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## *The Oak Tree*

### **President's Message**

#### **COMPLIANCE IS KING**

Having had the opportunity of serving on the GHMA Board for a number of years has provided me with a somewhat unique perspective on the relationship that exists between the residents, the Board and its management company. Basic to this relationship is the understanding that in conjunction with purchasing property, every owner agreed in writing that they were aware that Grand Haven was a deed restricted community with Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) associated with their property ownership. In turn, the Board of Directors of the Master Association and its management company were legally obligated to oversee the enforcement of those deed restrictions.

That brings us to the question of what is the underlying goal and purpose of enforcing these deed restrictions. I have heard from owners who express the belief that this is nothing more than a way for the Association to raise money via the fining process. Others believe that it represents nothing more than an overreach of authority and a means of harassing residents, while others view any form of restriction as totally unnecessary. Please be assured that the purpose of the enforcement of our deed restrictions, which by the way, were created long before the current Board was elected, is none of the above. The sole purpose of our deed restrictions, more commonly referred to as CC&R's, is to ensure the maintenance and upkeep of each property which in turn, has a positive effect upon the value of one of your most significant investments, your home. When all is said and done, the sole purpose of enforcement of the CC&R's, is basically to enforce compliance in order to maintain the quality of our community and the value of your investment. Fortunately, an overwhelming majority of our property owners are in agreement with the Board's mission.

The saying "Compliance is King" is often expressed at GHMA Board meetings. This simply means that neither the Board nor our management company is using fines as a means to raise money or any type of legal action to punish owners. Our primary goal is to ensure compliance and thereby perpetuate the beauty and quality of life that each owner had committed to and have a right to expect when they choose to live in Grand Haven. In fact, if a property owner documents that a violation has been cured prior to or at the scheduled Fine Committee meeting, the fine will most often be rescinded. Legal action is taken only when all other means of resolution have been exhausted.

The members of the Board are all property owners who share a common goal with each of you. Although not always an enviable task, the Board is responsible for enforcement of the CC&R's and in a perfect world, would simply notify owners of violations, who would in turn, correct the "area of concern" and the problem would be resolved. After all is said and done, the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to enforce the governing documents of our community. Our primary objective is compliance and thereby, a resolution of the issue and a positive outcome for all concerned. We invite all property owners in Grand Haven to join with the Board in our efforts to accomplish this objective.

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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 19  
2 PM, Friday, December 17  
2 PM, Friday, January 21  
2 PM, Friday, February 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

## GHMA Election Timeline

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

**October 26, 2021**– Mailing of 1st Notice of Annual Meeting and Election with request for candidates.

**November 17, 2021**– Deadline for return of completed Candidate Information Forms, indicating an Owner's interest in running for the GHMA Board.

**November 19, 2021**—Posting of Candidate Information Forms on GHMA website. E-blast to be sent to property owners, if warranted.

**December 14, 2021**– Candidate Forum, if warranted. Format to be determined.

**December 17, 2021**– Mailing of 2nd Notice of Annual Meeting and Election Materials and/or Information.

**January 6, 2021—5 PM**—Deadline for return or delivery of completed ballots and meeting date for the GHMA Annual Meeting and Election. Format to be determined

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I believe that the current Board exemplifies the advantages associated with an experienced group of individuals who have gained a historical perspective of important community issues and have coalesced into an efficiently interacting Board of Directors. There are no hidden agendas or special interests involved and every member of the Board is fully committed to serving all of Grand Haven in a fair and equitable manner.

As always, the property owners of Grand Haven are invited to attend the Master Association Board meetings which have returned to an in person format, at the Creekside Amenity Center on the next to last Friday of each month at 2:00 pm.

*Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President*

## TEAM FEED FLAGLER

In its 13th year, Team Feed Flagler helps those in need during the Thanksgiving holiday. This year, your \$35 donation will feed a family of 4.

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## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Grand Haven residents know that there are many special people who live here, but there is one particular individual who makes this a unique place to live.

Al Brogan is someone you might not know personally but have very likely seen walking on Colbert Lane. At 101 years old (yes, let me repeat that: 101 YEARS OLD!!), Al has developed a devoted following from not only his neighbors in The Crossings, but his many Grand Haven admirers who see him out on his walker. When not going on his daily walks, he makes sure to keep up with his favorite newspapers, TV shows and, of course, his daily 5 o'clock cocktail of bourbon and water!



Al lives with his daughter, Kathie Gargiulo, and they have been residents of Grand Haven for six years. Originally from Pennsylvania, Al and his wife, Marge, retired to Port St. Lucie in 1987 to be closer to family. He is 100% Irish and past president of the Friendly Sons and Daughters of Ireland, serving as Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day parade there several times. Al is a WWII Navy vet with a memorial brick in the Grand Haven Military Memorial. He has three other daughters: Janet, who lives in Port St. Lucie, Margie who lives in Pennsylvania, and Betty Lake who resides in Grand Haven, as well, along with her husband, Dave.

Grand Haven has many unique residents, but Al deserves special recognition as, no doubt, the oldest in age (102 in December!) but youngest in heart resident of this wonderful community of ours.

*Submitted by: Pat Powell*



Palm Coast Wreaths for Veterans will place a remembrance wreath on every Veteran's grave that lay in rest at Craig Flagler Palms Funeral Home.

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**Saturday, December 18**

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*Due to COVID, the October 16 fundraiser had to be cancelled. However, you can still donate as*

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## CRITTER CORNER

Smaller than the cottontail, the furry brown-tailed Marsh rabbit is often spied in Grand Haven foraging around our marshy areas at dusk and dawn. A superb swimmer, Marsh rabbit will dive underwater to escape predators. With independently swiveling ears and ability to hear from two different directions over long distances, its most important sense is hearing. It also relies on large eyes, located on the sides and upper part of the head, providing almost 360 degrees of vision. If a predator is detected, a Marsh rabbit's first instinct is to freeze and stay perfectly still. Predators often rely on movement to detect prey. If that doesn't work, plan two is take flight. With the heart pumping harder and blood speeding to muscles, mobility increases. The last resort is to fight. Using strong hind legs and long toenails, whacking a predator may offer a chance to escape and hide.

A male rabbit is a buck, a female is a doe and baby is a kit. Marsh rabbits are promiscuous and in Florida will breed year-round. Females can be mothers at four months. On average, a female can produce six litters of four kits each year. (That's a lot of rabbit stew!) Although a lucky Marsh rabbit may live four years in the wild, generally survival is no more than a year.

### Interesting Facts:

- Rabbits sleep with their eyes open.
- Rabbits teeth never stop growing.
- Unlike other animals, rabbits have thick hair on their feet but lack pads.
- Due to a muscular back and strong legs, even baby rabbits can jump twenty-four inches.
- Rabbits are born naked and blind. A hare is not a rabbit. (A Jack rabbit is a hare, born with fur and open eyes.)
- Surprisingly, horses and rabbits share traits – they can sleep with eyes open, their teeth never stop growing, their eyes have similar fields of view, their ears are comparable, they eat hay and they can jump!

Submitted by: Anne Sciuto



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## CDD CORNER

Some of the most important issues facing the CDD include pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety. The board is committed to finding an effective and economical solution to the dangerous crossing areas at the Village Center and Creekside in addition to the speeding problem on Waterside. Management is preparing alternatives for the board to consider, and we have engaged with the Sheriff’s department to help reduce speeding by having more deputy patrols in the community. The board asks that all motorists comply with the 30-mph limit on Waterside Parkway and please slow down at the Village Center and Creekside crossings.

Your board is digging into a long-term planning process with an eye to finishing it up by first quarter of next year. Resident participation will be solicited in this time-consuming process. The goal is to deliver a plan to residents that shows estimated annual assessments over the next 5 to 10 years based on projections for operating costs, major maintenance, and projects. We have not had a long-term plan for well over 10 years and it is sorely needed especially since the community has reached an age where major infrastructure maintenance and growth projects need to be considered. Road resurfacing, streetlight replacements, stormwater drainage needs along with ever increasing costs of sidewalk and gutter repairs due to oak tree root growth are just some of the things needing attention. Remember, you can always come to a meeting and express your opinion about these things and other work you may want to see done.

By the time this Oak Tree is published I think both the new pickleball and croquet courts will be in use. I recommend a walk over to see them in advance of a grand-opening event to come later. Better yet, call the amenities office and see when the next instruction lessons will be held and get in on the fun!

*Submitted by: Kevin Foley, CDD Board of Supervisors*





First, and foremost, a big THANK YOU to our neighbors. My wife recently broke her arm. We have been blessed by the thoughts and prayers of a large cadre of big-hearted Grand Haven folks whose support was integral in these first few weeks of her healing process!! Your presence in our lives right now has made a real difference for both of us!! Thank you, again. I mean it so much that I am dedicating my first quote to you:

*"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."* - Voltaire

**Thank You** is such a wonderful expression!! In two small words one person can express all of their heart to another. Most of the time it's only a little thing, a small help, that caused that expression of appreciation. But even so, the benefits are tremendous; the hearts of both parties grow larger (always love to get my Grinch comments in!!). Those little moments of excellence that you invest into others can pay substantial dividends!!

*"Some books are undeservedly forgotten; none are undeservedly remembered."* - W.H. Auden, The Dyer's Hand

Our lives, like books, tell a story. Some stories are filled with an accumulation of little investments, coming with a lot of Thank You(s), that can grow your heart significantly. And even if every one of those investments is small, you can be sure that time will compound them; leaving you with a fortune; a life that is definitely remembered!!

Haven Family is full of investment opportunities you can use to write your book. Over the last few months, 11 of your neighbors needed help getting to an appointment right here in the Palm Coast area. Their needs were filled 117 times by other neighbors making their own little investments. A few home-bound residents are receiving visits from our In-Home Visitation teams. A couple hours investment of conversation with a shut-in may be worth millions to a care-giver that needs a break. We would love to help you start a new chapter in your book; a best-seller in the making!

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Submitted by: Brad Scott, Haven Family Fund

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## The Eagles Nest

As humans, we are frequently creatures of habit. The same holds true for wildlife. It's amazing how eagles (among other birds that migrate) leave their nest area during their off-season yet tend to return about the same time each season. Hormones play a part in the timing. However mature Florida eagles frequently remain in their general nest area or within the state due to the abundant food source available to them. Others head north to cooler less humid climates. How do they find their way back to their territory or their nest? Even fledglings often return to their natal nest area years after they fledge to set up their own nest and claim their territory. Samson is a testament to that! It's apparent they are blessed with built-in GPS!

As fall approached, our resident pair, Samson & Gabrielle (Gabby), returned right on schedule. Samson returned on August 9 and Gabby returned on September 12. They quickly started their "nestorations", which is a huge part of their bonding process, delivering sticks, branches and Spanish moss. This is their third season as a bonded pair, and they seem much more relaxed and in-tune to each other. Their nest "renovation" proves the skills they have achieved over the past two seasons.



They frequently roost through the night at the nest or in a tree together close by. It's a joy seeing their union grow each season. They've been caught mating and frequency will increase over the next couple of months until Gabby lays her first egg. Last year eggs were laid on December 31 & January 3. My crystal ball indicates she will lay both eggs in December, but it's all in "their" time.

Prayers for another successful season for Samson and Gabby!

Submitted by: *Gretchen Butler, Audubon Eagle Watch Nest Monitor/Volunteer*  
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## Artfully YOURS 2022 Art Auction



The Grand Haven Woman's Club is proud to present its inaugural art auction, **Artfully YOURS**.

This event will feature a wide variety of mediums and pieces including paintings, sculptures, glasswork and more from local and nationally recognized artists (many from Grand Haven)

### SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, March 28, 2022**

Viewing starts: 4:00 PM

Silent Auction Ends: 5:30 PM

Live Auction Begins: 6:00 PM

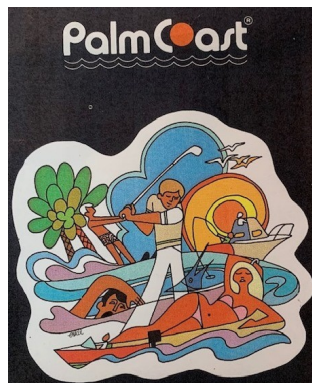


## Palm Coast Historical Society

### ITT's Early Marketing Campaign For Palm Coast

International Telephone and Telegraph's strategy for constructing a "model" city included laying roads, building infrastructure, planning parks and creating amenities prior to the arrival of its first residents. The Palm Coast Golf Club was the first amenity and opened in September 1971. The first residents moved into their homes in January 1972. By December of that year 200 neighbors who had met at the first Civic Association social later celebrated at the grand opening of the Yacht Club.

The accompanying brightly colored graphic prominently featuring a golfer surrounded by others swimming, boating, and sun bathing is taken from an early 1970's marketing brochure. The fantasy of a glamorous, tropical retirement community was marketed to those in the cold northeast and midwest. The strategy worked.



By 1973 just under 1,000 residents had made Palm Coast their home. By then the social and cultural upheaval of the 1960's must have seemed far removed. The Yacht Club, with a pool, tennis courts, and marina became the civic, religious, social and cultural hub. Free weekly buffet dinners served at The Yacht Club and free beer at the golf club's 19th Hole compensated for the limited shopping and dining opportunities.

The Sheraton Palm Coast Resort opened along the beach in 1974 and attracted more residents seeking recreation and a relaxed lifestyle. The escapist images suggested in the brochures were becoming a reality.

*Submitted by: Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky, PCHS Vice President*



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The Tattered Flag Disposal Program is available year round, so if you miss this opportunity, you can visit the GHWC website [GHwomansclub.org](http://GHwomansclub.org) and look for the contact for the Environment Committee.



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## GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

As with so many other groups, the GHWC had suspended its membership meetings for the past 20 months. November will see the return of an in-person membership meeting with speaker and lunch! We are all very excited to be able to offer this, albeit with limited capacity and masks optional.

Despite the lack of in-person meetings, our members have continued to plan for future events and activities and have continued our monthly collections for the Food Pantry, the Family Life Center, the STUFF Bus and the Flagler Humane Society, as well as many of their volunteer activities. And we thank our members and the entire community for their generosity during these collections.

The GHWC is very excited to recognize two new *Annual Partners* who have joined us in support of our contributions to many of the organizations in Flagler County.



### **Upcoming GHWC Activities of Interest –**

**January 17 – Day of Games** – this event is open to the entire community and will be held at the GH Golf Clubhouse. Attendance is limited to 100.

**March 28 – Artfully Yours...Art Auction 2022.** This will be open to the community and will feature local and nationally recognized artists, many from Grand Haven. It is an inaugural event and will be held at the GH Golf Clubhouse.

**April 9 – Tennis Tournament** – this event is open to the entire community and to all abilities. It includes lunch and prizes.

We are also fortunate to have sponsors for several of our events. Please visit [GHWomansclub.org](http://GHWomansclub.org) to see all of the sponsors who are supporting our events. You can also see more information about the details on each event and to how to register for these events.

### **Other Activities –**

Thanksgiving week – "Wreath, Centerpiece and More" sale will be taking place Thanksgiving week at the Flagler Humane Society. Many of the decorated wine bottles, ornaments and paintings have been created by the members of the GHWC Environment Committee.



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## No Rest for the Wicket

Even with the hot and humid weather the club has had a very active Summer and into the Fall.

To celebrate the **Summer Olympics**, in August we had our own **Triathlon** playing Golf, Aussie and 6 wickets. It was good to see both Hi and Low handicaps come out and play.

Day 1 saw 18 very competitive doubles matches, with Margaret Matuszak emerged as winner. Most of the day's matches were won by only one or two points. Marsha Cargill joined Margaret atop the leader board as the only other player who won all three of her matches.

Day 2 were the Aussie double matches. Despite rain all afternoon, spirits were not dampened. After 3 rounds Addie Szaro turned in a perfect score of 3 wins.

Day 3 of our triathlon started bright and early to play American 6-wickets Rules. Only two players managed to win all three of their matches - Kathy Reichard-



Ellavsky and Jim Hester. But Jim secured first place with a very impressive 28 net points and 59 gross points.

Winners were awarded their prizes Thursday afternoon at Wine and Wickets. Thanks goes to Joe Zilligen for running this fun event, Dorothy Silliman, and her Social Committee for keeping everyone hydrated and fed, and Pat Kaufman for presenting the Olympic medals.

### Fall Tournaments and the Winners

September 25-26 (Northeast Florida Croquet Club)  
NEFCC Fall American Rules Open Tournament in Ponte Vedra Beach FL – Our team won four of the six trophied events. Marsha Cargill, Margaret Matuszak and Dave Paukovich

October 7-10 Bald Head Island (NC) Golf Croquet Club Open Championship – Kathie Gamble won 1<sup>st</sup> Ft.

October 10-16 West Palm Beach FL 2021 USCA 6 Wicket National Championship – Nancy Crouch won Single 1<sup>st</sup> Ft & Nancy Crouch and Mijai Pagano won 1<sup>st</sup> Ft Doubles.

October 15 NEFCC Fall Golf Croquet Open Ponte Vedra Beach FL – Doubles Championship Winners – Patti Paukovich & Todd Russell & Championship Plate Winners – Dave Paukovich & Sue Emond.

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**Congrats** to all the winners and players who came out on the courts!

We also had a very successful Beginners Class beginning October 4 – 20. There were 17 residents who came out for lessons and fun.

The **Grand Haven Croquet Club** 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 [jjfitterman@gmail.com](mailto:jjfitterman@gmail.com). Come join us to try something new, make new friends, and have fun.

**See you on the courts!**

*Submitted by: Patti Paukovich*



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## DAY OF GAMES 2022

### January 17

Ready, Set, Go....Join the women of Grand Haven for a day of Fun, Food and Festivities. Gather your group of fellow game players and enjoy Mahjong, Bridge, Dominoes, or whatever game you would like to bring.

*Seating is limited to 100 players, so if you are interested, contact Lucy Crowley at [jerlu37@gmail.com](mailto:jerlu37@gmail.com) to reserve your table of 4 or 6 players.*

DATE: Monday, January 17, 2022

TIME: 10 AM to 2 PM

COST: \$35, which includes box lunch

Event will include raffle baskets and share/share.

This event is conducted by the Grand Haven Woman's Club and proceeds benefit the charities they support.



Flagler  
County  
Art  
League

## FCAL Ends Shows with Major Online Photo Event

### Jan Jackson's Grand Gallery Adds More Exhibitions

The Flagler County Art League (FCAL) winds up its online shows with "Picture This," a juried photography exhibition, closing Nov. 30. The show has a stunning assortment of entries from the nation's top photographers. Michael Potts of Phoenix, AZ, won Best of Show and First Place of Show; William Carson of Tampa, FL, won Second Place of Show, and Palm Coast's Dave Bowers won Third Place of Show. To



view all 137 entries and see the full list of winners, visit: [www.flaglercountyartleague.org](http://www.flaglercountyartleague.org) and click on the link for the exhibition.

At this time, FCAL is ceasing operations, a result of the ongoing pandemic gallery closure.

Meanwhile, Grand Haven's Jan Jackson has been curating art shows of all types at the Grand Gallery located at Grand Haven Realty across from our community's main gate. An award-winning artist herself and the Gargiulo Art Foundation (GAF) 2020 Artist of the Year, Jan has more events lined up. The current show is a unique doll exhibition, featuring the work of Dollworks JAX, a group of Jacksonville artists. This show will continue until Nov. 14. Upcoming events will include a quilt show (work by Emma Fleishmann), an exhibition of paintings by Trish Vevera, GAF 2018 Artist of the Year, and a retrospective of the work of the late Joan Howard, award-winning painter and long-time member of FCAL.

Another Palm Coast art enterprise that has come onto the scene is Galleria D'Arte, launched by award-winning photographer and FCAL alumnus Lisette Otero-Lewis. This venue is located at St. Joe Plaza off Palm Coast Parkway. Lisette's last show of the year, Nov. 1-Dec. 31, will feature the work of fine art painter venue is located at St. Joe Plaza off Palm Coast Parkway. Lisette's last show of the year, Nov. 1-Dec. 31, will feature the work of fine art painter Marsha Tidy.

*Submitted by: Stephanie Salkin, FCAL*



While COVID has put a damper on most events, it has not dampened our spirit! We are excited to announce that on February 11, 2022, we kick off the new year with a concert never before performed in Flagler County. Watch for more news of this extraordinary performance. Teaser...think fabulous music, lights, and it's electric! But do save the date of Friday, February 11.

Our Turtle Trail expands in November with the installation of NORMAN, our Norman Rockwell turtle sponsored by Grand Haven resident, Patricia Kaufman in honor of her late husband, Dr. Orin Kaufman. Here's a sneak peek of NORMAN with artist Ron Lace:



Following NORMAN's installation, we will be adding LOUIS in January; and the SEE turtle in MARCH; amazing works of art to be added to the Turtle Trail. A beautiful new map of the Turtle Trail can be picked up at the Flagler County Tourism office.

We encourage you to shop our monthly First Saturday Creative Bazaars. These monthly craft fairs are an opportunity for area artists and crafters to showcase their talents. It is a wonderful way to support local artists and pick up unique gift items just in time for the holidays.

Remember to consider supporting the arts in your year end giving plans. It is important that the arts remain crucial in our community development.

Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, PCAF

## Pickleball... Do You Know How It Got Its Name?

If you're in America, you've probably heard of pickleball, a merry mutant mix of tennis, badminton and Ping-Pong that's scored major popularity points in recent times. But the game with a name straight out of an Enid Blyton book is no new invention; the different racquet sport elements were cobbled together by U.S. Congressman Joel Pritchard and friends in the summer of 1965 and named after a ball-chasing dog, Pickles.

In the last five years, it's gone from being a fringe backyard recreation to an internationally recognized sport with a federation. The Sports and Fitness Industry Association reported a pandemic Pickleball boom, with participation climbing by 21.3% in 2020. The aim is to get the ball over the net without your opponent hitting back, and the flexible sport can be played both outdoors and indoors, in singles or in pairs.

The best part? It's equally fun for those not equipped with 20-year-young limbs. All you gotta do is grab a partner and say: Hit me with your best shot!



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## Property Owner Alert

It is unfortunate that on occasion we have a vendor working in Grand Haven who creates both problems and expenses for our residents. More recently, there has been a tree company that pruned trees so severely that it had become necessary for the trees to be replaced. In order to avoid such a situation, if you are dealing with any company for the first time, the following suggestions are offered.

- Be sure that the vendor has a license and is insured to do the work.
- Ask for references, preferably within Grand Haven and call to ensure that the vendor does quality work.
- Never pay for services until you have approved the results.
- Discuss your expectations with the vendor to ensure that all parties are in agreement.
- Try to be at home when the work is being done to ensure that it is actually being done as agreed upon.
- Any work by a vendor involving tree trimming, pruning or lifting of the canopy, should always include the removal of all debris. WastePro will **not** remove either large piles of debris or those left by a vendor and the property owner is likely to have to pay an additional charge to have it removed.
- Trees that are pruned so severely that only the trunk and shortened bare branches remain, will not regenerate into full bodied trees and violates the GHMA Street Tree Trimming Resolution.

Remember that you are ultimately responsible for work done on your property. Therefore, some due diligence prior to hiring a vendor can spare you a great deal of grief and perhaps a significant expenditure.

If you should have any questions, please contact Troy Railsback with Southern States Management Group, Inc. at 386-446-6333.

*Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President*

## Flagler County Master Gardener Program

### Happy Fall Everyone!

The Master Gardener's are having a lecture series and Winter/Spring MG Workshops. If you're interested in gardening and conservation, come on out for some fun and knowledge.

### Saturday Fall Master Gardener Lecture

**Series:** Flagler County Library, 2500 Palm Coast Parkway NW (386) 446-6763. *Unfortunately, by the time you receive this Oak Tree, two of the four in the series will have been completed, but you can still come out and learn something new.* The series is based on the nine principles of Florida Friendly Landscaping.

11/20: 1-2pm: #2 Water Efficiently

12/4: 10-11 am #3 Fertilizing Appropriately & Building Soil Nutrition

### Friday Winter/Spring Master Gardeners

**Workshops:** Palm Coast Community Center – 305 Palm Coast Parkway NE (386) 986-2323 Workshops are Free, but there may be a cost for materials. Fridays @ 2-3:30 pm.

1/28 - Creating Terrariums

2/18 - Plant Propagation made Simple

3/25 - Maintaining Succulents for Indoor and Outdoor Gardens

4/29 - Raising Butterflies at Home

5/27 - Edible Gardening in a 5-Gallon Bucket

If you have a question about your plants, garden, trees, irrigation, or lawn you may contact the UF/IFAS Extension Flagler County Master Gardener Volunteers @:

Flagler County Extension Office  
150 Sawgrass Road  
Bunnell, FL 32110  
Phone: 386-437-7464

Email: [mgardener@flaglercounty.org](mailto:mgardener@flaglercounty.org)

Website: <http://flaglerifas.ufl.edu>

*Submitted by: Patti Paukovich, Master Gardener*

## SAFETY TIPS

The following safety tips are respectfully provided to assist in making the upcoming Winter holiday season safe for you and your family;

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Travel with friends or family instead of by yourself.
- Always lock your vehicle and store all items out of sight. Breaking into an empty car isn't worth a thief's time. However, anything left in plain view—from your holiday gifts to spare change, sunglasses, CDs, cell phones or briefcases—may tempt a thief.
- When shopping online don't save your credit card information on your accounts. Some retail websites may not be equipped to secure your information, which could leave your personal details and payment card data vulnerable to cyber-thieves or data breaches.
- If you're traveling during the holidays, please don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone. Also please don't post on social media that you'll be away from home.
- If you do go away during the holidays, check with your local Police Department and sign up for a "House Watch" while you're away.

The Flagler Beach Police Department has great gifts/stocking stuffers, at a great price; FREE! Stop by the Police Department lobby, Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm to pick up free bicycle helmets, free skateboard helmets and free gun-locks!

Wishing everyone in Grand Haven a Happy Holiday season!

*Submitted by: Matthew Doughney, Chief,  
Flagler Beach Police Department*



Keep a look out for your 2022 Annual Assessment coupon book. These will be mailed in November and should be received by December 1st. Payment is due January 1, 2022. 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 2022 Annual Assessment is \$150.

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 Villages's respective 2022 monthly assessment is due the first of each month starting January 1, 2022.

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](http://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.

*Submitted by: Troy Railsback, Community Manager*

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