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The Oak Tree

President's Message

As we approach the end of 2012 and the current term of three GHMA Board members, it seems most appropriate to revisit the past year and put into perspective both our accomplishments and "target" projects for the future.

The GHMA Board of Directors is comprised of the individuals that are elected by a vote of the Grand Haven residents. In addition to representing you, they make decisions involving the expenditure of your assessments. In our last election, two director's positions were available and only two residents choose to qualify to fill those positions. It was extremely fortunate for both the board and the community that both candidates were well qualified and despite the lack of additional candidates, the end result was positive. However, especially during difficult economic times, I would hope that our residents would willingly put forth the time and effort to ensure that you are represented by the best qualified individuals. Now is not the time to depend upon luck. Get involved and be part of the solution.

That being said, let's take a short stroll down memory lane. During the past year your board has been involved in a number of areas of varying complexities and priorities to the residents. Our highest priority continues to be the equitable enforcement of the CC&R's of our various Villages. In this regard, we have at times been criticized for being too lenient by some residents and as being too dictatorial by other residents, very often regarding the same CC&R in the same Village. Our goal has always been to enforce the existing rules in a fair and equitable manner. Unfortunately, despite all efforts, this is not a task that lends itself to perfection

This past year, your Board has increased the number of meetings to twelve in order to be able to address issues that concern you in a timely fashion. Without a doubt, the one issue that has become and should be the highest priority to our residents is the number of deserted, foreclosure bound and rented homes in

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GHMA Meeting Schedule for 2012

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: 2:00 PM, Friday, November 16, 2012
2:00 PM, Friday, December 14, 2012

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



Keep a look out for your 2013 Annual HOA Assessment notice and coupon book. They will be mailed in December and payment is due January 1st.

Sidewalk repairs are the homeowner's responsibility: As our live oak trees grow, so do their roots. This has resulted in the raising and/or cracking of sections of the sidewalks.

The following contractors have worked in Grand Haven and have received high ratings for their job performance. However, they are neither recommended nor required to be used:

Santos & Sons
Ray Aguilar (386) 931-0401

Volusia Concrete
Ken Lewandowski (386) 547-9045

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Coming in the January Issue.....

- Part three in a series by Palm Coast Historian, Art Dycke: *Building and living in Grand Haven*
- Balls in the air...Golf, Tennis and Croquet
- Grand Living Update

Grand Haven Website

The Grand Haven Master Association has its own website, www.grandhavenmhoa.com which includes information about Association activities, meeting schedules, agendas, FAQs, financial information and ADC guidelines and forms.

The Oak Tree

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CDD Corner: Keeping Grand Haven Grand

The Grand Haven CDD Board of Supervisors, with the cooperation and support of the Grand Haven Master Association and the Grand Haven Neighborhood Watch, has commenced the implementation of a multi-part program entitled **“Keeping Grand Haven Grand”**.

The program will include the installation of new and updated I.T. (Information Technology) infrastructure hardware: computers, monitors, cameras, smart card printers, scanners, multi-channel remote gate camera video recorders and software to support all, plus allow for the development of a real-time interactive resident master database. The full program is comprised of three main components:

Part 1: Deactivation of Mass-enabled, Unassigned GADs

The GHCCDD Board of Supervisors has completed an audit and discovered a number of gate access devices (GADs, magnetic cards and/or key fobs) which were mass-enabled, never authorized or assigned to an owner, but are no longer in District inventory. These mass-enabled, but unauthorized and unassigned GADs have been deactivated and, where appropriate, will be re-registered correctly into the newly created interactive master resident database. If your GAD has recently stopped functioning, please contact the GHCCDD office at 386-447-1888.

Part 2: Compliance Review of Beneficial User Rights (BUR) Clause (Rental Properties)

The GHCCDD Board of Supervisors has instituted a compliance review of the Beneficial User Rights assignment attached to all rented properties in Grand Haven.

The Beneficial User Rights clause (BUR) states that each property address retains one set of Amenity User Rights. In the event that a property owner rents the property, the owner must elect to either retain the BUR or transfer the BUR to the tenant. Simply put, either the property owner or the tenant benefits from the right to use the amenities (including the use of gate access devices [GADs]).

The BUR clause was attached to every property address by the original developers of Grand Haven in order to control unintended over-utilization of District facilities.

If desired, the BUR transfer from property owner to tenant for all rental properties within Grand Haven must be completed by the property owner, in writing on the appropriate GHCCDD BUR Transfer Form, by November 30, 2012. Tenant GADs will be deactivated and tenants' access to utilize the amenities will be discontinued for all rental properties not in compliance after that date.

Part 3: Distribution of Smart Amenity Access Cards (SMAAC)

Smart Amenity Access Photo ID Cards (SMAACs) will be distributed to all residents authorized to use the District's amenities. These new picture ID cards will contain a computer bar code tied to the newly developed interactive, real-time resident master database containing real-time, up-to-date amenity authorization information.

Anticipated distribution of the new SMAACs, **together with updates to the new resident master database**, will begin in January 2013. Resident volunteers will be recruited in December 2012 to assist their fellow Grand Haven residents and the GHCCDD office staff **during this process**.

Detailed explanations of these projects can be found by clicking on the “Keeping Grand Haven Grand” line on the “What’s NEW” section of the home page of our website: <http://www.grandhavencdd.org/>.

Submitted by Dr. Stephen Davidson, Chair,
GHCCDD Board of Supervisors
GHCCDD BOS Liaison for the “KGHG” Project

Holiday Happenings

Holiday Home Tour

The First Annual Holiday Home Tour of Grand Haven will take place on **Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 4th and 5th from 5-8pm.** FIVE (5) HOST HOMES have been selected by the holiday committee for residents to tour. Due to the overwhelming response, December 5th was added to the Holiday Home Tour.

Tickets cost \$5 and all proceeds go to Project Share. Tickets are limited and will be on sale starting November 1, 2012 and must be purchased by November 20th. Info on this Holiday Home Tour is always available at the Village Center Office.

Special thanks to the 5 Host Home-Owners who agreed to the additional tour evening and thanks also to all who will participate in this event to make it a success!

Project Share

The Project Share Big Red Toy Box will be located outside of the Village Center Office from **NOV 7th - DEC 7th.** New toys for ages birth - 16 yrs. old; new and/or gently used bicycles, gift cards for teens, sports equipment, DVD's music CD's, etc.

Tree Lighting

Stop by the Village Center for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony: **DECEMBER 7th from 7-9pm.**

SANTA will be stopping by to light the tree; arts/crafts for kids in the Grand Haven Room, along w/ hot cocoa and chocolate chip cookies; and a special Holiday Concert by Flagler-Palm Coast High School Holiday Choir!!

Water Aerobics Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 7th at 12:00 in the Grand Haven Room.

Luncheon Menu:

- Rolled Meats and Cheeses
- Pasta Salad
- Bread & Rolls
- Pudding & Cookies
- Coffee & Tea

\$15.00 per person - payable at the Village Center, cash, checks (made payable to AFB), or credit cards accepted. Closing date to purchase your lunch: **NOVEMBER 30th, 2012.**

** Chinese gift exchange will follow lunch (for those who want to participate). Bring a \$10 wrapped gift.



Save the Date!!!
**Holiday in the Hammock
Art and Gallery Tour
Saturday, December 1st
10:00 am– 5:00 pm
Local Artists exhibiting
and selling their work
On scenic A1A–Oceanshore Blvd.
Rain date: Sunday, December 2nd
Call 569-7383**

Neighborhood Watch

As we approach the holiday season with its charm of holiday decorations and excitement, we sometimes forget about the down side of what the season brings.

Large purchases such as TVs, computers and the like are often a great gift to give and receive. But, did you ever think about what the thief is thinking when he sees the empty boxes left at the curb on trash day. Yes, another opportunity to steal something. So, what do you do with those boxes and cartons? You aren't supposed to take them to a nearby dumpster at a construction site or take them to a local store and sneak behind the store late at night to use their dumpster. Then what are we to do with all those boxes and cartons?

Here's the solution. Cut them up in smaller pieces and put them out on recycle day. But, that's too difficult and time consuming. Is it? If they are cut up and put in with the rest of your papers, cans and plastic, they are less likely to be seen by the thieves. And, if the thieves don't see them, you are more likely to have a safe and joyful holiday season. What do they say? "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Be proactive this holiday season. Don't let the bad guy ruin your enjoyment.

So, at this holiday season, we on the Neighborhood Watch team wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday!



REMINDER: If you are going to be away, please let a neighbor or friend know when you will be returning, also notify the Sheriff's office at 386-313-4911 that you will be away. They will do a drive by and watch the property. If you have an alarm make sure it is set and notify the alarm company as to when you will return.

ANY QUESTIONS, contact Murray Salkovitz at (386) 986-4491 or check our website www.grandhavenmhoa.com/NeighborhoodWatch/NW.htm

President's Message, *continued*

community. Your Board has spent more time and energy on this issue than virtually all others put together.

The Problematic Properties Committee has been meeting almost weekly in an attempt to bring action plans to the full board.

Towards this end, the Board has approved moving ahead with foreclosure action, has referred a number of delinquent accounts to a collection attorney and is currently researching an organization who will be acting on behalf of the Board in filing foreclosure on our most difficult delinquent accounts. In addition to establishing fines and ultimately placing liens on a number of out of compliance properties, which has resulted in payments of approximately \$10,000, Board members have been in contact with numerous City and County agencies in order to garner support for our efforts. We are currently aggressively approaching this rather complex problem, utilizing all resources at our disposal.

In addition to the above and routine repair and maintenance issues, your board has been responsible for the implementation of policies regarding garage sales and solicitation, tree trimming guidelines, security keys and locks at the Crossings pool, CC&R Amendments, and oversight of the duties of our management team, Southern States Management Group.

The responsibilities of each of your Board members extend far beyond the Board meetings. Each member of the Board has volunteered to fulfill a specific role in regard to the Board. Mr. Kagan is our Architectural Design Committee Liaison, Mr. Natiello is our Private Lawn Maintenance Liaison, Mr. Salkovitz is our CC&R Liaison, Ms. Stauffer is responsible for the Oak Tree and Communication Liaison and I serve as Community Development District Liaison and on the Problematic Properties Committee.

Dr. Robert Jay Carlton, President
Grand Haven Master Association

Two Robs Catch the Eye with Art Centuries Apart

Robert Carlton and Robert Carlsen, whose names are similar, live just 2.2 miles apart in Grand Haven. When you measure their special artistic interest, you find them centuries apart.



Carlton spends his free time fashioning stained glass in a complex mix of metals and colored glass into figures and flowers and frogs – the same way artisans did it in Christ’s time. Carlsen uses the increasingly versatile computer technology, and a magic wand program called Photoshop, to enhance photography and create photographic art. Carlsen also teaches others

how to create their own photographic art.

The entryway on Carlton’s Front Street home is graced with stained glass figures that he creates, native to Florida. (Did we say he has a fondness for frogs?)

Carlsen’s home is in Hidden Lake, and in his studio, computer technology abounds. While his creative product is photographic in nature, the challenge is much more subtle than a lens and a shutter. One example: This writer went to Carlsen at the advice of a friend who learned I needed a pro to restore a small photograph of a Dutch farmer and his wife, taken in 1943 in a farm yard with an eight-year-old child [the writer’s wife], for whom the couple had offered her shelter to save her life.

German soldiers in Holland had rounded up many of the child’s Jewish relatives for the death camps. The years had darkened the snapshot, but Carlsen’s four decades in the photographic skills quickly became apparent. He cropped and lightened the images, brightening the whites of eyes, erasing shabby spots from the farmer’s overalls.

The bright print that emerged from the printer, and the subjects, appear to have been photographed that morning. More about Carlsen’s skills later, but first, the work of the glass artisan.

Robert Carlton came upon the challenging task of shaping glass into recognizable shapes thirty years ago, as a way to relax from a sensitive and demanding career – that of a school psychologist, administering programs for emotionally handicapped students in the Seminole County school system.

A New Yorker, Carlton had come to Orlando with a master’s degree from the College of the City of New York, and earned a doctorate at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

How does he find shaping such an unyielding product as glass? “Thoroughly enjoyable,” he says, and the result – compact, colorful, inviting objects – a goodly number of them frogs, relaxing comfortably. Creating them, he admits, demands exacting precision and is time consuming. “The more complex pieces” he finds, “can take thirty to forty hours to complete.”

Creativity figures heavily in Carlsen’s case, where the photograph is less an end than a beginning. Through color and the versatility of computer technology to supplement and enhance the photographic process, Carlsen can coax amazing drama out of a view from the base of the Flagler pier as you have never seen it before. In it, the camera’s eye sees the pier towering skyward in vivid color.

The talents of Carlton and Carlsen are on display at the Ocean Art Gallery on AIA, directly across from the pier in Flagler Beach. In the gallery you can see more than twenty samples of Carlton’s work (including some dandy frogs) and a similar number of Carlsen’s photographic art pieces.



Submitted by Gene Murphy

Escalante Meeting

Press Release from Dave Matheson, Vice President of Corporate Communications, Escalante:

Executives from Escalante Golf met with the members of Grand Haven this week to discuss their plans for the club and answer questions the membership has. Since Escalante acquired the club late last year, they have made substantial investment in it including a new fleet of carts, the pro shop has been entirely redone and new furniture and fixtures for the clubhouse will be installed before the end of the year. You may also notice that the clubhouse has been newly painted and attention is being paid to landscaping around the club. The company plans to continue investing in the club each year and making improvements to the golf course and the clubhouse. They have cleared out a tremendous amount of the overgrown areas on the golf course providing better site lines from the tee boxes and the fairways.

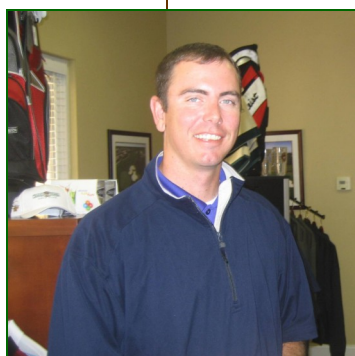
Escalante also announced a new effort to bring new members to the club including a new program targeting members under 50. They understand that the golf course is the primary amenity in Grand Haven and are committed to making it one of the best run clubs in the market.

The meeting itself was very upbeat and positive and the members enjoyed speaking with the owners of the club.

If you have membership questions, please call:
Heather Thompson, Membership Director
386-445-6903

hthompson@grandhavengc.com

Jason Bench and Marcia Hayton
Jason Bench, Head Golf Pro
Marcia greeting Tom Sweeney
and Ed Gormley



Grand Haven by the numbers

Total number of units (improved or vacant) 1,901

Village	Units
Bluffs	75
Creekside	56
Crossings	134
Eastlake	78
Fairways Edge	88
Front Street	201
Heritage Oaks	53
Hidden Lake	97
Lake Haven	137
Lakeside	25
Linkside-East-West	88
Marsh Crossing	38
North Park	116
North Park Estates	6
Osprey Lake	84
Pine Harbor	46
Reserve	40
River Club	72
Rivers Edge	44
Riverview Phase I	48
Riverview Phase II	48
Riverwalk	40
South Park	48
Southridge	19
Village Oaks	38
Wild Oaks Phase I	45
Wild Oaks Phase II	137

Grand Haven Women's Club

As of November 1, 2012, the Grand Haven Women's Club now has 165 members...Wow!! Our Club began in 2005 so that's quite an accomplishment. Every month from September through May, the GHWC meets for lunch at the club house which is followed by a program presentation covering various topics of interest from entertainment to informative subjects.

The club raises money for many local, county and state projects with raffles, donations to projects, and our annual Grand Haven Book Sale each Spring. As an example: in October with 121 women attending, we donated \$260 to the Judy Macko Cancer Center and another \$575 was donated to various charities by selling raffle tickets for the wonderful baskets and gift certificates!!! Amazing...\$835 in just one afternoon!!! Other "fun"d raising events this fall were a fashion show at Chez Jacqueline in Palm Harbor and Panache Shoe Shopping in European Village!! The cost for each event was a \$10.00 donation with food, fun and frolic enjoyed by all who attended.

This month (November) we will be collecting children's books for Susan Warner's Family Literacy Program. This program provides parenting skills and literacy activities to parents and children. Most of the children are toddlers (infants through age 5).

If you would like to make a donation to the Family Literacy Program, please contact Education Chairperson Gail Naworal at 986-4069 or email her at gnaworal@yahoo.com.

For more information on attending a meeting or becoming a member, contact:

Annemarie Schutz (Membership) 246-5023
Sandra Mankowich (President) 864-7548

Submitted by Peggy Smith, Publicity
"Embrace the Joy of Giving Back"



Flagler Humane Society

Everyone at the Flagler Humane Society is excitedly awaiting big news in November. The ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100,000 Challenge ended on October 31 and the winners will be announced on November 30. FHS's Challenge was to save 650 animals' lives between August 1 and October 31, 2012, 300 more than were saved during the same period of time in 2011. Final numbers are being tabulated right now and it looks very promising for us. Regardless of whether we win the big prize (or any money at all, for that matter) we are all very proud of the great work that we did during the Challenge and we know that hundreds of cats and dogs are with their new families as a result of our hard work.

Speaking of being proud, Jarvis a wonderful grey and black tiger-striped cat, found his forever home on October 28 after being in the Shelter for 257 days! We knew that if we were patient, this sweet boy would be discovered by a loving family. While Jarvis' stay with us is not typical, many cats and dogs are with us for three or four months before finding homes. Our commitment to each one of the animals that come to us is that we'll give them the best possible opportunity to be adopted and Jarvis is a good example of this.

There are many senior animals—both cats and dogs—in the Shelter now. Almost all of them are in our care because their owners either died or are not able to care for them any longer. Some have slowed down a bit because of their age, but all still have a lot of life left in them. It is heartbreaking for all of us to see these sad animals as they try to adjust to living in a noisy and confined environment. They are used to being in a home with a cozy lap to sit in or an affectionate knee upon which to lay their head. As with all of our pets, we'll do everything possible to find them a home. But, they shouldn't have to come to us in the first place. *Continued on 12*



Grand Haven: From ITT to Lowe

Second in a series by Art Dycke

Editors note: The first issue of The History of Grand Haven covered the years 25 million BC to 1969 - the arrival of ITT. This article covers ITT's role in Grand Haven's history from 1968-1995.

In July 1968 the ITT conglomerate purchased Levitt and Sons, one of post-war America's most well-known homebuilders, adding it to more than 200 other subsidiaries that included Rayonier (forest products and land), Sheraton (hotels), Hartford Insurance, Avis, and even Wonder Bread. Levitt initiated the planning and its marketing department named Palm Coast in the fall of 1968.

Levitt's engineers moved into the abandoned Lehigh cement plant, using it as its headquarters for leveling pine and swamp vegetation, digging huge drainage ditches and boat canals and eventually constructing 500 miles of road and utility infrastructure. Dr. Norman Young, Levitt's marketing manager, predicted the population of the community would grow to 750,000 residents by the year 2000.

Palm Coast's grand opening was held in October 1970 and its first building, a sales center with a 64' high observation tower, followed by model homes and a nine-hole golf course, were in place by the end of the year. Home construction began in August 1971 and the first residents moved into Casper Road off Clubhouse Drive in January 1972.

In October 1973, the first store in Palm Coast, a Handy Way/Post Office (without a gas station) opened. It was located just across the street from where the present Shell convenience store/gas station/post office, sits today.

During this period, the federal government was pressuring ITT (originally the International Telephone & Telegraph Co.) to break up its huge conglomerate. ITT spun off Levitt and Sons in 1972 and kept Palm Coast under the new management name ITT Community Development Corporation (ICDC). At the same time, Florida was enacting more stringent environmental controls, prompting

ICDC to hurriedly plat as much of its acreage as possible before the new laws took effect. It was under these circumstances that the community of Grand Haven was named.

Between 1973 to 1987, ICDC built new neighborhoods, a shopping center, an I-95 intersection, schools, industrial parks, a bridge across the Intra-coastal Waterway, and upscale Hammock Dunes on the ocean. The land, later to become Grand Haven, remained undeveloped. That changed in 1987.

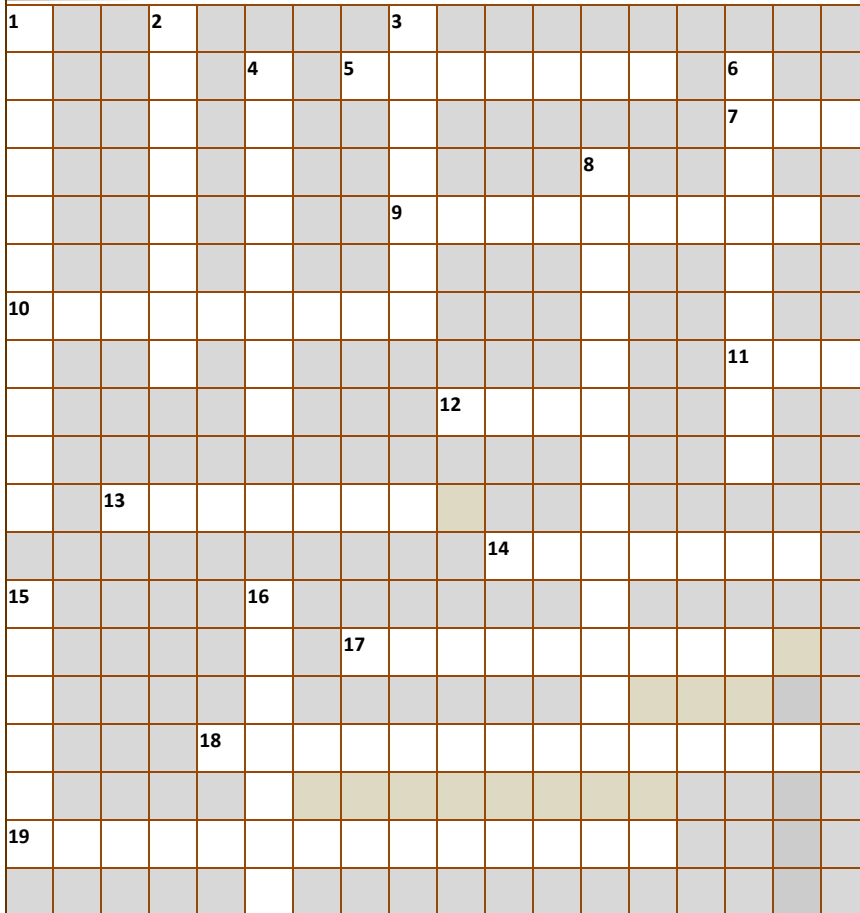
ITT was indeed the original planner and receiver of government authorization to build Grand Haven as we know it today. Only they called it River Club.

ICDC began planning River Club in 1987 and on July 14 of that year, company representatives attended a pre-application conference with Flagler County officials and representatives of other agencies. On October 15, the company submitted an application for River Club, describing it as a PUD (Planned Unit Development) "on approximately 861 acres consisting of 1,812 residential units and commercial, recreational and other uses." Two public hearings were held regarding the River Club PUD in 1988. Its Exhibit A was a map and legal description of the boundaries of River Club that are essentially the same as present day Grand Haven. The commissioners' consent for the PUD was signed on January 3, 1989.

A major element of the River Club PUD was the agreement by ICDC to build a Colbert Lane extension from the entrance to Daytona Beach Community College (now Daytona State College) to an intersection on SR 100 with the stipulation that "the applicant may seek financial and governmental assistance for funding such construction." This wording laid the foundation for the Colbert Lane bond issue that is paid by all Grand Haven residents to this day. Provisions were made for bicycle paths and the construction of an ICW park on the north and south ends of the development. Water, sewer and utility lines were to be underground.

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Grand Haven Crossword



ACROSS

5. Street along 9th hole
7. They need to approve changes
9. Grand Haven Condominiums
10. New owner of golf course
11. Waterway bordering Grand Haven
12. Original Grand Haven developer
13. Road used to enter Grand Haven
14. You must wear white to play
17. North Gate amenity center
18. State tree
19. Property management company

DOWN

1. Place to get best meatloaf
2. Prime rib night at Clubhouse
3. Grand Haven newsletter
4. Golf course designer
6. Main road through Grand Haven
8. State flower
15. Built a nest in Wild Oaks
16. Prehistoric looking mammals in ICW

Grand Haven: From ITT to Lowe, *continued*

The most significant agreement for the future of Grand Haven appears in section 11.10 of the PUD: "Roberts Road currently runs south to north from State Road 100 through the property to a point north of the property. The County, by this development order, vacates, abandons, discontinues, closes, renounces and disclaims any right of the County and the public in and to Roberts Road, and land in connection therewith....(a)Roberts Road shall be closed." This agreement allows Grand Haven residents to privately own and enjoy the path along the ICW that runs the entire length of the development. Roberts Road is now the Grand Haven esplanade where residents can walk or bike along the ICW within the development's gates.

The actual construction of Colbert Lane progressed very slowly. At first there was controversy regarding the effects of the road upon the natural drainage of Graham Swamp. Some county residents decried their loss of access to a large stretch of the ICW. ICDC was heavily involved in developing its Hammock Dunes property and seemed in no hurry to undertake a large new project.

In 1994 ITT let it be known it would be withdrawing from Palm Coast and selling its remaining properties. The preparation for the sale of River Club to a "successor developer" came on August 31, 1995. The "successor developer" was to be Lowe Enterprises, a national corporation initially doing business as River Club/Palm Coast Inc.

NEXT: Building and living in Grand Haven

Contact Art Dycke at artpchistory@bellsouth.net or 446-8636 with questions, corrections and information/photos

Flagler County Art League



Great Place to Cultivate Creativity or Just Plain Have Fun

By Stephanie Salkin

Now's the time to try your hand at painting, drawing, colored pencil, pastels or any of the many art forms you've always wanted to attempt but never had the time—thanks to a whole new array of classes offered this season by the Flagler County Art League for beginner to more experienced artists. (See list of classes and workshops on the Website: www.flaglercountyartleague.com.) More children's programs are available starting in January. (Check the web for "Medieval Mondays.")

Several Grand Haven residents are already discovering the pleasures of participation. "I have been in Palm Coast since 1993 and was always reluctant to do anything with the art league because of my lack of artistic experience," says Louise Dycke. "I finally bit the bullet and decided to join and take some classes."



Louise Dycke

Louise feels that her talent is still "emerging," but she is really enjoying the commitment, talent, enthusiasm and energy of the instructors. "They give 100 percent! I will keep plodding away, learning more and being so thankful that we have this wonderful venue available locally."

Diane Johnson, another Grand Haven resident, is an enthusiastic new student as well. "I had attended a few classes at the community college adult school but never learned the basics; I just read about them. Now I understand the basics of watercolor in a small class with lots of individual attention. The friendliness of the group is fun and encouraging, as well."

Nor do you have to be a member to attend classes which are available at \$15 each for nonmembers and \$10 each for members. Still, a membership is a bargain at \$40 a year for an individual, \$50 for a family, and \$10 for a student. There are numerous benefits in addition to discounts on classes, workshops and show entry fees. These include social events and lectures, including a monthly meeting featuring speakers on all aspects of art. One free (to members) open studio is our "Wine, Women and Whatever," an afternoon session for ladies who just want to hang out, do whatever type of art they like, and sip a little wine together.

To be sure, FCAL is a great place to meet people. Members now number more than 300, and the league boasts its own gallery and classrooms in City Marketplace, where "Second Saturday" art walks are held from 6-9 p.m. each month. Drop in and observe one of our classes during the week, or come to a Second Saturday show opening. Experience the warmth, welcome and—at show openings—the wine.

For more information go to their website:

www.flaglercountyartleague.com or call Grand Haven resident, Ann DeLucia, FCAL President at 386-447-9875.



Diane Johnson

Palm Coast Arts Foundation

IMAGINE if business and art blended to create a cultural vibrant balance to our community; **IMAGINE** that our own children can stay in Flagler County for their graduations and proms; **IMAGINE** a late night downtown; and **IMAGINE** no tax dollars for this project.

All of this can be Palm Coast in the not so distant future if we work together supporting a Palm Coast Performing Arts Center; a facility that would be the cornerstone to our Town Center development.

The Palm Coast Arts Foundation mission is to embrace all performing and literary arts to create a state-of-the-art facility attracting the interest of Broadway musicals, theatre, international symphonies, artists, dance troupes, and concerts of all genres.

The nonprofit arts and culture are a \$3.1 billion industry in the State of Florida, supporting over 88,000 full time jobs and generating \$446.5 million in local and state government revenue. Why leave Flagler County for our cultural entertainment? Keep those tax revenues here for our own economic prosperity. PCAF is working with our city officials on making this dream a reality.

A community whose current population of 75,000 and predicted in less than a decade from now to be over 115,000 could easily transform this northeast corridor of the state into an arts destination.



PCAF has recently unveiled to the public our virtual tour and has been invited into the homes of many excited neighbors and friends to share our vision. If you too are interested in hosting a "social" to see this short presentation, contact Nancy Crouch at ncrouch6@gmail.com or the Foundation office at 386-263-2991. Check our website for more information about our wonderful organization: www.thepcaf.org

Submitted by Nancy Crouch

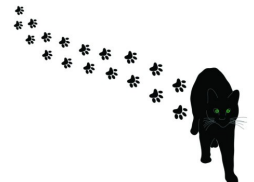
Flagler Humane Society, *continued*

We urge everyone who has a beloved pet or pets to make provisions for their dogs and cats before the need arises. Please don't assume that a family member will take care of your pet; very often they cannot or will not and they will bring the animal to us. There may be a rescue group who can offer a foster home in which your pet can live comfortably. Perhaps a neighbor or friend will take your pet into their home. Some private animal shelters offer lifetime care for the pets of people who can no longer care for them. Once you find an appropriate home, make sure that you take the legal and financial steps necessary to ensure that your wishes are fulfilled. It's the least you can do to be sure that your pet is properly cared for when you are not able to do so.

As the Holidays approach, we wish you and yours sincere Season's Greetings and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. We also hope that you remember all the animals at the Flagler Humane Society and support our work to provide for them while they wait to find homes. Donations may be made online through our website, www.flaglerhumanesociety.org or by mail at:

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One Shelter Drive,
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Submitted by: Diane Voigt
Your Grand Haven Neighbor



Wild Oaks Eagles

WE GOT EGG(S)!!!! Yes.....and our resident eagle pair at Wild Oaks are the Florida "Trendsetters". For the 3rd year in a row they have been the first reported nest incubating! We can eggspect our first hatchling approximately December 14.

"Mom and Dad Wild Oaks" have been busy with their "nestorations" making trip after trip (to the lumber yard) bringing sticks back.....adding to their already sizeable nest. It's amazing to see their expertise as they strategically snap off a limb "on the fly" and finagle their way into the nest tree with it.

They are quite choosy about their choices and can be seen flying from quite a distance carrying Spanish moss in their talons.....they obviously demand the "designer stuff" to assure a cozy nest bowl for their family-in-the-making.

As always Mom is the boss of this nest and shows little appreciation when Dad proudly arrives with a grandiose stick and places it where he thinks is the perfect spot. Mom quickly snatches the stick with her beak and moves it to where she thinks is perfect. Then Dad grabs it and they play tug of war until one starts "beaking" the other and they have a little "eagle spat".....just like a married couple! It doesn't last long as Mom wins and Dad decides to perch and leave the decorating to her.

Last season when Mom arrived from her "summer get-away" she was seen for several days with a younger eagle (4 yr old sub-adult likely one of theirs from a past brood). Once Dad arrived he made it clear to the "intruder" that he didn't belong and was escorted out of the nest area. This season Dad arrived from his "summer get-away" before Mom.....which has never been the case. He likely wanted to keep an "eagle eye" on his mate and remain "King Eagle" of his territory!

Any adult eagle that enters the nest area is considered an intruder by the resident eagle pair, and Mom and Dad will defend their territory no matter what it takes. Usually their piercing calls followed by "the chase" is message enough. It was interesting to see a 4yr old eagle (sub adult-just about mature)



perched at the nest in Sept and then sitting in the nest for some time like she owned the place. The eagle was likely hatched there and thought nothing of accepting her ready-made nest. Presence of this eagle (or a similar eagle) has been observed lately and not accepted very well by "Mom and Dad".

Until we get into the "eggsciting" part of this nesting season, I hope you will enjoy watching this video starring "Mom and Dad Wild Oaks" and co-starring their off-spring "Whitey and Dudley" from last nesting season compliments of "John The Video Man".....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38LBLAK-3o&feature=youtu.be>

Submitted by:
Gretchen Butler
Audubon EagleWatch Nest Monitor Volunteer

NOTE: Grand Haven nest update...although the eagle nest constructed last January on Egret appears to be taking a different shape, the eagle pair have not been observed there. Whether they will pursue construction remains to be seen and they could choose another location more remote. Please report any observed area nest construction activity to me at 386-569-1860.

Grand Haven Critters

These little piggies are not so little anymore and definitely not very cute. As many Grand Haven residents are aware, feral pigs roaming through our area are responsible for a lot of mischief. Travel along the bike paths on Colbert and see the damage along the roadsides, where large tracts appear to have had a ploughman at work turning over the soil. Pigs are guilty of making a shambles of residential lawns and golf courses and are responsible for disrupting native plants, allowing invasive plants to gain a foothold!

Pigs are usually active after dark when they hunt for a entree of acorns, or dig for worms, tubers and mushrooms. They will eat whatever is handy including small birds and dead animals. But they do relish those acorns. This is a "mast" year, one of those mysteries of nature when oaks produce up to five or ten times their average crop. As we crunch our way along the paths, many of us in Grand Haven have noticed this nutty phenomenon, so can there be any doubt that pigs know all this windfall as well.

According to the Smithsonian Magazine wild hogs are the most destructive invasive species in the United States. There are an estimated two million roaming the Southeast and South alone so it is no wonder we have our share in Palm Coast. At the beginning of the 20th century, wild boar were introduced for hunting in the U.S, where they interbred with free roaming domestic pigs who escaped or were released. Domestic pigs adapt quickly and successfully breed in the wild. After several generations they revert to become like their boar ancestors, taller, leaner and more muscular. They also have larger and longer snouts and develop tusks. All wild animals have the potential of being dangerous although feral hogs will prefer to run and escape danger, it is best not to approach, especially if they have piglets.

Pigs are very intelligent and rank fourth behind chimps, dolphins and elephants. SORRY dogs!

Submitted by Anne Sciuto

Grand Haven Realty Pirate Party

You could hear the steel drummer playing his Caribbean music as you walked up to the Pirate's Ball hosted by Grand Haven Realty on Friday, October 20th.

The weather was a balmy 70 degrees for the Grand Haven Village Center party. Approximately 80 attendees enjoyed Freestyle Band 4U2, as they helped set the theme for party goers, along with Chef Bill's roasted pig and other fantastic Caribbean delights.

Congratulations to Don and Ann Cameron on winning the door prize, a Caribbean Cruise!

Grand Haven Realty would like to thank its participating builders, BB& T Mortgage and Hancock Bank for their part in making Grand Haven's Pirate's Ball and 'Find Your Buried Treasure Event' a success!

A full album of pictures from the party can be seen on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GrandHavenFlorida>

For more information on the Buried Treasure Event, contact Grand Haven Realty at 386-447-0800, or info@grandhavenpalmcoast.com.





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