

## *The Oak Tree*

### President's Message

As I am sure that you are aware, Grand Haven is a very desirous place to live, as evidenced by the number of renters and new property owners that choose to relocate to our community. However, this means that there is a need to continually provide information regarding the Master Association, our Governing Documents and the applicable deed restrictions. Therefore, from time to time, you may see information that you have seen before. The following, which I had presented during the 2021 GHMA Candidates Forum, provides information regarding your Board and insight into some of the issues that it may be addressing in the not too distant future.

First, I would like to share some information with you regarding the Board of the Master Association. The Board is comprised of five volunteers who receive no pay, perks or benefits for their service. The members must function in accordance with existing laws in addition to our Master and Village Declarations, as well as the ADC Standards. In essence, the major role of the Board is to ensure that residential properties are in compliance with the Governing Documents of our community and thereby protect the value of your residential investment. The position entails a long learning curve, the ability to understand the implications of various decisions, the importance of continuing education and the desire to address the needs of the majority of all of Grand Haven residents rather than those of any special interest group.

Grand Haven has entered its third decade of existence and most would agree that it has matured gracefully, is well maintained and continues to be a highly desirable community. Despite the difficult economic environment, our property values have been steadily increasing and currently only 92 lots remain undeveloped out of a total of 1900 residential properties. The inventory of resales has steadily decreased as has the length of time that individual properties are on the market.

I would think that the topic that would be foremost on your mind is the future of Grand Haven and the continued financial well-being of one of your most valuable possession, your home. I believe that the following issues will require the Board's attention in the coming year.

Fiduciary responsibility is paramount and I believe that every member of the Board should function to approve expenditures in a fiscally responsible manner. One prime example of the Board's commitment to protect your assets is the Problematic Properties Committee, which I established when I became Board President. In the past seven years, as a result of recommendations made by this committee, the debt to our community from delinquent assessments, fines and fees, has been reduced from approximately \$380,000 to approximately \$16,000. That is a reduction of 95% in the funds owed to you as property owners. Those funds have been utilized to supplement the budget and allow for unchanged or extremely moderate increases in general assessments in recent years.

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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 21  
2 PM, Friday, June 18  
2 PM, Friday, July 23  
2 PM, Friday, August 20

WHERE: Creekside Amenities Center  
2 North Village Parkway

Until further notice, meetings are held via tele-conference. Contact Southern States for details on how to participate.



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every one of us to restore our Earth  
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natural world, but because we  
live on it.

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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](mailto:ncarlton096@gmail.com) with your suggestions

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With a maturing community, there will be some unique challenges and situations arising from both within and outside of our boundaries. Short term rentals are an issue that the Board has been actively dealing with in the past and is likely to have to do again in the future. There are large corporations with mega bucks which support the passing of this legislation and there is no doubt that it will again appear during the next legislative session. The Board needs to closely monitor the situation and aggressively react when bills are first introduced.

Colbert Lane corridor development has been discussed with the possible result in approximately 2500 new residential units. As it becomes economically feasible, there is no doubt that Colbert Lane will be developed. I believe this is a situation that the Board should be monitoring but not necessarily of undue concern. Keep in mind that Grand Haven has well maintained homes in an environment that cannot be matched by any new development. There is an ambiance and natural beauty in our community that you will not find in any undeveloped property along Colbert Lane. Although the future of our amenities and infrastructure is the responsibility of the CDD, the Master Association Board will continue to work with our property owners to ensure that our community is well maintained and visually desirable to residents, visitors and prospective buyers.

The eventual widening of Colbert Lane is an issue where the GHMA Board needs to continue to communicate with the CDD. We need to support their efforts with the County to insure minimal disruptions during the construction phase and to encourage the implementation of long term noise and visual barriers for residents living adjacent to the road. This in fact, may be the primary issue facing Grand Haven that ultimately arises from development along Colbert Lane.

Fair and equitable enforcement of the CC&R's to ensure that the appearance and value of our properties are maintained is an ongoing need and will remain one of our priorities. Our management company is committed to maintain the same standard for every property and thereby treat every property owner in a fair and equitable manner. As a Board member, I have never deviated from that position nor will I in the future.

Addressing these five issues requires Board members that are experienced, competent and understanding of the complexities of a community as large and diverse as Grand Haven.

It is my belief that our property owners deserve and should have a Master Association Board that not only functions in accordance with our governing documents, but is also sensitive to the needs of the members of our Association; a Board that is open minded to the concerns of our residents and one that is supportive of changes that are consistent with the Board's fiduciary responsibilities. I believe that the current Board, which you have elected, meets that criteria.

*Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President*

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## CRITTER CORNER

**Heron = Ardeidae = Long Necked, Long  
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Herons are thought to have existed 25 million years ago so they have been around for a while. Most of us are familiar with the majestic Great Blue so easily recognizable by its distinctive blue/gray plumage. The Great White Heron, once believed to be a phase of the great blue, is now believed to be a sub species and is limited to Florida. This Great White is often mistaken for the Great White Egret, although it is larger and has yellowish legs versus the Egret's black. Egrets are herons that have been given the name "aigrettes," from the French, meaning a tuft or plume of feathers and noticeable on these birds during the mating season.

Standing about four feet tall, the Great Blue weighs only about five or six pounds. As in all birds, their bones are hollow. The chest feathers are specialized, constantly growing and fraying into a powder-like fluff which it uses for cleaning slime from the rest of its plumage. Usually seen walking slowly or even swimming like a swan, it can fly at speeds from 20 to 30 miles.

Along our Esplanade, the Great Blue it is usually seen motionless at the water's edge, waiting until an unsuspecting tidbit presents itself. It will often use its feet to stir up the mud to dislodge a meal. While mostly eating fish, it also enjoys small mammals and snakes. Spending about 90% of its time seeking food, this stalk-and-strike hunter stands like a statue until, like lightning, it plunges its beak into an unwary prey. Although it can swallow fish that are wider than its neck, it too often has eyes bigger than its belly, and choosing a fish or a snake too large can result, sadly, in death by choking.

*Submitted by: Anne Sciuto*





## KINDNESS

"Kindness is a language which a deaf person can hear and a blind person can see." ...**Mark Twain**

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." ...**Leo F. Buscaglia**

Here is a real example of kindness!! Earlier this year, Grand Haven and HFF suffered a huge loss with the passing of one of our most active volunteers, Dennis Meagher. Over the past two years, Dennis drove neighbors to doctors, dentists, stylists, or PT appointments 48 times. His "uberosity" was tremendous, his friendliness infectious, and his kindness was readily noticed. He always said he got more out of his trips than the neighbors he drove. Thank you, Dennis, for this little part of the legacy you left behind for us!!

If you would like to build this type of "legacy" into your life (or add a little more), HFF would love to give you the opportunity!! Past articles have told you about our Transportation and In-Home Visitation programs; our efforts to meet some of the needs of our most venerable neighbors. If you are new and need more information on these programs, please see our website at [www.thehavenfamilyfund.org](http://www.thehavenfamilyfund.org) and look for the Services tab. And also check out the Volunteers tab to find an application form.

And now, we are working to add another arena – Phone a Friend. To support those living alone, HFF would offer a regular contact from a neighbor; a buddy/partner system to ensure that all is well. A call, a text, an email – it's up to you. We just want to ensure that none of our neighbors get that "alone feeling" that many of us felt during the COVID crisis!! Who knows – a simple call has been known to brighten many a "cloudy day" and both callers benefit!!! If this is of interest to you (as partner or buddy), please contact Beth Lentz at (386) 255-0752 or [xolentz4@yahoo.com](mailto:xolentz4@yahoo.com).

COVID remains a concern for all of us. But NO HFF volunteer will drive you or visit you unless they have had ALL the shots necessary to maximize their immunity and minimize the impact to you as a client.

Life is worth living; your living grows through giving; and giving adds to the life of another. Please join us at HFF to help keep making Grand Haven "GRAND"!!!

Submitted by: Brad Scott, HFF

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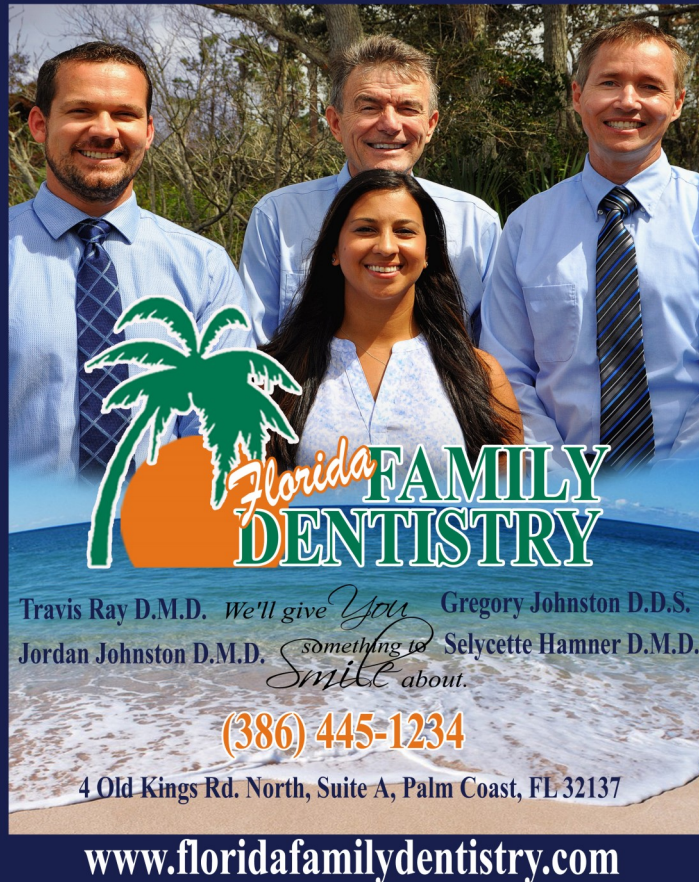
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With more new neighbors moving in, your Neighborhood Watch team always needs more volunteer helpers. If you enjoy people, communicating, and like meeting your neighbors, you are certainly appreciated, and we invite you to join us in NW.

To volunteer or to get information, please call or email:

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*Submitted by: Colette Moran*



## **Neighborhood Watch**

It appears that we are finally emerging from the grips of the pandemic and it is wonderful to note that our community is growing and that we are meeting and greeting so many new neighbors. To all, welcome to Grand Haven! We feel truly fortunate to live in such a lovely, diverse, safe community. Grand Haven offers a delightful variety of amenities providing us all with many opportunities to gather, meet, and enjoy activities together.

Our Neighborhood Watch volunteer program continues to be supported by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and is quite simply a program of neighbors watching out for and caring about neighbors. Our mission includes helping all our neighbors remain as safe as possible, to encourage all our residents to be observant, report all suspicious behaviors and any crime incidents to the police, and to then follow stated procedures to make pertinent, reported crime information available to the Grand Haven community.

It is known that crime tends to recede when all neighbors in an area continue to communicate with each other, share information, and stay alert and observant about applying simple, safe practices together. That is our first best defense. Sheriff Staly has shared that there are very few crimes committed here in GH, and that those few that are, tend to be crimes of opportunity, which are easily averted with some care, awareness, and attention. By being observant of what is happening with our neighbors, their homes and property, noting any irregularities, and by checking on it, we all help keep our Grand Haven the safe community it is.

If any resident sees what appears to be a crime in progress, please call 911. If you see something suspicious, or out of the ordinary, please call 313- 4911, the police non-emergency number. If a crime has been committed, and you have reported it to the police, please follow up with your village Neighborhood Watch Captain or Block Leader to follow simple procedures to report pertinent information to the GH community.

If you do not know who your Captain/ Block Leader is, you may call Colette Moran or Lisa Mrakovcic (numbers and email below) to find out and receive guidance. The following villages have no representation, **Heritage**

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## CDD CORNER

The following are highlights from the April 15 meeting:

There is a new AED at the VC courts. It is simple to use with audio instructions in an emergency. Vesta will ask the fire department to provide an introduction to interested residents.

The RFP for new district management was approved. Our goal is to select a manager at the June meeting. FYI, our long time DM, Howard McGaffney, announced his resignation and he will be missed greatly.

Discussion about increasing the non-resident user fee was deferred to the next meeting

\$73,239 was approved for curb and gutter repair in the Crossings to accommodate the intended road repaving work to start in October.

A new amplifier for the VC should be available soon to power the new speakers and eliminate the need for the boom box.

Barry reported the expansion of the north VC parking lot will not require repaving the existing lot thereby saving about \$65,000. Permitting may take some time.

The following recommendations by Vesta were approved:

- ◇ Up to 50% capacity will be allowed in the pools and spas vs. 30%
- ◇ Bench seating restrictions at tennis and pickleball are removed
- ◇ Community pickle ball will resume
- ◇ Water coolers will be provided but fountains will remain closed
- ◇ Family swim will start at 11 vs. 12

Vesta is experiencing continued difficulty getting qualified café workers

Barry met with the pickle ball court contractors. The area for the new courts may need some extra grading. The expectation is that the courts will be done by YE so long as permitting goes well and weather does not interfere.

Work has begun on the new Croquet court at Creekside. Even with some equipment issues the courts should be opened in June.

The AV equipment for the GH room was not delivered to spec and had to be sent back delaying the project. New window shades and flooring were approved. Barry indicated that all material and equipment orders are difficult to predict with so many COVID closures and slowdowns.

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Congratulations to part-time GH resident, Dr. Sushma Reddy on receiving the **MAVEN Project's Laurie Green, MD Educator Award**, in recognition of her significant contributions to ensuring the next generation of providers has the knowledge and resources they

need to deliver comprehensive medical care to patients. Dr. Reddy, an Endocrinologist, is dedicated to diabetes education, in particular, continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) and has developed a series of CGM lectures including, "How to set up a CGM program in your clinic." Congratulations, Dr. Reddy.



**MAVEN PROJECT**  
Medical Alumni Volunteer Expert Network

The May 6 workshop will include:

- ◇ Discussion of reopening indoor facilities
- ◇ Horticulturist report to include Oak Tree management and future projects
- ◇ Staffing and job descriptions

*Submitted by: Kevin Foley, CDD Supervisor*





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The Palm Coast Arts Foundation's public art initiative continues to be a tourism favorite. After reprinting the rack cards of the Turtle Trail map, the County Tourism office states that it is extremely popular among residents and tourists.

Special thanks to Grand Haven residents and sponsors Dr. Awilda Hamilton, Hayes Jackson, Sam Brunetti, and AJ Barr (also the artist), PCAF introduced JOURNEY as our first indoor turtle unveiled in March. Please visit Journey at the Government Services Building in Bunnell and see how AJ was inspired by the iconic Florida Highwaymen. These historical African American artists



had their own journey as they traversed the highways of Florida selling their scenic paintings, often from the trunks of their vehicles.



On the heels of JOURNEY was ALICE. She was unveiled at the Flagler County Public Library on Palm Coast Parkway in April. Inspired by the famed Lewis Carroll



book *The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland*, she was brought to life by local artist Robert Ammon. ALICE was sponsored by a private foundation in Michigan, Sage Foundation.

Our Turtle Trail now has national recognition with sponsors as far west as California and as far north as Michigan. We hope you all have a chance to take the Turtle Trail, which now has 13 turtles in various parts of the County.

BEVERLY will be introduced to the community in May at the Beverly Beach Town Hall on AIA. She was created by Flagler Beach artist Stewart Maxcy and sponsored by the Town of Beverly Beach and Jim and Debra Wingo. Currently under design discussions, the community of Beach Haven (also off AIA) will soon have their own turtle on the Trail. An incredibly special turtle being created by one of the most famous and notable blind artists in the country, John Bramblitt of Texas, is hard at work creating the "SEE" turtle for Tomoka Eye.

The popularity of this public art Trail adds to the identity and beauty of Flagler County. By the end of the year, we will have at minimum 17 turtles populating the Turtle Trail, each telling their own story. Who knows, a Turtle Trail 'tour' may be in the works, stay tuned.

*Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, Executive Director*



## No Rest for the Wicket

Spring has sprung and the new Croquet courts are under construction, and soon we'll be hearing the sounds of roqueting balls, and the tink of the mallets.

For those of you who are new to the Grand Haven neighborhood and are looking for something social, fun, and challenging check out the croquet club. Who and what is the **Grand Haven Croquet Club**? We are a group of your neighbors united by a common interest and goal.

Our club is part of the United States Croquet Association (USCA) and our mission is as follows:

*"The mission of the USCA and GHCC is to promote the awareness, development, and enjoyment of Croquet in America, providing resources and governance for the sport at all levels."*

The benefits of croquet are the following:

- \* Ideal for all ages. This low impact game makes it an activity that can be enjoyed throughout your life-time. ...
- \* Mentally stimulating. Like chess, croquet involves a lot of thought process to solve the puzzle but with the added element of physical movements. ...
- \* Opportunity to socialize. ...
- \* Stress reliever. ...
- \* Being outdoors.

Croquet can be as competitive or social as you want to make it. The **Grand Haven Croquet Club** plays six-wicket, golf and the newly introduced "Aussie" croquet. We offer free lessons, and those interested in learning more about croquet and the club, contact us at [www.ghcroquetclub.com](http://www.ghcroquetclub.com) or our Membership Director, John Fitterman at [jiffitterman@gmail.com](mailto:jiffitterman@gmail.com). Come join us to try something new, make new friends, and have fun.

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Submitted by:  
Patti Paukovich



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## Deer Readers

No, that is not a typo. This story is about a sweet little deer that was saved from drowning in our retention pond.

As is the normal routine, we take our cocker spaniel pet out to the backyard many times during the day and evening. This particular day, there was a doe standing across the retention pond just staring at Anne. Typically, when the deer see a human, they immediately scamper away into the woods or back behind the houses. However, this time, the deer just stood there, looking across the water. Anne was wondering why the doe was just standing there and began to search the water to determine what the doe was looking for.

Anne saw what she believed might be an otter swimming in the pond. What she discovered was a baby fawn that had fallen into the pond and was attempting to get out. Anne persuaded the baby fawn to swim toward her and she called me to help lift the fawn out of the water. Because we have a wall bordering the pond, the fawn could not just walk out after reaching the shore line.



By this time, the fawn had gotten to our neighbors, Myron and Joan Robinson who were sitting on their lanai with their guests, Don and Darlene Hicks who were visiting from out of town. They all came out to see what all of the commotion was and discovered the baby fawn swimming toward Anne. As good neighbors they joined in to help save the fawn.

Don quietly lowered himself into the water, picking up the scared fawn and placing it on the shore. The fawn was obviously scared and didn't know what to do. We left the fawn alone and eventually the momma doe came and guided her baby back into the woods.



Many of us have family pets that we love and care for and will often see wildlife roaming around while walking our pets. Most wildlife will stay far away from humans to avoid any uneasiness. And, since we live in a beautiful community abundant with trees and shrubs, wildlife is a part of our life. We need to do our part to care for those wonderful creatures that roam among us every day. What Anne and Don did was a wonderful way to assist Mother Nature in protecting her offspring.

Again, thank you Anne and Don for your wonderful act of kindness and caring for those wonderful creatures.

*Submitted by: Tom & Anne Byrne, Heritage Oaks Village*



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## Grand Haven Woman's Club

While the membership of GHWC has been unable to meet in person for the last year, it has been very active these last several months. The Community Service Program committees remain active and this great Grand Haven community has been very supportive and generous with the monthly collections that have continued.

In the last two months, we have collected over \$1,300 in contributions and 1,300 lbs of food for the food pantry in addition to food for the animals at the Humane Society, cash and gift cards as well as clothing and cleaning supplies for the Family Life Center. We have



Denise Burren, Bev Fox, Marie Lanier, Annette Felahis, Melanie Mathis,  
Patty Hartsfield, Suzanne O'Meally

teams of members who are volunteering at the Grace Food Pantry and Backpack Program, teams who are preparing meals for the homeless at Our Father's Table as well as members who are volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul. There were over 25 bags of books that were donated to the Flagler County Education Foundation for children who are homeless.



Kim Lhota, Patsy Campbell &  
Joe Rizzo, Exec. Dir, FCEF

There is no shortage of need in this community and that need has been heightened as a result of the pandemic. The GHWC will host its last contribution drop-off for the summer on Thursday, May 20 in the Grand Haven Golf Clubhouse parking lot from 1 – 3:30 PM. There will be an eblast from the Amenity Center alerting residents to items these organizations need, so if you would like to donate, your generosity would be truly appreciated by these organizations.

Because of all of the GHWC members' volunteer efforts, congratulations are in order to all of the members who are responsible for helping GHWC achieve several awards from the General Federation of Wom-

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en's Clubs' District 6 for these efforts. GHWC stood out for its efforts.

We were so fortunate to be able to return to conduct the annual Tennis Tournament this year. We were blessed with great weather, great participation from not only Grand Haven residents, but members of Hammock Dunes and the PC Tennis Center. Thanks to Maureen Pellegrini's leadership and the GHWC committee's support, the event was able to raise over \$3,000 which will be used to help so many organizations in need in Flagler County. Special thanks to Robert Ross and the staff at the Amenity Center for their support of this event, as well as Brian Counts, tennis pro and all who participated.



Brian Counts & Maureen  
Pellegrini

If you are looking for more information on the Grand Haven Woman's Club, please visit the website at [Ghwomansclub.org](http://Ghwomansclub.org) or you can contact the Oak Tree Editor.

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## EAGLES NEST

Our resident eagle pair, Samson and Gabrielle (Gabby), welcomed their little hatchling on February 8 after 38 days of gestation. Although two eggs were laid, only one hatched. The unhatched egg was deemed infertile. It remained in the nest for some time and actually became a "buddy" to the hatchling, until it was buried in the nest material intact.

Honoring Romeo and Juliet (the founders of the nest) and their offspring Samson (who is a parent to the hatchling), the chosen name for this special one was "Legacy".

We've never experienced only one hatchling in the previous 12 years of monitoring. Its evident Legacy had an advantage, as there was no competition for food.



Early on with the rich prey delivered (squirrel, opossum) it attracted an abundance of mosquitos. Consequently, Legacy contracted what may have been Avian Pox. This is a virus passed through mosquitos. The young birds are typically more susceptible. Often healthy eaglets can recover within a few weeks, or it can be fatal. Within approximately a month the lesions minimized and have disappeared.

At the time of this writing Legacy is 9 weeks old and about full size appearing as large as Gabby. Some observations indicate Legacy is female, but without a blood test, it's uncertain. By her activity she should be out on the branch any day. By the time of this reading, she will have fledged. Legacy has been a joy to watch, and both Samson and Gabby have proven to be stellar parents.

Want a memento from this season? A mug with photos of the family will be showcased on the mug. Ordering information will be included in the next Oak Tree.



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



## Rules of the Road

Most of our residents carefully adhere to traffic, signage, and road conditions when driving throughout our beautiful neighborhoods. However, it appears that some of our neighbors, including some contractors/vendors, need to be reminded about the rules-of-the-road while traveling through Grand Haven.

**30 MPH:** Maximum speed signs are posted throughout Grand Haven indicating that the speed limit is 30mph, not 40+. Speed should be reduced on some of our windier side streets, especially when there are vehicles parked in the street along the curb.

**Pedestrian Walkways:** Those painted white stripes are pedestrian walkways. Pedestrians have the right-of-way crossing the streets within those walkways, and vehicles must stop and yield to pedestrians, as well as bicyclists.

**Stop Signs:** Drivers must actually stop at stop signs, carefully check for other vehicles/pedestrians/bicyclists, and then go. Drivers are not supposed to slow down and then run through them.

**Turn Signals:** Drivers must signal their intention to turn right or left. Other drivers cannot guess or read minds as to where you are going.

**Traffic circles:** Drivers approaching a traffic circle must yield to vehicles already in the circle. Where there are multiple entrances with stop signs, and vehicles arrive simultaneously, the vehicle to the right has the right-of-way. However, any vehicle who arrives at the circle after another vehicle has already turned into the circle must yield to that vehicle who has made the turn first. (This rule especially applies to the traffic circle at Egret, Jasmine & Osprey.)

Let's all keep our Grand Haven **safe** and grand!

*Submitted by: A Concerned Grand Haven resident*



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## MADC Corner

### HOMEWORK REQUIRED

Your Standards Review Committee has been busy updating our Grand Haven Architectural Design Standards. This committee meets every three years with the purpose of providing a balance between the interests of the homeowner and the existing standards the purpose being to protect our property values. As a community matures, changes in technology arise. Your Standard Review Committee does its best to address these changes, as well as other pertinent issues.

There are about forty-one changes to the existing standards. Not all will affect you. However, if you are contemplating a change or improvement, homework is required. Your first step is to download and save the standards to your computer: <https://grandhavenmhoa.com>. Now search the table of contents for your particular interest or request. Next, print and fill out EXHIBIT #4 – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW APPLICATION. Next submit your application to Southern States Management. Application submissions are due Wednesdays before to 4:00 PM to make the next Modification Architectural Design Committee meeting. MADC meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The following is a sampling of ten of 41 modifications:

- ◇ Recognition of Florida statutes concerning solar powered devices and technology
- ◇ Expanded details needed for planning building and garage additions
- ◇ Revised guidelines for planning house, body, trim, accent, and roof colors
- ◇ Better describes the standards for driveway, parking, and resurfacing
- ◇ Adding clarity in walls/fence design including “living fences”.
- ◇ All existing Grand Haven Master Association ADC policy resolutions added to the standards
- ◇ Spells out checklist items needed for first-time approval.
- ◇ Answers many questions concerning street and yard tree removal and replacement
- ◇ Recognition of Florida law 373.185 supporting Florida-friendly landscaping and water conservation statutes
- ◇ The Application form adds a field to estimated project completion date.

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**Parking on the Streets, 101** – All Grand Haven residents should be aware that parking on the streets is against the CC&Rs for the community. Let’s “shift into gear” on some of the details... A visitor to your property and/or a service technician is certainly able to park in the street for a limited period of time during the day. The restriction for parking on the street is in place to limit regular and recurring parking in the street.

In most Village CC&Rs under *Use Restrictions 3.9 Parking and Garages* – (a) *Parking* it states, “Streets within the Property shall not be regularly used for parking.” The purpose of the CC&R is to keep the streets clear for driving in the proper lane, maximize the ability/efficiency for emergency vehicles to navigate through the community to its destination, as well as allow for full access into and out of a property’s driveway (most residents have experienced backing out of their driveway with a vehicle parked directly across the street from their driveway... makes you want to “blow a gasket” when that happens.)

Please remember to be a good steward of the CC&Rs, and respectful of your fellow neighbors, and keep your vehicles parked in your garage or driveway.

Thank you for all your efforts in keeping Grand Haven Grand!!

*Submitted by: Troy Railsback, SSMG Community Manager*



Please do not rely on the opinions of tradesman, contractors, or neighbors to determine if approval is required. Grand Haven is a deed-restricted community! All applications must be approved before work starts.

*Submitted by: Leigh Jackson, Chair, MADC*



## Palm Coast Historical Society

One of the most historically significant features in Palm Coast is not a building or a site but a roadway. In fact it's the very first overland route into Florida from Georgia and crosses through what is now one of the busiest intersections in our city. It's called Old Kings Road.

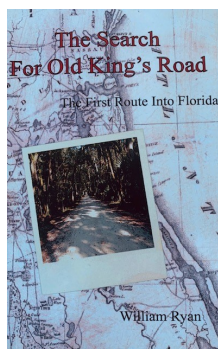
Originally used by Native Americans as a hunting and travel route along a naturally occurring north/south coquina ridge, in 1774 the British constructed a 16 foot wide "highway" topped with seashells that was suitable for travel by stagecoaches and wagons. The goal was to attract settlers and improve commerce in Florida. The engineers enlisted the help of a prominent Indian named Old Grey Eyes who was familiar with the game trails.

During the Spanish occupation from 1565 to 1763 the most common means of transportation was by water. To the British this limited the potential for economic growth in the region. Since plantations were being established along the coast from Cow Ford (now Jacksonville) to New Smyrna to grow everything from indigo to sugar to oranges, the owners wanted a quicker and easier method to transport their goods to market.

If Old King's Road could bear witness to the events that took place here it would tell the tales of refugees, slaves, settlers and soldiers who traveled along our winding route through swamp and pine forest. It's seen the Minorcans who escaped the brutal conditions of the Turnbull Colony in the late 1760's to the ITT developers preparing a planned development in the late 1960's.

For an in-depth account of Florida's linkage to its past read "The Search For Old King's Road" by local author William Ryan.

*Submitted by: Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky  
Vice President, Palm Coast Historical  
Society*



Flagler  
County  
Art  
League

## Virtual Shows

The Flagler County Art League continues to push forward with virtual events (gallery shows and education). Our virtual gallery shows are acquiring a national following – entries are coming from all over the country and Canada.

FCAL's latest virtual show features "Heroes, Heroines and Heroics." Entries reflect this theme in many ways, from first responders who put their lives on the line to the veterinarians who treat our beloved pets. You can view the exhibition on FCAL's website ([www.flaglercountyartleague.org](http://www.flaglercountyartleague.org)) from April 17- June 12.



The next online show will be "Bird is the Word!" This theme embraces anything that can be envisioned about these remarkable creatures. There are plenty of wonderful species to depict right here in our area. Moreover, some of the nation's best bird painters, photographers and other artists live right here. The event will run May 23-July 24. Check our website for updates on current and future art classes and workshops too!

At the same time, FCAL members have been making news. The two latest turtles unveiled along the Palm Coast Arts Foundation's (PCAF) Turtle Trail is one by AJ Barr, a Grand Haven resident and FCAL vice president, and the other by Bob Ammon, an FCAL past president. AJ's turtle can be seen at the Government Services Building in Bunnell and Bob's is located at the Flagler County Public Library.

Still another great honor has been bestowed on an FCAL member, another Grand Haven resident: Jan Jackson has been named the Gargiulo Art Foundation's Artist of the Year.



*Submitted by: Stephanie Salkin, FCAL member*

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