always, if you would like more information about the GHWC, you can visit our website at www.grandhavenwomensclub.org where you can find our newsletters and, if interested, a membership application. Don't google us, please enter this address or you may find an old website.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, restful summer.



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Landscape & Trees

Did You Know?

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Front yard landscaping (Section 2, Paragraph X) specifically addresses the area between the sidewalk and the street. Vegetation along either side of the front sidewalk shall be grass (turf).

Did you know the size of the street tree wells cannot be larger than the distance between the sidewalk and the street in any direction around a street tree? Also, groundcover cannot be mixed with grass (turf) and Blackjack is the required edging of the tree well as is mulch to cover. (Blackjack edging must be maintained at a maximum of 2 inches above ground level. Stone or gravel is not permitted around the street tree wells.)

The beautiful street tree canopy requires maintenance. The approximate height guideline for street trees is 7 foot over the sidewalk, 9 foot over the curb, 11 foot over the traffic lane and 14 foot over the crown of the road. These requirements are consistent with the recommendations made by Jason Shaw, I.S.A. Certified Arborist. Selective pruning on all trees should be done on a regular basis.

All of this effort maintains a harmony of exterior design as referenced in the Master Association Documents / CCR's. Consider hiring a Professional for your landscape improvement projects! These professionals have years of experience that can help you avoid common (costly) pitfalls.

Your MADC meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am. We look forward to seeing you.

Submitted by: Modification Architectural Design Committee

An advertisement for Cottage Hair Salon. The top half features a close-up of a woman's face with long, wavy brown hair. Below her is the salon's logo, which includes the word 'Cottage' in a large, cursive script and 'HAIR SALON' in a smaller, sans-serif font. The background of the ad is a scenic view of a beach with tall grass in the foreground and the ocean in the distance.

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Beware: Deer Birthing Season

It is currently Birthing season for Deer. The Doe "hides" the Fawn (usually in a heavily landscaped place) for the first three weeks and the Fawn lies perfectly still for as much as 12 hours a day. If you should encounter a Fawn, Do No Disturb the Fawn or try to move it...the Doe returns to feed the Fawn each night!

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CDD CORNER

GRAND HAVEN DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY (4.2018)

(based on resident concerns expressed at recent GHCCD Meetings:)

Concern: Vehicular Speeding on District Roadways

Action Plan: The GHCCD BOS has contacted the Flagler County Sheriff's Office to initiate traffic speed patrols within district roadways. Drivers not obeying posted speed limits will be subject to ticketing by the FCSO. (Please be advised that the last time this service was provided by the FCSO, most tickets were issued to residents of the District.)

Concern: Pedestrian Walking/Jogging and Bicycle Riding on District Roadways

Action Plan: All residents are encouraged, wherever possible, to walk, jog, and ride bicycles on sidewalks within the District. (There are hopefully many less motor vehicles on our sidewalks.) Cyclists should note that as long as they are biking on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk, they have all the same responsibilities as pedestrians. Bicyclists must always yield the right-of-way to any other pedestrians while in a sidewalk or crosswalk. Bikers must also provide an audible signal before passing foot pedestrians.

Concern: Dogs on Retractable Leashes Causing Personal Injury to Fellow Residents. A resident was recently bitten and chunks taken out of a bicycle seat, by a dog on an extended retractable leash which could not be controlled by its owner.

Action Plan: According to the City of Palm Coast Code of Ordinances, Section 3 - 31, "a leash shall not exceed eight feet in length." Residents are encouraged to use leashes no longer than 8 feet in length when walking their dogs. Violators of this Palm Coast Ordinance are subject to Palm Coast City Code Enforcement Citations.

Your Grand Haven CDD Board of Supervisors expresses its appreciation to all our residents for their cooperation in helping "Keep Grand Haven Grand," and safe.

*Submitted by: Dr. Steve Davidson, Chairman,
Grand Haven CDD Board of Supervisors*

HELP!

The memorable words of the Beatles tell a story often lived right here in Grand Haven.

*When I was younger, so much younger than today,
I never needed anybody's help in any way.
But now those days are gone and I'm not so self-assured;
now I find I've changed my mind and opened up the doors.*

That's a familiar story for many of our neighbors:

- The grandmother who is guardian for her granddaughter. So many errands to do; so two Haven Family volunteers took her grandchild to the Fair for a few hours. The volunteers said they had as much fun as the granddaughter!
- The recent divorcee who had surgery near Christmas time. Haven Family volunteers sat with the children to provide support. Later, they pulled together an ornament donation effort to decorate the family Christmas tree. One volunteer said, "it filled my heart with gladness to help; that is what Christmas and the Haven Family Fund are all about."
- A stroke victim that needs three physical therapy visits a week. A cadre of Haven Family volunteers do their part to allow the spouse some time for other errands or just to breathe.
- A couple of our elderly neighbors that just need someone to talk to.

If this is like your story, **HELP** is just a call away. Or if this touches your heart, like it does ours, the same number will open you up to a volunteer opportunity like no other!!

Neighbors helping Neighbors, paying it forward!!!



Submitted by: Brad Scott, (386) 449-8073
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Did you know that the speed limits on **ALL** streets in Grand Haven are **30 MPH**! While many of our residents feel "safe" driving in Grand Haven, there are many streets with curves, twists and turns. If you are going around one of those curves at a high rate of speed, you may suddenly find yourself face to face with another car coming toward you. Imagine trying to get of your driveway and wondering if someone is going to be speeding down your street while you back out.

We live in a very active community with residents walking, biking and jogging. We have children walking home from school in the afternoons. PLEASE watch your speed. It is in everyone's best interest.

Please share this information with your contractors as well .

Eagles at Grand Haven

The 2017-2018 Nesting Season starring our resident Bald Eagles “Romeo and Juliet” has once again been a delightful and exceptional viewing experience. Their entertaining offspring “Sky” and “Spirit” appeared to be a bit more advanced compared to previous years. Unlike past years there were no landing mishaps, and they both returned to the nest quickly upon their first flight (fledge). They were flying by the end of February (10wks). Sky was last seen at the nest on April 8. Spirit was last seen on April 12. They both departed in their 17th week which is the average over the past 10 years of observation. Romeo and Juliet will remain in the nest area likely into May before they go on their separate vacations enjoying their “me time”. Prayers for their safe return in the fall.



Enjoy this special poem ...

There's a place in Northeast Florida that is extraordinary,

A tall and sturdy Longleaf Pine holds quite a special aerie.

Bald Eagles call this aerie home, and built their nest with care,

It's Romeo and Juliet who chose to reside there.

With sticks and moss and lots of love, they made their dreams come true,

By yearly hatching eaglets, they have them two by two.

This pair has been blessed so far, their eaglets all have fledged,

They'll never know that human prayers may help fulfill their pledge.

Insuring their offspring's safety from hatch then learning to fly,

Their eaglets filled with “Spirit” as they take off for the “Sky”.

(Poem by Carolyn Harrison)

Submitted by: Gretchen Butler

Audubon EagleWatch Nest Monitor/Volunteer

American Eagle Foundation/Volunteer

New Bluebird Residents

As avid bird watching enthusiasts, we have a variety of protected bird feeders in our backyard, spending most of our mornings being thoroughly entertained by their activities. A wide array of local and seasonal birds stop by to enjoy seed and suet.

The one bird we were most curious about is the bluebird. They are mysterious and elusive creatures. We researched various websites to learn more. Yes, the Eastern Bluebirds are native residents of Florida. Unfortunately, their numbers had rapidly decreased over the past

100 years due to the influx of sparrows and starlings, aggressive birds who had taken over bluebird natural nesting sites. They've also been at

the mercy of severe storms and hurricanes, and the loss of habitats due to widespread construction. Their numbers have slowly increased over the past several decades due to the diligence of the Audubon Society.

In January, we followed specific guidelines and set up a proper bluebird nesting box. Early February we were rewarded with an appearance of the male bluebird – we were so excited! He came and went over several weeks checking out the box. In early March, the female appeared! After a few weeks, while the male stood guard in a nearby tree, the female gathered material to create her nest, then they flew off together. Five days later, they reappeared and the missus laid her first egg! She will lay one egg a day, then start incubating once the clutch is complete.

Two weeks later they will hatch, then fledge about three weeks afterwards. We will keep an eye on them!

Submitted by:

Beth & Brian Havens



Grand Haven Golf Club

Welcome to Spring! The golf club is excited for the warmer months ahead of us. The course has been in great shape all winter. 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 4 days in advance. Join us June 11th, July 23rd, and August 27th. Other dates may become available throughout the year so be sure to join our email list to receive the most up to date information

As a reminder, the club is not just about golf; we offer Social Memberships for the non-golfers. To become a Social Member, the only requirement is to participate in our food minimum program as well as a small registration fee. The club offers lunch Tuesday through Sunday with dinner service on select evenings. We host over five social events a month including Birthday Bash, Turkey Buffet, Prime Rib Night, Trivia Nights, and Entertainment Nights featuring Live Entertainment Dinner and Dancing!

On July 30th we will be hosting our 4nd Annual S.T.U.F.F. 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.

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

Submitted by: Jeri Harper, Director of Sales, GHGC



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Artists Among Us

For the last 10 years I have had the pleasure of knowing Bettie Eubanks, a delightful woman that I would see at various meetings of the University Women of Flagler and the Grand Haven Woman's Club. I knew that Bettie was a prolific artist; however, I had not been to her home or seen her art. In an effort to profile some of our many residents with interesting post-retirement careers, I decided to visit Bettie and learn more about her....what a delightful and enlightening visit.

Bettie knew at a very early age that art was something she truly enjoyed and at 10 years of age, an art teacher referred her to a gifted young artists program in New Jersey, where she excelled and honed her natural artistic talent. Her mother was thrilled that she had somewhere to enjoy her art, other than the walls of their home! While Bettie's mother was supportive of her talent, she always impressed upon her daughter that art would probably never pay the bills, so she needed to complete her education and find a job that would pay the bills. After college and 5 years in teaching then staying home with her children, Bettie joined


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the corporate world, spending 15 years with IBM in marketing prior to her retirement. Upon retirement, Bettie was able to devote more time to her passion: painting and art.

Her response to "how did you get to Grand Haven?" exemplifies what our community is about... "15 years ago we were living in Atlanta. We came to Palm Coast to visit friends we had known from our time living in CT. They drove us around and shared how lovely the community was and that night they had a party. When we left the party, Richard and I said what lovely people. We went back to Atlanta and put the house on the market."

Bettie has received numerous awards and recognition as an artist throughout her lifetime, including the Art Wellness Award for creating the signature piece for Sisters Network, Inc., a Houston based national breast cancer survivor organization. Recently Bettie donated "Covered by the Flag" to the African American Cultural Society (AACS), done as an acknowledgment of the contributions African Americans have made to our country and that we are all covered by the flag.

Bettie and her husband, Richard, spend several weeks each summer in Martha's Vineyard, where Bettie is one of the founding members of the Vineyard African American Artist Group.

If you would like to see more of Bettie's artwork, you can visit her website at www.bettieeubanks.com.



"Anticipation"



Bettie in her home with her painting, "Patience"

Grand Haven is home to many talented artists. ...Bettie is in good company!



FCAL Continues to Celebrate its 40th Anniversary

FCAL has been celebrating its 40th Anniversary with special events every month with a kickoff ribbon. The next few months are no exception.



On **March 27**, we celebrated the arts at Flagler Palm Coast (FPC) High School, with the **third annual Art Works program** initiated by FCAL with district teachers, inducting three former FPC students into the FPC Arts Hall of Fame. Each inductee has not only become successful in a career in the arts but has found a way to give back to their communities. This is in addition to the student art shows and scholarships we provide to Flagler County students from both high schools.



We continue to provide a place for artists to learn with daily classes and monthly shows to showcase their work. These shows almost always have another community group involved – as we did in April with a focus on poetry along with the art –and participation was amazing with more than 86 works of art and 31 poems written by poets from Orlando to Jacksonville and the quality was outstanding! May 12th will be the opening for our show “Textures” along with the Gargiulo Art Foundation’s “Sponsor” show. You are also invited to join us for our annual picnic at Herschel King Park – call FCAL if you’d like to come! June 9th will be a Photography Show and July will bring back our annual “Gallery Sale” – allowing community artists to display their work – no judging – just great bargains!

We will also keep focusing on a different media each month. Jan Jackson, a well known pastel artist and former gallery owner has begun teaching pastel at FCAL and the class has been growing in both size and quality due to her enthusiasm and expertise! Grand Haven residents, Jan Jackson and Karen Hickman are shown with pastel paintings than can be viewed at the May



24th “Celebrate Pastel” Spring Art Show at the Flagler County Art League located at Palm Coast Marketplace. Karen and Jan are also members of the newly formed Flagler Pastel Artists. They will show new pastels at the group’s premier showing at Arts on Granada, 67 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. Opening reception will be held June 8th. Show closes on June 27th.

FCAL welcomes you and all events are open to the public. Shows are every Second Saturday from 6-8:30 and meetings are the fourth Thursday. Gallery hours are M-F, 12-4pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. Please visit our website for the latest information: flaglercountyartleague.org. Call us at 386-986-4668 or email info@flaglercountyartleague.org, especially for updates of our 40th Anniversary events!

Submitted by: Ann DeLucia, FCAL President



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The Crossings Pool Receives AED

On Tuesday, February 27, residents of The Crossings were invited to their Pool area for the delivery and training session of the new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) placed at the Pool. This was a project that former GHMA Board Member, Jim Gallo had worked on prior to his sudden passing in late March. The GH Master Association purchased the equipment for The Crossings Pool to ensure AEDs were strategically located throughout the community. Currently there is one at the Main Guard Gate, the Creekside Amenity Center, The Village Center Fitness Area and now The Crossings Pool area.

AEDs make it possible for more people to respond to a medical emergency where defibrillation is required. Because AEDs are portable, they can be used by non-medical people (lay-rescuers). They can be made part of emergency response programs that also include rapid use of 9-1-1 and prompt delivery of cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). All three of these activities are vital to improving survival from sudden cardiac arrest.

Jim Gallo shares information about AED with The Crossings residents



The demonstration and Q&A session was conducted by Keith Murray, EMT, MBA of The CPR School.

The American Heart Association offers CPR and AED training through training centers. To locate a training center near you, call your nearest AHA office or 1-888-AHA-4CPR. You may also visit heart.org/cpr. Type in your ZIP code where requested on the home page to access information on training sites near you.



Meet Our Staff

Charlie Roth is the familiar friendly face who greets everyone by name and a smile at the Village Center.



He has responsibility for the community facilities and amenities at the Village Center and Creekside. Charlie, along with other staff ensure that the pools, spas, tennis courts, bocce ball courts, pickleball courts, gyms, meeting rooms, patio areas, etc. are well-maintained, clean and available for resident use. When any of the equipment fails or has a problem, Charlie is the first one there to get it repaired and working again.

Charlie is also responsible for scheduling the Facilitators (the oversight person at the podium) at Village Center and Creekside amenities. His day starts at 05:00 A.M. when he is on duty to ensure everything is ready for residents starting at 05:30 A.M.

Charlie started work at Grand Haven seven years ago when he retired and moved to Palm Coast from California. He was born and raised in Milwaukee WI and moved to California when he enlisted in the military. He is a Vietnam veteran. After his time in the military he decided not to return to the cold and snow in Milwaukee, and became a real estate broker / owner in Southern California until he retired. He has four children, and one of his sons, Bryan also works at Grand Haven.

In his own time Charlie enjoys working on his long-term project renovating his house during winter months, and gardening during summer months.

Who is Grand Haven's Santa? Who gave Valentines to everyone? Who puts Observers aside for early risers? Who dresses up for ballet class on Halloween? That's Charlie, doing some extracurricular activities to help make Grand Haven grand.

Charlie says that the best part of working at Grand Haven is interacting with the residents, who he considers part of his extended family.

Submitted by: Mike Frichol

Neighbors Enjoying Grand Haven

Karaoke Night for Haven Family Fund



Book Sale



Earth Day



GHWC Sponsored Tour of Brown Museum



Jazz Night at the Village Café with Linda Cole & Pat D'Aguanno



Another Example of the Generosity of Grand Haven

Our sixth annual SPOHNC (Support for People with Oral Head Neck Cancer) fundraiser was held on Saturday, April 21st...and the scheduled rain held off!!! It was another fun, successful event where the participants exercised to Move to Music, ate bagels, got goodie bags, won raffle prizes, and bought the collector's edition of the 2018 MTM T-Shirts. The deep spirit of generosity in this community, the local businesses, Florida Hospital Flagler, and the Grand Haven Amenities Group shined throughout!! So many volunteers pitched in with smiles and with donations.



Organizing volunteers and participants gather at the start

We are so grateful to be living here and grateful to be part of this family of residents. Year after year, it keeps on getting better and better, thanks to everyone.

Their sign speaks for itself. L-R: Amy Beilman, Robert Ross, Charlie Roth, Lewis Beilman



Submitted by: Amy & Lewis Beilman

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