

The Oak Tree

President's Message

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

As a member of our community, you might not realize this, but according to recent data, in any given thirty day period, we have an average of approximately 12 new families moving into Grand Haven. This provides a unique challenge to the GHMA Board in terms of educating new residents regarding our governing bodies, governing documents and of specific importance, the deed restrictions of the community.

As we approach the end of 2017, I thought that a brief overview of the above topics would be of value to both old and new residents, since some have forgotten, while others have not yet been informed. If you should have a question, concern or problem, it is important that you know where to direct your inquiries. Therefore, let's begin with the two governing bodies of Grand Haven, their areas of authority and their accompanying responsibilities. They are the **Grand Haven Master Association** and the **Community Development District**.

The Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA): The GHMA is a five person Board that is elected by the property owners of Grand Haven for two year terms. This Board has authority over all 1901 residential properties that comprise Grand Haven. The singularly most important function of the GHMA is to enforce the CC&R's (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) in a fair and equitable manner as they pertain to the exterior of residences and the accompanying landscaping. Their management company is Southern States Management Group and they may be reached at 446-6333. Information regarding many aspects of the GHMA is available on their web site grandhavenmhoa.com. In addition, there are two committees under the direction of the GHMA.

1. **The Modification Architectural Design Committee (MADC):** The MADC is a seven person committee which is under the direction of the Master Association which appoints the members for a one year term. The committee is responsible for reviewing all requests for changes to the exterior of existing residences and landscaping. Decisions are made in accordance with the Governing Documents of the community as they apply to the specific requests of the property owner. The MADC strives to maintain a "user friendly" approach towards requests as long as they are consistent with the CC&R's and the ADC Standards.
2. **The Fine Committee,** which is a five person committee who, once the GHMA levies a fine for a CC&R violation, provides the opportunity for a property owner to "state their case" and is empowered to decide whether to confirm or reject the fine levied by the Board..

The New Construction Architectural Design Committee (NCADC): The NCADC is responsible for approving all structures and landscaping pertaining to any new construction. It is comprised of five members, two from the MADC and three chosen by the Declarant. Therefore, although a close working relationship is maintained with the GHMA, the NCADC is Declarant controlled.

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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, November 17
 2 PM, Friday, December 15
 2 PM, Friday, January 19
 2 PM, Friday, February 16

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.

GHMA Election Timeline

The Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA) Board of Directors Annual Meeting and Elections Timeline is as follows:

November 6, 2017 – Mailing of 1st Notice of Annual Meeting and Election with request for candidates.

November 30, 2017 – Deadline for return of completed Candidate Information Sheets indicating an Owner's interest in running for the GHMA Board.

December 14, 2017 – Candidate Forum (if warranted).

December 15, 2017 – Mailing of 2nd Notice of Annual Meeting and Election Materials and/or Information.

January 11, 2018 – Deadline for Return or Delivery of completed Ballots

5 PM—GHMA Annual Meeting and Election.
 Grand Haven Room

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ADC CORNER

Once again, we have survived a major hurricane. Before Hurricane Matthew last year, this area had not been through a major hurricane since 2004. Our community has matured since 2004 and Hurricane Matthew took down many trees and, while Hurricane Irma's winds may not have been as strong, it still took down some additional trees.

Since we live in a deed restricted community, there are steps necessary when we change any aspect of the outside of our home. If you are facing tree removal and replacement or any landscape changes, it is time to contact the Modification Architectural Design Committee (MADC). If you visit www.grandhavenmhoa.com website, click on ADC in the left column and you will find a submission process, contacts, forms and The Standards manual, hopefully answering any questions you may have on community standards. Staff at Southern States Management Group (SSMG) (386-446-6333) are always available to help you with your submittals.

The storm has passed and you may have trees that need to be taken down or replaced. Your landscaping may have taken a beating and you want to change and give it a new fresh look. Maybe you need to add or replace your gutters, change the color of your home, or install pavers on your driveway. Contact your vendor to get the project started. Follow the procedures completing the submittal forms, including project plans from your vendor. Remember, once you get approval from the MADC, you may still need a permit from the City of Palm Coast. Once the project is completed, just give SSMG a call to schedule your final inspection, so we can close out your current improvement request.

MADC schedules meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month starting at 9:30am. The deadline for submittals is the Wednesday prior, by 4pm. We encourage you to attend the meeting to explain just what you envision the outcome of your project will be. We are all committed to keep Grand Haven up to the standards we all want.

Submitted by: Denise Gallo, MADC Chair




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Neighborhood Watch

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Crime tends to recede when neighbors continue to communicate readily with each other, sharing information, staying alert, and being observant and diligent about applying simple, safe practices together.

How fortunate we are here in Grand Haven! Neighbors have certainly reached out to help neighbors while recovering from Irma, one of the largest hurricanes to hit Florida. We were so lucky to have escaped the worst of this storm as it shifted farther west.

That said, some damages were sustained to homes and property, and some of our neighbors are searching for reliable, safe and quality contractors for repairs. Our Grand Haven Neighborhood Watch team, made up of resident volunteers from each village, wishes to alert all of our neighbors to use some caution in hiring contractors for your own safety now and in the future.

- Check for recommendations from friends/neighbors
- Check for ratings and reviews online
- Do you need a permit for the work being done?
- Is the contractor licensed (get the number), and insured/bonded? Ask for a copy and check that it is current.
- Do get a written contract with contractor's info, an estimated start and completion date, and contractor's obligation to get the necessary permits.

Contact the Flagler County Home Builders Association (4863 Palm Coast Parkway NW), 386-445-9399: flaglerhba@gmail.com, for detailed info about a builder, service provider, or remodeler. The Better Business Bureau of Central FL is open week days except Tuesdays. 407-621-330, or toll free, 800-275-6614.

Seniors vs Crime, local volunteers with the Attorney General's office, can answer questions and offer guidance about contractor concerns, and if you have been victimized, they can help. Contact Ken Seymour or his staff, at svckensey@gmail.com, 386-586-2634.

Many of us purchased homes here knowing that Grand Haven is a safer community than most in Flagler County, reporting considerably less incidents of any crime. Let's keep it that way by communicating with our neighbors, sharing ideas, staying alert and observant, and reporting any suspicious behaviors (911 for a crime; suspicious; use nonemergency 313-4911).

Many thanks go out to all our Captain and Block Leader volunteers for your participation, interest and communication with your Village neighbors.

To volunteer or get information, please email or call:

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The Community Development District (CDD): The CDD is comprised of a five person Board of Supervisors who are elected by the residents of Grand Haven for four year terms. It is a quasi-governmental unit created pursuant to Chapter 190 of the State Statutes. The CDD is responsible for all aspects of the communities Infrastructure including roads, gates and storm water management, recreational amenities and all common property. The CDD office may be reached at 447-1888 and additional information is available on the Master Association web site.

- **Amenity Management Group (AMG):** The AMG is the on-site professional management company contracted by the CDD to operate the amenity facilities, activities and events for the enjoyment of the residents of Grand Haven. The amenities office may be reached at 447-0192.

As a property owner, you have agreed in writing to adhere to the deed restrictions associated with your property. These restrictions, also known as Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions or CCR's are stated in either the Master Declaration or more specifically, your Village Declaration. Due to their importance, I would encourage all property owners to become familiar with these Declarations. They may be found on the GHMA web site, grandhavenmhoa.com where you will find a link to "Village Documents". In addition, the ADC Standards, which are also a part of our governing documents, can also be found on this web site.

Our community is diverse, complex and therefore, not easily understood. There are numerous aspects of its governing bodies and rules which although important, in all honesty, are not very exciting reading. However, each and every property owner is an integral and important part of Grand Haven. There is no doubt that the more you understand about the structure of your community and the rules governing your Village, the more you will enjoy the unique lifestyle and unlimited opportunities that Grand Haven has to offer.

I would encourage you to also attend either a GHMA meeting or a CDD meeting. The dates and times of these meetings are posted on both entities websites and at the Village Center.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President

GHMA BOARD GOALS

At the August meeting the GHMA adopted a set of Goals and Objectives designed to guide the future performance and direction of the Association. They may be found on the GHMA web site and are listed below for your review.

- Enhance communication with Association members
- Increase CC&R compliance
- Reduce the number of Problematic Properties
- Maintain equity in the ADC process
- Increase communication and coordination between the GHMA and CDD
- Maintain the quality of the PLM Program
- Support the Oak Tree and Neighbor to Neighbor Program
- Manage Association assets in a fiscally responsible manner
- Maintain a strong ethics policy for GHMA Directors and those working under the Board's purview
- Advocate for the community and support innovative ways to address community issues

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The GHWC was pleased to kick off its Club year with 90 in attendance at its September meeting, which was postponed a week due to Hurricane Irma. Members were delighted to get projects started and, once again, showed their abundant generosity. The Club has an ambitious fund raising year because of its desire to support so many needs in Flagler County.

This year, GHWC has several opportunities for the entire Grand Haven community to participate in some of its activities. These include:

Learn & Grow – November 9, 2017 – 4 to 6 PM – Mr. Bill Ryan of the Flagler Historical Society will be speaking on the topic, “Flagler Time Tour”. This event will be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club. There will be social time from 4:00-4:30 with hors d’oeuvres and beverage station. The cost is \$5.00 per person. A cash bar will be available.

Walk for Woman’s Club – December 2, 2017 – 9 AM (Registration opens at 8:00 AM) at the Grand Haven Clubhouse. This will be a 1, 2 or 3 mile walk along the GH Esplanade. Registration is \$25, for which you will receive a commemorative T-shirt. If you would like more information, contact Jenny Scott at bjscott1@aol.com or to register online, visit the GHWC website at www.grandhavenwomansclub.org.

Volunteer Fair – January 12, 2018 – from 1 – 4 PM, the Grand Haven Woman’s Club will showcase not only the work that it is doing to support community organizations in need, but will offer ideas as to how you can become a volunteer (or donor) with one of these very deserving groups. There is no need to RSVP, just come when you can and leave when you wish. Light refreshments will be available to attendees. For more information, contact Laura O’Brien at laura.obrien51@cfl.rr.com

Day of Games – January 18, 2018, starting at 10:30 AM at the Grand Haven Clubhouse. Tickets are \$30 and include lunch. Get your Canasta, Mahjong, Mexican Train, Bridge friends together and join the GHWC for a fun day with lots of raffles available. For more information or tickets, contact Jenny Scott at bjscott1@aol.com

Learn & Grow, Education – February 9, 2018 – 4 to 6 PM, Mr. James Tager, Superintendent of Flagler Schools, will join us to discuss his vision. He will be joined by administrators from FCS and the Flagler County Education Foundation. This event will be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club. There will be social time from 4:00-4:30 with hors d’oeuvres and beverage station. The cost is \$5.00 per person. A cash bar will be available. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this event. For more information, contact Kim Lhota at lhota.kim@gmail.com.

Tennis Tournament – March 24, 2018, beginning at 8:30 AM, open to players of all abilities. Registration is \$40 and includes lunch in the Grand Haven Room. 50/50 raffle will be available. For further information, contact Maureen Pelligrini at maureenpelligrini@gmail.com.

Book Sale – April 7, 2018 – 9 AM to 1 PM, Village Center. This is an annual event that you won’t want to miss. Paperbacks are 50 cents, Hardbacks are \$1.00.



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VOLUNTEER FAIR

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity?? Would you like to know more about the Non Profit Organizations in Flagler County that need your help?? The Grand Haven Woman's Club supports many organizations in Flagler County and would very much like to share their missions with you and the opportunities that exist to help these organizations accomplish their mission.

On Friday, January 12, 2018, from 1 – 4 PM, the Grand Haven Woman's Club will showcase not only the work that they are doing to support these organizations, but will offer ideas as to how you can become a volunteer (or donor) with one of these very deserving groups. There is no need to RSVP, just come when you can and leave when you wish. Light refreshments will be available to attendees.

The cornerstone of the Grand Haven Woman's Club is its Volunteer Spirit. As a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (www.gfwc.org), we are currently the second largest Club in Florida. Our mission is to have a positive impact on the lives of people in our community through financial and volunteer support to non-profit organizations. In the 2016-17 Club year, more than 13,000 volunteer hours and \$34,000 were contributed to 26 local and 6 state and national organizations. During our Volunteer Fair, representatives will be on hand from all of our Community Service Programs, Way & Means Committee and Membership Committee. They will be available to provide information about the work of the GHWC and show how you can join our club, if you so desire.

See the "**Volunteer Spirit in Action**" by visiting us on Friday, January 12, 2018 at the Grand Haven Club-house. In the meantime, please check out our website at www.grandhavenwomensclub.org.

Submitted by: Laura O'Brien, First Vice President
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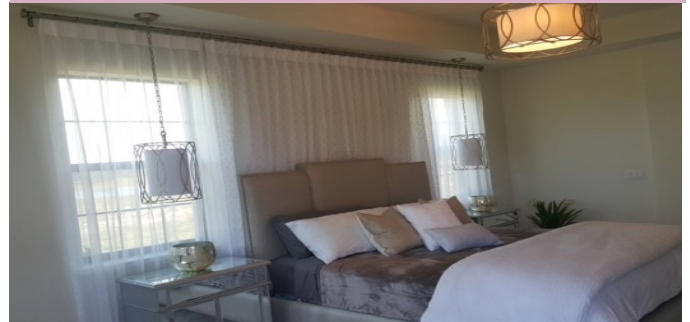
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Giving Thanks for Those Who Volunteer

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and take stock of those things for which we are thankful, I believe that among our blessings, we can count many of our selfless residents who give of themselves with their talent and treasures. Last year, members of the Grand Haven Woman's Club counted 11,000 volunteer hours by their members. We also have those residents who started the Haven Family Fund that connects residents in need with residents who volunteer to help those in need. There are residents who volunteer with AARP to help people in the community with their income tax preparation and those who volunteer at the Flagler Free Clinic, Florida Hospital Flagler, the Flagler Humane Society, the Family Life Center, and the Flagler Library to mention just a few.

There is another group of unsung heroes who serve as mentors for high school students who are in the *Take Stock in Children* program. This is a program of the Flagler County Education Foundation and provides scholarships to students who qualify with the promise of a scholarship upon graduation if they remain drug and crime free and maintain a fairly high grade point average throughout high school. The other thing this program provides is a mentor for each student in the program. Six of our residents are currently serving as mentors and several more are mentors to recent graduates. Having chatted with some of these students, they will gladly tell you how much this mentoring relationship has helped them, whether it be through motivation or just an objective ear. If you would like more information about being a mentor, contact Rebecca Bower at bower@flaglerschools.com

In addition to the mentors, the Flagler County Education Foundation has 5 Grand Haven residents on their Board of Directors. And many of our residents are HUGE financial supporters of the Flagler County Education Foundation....some enjoying Mardi Gras, participating in the STUFF Bus Golf Tournament, funding scholarships or other fund raising events.

Whatever it is that you do to give back to the community, please know that you are counted as a blessing to the many that you help! Happy Thanksgiving to all of those who volunteer.



Southern States

MANAGEMENT GROUP INC.

Keep a look out for your 2018 Annual Assessment coupon book. These will be mailed in November and should be received by December 1st. Payment is due January 1, 2018 The GHMA Annual Assessment funds the enforcement of community Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs), facilitating the Architectural Design Committee (ADC) review process, management, accounting services, legal fees, insurance, newsletter/communications and all other operating costs of the Association, including periodic maintenance of foreclosed/deserted properties. The 2018 Annual Assessment is \$118.

Private Lawn Maintenance (PLM), Crossings and River Club Village assessment coupon books will also be mailed in November and should be received by December 1st. Each of these Village's respective 2018 monthly assessment is due the first of each month starting January 1, 2018.

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

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

- Review your account balance
- Get information about payment amounts
- Update contact information
- Submit Work Order Requests (PLM, Crossings, River Club)
- Review ADC information/status
- Review/submit Compliance information/status
- Review general GHMA information

To login to your account please visit www.grandhavenmhoa.com and click the "Resident Login" link in the top left of the page. Correspondence was previously sent providing your Account Number and Password. If you misplaced and/or do not have your Account Number and/or Password, please contact SSMG (386-446-6333) for access.

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Whether a Best Friend or a Stranger, Grand Haven Residents Help Those in Need

Hurricane Irma ripped through Florida September 10 & 11. While it didn't cause tremendous damage in Grand Haven, it certainly challenged the lives of many of our Flagler County neighbors. Many in Flagler Beach awoke early Monday morning to water rising in their homes and before it was over, they had lost furniture, appliances, flooring, walls, toys and clothing. Similar destruction occurred in Western Flagler County, where it lingered for weeks.

When the call went out for volunteers to help those in need, **many** of our Grand Haven residents answered that call. Some were members of local churches organizing volunteers, some were with Flagler Volunteer Services, some joined the Convoy of Hope and some answered the plea on social media. Even though most of them were helping total strangers, they still answered the call to give of their generous spirit to assist as they could.

While we saw the devastation of Irma in the Caribbean Islands, Puerto Rico, the Keys and South Florida, 10 days later, the Islands and Puerto Rico took a second and even more devastating hit from Hurricane Maria, causing *"catastrophic damage and a major humanitarian crisis,"* according to Wikipedia. Maria essentially cut off Puerto Rico from communication with the rest of the world, prompting Jacki and Brian Unger to take action to rescue longtime friends and loved ones. The Ungers spent 8 years in Puerto Rico when Brian was McDonald's President of Caribbean Region. Jacki was President of Ronald McDonald House Charities, Puerto Rico, and their children went to school there. Jacki had been texting their good friends through the night of September 19 as Maria was hitting the island. She received the last text at 4:30 AM Wednesday, which said that the patio door was coming in....then communication ended. They had no way to reach them to determine their condition and intermittent texts from others over the next two days indicated that no one had seen them. So the Ungers set a plan in motion to charter a private plane and for Brian to fly into Puerto Rico with a plane full of water, generators, and other essentials, and bring friends and family to safety and back to the mainland.

The saga of the next 6 days almost sounds like it is straight out of a MacGyver movie, especially since there was no radar, flight plans couldn't be filed, debris was everywhere on the island, power lines were down and flooding was prevalent. Brian finally arrived in PR around Noon on Sunday, by which time Jacki had been able to get word to some people that the plane would be at the airport if they could get there to board it for the flight back to the mainland. Eight people, ranging in age from 2 to 98, made the return trip, including their daughter's in-laws.

Now Brian turned his attention to finding his friends. As a former Marine, he was prepared with a backpack of limited provisions that he believed could last him 3 days. Not knowing the condition of his friends, he checked in with a medivac unit before leaving the airport, in the event he might need that. The island was under a 6 PM curfew, so he knew he had to hustle if he was to successfully reach them before that, which thankfully he did and found them safe. The next few days were filled with anxiety, uncertain of their ability to get off the island. It appeared that FEMA had taken control of all private planes heading to PR, so Jacki arranged to obtain a FEMA permit by filling a plane with humanitarian aid of water, generators, gas cans, non-perishables, earmarked for Ronald McDonald House in PR. Then came word that a flight would be available on Wednesday, so Jacki had to get word to Brian, who had taken a satellite phone with him to text. She was also trying to get word to some others that there would be a few more seats on the plane. However, with the airport in chaos, it was a challenge to know exactly where the plane would land and where to tell people to meet. They both knew that until it was wheels up, this was risky. In the end, the plane carried a 91 year old, 3 medical college students, Brian and their 2 friends safely out of PR.

These are again but a few examples of the generosity of spirit of our Grand Haven residents, for whom we are SO THANKFUL.





FCAL Shows Not To Be Missed

During the Next Several Months, We Will Host Some Terrific Events

As the Flagler County Art League wends its way to its 40th anniversary year in 2018, shows continue to grow in stature and range. The imagination and versatility of our many regional artists is impressive. You will see such things as a giant dragonfly sculpture suspended from the ceiling (October's show), or stained glass works of art that you'd love to have hanging in your windows, oil paintings, pastels, watercolor and colored pencil works, and stunning photography, pottery and more.

November's show should be of special interest to residents of beautiful Flagler County, because the county IS the theme: "Celebrate Flagler". Moreover, we are sponsoring a "plein air" paint-out that should bring in lots of gorgeous work from artists who love to paint outdoors in our picturesque county!

In December, we will exhibit the work of four artists selected as winners of a competition sponsored by the Gargiulo Art Foundation. They all happen to also be members of FCAL! GAF sponsors most of the public art displayed throughout Flagler County – in nearby Waterfront Park, schools, the library, and in the Daytona State College. Be sure to come – this show opens on December 9th. In addition, at the same opening, we will feature our "Annual Student Show" – wonderful art by students from both of our local high schools. The talent is always amazing – a testament to our great teachers!

In January, FCAL will sponsor its Annual Juried Photography Show which has become a virtual magnet for the region's finest photographers. This show features a stunning array of work, ranging from nature photography, portraits, "street life", architecture, photographic art and much more.

So, FCAL welcomes you to all these free events. Openings are held from 6-8:30 p.m. on the Second Saturday of every month. Remember – we offer daily classes at all levels, museum trips, workshops with nationally known artists (such as Tom Jones in January!), a book club, painting parties and much more! Please visit our web site for the latest information: flaglercountyartleague.org, and especially for updates of our 40th Anniversary events!

Submitted by: Stephanie Salkin and Ann DeLucia



GRAND HAVEN GOLF CLUB

Please join us in welcoming Chef Jason Stasa to the Grand Haven Golf Club Team. If the name sounds familiar, you are right! Many of you may remember Jason when he was part of the culinary team here from 2005 through 2011. Jason earned his AAS Degree in Culinary Management at Daytona State College, is a member of the American Culinary Foundation, and has been a Taste of Flagler winner for six years in a row in addition to winning the 2016 Flagler Restaurant Week "People's Choice" Award. A father of three boys Jacob (9), Landon (7), and Connor (3), he enjoys spending time with his family and visiting Disney any chance they get. We are very excited to have Jason at the helm and encourage you to stop by for lunch or dinner and say hello.

Jason has introduced a new menu, The Nicklaus Grille. This includes new appetizers such as the Ahi Tuna Martini and our favorite, Bacon Wrapped Shrimp. A delicious burger is also new on the menu that is a "must try!" The new Nicklaus Grille menu is available Wednesday's, Thursday's, and Friday's from 11am to 8pm. The Nicklaus Grille is also open for lunch from 11am to 4pm on Tuesday's, Saturday's and Sunday's. Dinner entrées are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 5:30pm to 8pm. Prime Rib is featured every Friday evening!

If you are not a member and would like to try the restaurant, please contact us at 445-2327, x 3202 to make a reservation!! We welcome all residents to experience Chef Jason's new creations.

To find out more about Social Memberships, swing by the clubhouse anytime or contact our sales department at Sales@GrandHavenGC.com.

Make sure to have the **Flagler Humane Society Golf Tournament** on your calendar. It will be held on Monday, December 4th, 2017 – 8:30am shotgun start – 18 Hole, 4 Person Scramble. To register, visit, www.FlaglerHumaneSociety.org/Golf or call 386-445-1814 ext. 506.



AARP Tax Aide Volunteers are needed

AARP Foundation Tax Aide is again providing free income tax form preparation and electronic filing services in Flagler County. This service is available from February 1 to April 15 to taxpayers with low-to-moderate income, with special attention to those ages 60 and older, and is offered in conjunction with IRS.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this service and are trained locally and certified by the IRS to assist taxpayers in preparing their federal income tax returns. All taxes are prepared using IRS/AARP-provided computers and software with the returns being filed electronically, free of charge. In Flagler County during the 2015 tax season, volunteers filed more than 3,000 tax returns.

Volunteers are needed and require a commitment of at least one day a week from February 1 until April 15:

- **Preparer:** Prepares tax returns. Must attend five days of training, usually in January. This year, because of special circumstances, part of the training will be in November. No need for experience, but must be reasonably familiar with computer.
- **Facilitator:** Checks in taxpayers arriving with appointments for tax preparation. Makes sure all clients have proper identification. No experience needed. Training is usually 1/2 day in mid-January.
- **Technology:** There is need for people with a solid computer background to help keep equipment operating at optimum level. Our technical people help to set up computers for the season, set up laptop and printer configurations at the sites, and generally troubleshoot problems that occur during the tax day. Training is ongoing.
- **Appointment Taker:** Answers telephones and makes appointments using a computerized appointment program. Appointments are being made for six separate locations. Must have people skills and a reasonable knowledge of basic computer operation. Training is one day in mid-January.

For more information about how you can help, contact Margaret Campbell, 386-503-1455, camp4014@bellsouth.com



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November 24—December 8

Come join us for the
Village Center
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Tuesday, December 5 at 7 PM
with the Flagler Palm Coast
High School Choir



The Eagles at Grand Haven

As we drive down Colbert Lane, it's heartbreaking to see the multitude of trees that are down or affected due to Hurricane Matthew.....and then Hurricane Irma pays a visit! Healthy, mature, green trees are down, or the foliage turned from orange to brown to dead from the force of the salt air changing our beautiful landscape forever.

However, on the bright side.....our resident eagle pair, Romeo and Juliet, survived the powerful winds of both storms. It remains a mystery how they can "hold on" through hours of pounding rain and hurricane-force winds. Although trees went down in the park where they reside (turning the grounds into a "war zone"), the nest tree stands tall, and the nest remained unscathed.

Eagles are known for building the largest and sturdiest of nests. Their engineering skills and relentless trips gathering sticks, branches and moss each year as they start their new season is astounding. This year they reaped a bonus.....all due to Matthew and Irma! They have so many brittle tree limbs to pick from, and they are taking advantage of the opportunity. This season they have delivered more sticks to the nest than seen in the past nine seasons. They are carrying branches that are longer than they are tall to insure a safe "rail" around the nest to prevent their young from going overboard. As usual they find a favorite tree to strip branches within a short flight back to the nest. We have dubbed their favorite tree "**The Lumber Yard Tree**". They fly to the tree, snap a branch in flight and make a u-turn back to the nest often within a couple of minutes.



Romeo and Juliet never disappoint and repeat their same routine year after year. Romeo returned home on schedule August 26 and Juliet arriving the next day. Not only are they busy nest-building, but they are busy bonding in preparation for eggs that will likely be laid around mid-November. They have inventory in supply for years to come.....thanks to Matthew and Irma!

Submitted by: Gretchen Butler
Audubon EagleWatch Nest Monitor/Volunteer
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Kurek Ashley



Keep a watchful eye on what's happening at The Palm Coast Arts Foundation in November! Not only will our long-awaited outdoor restroom facilities will be finished, but our new 3200 sq. ft. custom tent will be erected over our stage. This of course allows us to not only generate revenue from renting our site to outside interests, but allows us to offer many programs and events throughout the year.

Our events team, led by Awilda Hamilton has created programs and events that promise to not only lighten your spirit and engage your mind, but introduce to our wide and diverse community. We plan to bring in entertainment and programs never before seen in Flagler County. Let me share a few...

For the one-third of our members who live in Grand Haven, you should have received your notice of our annual meeting/reception, **November 29**; it will be the first event on the stage under our tent! We have much to share with you first before going public!

January 6: Family Flow Fest presented by Monkey Dust Productions: free public festival that offers master artist workshops (for a fee) for dance participants by day, and flow parties with live music by night. Workshops in the areas of Prop Manipulation, (hoop dance, juggling, poi and staff spinning), Dance (Bellydance, African Dance, Capoeira, Breakdance, etc.), Aerial Arts and Yoga (and Acro Yoga) will run simultaneously, giving participants as many as 4 different dance and flow arts workshop opportunities at any given time.

February 22-25, we partner again with the City Repertory Theatre to bring you the first ever Shakespeare in the Park featuring **MACBETH**. We hope this to be an annual performance with new Shakespeare plays each year. Tickets are already being sold for this with a special opening night Thursday, February 22.



March 29, a Garden Party & Plant Sale; and **April 15** of course is our signature event: the 11th annual Picnic and Pops concert with the Jacksonville Symphony. Tables are being sold already for those who prefer the best table placements.

AND we have a very special fundraiser going on right now...Viking River Cruises in partnership with Mike Bruckert of Cruise Planners, has donated an 8-day European River Cruise for two – for a donation of \$100 you can be entered to win! Winner will be announced at Picnic and Pops, April 15. Get your ticket by calling 386.225.4394 or going on line for more details at www.palmcoastartsfoundation.com

Thank you for supporting the arts in our community! I encourage you to download our free app and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and of course our website: www.palmcoastartsfoundation.com.

Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, PCAF Executive Director

S.T.U.F.F. BUS

SUPPLYING THINGS U FIND FUNDAMENTAL

Following the demand for supplies from the STUFF Bus by those whose homes were flooded following Hurricane Irma, there is a greater need for the following items:

- Socks (child thru adult sizes)
- Underwear (child to young adult sizes)
- Hygiene products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries)
- Toys for young children (K-5th grade)

Because of the generosity of corporate donors, school supplies are not needed at this time

Supplies can be dropped off at the Lobby of the Government Services Building
1769 E Moody Blvd, Bunnell
or call 437-7526 x 1216 to arrange pick up



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