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## *The Oak Tree*

### **President's Message**

Over the past years, as president of the Board of your homeowners association, I have often given thought to how the majority of our 1900 property owner's view the role and purpose of the Board. I am confident that in terms of generalities, our residents desire the Board act, so to speak, to keep "Grand Haven Grand". There is no doubt that we all wish to maintain or improve the appearance and value of our property and protect both our financial investment and the quality of our lifestyle.

Since we all choose to purchase property within a deed restricted community, one can assume that we valued the quality that came with some degree of compromise, consistency of rules and the presence of an organizational structure that provided oversight in regard to new construction and the modification of certain aspects of developed lots. With the exception of a very limited number of Village amendments, the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) that exist today, both Village specific and Master CC&R's, are exactly the same as all residents agreed to follow when they decided to live in Grand Haven. Thus, the generic answer to role and purpose of the Board is fairly simple, maintain or improve the quality of the Grand Haven lifestyle.

Unfortunately, the "how to do that" part is not quite as easy to define. One result of living in a community of 1900 properties, is that there are extreme differences of needs, expectations and individual perceptions. What one homeowner views as a high priority may be seen as a low priority by another homeowner on the same street. What one sees as totally acceptable, another sees as unacceptable. There is not a week that goes by during which I don't receive an email or phone call from residents complaining about some form of perceived over control by either the Grand Haven Master Association, the Architectural Design Committee or the Community Development District (of which I am not a member). However, during that same week, I will also receive communication from other residents who feel that the follow up regarding the violation of community standards are too lax and increased enforcement efforts are needed. I point this out not as a complaint or the Board's need for your sympathy but rather to emphasize the diversity of expectations that your elected Board members continuously attempt to meet.

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## GHMA Meeting Schedule for 2013

The Board of Directors of the Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA) will meet on the third Friday of every month (unless otherwise noted). All residents are welcome to attend.

**When:** 2 p.m., Friday, August 23, 2013  
 2 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2013  
 2 p.m., Friday, October 11, 2013 (Budget)  
 2 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2013  
 2 p.m., Friday, December 20, 2013

**Where:** Creekside Amenities Center in Grand Haven  
 2 North Village Parkway

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The Oak Tree seeks contributors to help with ideas and topics for future issues.

Residents are encouraged to write articles about something they feel may be of interest to others - a Grand Haven activity, club, happening, sporting event, etc.



As a reminder, please remember these CC&R enforcement focus items:

**Roof Mold** – Each owner should take a look at their roof and consider having it cleaned. The roof itself can and will get dark in color and/or moldy (particularly tile roofs). Also the border or fascia around the edge of the roof may need attention as well. This is something to plan for at least annually if not more frequently.

**Street Tree Canopy** – Trimming of the street tree canopy is a continual maintenance item. Selective pruning on a regular basis will continually prohibit limbs from interfering with street and/or sidewalk traffic. The minimum heights are: 7 feet over the sidewalk, 9 feet over the curb, 11 feet over the traffic lane and 14 feet over the crown of the road.

**Landscape Mulch** – Landscape mulch is required for landscape beds pursuant the GHMA ADC Standards. It is necessary to add to or refresh your landscape mulch from time to time (bi-annually). The default approved ground cover for all properties is naturally colored, organic (pine) bark chips. Red, black or green mulch is not permitted. REMEMBER – you should only add to or refresh the same landscape mulch that has been approved by the ADC for your landscape plan. If you would like to utilize a different type of mulch or mulch alternative (rock) you will need to submit to the ADC for approval prior to installing.

If you have any questions, please call 386-446-6333:  
 Troy Railsback (Ext. 307)  
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## CDD Corner

As of **August 1, 2013**, over 84% of all residents/property owners have updated their information into the Master Resident Database and have received their photo-ID Smart Amenity Access Cards (SAAC.) Thank you to all who have completed this process.

**Ok, so what happens after August 5, 2013?**

### **At All Amenities (except Village Center Café):**

Facilitators will greet residents/guests and scan their Smart Amenity Access Cards (SAACs.) As per the GHCCDD Amenity Rules and Policies, everyone 13 years of age and older wishing to use amenities will be required to present their individual photo-ID SAAC for scanning or, in the case of guests, present a guest pass.

Those who forget their SAACs, or have not registered for a SAAC, will be denied entrance to amenities (Café excluded) and will be asked to return with their SAAC. **The important point to remember is that YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR CARD TO USE THE AMENITIES.**

**NOTE:** for convenience, many residents have purchased a second SAAC (\$5 at the CDD Creekside Office) and/or a lanyard (\$5 at the Village Center Office) making it easier to present the SAAC for scanning.

### **Entry Through All Street Entrance Gates:**

Residents/property owners who have failed to register their information into the new Master Resident Database will discover that their Gate Access Devices (GADs), cards and/or fobs, will no longer open any street gate. These individuals will be required to enter only through the visitor entrance at the guarded Main Gate until they register.

Please use caution when entering the gates, should the driver in the vehicle in front of you find it necessary to back out of the resident entry lane because their GAD no longer opens the gate. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Residents are also reminded not to physically confront any driver who piggybacks through the gate. The appropriate response, as advised by Flagler County Undersheriff Rick Staly, is to pull over and record the license plate, color, make and model of the piggybacking vehicle. If possible, taking a cell phone picture of the car/plate will be very helpful. Residents should then report this information to the GHCCDD Field Operations Manager's office at 447-1888, as soon as possible.

The GHCCDD wishes to thank all residents/property owners who have cooperated with the **"Keeping Grand Haven Grand"** project. By controlling and dramatically reducing unauthorized over-utilization of the District's amenities, the end result will be heightened safety and security, more available space at the pools, gyms, and courts, and a reduction in wear-and-tear maintenance expenses.

GHCCDD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and  
DISTRICT STAFF

## President's Message, *continued*

Over time, I have learned, as have your other Board members, that meeting the needs of some residents who expect that 1900 properties be "picture perfect", while at the same time meeting the needs of other residents who believe that they are over controlled and that the rules do not apply to them, is in fact, the greatest challenge your Board faces on an ongoing basis.

I am fully aware from my interactions with our residents that some believe that the rules are not consistently applied, and therefore, there is not equity among property owners. Over the years, Grand Haven has gone through an evolution from being developer controlled to resident controlled. During that evolution, there existed changes in Board composition, needs and philosophies. The same may be said regarding the Architectural Design Committee. When a resident states that they were denied the right to make a landscaping change that exists on the next street, they are correct. Over time, there have been changes made in the Architectural Standards and some things previously approved are no longer approved, and vice versa. Purposeful change is but one way of meeting our overall goal for Grand Haven.

My point being, that your Board strives, to the best of its ability, to administer the CC&R's in a consistent and equitable manner for all of the residents of Grand Haven. We must keep in mind that it is highly unlikely, okay, you are right, almost impossible, that everyone will always agree with the Board's decisions. However, if the needs and expectations of the vast majority of residents are met, then I believe that success has been achieved. The concern of every resident should be heard and evaluated, as should that of any Village.

However, after all is said and done, the overall wellbeing of all our residents and the quality lifestyle that has become the Grand Haven standard should and must take precedence. It is our hope and desire that you will support your Board of Directors in our goal of making Grand Haven a truly exceptional place to live.

Dr. Robert J. Carton, President  
Grand Haven Master Association



## Patrick Williams: From Global to Local by Sandi Walker



Many Grand Haven residents know Pat Williams as an avid, competitive tennis player and as a friend with an exceptionally positive attitude with a tremendous outlook on life. But did you know that Pat is one of the early pioneers of professional coaching and that he's often called the "ambassador of life coaching"? Pat has been a licensed psychologist since 1980 and began executive coaching in 1990 with Hewlett Packard, IBM, Kodak and other major companies.

### GLOBAL

In 1998 Pat started his own training school for coaches, the Institute for Life Coach Training (ILCT), which specializes in training for individuals with a human services orientation. ILCT has trained over 3,500 helping professionals and has opened offices in Korea, Turkey, Italy, China and the UK.

Pat is also the founder of a non-profit organization called Coaching the Global Village "which strives to work with social changers to utilize the coaching approach to create innovative, sustainable solutions to pressing global challenges." The Global Village is anywhere the power of coaching conversations can help empower local residents and leaders. It's NOT just over there (in remote areas of the world).....it's also right here in our own backyard.

While much of Pat's work with the Institute of Life Coach Training and Coaching the Global Village has been done on a corporate and global basis, his current passion is to promote the applicability of the COACHING APPROACH to two underserved population segments who can benefit from the creative empowerment of coaching conversations that top executives and business owners already benefit from.

### LOCAL

First, and closest to home, Pat is part of Road to Success, an education and training program designed for out of school youth ages 16-21. This GED prep and Life Skills training program is held at the G.W. Carver Community Center in Bunnell and helps "at risk" (Pat prefers the term "at choice") young adults become members of the workforce and improve their life skills. Pat and his three coaches provide training on how to make choices, the consequences and responsibilities associated with those decisions, values clarification, emotional intelligence skills, mentoring, and job readiness training including mock interviews, resume writing and dressing for success.

There are currently 30 youths involved in the 2013 program and plans are underway to expand to 50 participants next year. Road to Success is not part of the Flagler County School system's budget but rather supported by the Center for Business Excellence through Federal grants. Pat generously donates his time to this program.

Samantha (Sammy), a recent participant in Road to Success summed up the impact that the program has had on her life by saying "Life coaching has taught me how to be more organized, how to write a resume, and how to act in an interview. They helped me build my confidence, and they also helped me find small community jobs that increase my money like tutoring, baby-sitting, dog sitting, & translation. Without them, I would've been lost as a puppy. So thank you Life Coaching for helping me get on my feet."

### PRISON PROJECT

Pat's second passion is a new effort to work with prisoners that began when an inmate in the Federal penitentiary in McKeen, PA wrote to Pat after reading one of his books; Becoming a Professional Life Coach. Talib Shakir was incarcerated at age 17 and has been behind bars for almost 20 years. After reading Pat's textbook, Talib was inspired to start a coaching group with other inmates to help break the cycle of violence, crime and recidivism.

When Pat learned about Talib's efforts, he and the current owner of ILCT generously donated the 40 hour foundational coach training programs (normally \$2,000 each) to TEN men chosen by the prison. The assistant warden was included in the training and the group will graduate this summer. This program has been so successful that they are hoping to take it prison wide. Based on letters from participating inmates, the value of the training is broad based. It has:

- changed the way they interact with each other
- reduced racial tension between participants and their peers
- improved communication between prisoners
- improved communication with family members
- increased self worth

From Talib Shakir: "I believe that I am living proof that with the right people in your life, taking the right steps in life, and having the right opportunities that Life Coaching can and will play a critical and important role in successful re-entry of many prisoners within the penal system. I cannot tell you the difference in the lives of the guys that I am in contact with through coaching that are better men today as a result of having been coached. I have come to believe that most people don't care what you know until they know that you care. That is what makes coaching a powerful tool of change."

Pat plans to mentor Talib as he realizes his career vision when he gets out of prison this summer. Talib wants to function as a life coach and mentor on the outside in order to help people re-enter society or avoid incarceration and live productively with their families, with a focus on coaching youth to avoid making bad choices.

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## Grand Haven Master Association

Have you ever wanted to get involved in Grand Haven but didn't know how? Here are some great opportunities for you to get involved in Grand Haven and to contribute to your community. With the reorganization of the Architectural Design Committee (ADC) into two separate entities, there are three positions open:

### Volunteer position #1 (one opening):

#### Architectural Design Committee (ADC) Member

- Job Description - Responsible for reviewing and approving/disapproving plans for changes to the exterior of homes and/or landscape. Working knowledge of architectural design standards and site planning preferred. Training will be provided.
- Commitment - 2 hours on the first and third Wednesday of every month. Total time approximately 4 hours per month.
- Meeting Location: Creekside Amenities Center

### Volunteer position #2 (two openings):

#### Architectural Design Committee (ADC) Inspector

- Job Description – Visit property addresses (on your own schedule) to ensure that new construction/landscaping and modifications to existing structures/landscaping has received ADC approval and are in accordance with plans submitted. Working knowledge of architectural design standards and site planning preferred. Training will be provided.
- Time Commitment - Approximately 2 hours per month.

For the positions above, please send letter of interest or email to Troy Railsback by August 20th:

Southern States Management Group, Inc.  
P.O. Box 354785  
Palm Coast, FL 32135  
386-446-6333  
TRailsback@ssmgrouppinc.com

## Watch for eBlasts from the GHMA

In an effort to provide up-to-date information, the Master Association will be sending out periodic Eblasts with information the community may find of interest. This is not an attempt to provide minutes of a meeting nor will this blast cover all topics discussed during any particular meeting. Complete minutes can be found at our website: [www.grandhavenmhoa.com](http://www.grandhavenmhoa.com).

## Grand Haven Access

How do my visitors enter Grand Haven if they aren't on my Preferred List?

Visitors, family, friends, vendors, etc. may enter Grand Haven through the main gate in one of three ways:

- (1) you put them on your permanent list of those allowed in to the community (this is done through the CDD office),
- (2) you call the guard gate in advance (445.2376) and provide the name of the person coming to see you, approximate time of arrival and how long they will be staying if more than just that day,
- (3) the guard will call you if a visitor arrives who has not been approved through steps 1 or 2. You will be asked if the person should be allowed to enter.

If your visitor arrives at the North or South gates, they can contact you through the call box. There is an alphabetical listing of all Grand Haven resident's last name. The visitor scrolls up or down until he or she sees your last name and then pushes the button next to your name. That button will call your home number. When you answer the phone, push the number 9 on your phone, hang up and the gate will lift permitting the visitor to enter.

## **Williams**, *continued from Page 4*

If you're asking how can I help or get involved, there are many ways:

*Locally*, Road to Success is looking for volunteers to help in their program or who may have other resources. Contact Pat Williams or Brian Willard, the program manager (386-437-8279) or visit their website: <http://flaglerschools.com/content/road-success>.

*Globally*, Coaching the Global Village (Pat's non-profit organization) is forming a new partnership with Talib Shakir's Reconstruct Program, which is his program, designed to introduce productive principles and provide realistic solutions to aid in the successful re-entry of current offenders back into society and provide coaching/mentoring for at-risk young adults. For this partnership to really work and grow, they will need donations and sponsors. Learn more at their website site: <http://coachingtheglobalvillage.org/the-reconstruct-program/>.

As Pat reflects on the impact and influence that his life coaching programs have had and continue to have, he concludes that his "life purpose has always been, to live passionately, love fully, learn continuously, laugh often and leave a lasting legacy." This work with Coaching the Global Village initiatives is my most important living legacy."

## Neighborhood Watch

### Flagler County Residents Can Join Terrorism Fight

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office has joined with 13 other Northeast Florida counties to provide a tool for residents to report suspicious activities that may be terrorist-related in their community.

The "iWatch" reporting system is a partnership with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Northeast Florida Fusion Center.

Under this program, residents are able to report suspicious activity such as people drawing or measuring important buildings; a briefcase, suitcase or package left behind or someone purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons.

In Flagler County, residents may call 888-908-5368 or go online to [iwatchflagler.com](http://iwatchflagler.com) to report anything suspicious that could be terrorist-related.

"This is an excellent program that we are able to participate in without any cost", said Flagler County Sheriff James L. Manfre. "It is an opportunity for our residents to take an active part in protecting our country, our state and our community."

Residents are reminded to do their part to help fight crime in our community. Remember to remove all valuables from your vehicles whenever they are parked. Roll up the windows and be sure to lock the doors.

Call the Sheriff's Office at 313-4911 if you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood.

### Home Security Inspections Offered

Residents wishing to take advantage of this program may contact the Palm Coast Liaison Office (386) 586-2621 to set up an appointment.



## Architectural Design Standards

In the President's Message in the spring edition of "The Oak Tree", Dr Robert Carlton wrote about reorganization changes that were under way to divide responsibilities of the ADC. The changes have been made and I am happy to report that the committees are now in place.

There are now two ADCs:

- The original ADC meets for the purpose of reviewing applications for ANY exterior changes to existing properties. This committee, under the direction of the Master Homeowner Association, is made up of seven members, all of whom are Grand Haven residents.
- The newly formed NCADC is for new construction and is comprised of five members. There are two members from the Declarant, one member from the landscaping community and two Grand Haven residents

Meetings for both committees are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Creekside Amenity Center. The New Construction ADC meets at 8:00 AM, followed by the regular ADC meeting at 9:00 AM.

The members of the ADC are your neighbors and friends and we are committed to provide fair and reasonable flexibility with regard to the approval process. We ask that you follow the standards to the best of your ability and ask questions if you are unsure of a particular requirement.

Both ADCs exist so that Grand Haven will continue to be a beautiful place to live. It is not the desire of either ADC to establish standards that are rigid and difficult to follow. The purpose is to provide standards that maintain the integrity of a community that is beautiful to live in and inviting to our guests.

A complete list of ADC members along with other pertinent information can be located on the Grand Haven website. [www.grandhavenmhoa.com](http://www.grandhavenmhoa.com).

Sincerely,

Tom Byrne, ADC Chairperson

## Grand Haven: Where Am I?



## Labor Day at The Village Center

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION  
AT THE VILLAGE CENTER  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND  
11:00AM TO 3:00PM  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!!  
PRESENTING "VINCENT"

\$10 ADULTS/ \$5 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER  
PRE-PAY AT THE VILLAGE CENTER OFFICE

~~~ MENU ~~~

CREAMY COLESLAW  
POTATO SALAD

GRILLED CORN-ON-THE-COB

HOT DOGS W/SAUERKRAUT

HAMBURGERS W/PICKLED RED ONIONS

GRILLED LEMON & ROSEMARY CHICKEN

GRILLED SPARERIBS W/GUAVA BBQ GLAZE

BROWNIES AND COOKIES

## Guest Passes

In order to obtain guest passes, the owner of a Grand Haven property must submit a letter of request, addressed to the CDD office, with the name(s) of the guest(s) and the date(s) of their visit. The letter must be signed by the owner, include contact information for verification and a copy of their new Grand Haven Smart Amenity Access ID card. Upon receipt of this letter, the CDD Office staff will verify the information and send authorization to the AMG office at the Village Center.

Requests may be sent to the CDD Office as follows:

- Email: [office@ghcdd.com](mailto:office@ghcdd.com)
- Fax: 386-447-1131
- US Mail: 2 North Village Parkway, Palm Coast, FL 32137

Once the resident request has been authorized by the CDD office, staff will notify the Owner and advise that their guests should go to the AMG office at the Village Center to sign the appropriate documentation and receive the Guest Amenity Pass.

## University Women of Flagler

The University Women of Flagler will present its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show, **Fashionable Transitions**, on Saturday, **November 16, 2013** at the **Hammock Beach Resort**, Ocean Ballroom.

This year the fashions will be presented by **Patchington** located in the Trails Shopping Center. Once again, we will present a variety of Boutiques with sales starting at 10:30 AM, and they will remain open until 2:30 PM. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM, followed by the parade of fashions, modeled by our very own members. There are also door prizes and raffles that will be awarded throughout the afternoon. All proceeds from the Fashion Show and the organization's other fund raising events benefit the UWF Scholarship Fund.

The University Women of Flagler is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing educational opportunities for women. Each year, UWF awards scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,700 to graduating seniors seeking a college degree who reside in Flagler County. UWF also sponsors one young student in the Take Stock in Children Initiative, a program administered by the Flagler County Education Foundation with matching funds provided by the state. For more information about the University Women of Flagler, please visit the website at [www.uwflagler.org](http://www.uwflagler.org).

In past years, many residents of Grand Haven have displayed their talents at the Boutiques and many have attended the Show. We appreciate everyone's support.

Please mark your calendars now and, remember, it is never too early to call to reserve your tickets. Please contact Louel Larkin at 445-4236 for tickets.

Diane Layng, Committee Co-Chair,  
Nancy Carlton & Beverly Fox, Committee members



2012 Fashionable Transitions' models

## Grand Haven Realty Accepts Award



Doug Beaven presents an award to Patsy Moden, Grand Haven Realtor, for her initiative in putting together the Program for "Christmas in Afghanistan".

Late last year Patsy asked Doug (who was deployed in Afghanistan at the time) what he wanted for Christmas. He told her he didn't need anything but he knew many of the soldiers he was serving with had never received anything in the mail. Doug is married to Heather, the daughter of Nancy Whitley a former GH resident and realtor with Landmar (now Grand Haven Realty).

Doug provided Patsy with a wish list of items and despite getting a late start, the Grand Haven Realty office was able to accumulate a mountain of gifts. Their effort was helped immensely by clients who came into the office and inquired about the display of gifts. The generosity of the residents of Grand Haven cannot be overstated. They helped contribute to shipping more than twenty VERY heavy boxes to Afghanistan in time for Christmas. In lieu of an office Holiday party, Grand Haven Realty realtors and staff agreed with Jim Cullis to use the party money for the postage.

There will be another "Christmas in Afghanistan" drive this year. Details will be in the October issue of the Oak Tree.





## Flagler County Art League *by Stephanie Salkin and Ann DeLucia*

### New Season Begins with the Unveiling of New Shows and Featuring more Collaborative Events

During our 2013/2014 season, the Flagler County Art League (FCAL) will continue to offer monthly shows with opening receptions every Second Saturday from 6-9pm in cooperation with nearby Hollingsworth Gallery and a growing number of artist galleries in City Marketplace. Themes such as "Every Color Has a Story" (this September,) "The Dance of Life," and "Through the Eyes of a Child," will be part of our schedule. An exciting array of new classes - along with some old favorites - will launch, as well.

We are especially excited about the great partnerships we have started to build with other arts organizations, with the aim of making Palm Coast a destination on the "Art Coast." We may be the only art league between Daytona and St Augustine but there are more than 50 arts and culture groups here in Flagler County and we are working to build an awareness of the arts opportunities in our area! We are excited to be part of a growing "Arts and Culture Alliance" started last year by a few of us and now we meet quarterly with the hospitality group organized by the Tourist Development Council.

This month, for example, we will co-sponsor a show with Daytona State College's School of Photography. The work of DSC's gifted photography students will be on display and available for sale, and one photo will be raffled off on opening night, August 10. This show will run concurrently with our ongoing Summer Sale Show, featuring floor to ceiling displays of specially priced art. This show will run until September 10th.



Sculpture by Harry Messersmith  
Photo by Stephanie Salkin

We are just winding up a successful collaboration with the Gargiulo Art Foundation (GAF), Hollingsworth Gallery, and City Repertory Theatre (CRT), with a bicycle-theme art and poetry show and a "poetry slam," respectively.

The bicycle and poetry show was inaugurated last year by GAF and we were delighted to partner in this year's exhibition, displaying bicycle art in our FCAL gallery, while Hollingsworth featured another array of bicycle pieces, including sculpture.



FCAL handled the poetry competition, attracting entries from as far away as Atlanta and south Florida. We received some great bicycle poems, read at FCAL during the July 13 openings. CRT contributed its theatre space later that evening for what was probably the first ever "poetry slam" performed in Palm Coast.

As for classes and workshops, in addition to watercolor, acrylic and altered art, we will offer an opportunity to try stained glass, polymer clay (no Santa earrings - a real art form!), "Abstract Express", Japanese printmaking, Chinese painting, drawing live models and dancers, grisaille and a series of five photography workshops by Wolfgang Obst - an internationally renowned photographer and documentary film maker. Many more workshops with well-known artists are on the schedule!

For more information please go to our web site [www.flaglercountyartleague.com](http://www.flaglercountyartleague.com) or stop in our gallery open six days a week: M-F 12-4pm and Sat 10am - 1pm.



Arlene Volpe, GAF  
Ann DeLucia FCAL President  
Tom Gargiulo, GAF

Image on display at the Daytona College Show by Steven Sobel who is Director of the Student Show and a member of FCAL



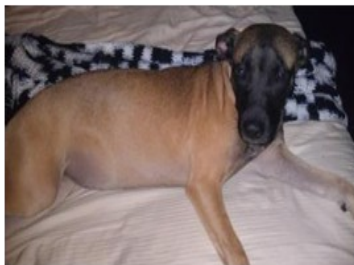
## Flagler Humane Society

The Flagler Humane Society has a huge task each day—to medically treat, care for and show love and comfort to over 400 dogs/cats. Did you know each year over 4,000 animals enter our doors? These animals are mostly from Flagler County, and otherwise would have no place to go!

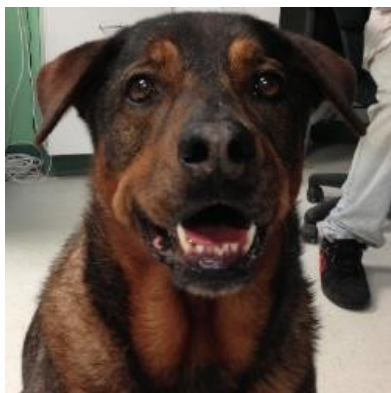
We want the community of Grand Haven to know about a very special account that was set-up for those who come to us with medical issues that go above a basic spay/neuter and vaccinations. It is called Gracie's Fund, and was set-up in February of 2012. Last year a scared, abused dog was brought into the Flagler Humane Society by a caring citizen who found her lying next to a dumpster, almost dead. She was beaten in the head, apparently with a hammer, probably at least a dozen times. Her will to live, despite serious wounds, made everyone who met Gracie immediately fall in love and want to help! She underwent surgery and fully recovered, to the complete surprise of our dedicated Medical Director Dr. Gary Shelton and Associates.

Each week we intake pets who need treatment for broken legs, skin conditions, amputations, eye issues,

*Daisy was a stray found in Flagler Beach after being hit by a car in the early a.m. She had a broken pelvic bone but now has fully recovered! A caring foster family took her in after the extensive surgery to give her love and rest. She has now found a forever home and is happy, running everywhere and is such a good girl!*



### Featured Pet: Roxy



*Roxy is an 8 year old Rottweiler mix, and our special front desk case right now! She's one of our sweetest dogs, and her laid back personality goes along well with dogs, kids, and even cats. Want to learn more about Roxy? Stop by the shelter or [watch her video](#).*



or similar major injuries. We never want to euthanize homeless pets for medically treatable conditions. Gracie's Fund provides a dedicated cash reserve that we can access to prevent that from happening. You can help the Flagler Humane Society by donating to this important fund. Please know if you earmark funds for this cause, many lives will be saved.

### Free Spay and Neuter for Flagler's Pit Bulls

We see more pit bulls in our shelter than any other breed of dog, and it's hard to find homes for so many of them. Spaying and neutering is the only solution to this problem. Luckily, thanks to a Petsmart Charities grant, you can get your pit bull or pit mix spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped for **free** at the Flagler Humane Society! Visit our website for more information and please spread the word to your friends and neighbors about this important service.

The Flagler Humane Society needs your support. We receive no government funds, aside from a per-animal fee to pick-up and bring animals in and start the road to care, recovery and finding a new forever home! You can become a member by joining our Humane Hero Membership Program too. Thank you for choosing to save a life!

We accept personal donations at:

- One Shelter Drive, Palm Coast, Florida 32137
- Online at [www.FlaglerHumaneSociety.org](http://www.FlaglerHumaneSociety.org)
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*Submitted by Nicole Brose  
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## Grand Haven Critters: Deer? Oh, Dear! *by Anne Sciuto*



Florida Whitetail deer are often seen at dusk or dawn along fairways or roadsides in Grand Haven. According to the U of F, in the 1930's, due to efforts to eradicate tick borne diseases, deer totals fell to about 20,000. Re-stocking efforts have resulted in estimates of 700,000 plus, so is it

surprising that they roam our yards enjoying whatever it is they find so delicious? On the roads they are victims of traffic accidents so it is essential to keep a sharp lookout at dusk and dawn when deer are most active, to avoid injuring or killing them and causing damage to our vehicles and possibly ourselves.

Whitetail deer belong to the classification Artiodactyls, a scary word meaning "even-toed" - animals having hooves with an even number of "toes". The deer has four toes, two in front and two smaller toes further back called "dew-claws". These front toes support their entire weight. Like a ballerina en pointe, walking on tiptoe reduces contact with the ground, which provides for greater speed and faster change of direction!

Have you wondered how these creatures can leap high over fences or hedges? Wonder no more! The deer's hoof has a special ligament called a "springing" ligament. While supporting the deer's weight the ligament tightens, then, as the hoof leaves the ground, it snaps back giving the extra spring. Might we say they have "springs in their heels"?



Due to mild weather, our deer breed over longer periods than northern herds and, while it varies throughout the state, fawning peaks here in June, with gestation about 6 1/2 months. Florida deer are medium sized; bucks weigh around 125 lbs. whereas northern bucks weigh up to 300 lbs. Their coats range cinnamon to tawny in winter but molts lighter and thinner in the summer, keeping them cool. Sound familiar? That white under-tail is an early alert system. Scenting danger they quietly raise the under-tail in warning. This is called "flagging" and is also used when fawns follow their Mom through dark forests.

As testosterone is the hormone controlling growth, only bucks grow antlers. Unlike horns, which are keratin (as in fingernails?) and permanent, antlers are shed yearly and are composed of minerals and protein. Gnawed by rodents and dissolved in a humid climate, cast antlers are seldom found. It is from bony plates called "pedicels" that new antlers are grown and growing them takes tremendous energy. The new antlers are covered with a velvety vascular material con-

sisting of blood vessels which at this stage will bleed seriously if injured. After about 5 months the blood supply ends and as the velvet dries it falls away.

There is an entire industry based on antler "velvet." According to the **NYU Langone Medical Center**, the U.S. and Canada produce about 20 tons annually while New Zealand ships tens of millions of dollars worth of the substance to Asia and the U.S. each year. That's a lot of antlers. In some countries removing antlers in velvet is done under anesthesia but not in all. We should wonder how a buck feels about that! Believe the claims and this velvet is good for **everything**; including arthritis, HBP, stress, bone repair, cholesterol, sexual dysfunction, memory loss and most importantly "Retards aging and restores that youthful attitude". However, it is not approved the FDA and studies so far do not support such claims. Sad but true!

As we know deer have selective eating habits. Front teeth are located only in the bottom of the mouth with a bony pad on the top front. The pad protects against sharp or thorny parts while canine and incisor teeth on the bottom are used for grabbing. Because that pad makes it difficult to bite neatly, a deer grabs, pulls and twists, leaving rough stems behind, which can be a clue to who is eating your best plant specimen. They eat leaves, shrub tips, vines, grasses, acorns, mushrooms and almost every flower we plant. The more fragrant the flower the more they find and enjoy it. Petunias are dessert! While ver-bena is said to be deer resistant, don't believe it. It is a delicacy they have learned to enjoy, as witnessed by more than one Grand Haven gardener. Foraging is helped by their excellent sense of smell which is also vital to their safety, raising young and mating. Hearing is essential for sensing danger while their sharp eyes detect movement and gives them the ability to see in low light.

If they stayed out of our flowerbeds, we would appreciate it, but we must acknowledge this area was once theirs alone. Meanwhile, there can be no denying these graceful animals add to the pastoral landscape of this Grand Haven.

*Anne Sciuto*

## News from the Nest *by Gretchen Butler*

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