



The Oak Tree

President's Message

TIMES OF CHANGE-TIMES OF SACRIFICE

I would ask that you keep in mind that this message was written in the middle of April and since we are now living in a time of rapid change, some details may now be "yesterday's news".

I do not want to rehash the information that we are all receiving on a daily basis regarding the course of Coronavirus, its health implications and predictions regarding the future. That information is available from virtually every news outlet 24/7. I would, however, like to focus closer to home, our community and its residents. There is no doubt that this pandemic has had a significant impact on all of us in one way or another.

Our community and its residents have discovered that many of the pleasures that we have taken for granted in the past are no longer available to us. With the amenity centers closed, we can no longer play Tennis, Croquet, Pickle ball, or Bocce or use the pools. The Café is closed as are the fitness centers and the Village Center and the Creekside Amenity Center are no longer available for the countless clubs and activities they once hosted.

I point out the above not as a source of information, because you are already aware of these closures. I mention them to illustrate the many changes that have occurred and the manner in which our residents have chosen to deal with these daily inconveniences. As I have said in the past, the residents of our community, you, your friends and neighbors, are a very unique group of individuals. As president of the Master Association, I have had the opportunity to interact with a significant percentage of our population and I have to tell you that with few exceptions, I have found people to be courteous, understanding, patient and cooperative in addressing their concerns and issues. In terms of their community involvement and spirit, our residents are unbelievably generous and supportive of one another. It is a given fact that no one is truly alone if they live in Grand Haven.

The above is meant to preface the flexibility and understanding demonstrated by our community in the face of a hardship. Not only have the amenities ceased to operate but the normal functions of our governing bodies, the Master Association and the CDD have been disrupted due to the limitations on interpersonal contacts. Yet, the complaints have been few if any, routines have been adjusted and life goes on as usual. Although our current health crisis will highlight many instances of heroic behavior and unique sacrifice, I believe that credit should be given to all of our residents who, despite inconveniences, adjust their daily routines without complaints or criticism.

Without doubt, this crisis will end and we will resume all of the activities that we had enjoyed in the past and perhaps a few new ones. I anticipate that as a result of the positive attitude which was consistently demonstrated by our residents during this very difficult time, Grand Haven will emerge as a stronger, more unified community.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President

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 22
2 PM, Friday, June 19
2 PM, Friday, July 24
2 PM, Friday, August 21

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

Would You Like To Help?

As you can imagine, there are many in our community who are currently experiencing food insecurity due to the current situation. The following are some organizations that are on the front lines in the effort to feed those in need. If you would like to help, these organizations would greatly appreciate your financial contributions:

- Grace Community Food Pantry (Feed Flagler), 5400 East Route 100. Palm Coast FL 32164
- Parkview Church — 5435 Belle Terre Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL 32137
- St. Vincent DePaul, PO Box 1328, Flagler Beach, FL 32136
- Family Life Center, Attn: Trish Giaconne, PO Box 2058, Bunnell, FL 32110

Also, the Flagler County Education Foundation has established the COVID-19 fund to directly help support students & families most impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic with basic necessities during these uncertain times. Contributions can be made to FCEF, 1769 E Moody Blvd, Bldg 2, Bunnell, FL 32110.

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No Rest for the Wicket

I hope this article finds everyone safe, well, and happy in this time of Covid-19.

The clock struck midnight, and the new year came rushing in with horns and whistles blowing on the croquet courts. Well not really, we just like to blow our own horns, and whistles.

The club started the year off with a lot of fun social activities. In January, the "Wicket Women" got together for some delicious appetizers, fashion tips, and fun on the courts. The theme was "Fur Babies", and the ladies came in their best animal prints, and hats. No



whites were required at this fun gala. Our next Wicket Women outing will be at a date to be determined, and the theme will be Tropical. So, get out those Hawaiian shirts, straw hats, flip flops, and get the Mai Tai's ready. February saw some of our best detectives and strategists solving mysteries at "Twisted Minds" Escape Rooms. We had two teams, Team Vanished and Camp Calico solving clues to find missing persons. Each team had to solve puzzles and clues, and then share what they found with the team in the other rooms. The teams had an hour to solve their mystery and escape the room. No one was lost or left behind, and a good time was had by all.

If you find you're having a hard time playing golf or tennis, but want to keep active, and have fun, check out croquet. For more information on the **Grand Haven Croquet Club** visit our website at www.ghcroquetclub.com or contact Membership Director John Fitterman at jfitterman@gmail.com. See you on the courts!

Submitted by: Patti Paukovich



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Haven Family Fund

Before I get started, Haven Family Fund's Transportation, Education, Events, and In-Home Visitation programming may still be suspended due to the Corona virus. We will request access to an "all residents" E-blast after authorities feel that "social distancing" is no longer required.

So, the quote for this issue

"No Man is an Island" (Donne)

Corona – liked it better when it was only a beer!!! But it has taught some lessons, some very valuable. To me, one of the most important is how difficult total independence can be!! All the issues of life, even the tough ones, handled completely on your own. For many this will be a short-term change to their social agenda. However, "social distancing" isn't always a mandated safety measure; for some people, for whatever reasons, it can be a way of life!

Your neighbors at Haven Family Fund are here to help if you have found yourself "Lost" on that island!!! We can be your backup for emergencies, especially travel. We're here for care-giver support. We want to know what educational events you are interested in. Simply, we love helping – please give us the opportunity!!!

Islands are nice to visit, but they can be hard to live on sometimes!!

Submitted by: Brad Scott, Haven Family Fund



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We appreciate the outpouring of support of our Grand Haven members and supporters who understand that events are the major source of our operating budget. Thank you to new members, current members, and those that have made donations during these particularly difficult and unprecedented times.

Together, we will get through COVID-19; we are a resilient community. Together we will continue to do good. The Palm Coast Arts Foundation would like to thank all the scientists and medical research teams working around the clock on finding solutions to the spread of this virus, AND the innumerable folks working to keep our daily lives somewhat "normal". This includes our local grocers, delivery crews, restaurant staff that keep our delivery and take out services available, and of course our 24/7 rapid response teams.

Many of you, like us, are trying to reorganize and imagine a way forward. If you are in a position to help support the arts in our community, especially now, your tax-deductible donation in any amount, will help provide hope during these unparalleled times. A simple show of support, especially during our quarantine state, when ordering through Amazon, use their charitable site: smile.amazon.com. It's free! Just find the Palm Coast Arts Foundation in their charity listing and a percentage of your purchases will be applied to PCAF! It's Amazon's way of community philanthropy.

Our events provide operational support required to help our long-term vision. For those who attended our 3rd Shakespeare in the Park performance, *Romeo and Juliet*, in February/March we appreciate your understanding of the last-minute change of venue due to the severe windstorms that destroyed our outdoor tent site of the scheduled performances. This was an unpredicted unfortunate incident causing a sudden shift for ticket holders. We apologize to those who were unable to attend and appreciate the anonymous donor who came forward to replace the thousands of dollars of damage.

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We look forward to announcing new dates for our 3rd annual Garden Party; the 13th annual Picnic and Pops concert, and of course our first ever charity golf tournament with Nancy Lopez and Chi Chi Rodriguez. PCAF is grateful to the tireless efforts of Grand Haven resident Mark Leo for organizing this tournament. Many wonderful auction items have been acquired through his diligence and an on-line opportunity to bid on these valuable world-class golf/resort packages will soon be available.

Watch for news of two turtle unveilings on the Turtle Trail! "Vincent" was canceled from March 17 due to the first COVID cancelations (Grand Haven residents/sponsors Patti and Dave Paukovich and artist Jan Jackson, Curator of the Grand Living Gallery) and the turtle to honor Nancy Lopez at our charity golf tournament. Turtle #11 is being sponsored by Tomoka Eye and will be yet another inspirational work of art to be announced soon.

This is a time for all of us to help our community's small businesses and not for profits. Discover and support your charity; protect and preserve their existence.

Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, PCAF Executive Director



Southern States MANAGEMENT GROUP INC.

As the GHMA continually attempts to deliver Association information, updates and news in a timely/cost effective manner using email, it is vital that each Association member maintain their current email on file with the SSMG office.

Most recently the GHMA sent out an E Blast regarding the “GHMA Board meeting to be held via teleconference” on April 13, 2020. If you received that E Blast, then chances are we have your most current email address on file. If you **DID NOT** receive it, please email Michele Logan at MLogan@SSMGroupInc.com with:

1. The address of the Grand Haven property that you own
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REMEMBER, if you are getting the emails but they are blank or stripped of the content, then you have not added SSMG to your “safe sender” list. Thank you for your participation in keeping Grand Haven Grand!

Grand Haven Woman’s Club

The Grand Haven Woman’s Club sends best wishes to all of our neighbors for good health and safety in these challenging times. As with many other organizations, we needed to cancel the last two events planned for our 2019-20 Club year. And we also had to cancel our March, April and May meetings.

And, while our Tennis Tournament had to be cancelled this year, it was still a financial success thanks to almost all of the participants who donated their registration/ lunch fees to enable the GHWC to continue to support the many local organizations who truly need our support, especially now. And thanks to Maureen Pellegrini who chaired the event.

The GHWC responds to needs in the community and the outbreak of the pandemic in March is no exception. As reported by Barbara Wright, who chairs a group titled the *Material Girls*, the call came in for cloth masks that were needed at assisted living facilities, and for other essential workers that were re-



quired to be out in the community. Right now there are eleven members who are busy working on this project; some are cutting fabric, others are sewing and all are part of this ensemble that is supporting this effort. And as Barbara has



indicated, there are some others who have just anonymously donated fabric, thread and elastic by leaving it at her front door. As of April 20, the Material Girls had made over 600 cloth masks, and the community is grateful. Now they are moving on to make masks from material used to wrap sterilized instruments for essential health care workers. No rest for their sewing machines.

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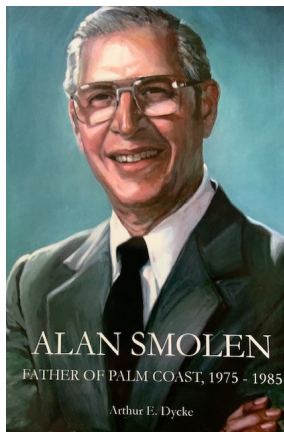
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Palm Coast Historical Society

A Grand Haven resident traveling north on Colbert Lane to access Palm Coast Parkway will eventually pass the Alan Smolen Amphitheater at Daytona State College. How many have ever visited this outdoor performance space or know anything about the man for whom it is named?

As Palm Coast approaches the 50th anniversary of its official founding by International Telephone and Telegraph in October 1970, it's appropriate to reflect on one of its most noteworthy leaders, Alan Smolen. He was the second President of ITT's Community Development Corporation. Palm Coast historian and Grand Haven resident Arthur E. Dycke describes the "talent, dignity, humanity and integrity" of this man in his book "Alan Smolen: Father of Palm Coast, 1975 - 1985."



Artist, Pam Griesinger

In an excerpt from the book, Dycke states, "In 1975 ITT faced ever growing charges of poor ecological canal planning, deceptive sales practices, shoddy construction and developer/government corruption. In that year Alan Smolen was brought in to clean up the mess and undertake the neglected work of developing a viable, vibrant community."

By all accounts Smolen was wildly successful in his efforts. He aided charities, all religious denominations and medical services; contributed land for fire departments, recreation areas, the library, and schools, including the Flagler/Palm Coast Campus of the former Daytona Beach Community College.

The outdoor pavilion dedicated in 1983 was originally named simply Building One. In a fitting tribute to the man who recognized the need for a cultural facility in Palm Coast, the pavilion was renamed The Alan Smolen Center in 2007. Today's residents are the beneficiaries of this tremendous legacy.

Submitted by: Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky



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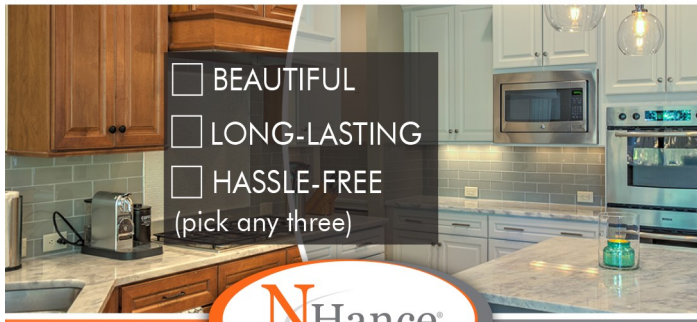
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MADC Corner

FIRST TIME PAINT OR REPAINT?

My previous article centered on first-time color selection for your home or making a color change on an existing home. I discussed the LRV (Light Reflected Value shown on reverse side of the manufacturer color chips) being 80% for light colors and 25% for earth tones.



Hints

1. *If you are refreshing existing colors there is no need to contact the Architectural Design Committee*
2. *Consider your roof color as an integral part of your color scheme*
3. *Paint 2x2 ft. squares on a sunlit area of exterior wall. Examine your color choice in sunlight to confirm that your selections meet your expectations.*

This article spotlights paint finishes and areas to use those finishes in order to meet Grand Haven Standards. Finishes come in flat, semi gloss, satin and gloss. Note that satin finish has slightly more sheen than semi-gloss. The names of paint finishes vary widely between paint manufacturers. Spend some time on your picks. Yes, there are more decisions for you to make. Here's a checklist from the GH Standards to help you get it right the first time.

- ◇ *Paint all exterior walls, columns, and trim with flat or satin paint only.*
- ◇ *Banding is to be the same color and finish selected for the house trim. Trim and banding may be a contrasting color.*
- ◇ *Exit doors are to be painted the same color and finish as exterior walls; this includes homes with banding.*
- ◇ *Garage Doors are customarily semi gloss or gloss.*
- ◇ *The main door may be painted or stained a color different from other color selections. Options are flat, semi gloss/satin or gloss.*
- ◇ *A third color is permitted for accent only.*

If it's a "Repaint Job", you are lucky. No color choices to make. Just make sure that you comply with the proper finish standard. Also, please replace the house number. All residents must have Arabic house numbers attached to the front of the home that are clearly visible from the street. House number color must stand out from the body color.

Submitted by: Leigh Jackson, MADC

Pickleball Central

The pickleball community at Grand Haven celebrated the year with a great luncheon at the Grand Haven Golf Club. We had 65 attendees who enjoyed a delicious meal along with camaraderie sharing our court-side adventures. It was fun and we hope to do it again soon.



During the event we spoke of our presentation to the CDD Board the day before requesting the community to build two additional courts to help offset demand. Our presentation included detailed data on the growth of the sport and its popularity both within the community and across the country. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America with Florida at its epicenter, and it is the number one amenity new home buyers are looking for when considering investing in real estate.

The Board has asked our Operations Manager, Barry Kloptosky, to prepare a plan for possible court expansion with estimated cost and to present that plan to the Board as soon as possible for their consideration. The CDD Board has also asked the District Manager to advise them on amenity development in our community by contracting with a consultant to evaluate need and demand for strategic planning. We applaud their proactive actions and look forward to working with them in whatever capacity we can. Special thanks to CDD Supervisor, Ray Smith, for attending our luncheon to answer questions about our community concerns.

We also announced that we have created a group on Facebook called "Grand Haven Pickleball". It is open to anyone who wants to join and is interested in reading about and sharing their love for the sport. Finally, we thank all our luncheon participants who contributed to the 50/50 raffle for the Haven Family Fund. Hope to see you courtside. Can't wait for all our amenities to reopen.

Submitted by: Ken Ersbak

CDD CORNER

During bad times it can be good to get away from the headline news and look at some of the good things happening around us. Though not much CDD activity to report on, I do have a few good stories.

One couple decided to suspend their house cleaning service in order to reduce the possibility of virus contamination. However, the couple knew the cleaners relied on the income to help make ends meet. So, they continue to pay the cleaners and assured them the practice would continue until the crisis is over and the housework can re-start. Great idea and no doubt done by others in GH!

One of our own MD's, Barry Poliner, got word of a situation where a resident was in a bad way and couldn't get his primary medical provider to pay attention to a blocked esophagus. Barry jumped on it! He tried a couple of things but in less than a day he got the person to see the right GI doctor at AdventHealth where an endoscopy cured the situation right up.

A neighbor on Eastlake, John Leaf, went to two houses on his street and raked up the oak leaves left behind by landscapers that restricted the flow of water in the gutter. I am well aware of how appreciative at least one of the residents was.

Finally, there is the story of Maureen Pellegrini's normally quiet neighbor (anonymous) who left a basket of paper towels, toilet paper, bottles of alcohol and peroxide at her front door with a note saying "we're here for you". It might seem a little "unusual" to get such a thing but most of us know these are hot commodities and difficult to find at the grocery store.

I am sure there are many other unsung hero stories in our community but it's my pleasure to mention a few. Please be safe by following all the guidelines and keeping your social distance so we can make progress keeping a lid on this virus.

Submitted by: Kevin Foley, CDD Supervisor





Neighborhood Watch

In this time of fear and uncertainty, we are hopeful that the residents of Grand Haven are adhering to CDC guidelines, social distancing, hand washing. Sadly, there are still individuals that thrive on chaos, thus the need to be vigilant to the various scams out there.

Stay safe, *Neighborhood Watch Stirring Committee*

The following is a message from Rick Staly, Flagler Co. Sheriff;

Don't Fall Victim to Scams during Coronavirus Pandemic

During this worldwide pandemic, many people are looking out for their neighbors, checking in with friends and loved ones, and doing their part to flatten the curve and stop the spread of this virus. Generally, at this time you're safer at home. Unfortunately, there are some who are trying to take advantage of this distressing time by preying on others.

In order to protect yourself, please make yourself aware of two new scams going around. Thankfully, as of this writing, neither of these scams have been reported in Flagler County.

One scam involves an email circulating with a link requesting users to fill out a form in order to receive a check for government assistance. This form specifically asks for personal financial information from the user. The government will not ask you to pay anything up front in order to receive financial assistance during this pandemic. Never give out your Social Security number, bank account information, or credit card number over the phone or online to anyone soliciting funds.

Another scam involves people dressed in white lab coats and masks claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). These scammers are knocking on people's doors to talk about Coronavirus and sometimes offering to test you for Coronavirus. In reality, they are attempting to rob your house once they get inside, sometimes by force.

If you see someone approaching your house in a white lab coat or mask claiming to be a CDC worker, do NOT let them in. Call 911 immediately!

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search on charities before deciding to enter any personal payment information. There are currently no vaccines for the coronavirus, so any claims to receive a vaccine is false. And with the shortage of masks worldwide, websites have started popping up offering to deliver masks yet they will accept your payment and never send you any product. Be wary of purchasing items from unfamiliar websites at this time.

As always, the men and women of the Sheriff's Office are working to serve and protect you. Stay up-to-date by following us on social media or visit flaglersheriff.com/coronavirus or you can download the Flagler County Sheriff's Office app in the App Store or Google Play.

Remember, we are a strong and resilient community. By working together and following the CDC guidelines, we will get through this together.

Rick Staly, Flagler County Sheriff





FCAL Artists Still Creating... At Home

The Flagler County Art League hopes everyone in our community is staying safe (and home) during this Covid19 crisis. Our artists are spending their time both creating at home and helping our community. Art projects that were put aside are now being completed and some have put aside painting and sculpting and have started sewing masks for the elderly. Go to our Facebook page to see the work some of our members are creating and a tribute to Colleen Fraser whose church group is sewing masks!

Our gallery and classrooms are closed but our most recent TWO March shows have amazing work you can see online on our website: flaglercount-tyartleague.org. In addition to FCAL's "WOW" show there is an exhibit of work by artists from the Florida Women's Art Association. Two of the winners are Grand Haven residents – Jan Jackson of FLWAA



and Stephanie Sal-kin of FCAL. Our prestigious POETRY competition planned for April has been put off until the fall - more on that this summer!



We are working on virtual classes, as well – watch for those on our site, coming soon!

FCAL is inviting artists, whether you are a painter, sculptor, photographer or any other medium, to enter our May Virtual Show "Art Unleashed" so everyone can stay safely at home. Artists are free to choose their favorite subject matter and media. The deadline to register and upload an image of the work is May 14th. Limit 4 pieces. Register using FCAL's website gallery registration form at flaglercount-tyartleague.org. The show will be on our website from May 23rd until July 7th and winners will be announced on May 23rd.

Our judge will be Florida native, Juliana Romnes, who has 20 years of experience in Arts Administration and is currently the Gallery Coordinator at Arts on Douglas, a division of the Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA). Check our website frequently for updated information about activities either virtual or in the gallery, based on recommendations from the City of Palm Coast and the State of Florida about the gallery opening.

Submitted by: Ann DeLucia

The Eagles Nest

"Joyful and blessed" define the nesting season this year. Our new resident eagle pair, Samson and Gabrielle, welcomed two hatchlings on February 19 & 21. The nest experienced "the circle of life," as Samson—an offspring of Romeo & Juliet, hatched in December 2013—now became the father of eagles of his own. In honor of Romeo & Juliet, the iconic eagles that claimed this nest for over 12 years, the hatchlings were named Romy and Jules.

It's been a healing experience seeing the nest come alive again. From the onset, Gabrielle was quite possessive in incubating and feeding "her" prize possessions. She finally relaxed and allowed Samson to share in the intimate parenting he longed to experience.



Gabrielle remains at the nest much of the day and every night. She has proven to be a fantastic first-time mom. Samson, also a first-time parent, has been quite the provider—keeping the nest pantry fully stocked (delivering as many as 9 fish in a day), while also defending the nest from intruders. These exemplary traits have earned him the well-deserved title of "Super Sam."

Jules, being the first eaglet to hatch, was quite dominant, which is typical. Romy had to wait and steal to be fed. But he learned well, as they are now similar in size. At the time of this writing they are approximately 8 weeks old, enjoying the company of each other, and already about the same size as their parents. Soon they will be flying the neighborhood skies!

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