



## *The Oak Tree*

### **President's Message**

We are now heading towards the summer months and the 2023 hurricane season will soon be upon us. Once again last year, our City and Grand Haven were spared any significant damage from occurring storm events. In speaking with residents, the outlook for the future appears to be divided, with one group believing that our good fortune in the past does not bode well in regard to the future. However, a differing opinion is presented by others who believe that our prior good fortune is likely to continue since Palm Coast is apparently geographically situated in a manner that is not conducive to severe weather events. Regardless of your thinking regarding the above, I believe that the most practical thinking continues to be that we “hope for the best but prepare for the worst”.

Towards that end, the Board of the Master Association is crafting a “Severe Weather Event Protocol for Residents”, which will be distributed within the next couple of months. We are currently waiting for updated information from the City regarding their participation in the cleanup efforts should the community experience a severe weather event. In addition, the GHMA Board has been actively communicating with the Board of the CDD in order to coordinate the responsibilities of each organization and define their lines of communication with the residents.

I am very much aware that during this past hurricane season, the information regarding post storm yard waste removal was at times confusing and not always accurate. In the future, each of your governing entities will be addressing only their areas of responsibility. In addition, every effort will be made to validate any information received from the City's contractor regarding residential yard waste removal.

Since the end of the 2022 hurricane season, the Modification Architectural Design Committee has received an increasing number of requests for the approval of the installation of whole house generators. Although these devices may keep the air conditioning flowing, the lights on and the refrigerator/freezer operational, a generator will not protect you from a storm surge or hurricane force winds. There comes a time when, regardless of the conveniences surrounding you and the hassle involved in doing so, evacuation is the most prudent course of action.

As we approach the upcoming hurricane season, the GHMA Board is committed to providing accurate, updated information pertaining to residential properties, the securing of all residential construction sites and should a severe weather event occur, flexibility in working with our residents to resolve post storm yard waste clean-up and landscape restoration.

*Submitted by: Rob Carlton, President, GHMA*

## **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 19  
2 PM, Friday, June 23  
2 PM, Friday, July 21  
2 PM, Friday, August 18

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

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not for applause.  
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not to impress.  
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just make your  
absence felt."*

*.....Unknown*

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## Take Charge of Your Health

While playing tennis, I felt a pounding in my chest and had difficulty breathing. I went to my cardiologist who prescribed a medication to reduce my symptoms and ordered a complete battery of tests. He acted immediately, decisively, and effectively.

I met with two members of his group and was told that I passed all the tests, and my symptoms were due to "aging" or "idiopathy" (the body doing something to itself). These terms are euphemisms used when doctors have no clue what is happening and have no interest or intellectual curiosity to probe into the real causes of the problems. I was told I was fine.

I consulted with an electrocardiologist who ordered a heart catheterization which showed "four or five" vessels that needed to be bypassed. Had I taken the opinions of the first two doctors and not taken responsibility for my own health I could have had a massive heart attack at any time.

### **What should you do?**

**First**, take your doctors off of their pedestals. They are humans and can make mistakes.

**Second**, listen to your body. No one knows you better than you do. Give your doctor a COMPLETE and HONEST history of your complaints.

**Third**, ask questions. You or your insurance company is paying your doctor, which makes him your employee. You MUST understand and be comfortable with every step of your care. Your doctor deserves respect and so do you. If he has no time to explain what is going on it might be time to seek a second opinion or change doctors. Also, your records belong to you. The doctor or hospital act only as caretakers for them and cannot deny your request for information.

**Fourth**, do your research. Educate yourself about your condition. But beware of the internet. There is some bad information out there. Chat rooms may be populated with unhappy or disappointed people but may also provide emotional support from others with your problems. YouTube may have information. I trust the Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic websites.

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*Submitted by: Dr. Mark Vogel*

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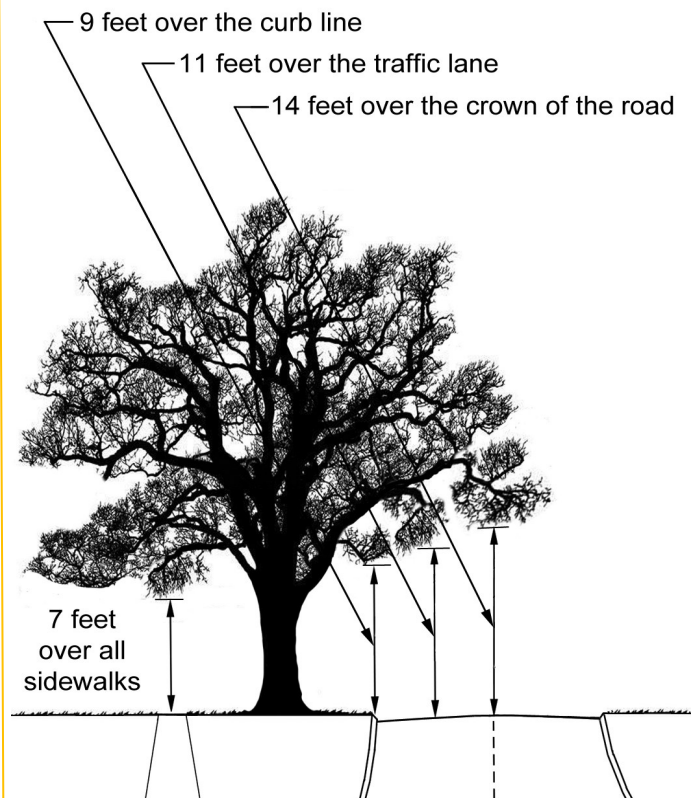
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## Critter Corner

### Mistake an Ibis?

Often sighted in Grand Haven, the White Ibis with its long curved red bill and red legs, is one of the easiest wading birds to identify, although its black-tipped wings are visible only in flight. Grand Haven offers the perfect habitat having both golf course grass, shallow lake edges and wetlands nearby for foraging. While wading in shallow water, the ibis cannot see its prey but probes until its tactile bill senses a tidbit, a tiny fish, a crab or its favorite, a crayfish. It may be followed by an enterprising egret ready to catch prey stirred up by the Ibis. On land, it uses its eyes to pick up frogs, snails or even small snakes.

Ibises breed in colonies, building nests in trees, mangroves and thickets. The lady selects the site, the male brings nest material, sometimes stealing it from others, but leaves the building to the female. (Smart?) It is also not unusual for an ibis to steal food from another ibis so it seems thievery among them is common. However, throughout the incubation period a male may forego foraging for food, literally starving himself, in order to defend his female and the nest from predators or even other ibises. Night herons, gulls, racoons and rat snakes raid eggs and young with some colonies losing up to 75%.

Both parents feed the youngsters. Though pairs are mostly monogamous, Father often sneaks off to befriend another un-attended female in hope of increasing his progeny. The newly hatched is covered with fluffy down on its head and wings, which turns grayish or sandy brown around six weeks. On fledging, it is mostly brown with white on its rump and underparts until it eventually molts and turns completely white. By then, we cannot mistake an Ibis!



Submitted by:  
Anne Scuito

## Director's Corner

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

The GHMA Board provides the support for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program (N2N) and the Grand Haven Women's Club (GHWC) supplies most of the volunteer hours.

Why was the program developed? The N2N was developed as a "Welcoming" program for new Grand Haven residents. The GHMA Board put this program into effect around 2012. A member of the Board, Terri Langan, with help from Patty Stauffer, collected documents regarding the GHMA, the CDD, and Amenities available here in Grand Haven. The information was put into a packet and delivered to new residents. Over the years, different directors of the GHMA (Terri Langan and David Alfin) continued to administer this program.

In 2016, the Board wanted to expand and get more residents involved with this program. With the help of Nancy Carlton, GHWC was gracious enough to volunteer. As of March 2017, JoAnn Sparks, a member of the GHWC, became the lead Ambassador to the program, reporting to the liaison member of the GHMA. Currently I hold the position of liaison.

The N2N volunteers are called Ambassadors and are assigned a village or two to distribute these packets. New residents are contacted by the Ambassador through email, and then, a packet with the useful information is delivered. Reaching out to our new residents in a personal way is greatly appreciated. The packet is constantly reviewed to make sure information is current.

We can always use more Ambassadors, and would love to have any resident join our program. You don't have to be a member of the GHWC, to be an Ambassador, just a willingness to volunteer some of your time. If you are interested in being an N2N Ambassador, you can contact me directly ([gallodenise@yahoo.com](mailto:gallodenise@yahoo.com)) and then one of the current lead Ambassadors, Sally Nord or Ruth Krauthamer will contact you. Being an N2N Ambassador is not a huge time commitment, but it's a wonderful way to meet your new neighbors.

Submitted by: *Denise Gallo,*  
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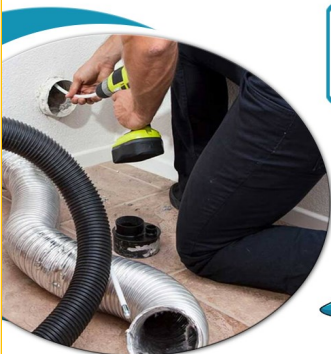
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We have had some exciting tournaments and games this Spring. The **Grand Haven Croquet Club** teamed up with the **Grand Haven Woman's Club** for a fun charity event on February 25 & 26, netting \$10,700 for GHWC and the charities it supports. We are so proud and honored to have been asked to participate in this event. Thanks to all who donated and played!



The **GHCC** also had its Golf Croquet Championship in March. We had 17 club members participate, with 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Macey White, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Nancy Crouch. Macey's name will be on the Golf Croquet plaque in the cabinet at Creekside. Stop by to see all the trophies won over the years by our outstanding players.

Last, but not least, the **Grand Haven Croquet Club** is inviting the Grand Haven residents out to the courts on June 3, 2023, for National Croquet Day. The theme is "Croquet Now", and the Amenity Center will put out an announcement as to the time. The Tiki Hut should be open as well for some refreshments and eats. National Croquet Day is celebrated worldwide to help promote the game of croquet. So come out for some food, fun, and laughs.

Croquet can be as competitive or social as you want to make it. Those interested in **free** lessons to learn croquet contact us at [www.ghcroquetclub.com](http://www.ghcroquetclub.com) or our Membership Director, Marsha Cargill at [owdmac@gmail.com](mailto:owdmac@gmail.com).

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

*Submitted by: Patti Paukovich*

## CDD CORNER

### HOW THE CDD WORKS

To comply with the responsibilities of our GH CDD, the Board has hired staff:

**District Manager (DM)** - this position is presently filled by Mr. David C. McInnes with Vesta District Services. The DM attends and records all CDD meetings, maintains District records, ensures all required state and local documents are submitted in a timely manner, complies with the Florida Statutes as it relates to financial reporting requirements, maintains the District's website, coordinates and provides contract administration for any services provided to the District by outside vendors, prepares monthly financial statements, manages District funds and implements budget directives.

**District Counsel (DC)**-this position is filled by Mr. Scott Clark of Clark and Albaugh, LLP. The District Counsel is responsible for ensuring that the District conducts all its business according to the legal standards of the state and specifically the Sunshine Laws. Also, the DC reviews all District documents and assists the DM in drafting or negotiation of the same.

**District Engineer**- responsibilities of the District Engineer include planning, design, permitting, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of the District's infrastructure.

**Operations Manager (OM)**- this position is presently filled by Mr. Barry Kloptosky. The OM oversees and manages our CDD staff which is composed of both field workers and office staff. The OM is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Grand Haven's infrastructure including roadways. Our staff and several outside contractors perform this work. The OM and staff work closely with our contractors to monitor their performance and adherence to their contracts. Some of the larger contractors include: Vesta Management Group who operates our amenity facilities, activities, and events; VerdeGo our landscaping company who maintains the landscaping in all CDD owned common areas; Solitude Lake Management who maintains CDD owned ponds, and Security Systems of America who staffs our guard house. Recently the CDD office implemented a new resident and visitor management software system. The system aims to improve the functioning of our security and provide

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



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AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway, just west of Belle Terre Parkway, is nearing completion with a tentative opening date in early August 2023. This new campus will include the following and provide residents with additional options for services:

- 100 inpatient beds, including 40 ICU beds
- 24 Emergency Department Rooms
- 5 Operating Suites (opening with 3 initially)
- 2 Endoscopy Suites for diagnosing and treating digestive health issues, such as peptic ulcers, polyps, cancers, and more.
- 2 CTs, commonly referred to as a CAT scans, which use special x-ray equipment to create multiple images of the inside of the body to detect a variety of diseases and conditions
- Other services include Radiology, Radiographic Fluoroscopy, MRI, Nuclear Medicine, EKG, EEG, Echo, Pulmonary Function Tests, Stress Labs, Sterile Processing, Lab, Pharmacy, Chapel and Security.
- Medical Office Building will house physician practices of various specialties.
- The campus will cover over 12 acres and have more than 600 parking spaces.

Learn more about Flagler County's newest hospital at [AdventHealthPalmCoastParkway.com](http://AdventHealthPalmCoastParkway.com)

### COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PROGRAM

As part of the new hospital's opening, community members have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick in the **Brick Garden**, located close to the facility's entrance. These personalized pavers will beautify the walkway with special tributes and memorials that will be displayed indefinitely. To have a brick installed prior to the grand opening of the hospital, contact the AdventHealth Palm Coast Foundation at (386) 586-4440 before July 1.

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Rendering of Brick Healing Garden



## The Eagles Nest

It has been a bitter yet sweet nesting season for our resident female, Gabrielle (Gabby). Her faithful mate, Samson, hasn't been seen since November 25. There is no reason to believe he left intentionally. Unfortunately and mysteriously something happened to him. For us observers, the loss is often emotional. Although it is likely animals in the wild are emotionally affected *to a point*, they live for the moment. That's their innate survival instinct.

Although there have been several visiting eagles since Samson disappeared, there is one special male Gabby has accepted and perhaps has chosen to be her mate. The eagle has been identified as V3 (the third visitor).



Mating hasn't been observed, but every other activity shows positive signs. V3 has delivered several fish and sticks to the nest. He and Gabby

have been busy with nestorations together. They roost together frequently at night. They are seen off-site together and often follow each other to and from the nest. These are all signs of a bonded pair. V3 also spends significant time claiming the nest during the day. He mirrors Samson in several ways and appears to make a great mate for Gabby.

Providing V3 returns in the fall when Florida Bald Eagle nesting season starts again, it remains to be seen if their bonding continues and leads to mating. If so V3 will be honored with an official name. Who knows.....as much as V3 perches at the nest, maybe he will remain during the summer off-season! Maybe he's an offspring of Romeo and Juliet. Always unknowns in the wild!

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## Palm Coast Fire Department Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Palm Coast's early residents soon recognized the need for a quick response to fire and emergency medical calls. In January 1973 the newly formed Civic Association created the first Palm Coast Volunteer Fire Department. It was incorporated by 36 members led by VFD President Charles Konopasek, "a 32-year veteran of New York's finest."

To establish a permanent home for Palm Coast Emergency Services in 1975 International Telephone and Telegraph donated one acre of land on the corner of Clubhouse Drive and Palm Coast Parkway, constructed a building, and donated the first pumper. The building opened in August of 1977 and later become known as Fire Station #22. The station is still in operation but is scheduled to be replaced in the coming year to meet modern fire fighting standards.

Many current residents of the Pine Lakes subdivision remember the devastating events of the hot and dry spring of 1985. The Fire Department had been plagued with a series of brush fires set by an arsonist which stressed the volunteer fire fighting system. Driven by 35 - 40 mile per hour winds the fire grew in size and intensity. It eventually consumed 131 homes on May 17 which has become known as "Black Friday."

To commemorate the dedicated service and individual acts of heroism by these volunteer firefighters cartoonist Jim Davis created an image of Palm Coast "spokes-cat" Garfield outfitted in fire fighting gear and carrying a fire hose. He's seen asking "Rather Be Fighting Fires?" This was a take-off on the popular "Live The Good Life" marketing campaign created to draw residents to Palm Coast.



The original cartoon signed by Davis is part of a Fire History exhibit in the PC Historical Museum in Holland Park. An enlarged copy of the image will be on display in the PC Community Center following the PCFD 50th Anniversary celebration on April 22, 2023.

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## Need A Neighbor?

Before anything else, a big *THANK YOU* to Richie Correa and the sponsors/volunteers/players at the Pickleball Fest held on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The “paddle desire” was tremendous; donors in the raffle provided \$1,000 to HFF for future Grand Haven distributions. This will go a long way in supporting the staff and neighbors of GH; just like the \$16,500 we’ve provided for their needs over the last few years.

I’ve been dealing with writers’ block the last few days. Maybe because it’s tax time. Why they wait so long into the year, I don’t understand. Wish they’d get it over with on February 29<sup>th</sup> (think about it). But the Farmer’s Almanac has it right ... “If Patrick Henry thought that taxation without representation was bad, he should see how bad it is with representation!”

With the thank you and kidding (maybe not?!?!?) aside, let’s talk about needs. Life has its pressure points and, sorrowfully, many of them come along as we get older. If we really face it, we can recognize that loneliness sets in after a partner passes, our physical situation may require a little more help or attention, or conditions in our household are building up stress that we need to get away from for a while. Way toooooo often, we buckle down, play like Atlas, and take all that weight on our own shoulders! And that, toooooo often, leads to additional problems that can grow into a spiraling situation. If you only had a caring neighbor ...

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*Submitted by: Brad Scott, Haven Family Fund Operations*

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Please join us at the Village Center for this very meaningful event in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and to honor all who served in our military.

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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.

## ***Signs by Contractor/Vendors***

Please note that a contractor or vendor working at your property should not post a sign in your yard or on your property advertising their services. Examples of this would be a roofing contractor or a power washing vendor/contractor putting a sign in your front yard while they are working at your property.

If you have questions about any of these items, please contact Troy Railsback at 386-446-6333.

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



*As we celebrated Earth Day this year, we remember that it is up to each and every one of us to restore our Earth not just because we care about the natural world, but because we live on it.*

## Grand Haven Woman's Club

As you read this article, the Grand Haven Woman's Club is winding down its Club year and looks back on all the accomplishments it has made. For the most part, GHWC has been able to resume regular meetings and events this year and we have welcomed some new members, which is always a pleasure.

The GHWC has 5 Community Service Programs whose members give back to organizations in the community. The Material Girls, which is part of the Arts & Culture CSP, is one of the more prolific committees. These ladies make a variety of hand-made items that are given to various charities: Alpha Pregnancy Center, Advent Health Cancer Center, Boggy Creek Camp, etc. At the April meeting, the Material Girls presented 20 afghans and 22 bears to representatives for Boggy Creek that was a passion project for this group. In addition, they made 146 stockings for Christmas Come True this year.



The Health & Wellness Committee spends numerous hours assisting the food pantries, by cooking and packing meals. With the combined generosity of our members and Grand Haven residents, we have also been able to provide over \$5,000 worth of food to the pantries, over \$1,600 worth of products to the Family Life Center and almost \$5,000 worth of items to the Giving Store. Members also provided meals for students working on a Habitat for Humanity project. A Diabetes seminar, including free glucose screenings, was provided in cooperation with the Diabeates Alliance.

The Environment Committee this year has assisted with Earth Day at Washington Oaks and provided volunteer support to a Flagler Beach clean-up day.



The Civic Engagement Committee has visited the Flagler County Historical Society to learn more about our roots in this county as well as the Palm Coast Historical Socie-

A photograph of a woman with short white hair, wearing a white polo shirt, smiling and playing tennis. She is holding a tennis racket and a tennis ball. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with trees.

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ty and their museum. This group also sends cards to our troops overseas during the holiday season to express our appreciation for their commitment to our freedom.

And the Education Committee has been working to collect supplies for the STUFF Bus, which provides much needed school supplies, toiletries, socks, shoes, underwear, jeans, etc. for children in need in Flagler County. Did you know that over 70% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch?? This year's Book Sale provided much needed funds to support our schools. And we thank our residents for their support of this event each year.

While there will be no membership meetings during June/July/August, the members continue to meet, plan and volunteer throughout the community since the need never ends. Thanks to all the Grand Haven residents for their support of these programs.

For more information about the Grand Haven Woman's Club, please visit [ghwomansclub.org](http://ghwomansclub.org).

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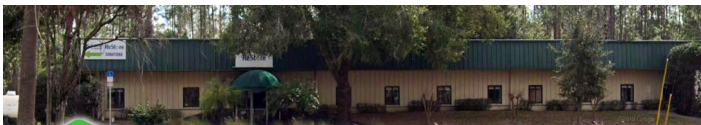


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**Amenity Centers'  
Happenings**



***Karaoke at the Café***

Saturday, May 20, 5–8 PM

***Tiki Hut Opens with Live Music***

Sunday, May 28, 4–7 PM

***Karaoke at the Café***

Saturday, June 17, 5–8 PM

***Luau at the Tiki Hut***

Sunday, June 25, all day

***Resident Appreciation Day at Village Center Cafe***

Saturday, July 1, 12–2 PM

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*Be on the lookout for further information about each of these activities from the Amenity Center emails*



## DODGE THE DUNES

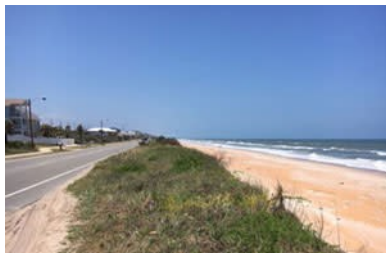
Many of our residents enjoy Flagler Beach; however, are we all aware that our fragile sea dunes provide invaluable protection for the beach, nesting sea turtles, native wildlife & ecosystems, homes & businesses, scenic A1A and future storms.

### **Respect. Restore. Revive.**

The natural sand dunes that line the gorgeous shores along Highway A1A are more than massive piles of wind-blown sand. Natural dunes play a much larger part in our lives than

the average beachgoer might expect, which is why we have to do everything we can to protect them.

Our coastal lifestyle depends on the natural dunes for a variety of reasons. They provide the first line of defense against ocean storms for our homes, restaurants and hotels as well as inland and coastal ecosystems. Helping protect our dunes is easier than you think!



### **The two most important things you need to know are:**

- Make sure you “Dodge the Dunes” by avoiding any walking, parking or driving on any grass or plants on the east side of A1A. Florida State Statute 161.053, Flagler Beach City Ordinance 5.02.04.
- Only access the beach using the approved stairs and access points. Do not walk, slide, jump or throw items down the dunes.

Did You Know? Dune grass grows by the inch, but dies by the foot and it only takes 10 steps to destroy it!

We need everyone’s help to continue to restore our shore and we must protect the dunes so they can protect us - do your part to help! It’s the law!

For more information about the “**Dodge the Dunes**” program, visit <https://www.visitflagler.com/beaches/dodge-the-dunes/>

*Thanks to the Tourist Development Council, Visit Flagler, for this information.*

## Helpful Hurricane Hints

Since some of our residents are new to Florida, this is a reminder that the tropical Hurricane Season begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November 30. The following are some reminders that could be useful if a storm is approaching.

- Before a storm hits, fill up your washing machine with ice, put items inside that you want to keep chilled and close the lid to keep them cool. Don't worry about what to do when the ice starts to melt — the machine is designed to drain water.
- If you have pictures or other small items that you'd like to keep safe, try storing them in plastic bags and placing them inside your dishwasher. Please make sure you turn off the water supply to the unit before closing it with your valuables inside. Dishwashers are sealed to keep water inside, which should help keep water from getting inside as well.
- Place disposable aluminum cooking trays or plastic storage containers under the legs of furniture (chairs, couches, etc.) to help minimize water damage. This tip won't be of much help if major flooding occurs, but it can be helpful if a few inches of water enter your home.

The importance of receiving timely and accurate information related to storms cannot be understated. Flagler County Emergency Operations Center <https://www.flaglercounty.gov/departments/emergency-services/emergency-management> will have the latest information about evacuations, shelters, etc.

Being prepared for a disaster is extremely important and the Flagler County Emergency Operation Centers has a “Disaster Preparedness Guide” online at: <http://online.fliphtml5.com/gtIs/arwr/#p=1>

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