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## *The Oak Tree*

### **The President's Message**

I recently had the opportunity to read through old editions of the Oak Tree going back to 2008, when Kenny O'Connor was GHMA President. It was interesting to see that the issues surrounding living in a deed restricted community do not change over the years. In order to establish a foundation for the balance of this article, I would like to quote the mission statement from 2008, which remains unchanged as of 2015. "The Grand Haven Master Association seeks to enforce both equitably and in a timely manner all Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) pursuant to the Declaration, while fixing, levying, collecting, and enforcing payment from the Association members of all charges and assessments in accordance with Florida law".

In other words, the GHMA is responsible for enforcing the architectural standards of the community, collecting all appropriate assessments, fines and charges and thereby maintaining a properly balanced budget.

It is apparent from articles and FAQ'S in earlier editions of our newsletter that many residents either are unaware that they live in a deed restricted community, do not understand the restrictions involved or simply believe that the rules do not apply to them. Although the percentage of such individuals is extremely small, this group represents a major portion of time spent by our management company in CC&R compliance.

By choosing to live in a deed restricted community, every property owner is in reality, agreeing to a "trade off". You are agreeing that you will be losing some of your basic rights but in turn will have some control over the aesthetics of the community. In deed restricted communities there are certain rules regarding how each property owner may legally use their land. In Grand Haven, these rules may be found in the Master Declarations, secondly in the Declarations of each individual Village and finally, in the Architectural Design Standards. Each of these documents may be found on the Association website [www.grandhavenmhoa.com](http://www.grandhavenmhoa.com).

If you wish to make any permanent changes to the exterior of your residence or landscaping, you will first need to obtain approval from the Modification Architectural Design Committee (MADC). On one hand, if you believe that your tastes are impeccable and requiring such permission is for the other guy, then these restrictions would be viewed as oppressive and unreasonable. However, if you would like to be assured that you will not be living next to a house with an above ground pool in the front yard, weekly renters consisting of multiple families or a business being conducted out of the garage, the CC&R's would be viewed in a positive manner. Although your freedom of choice is limited, so is that of all of the property owners which results in Villages that are well maintained and consistently attractive. As a result, the

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## GHMA Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors of the Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA) meets on the 3rd Friday of every month (unless otherwise noted). All homeowners/property owners are welcome to attend.

When: 2 PM, May 22

2 PM, June 19

2 PM, July 24

2 PM, August 21

2 PM, September 18

Where: Creekside Amenities Center  
2 North Village Parkway

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The Oak Tree is always looking for articles for future issues with ideas and topics that would be of interest to Grand Haven residents—Grand Haven activities, clubs, happenings, sporting events, resident volunteer activities and opportunities. Please contact Nancy Carlton at ncarlton096@gmail.com with your suggestions.

## GHMA Meeting Procedures Update

In order to better serve the property owners of Grand Haven and ensure a more efficient meeting process, the following procedures will be in effect for all future GHMA Board meetings.

- To ensure that speakers are accurately identified when transcribing the minutes, it is important that prior to addressing the Board, all audience members state their name and address.
- Any audience member, who wishes to address the Board during the “Audience Comments” section at the beginning of the agenda, must complete and submit a comment card. These are located at the sign-in table at the front of the room.
- Once the Board has moved on to the next agenda item, it will not recognize any additional requests to speak on non-agenda items.
- The “Committee Reports” section of the agenda is designed to provide each of the Board members the opportunity to share information with the other Board members and audience comments will not be accepted at this time.
- Once the Board has concluded its discussion regarding any topic included on the agenda under “Unfinished Business” and “New Business”, and prior to the Board voting on a motion, audience members will be recognized so that they may contribute to the discussion.
- Audience comments will no longer be accepted at the end of the meeting or following adjournment.

Thank you for your cooperation in regard to the above.

*GHMA Board of Directors*

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overall community retains its desirability and in turn, property values tend to increase. Although you may view deed restrictions as positive or a negative, the fact is that when you purchased your property, you agreed to abide by them. It is the responsibility of the Board of the GHMA to make every effort to enforce the CC&R's in an equitable and timely manner. It is also the responsibility of every property owner to become fully aware of the commitment they have made by becoming familiar with the appropriate documents of the community and their specific Village. It seems to me that by doing so, we are all getting a lot more than we are giving up. Don't you think?

*Submitted by: Dr. Robert J. Carlton, President*



**THANK YOU GRAND HAVEN RESIDENTS!** The Palm Coast Arts Foundation's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic and Pops concert on April 19 with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra (despite the last minute change in venue due to weather conditions) was a resounding success – Grand Haven residents supported the event in BIG numbers! Our "Raise the Roof" campaign was launched for our new pavilion in Town Center and funds are still coming in. Grand Haven residents understand community and the importance of a cultural hub for such large-scale events. PCAF acknowledges your interest in the arts and appreciates your support!



Grand Haven residents enjoying Picnic and Pops

## Hurricanes & Wildfires

It's that time of year that we all love: balmy breezes and sunshine. With this brings chirping birds, new flowers for our gardens, trimming of trees and shrubs and even the lawn cutting ritual begins. It is also the start of wildfire season and hurricane season. Many things we do automatically during this time of year, such as changing the batteries in your smoke detector and cleaning the screen room of that yellow pollen, and we should automatically think about preparedness and planning as well. Could you leave your home within five minutes of being notified of an evacuation? For many of us the answer is NO.

Today is the time to get prepared. Important papers such as birth certificates, marriage licenses and insurance policies should be in a secure location and ready to go. Medication supplies should be available, as most pharmacies will be closed and the local hospital does not carry supplies of most daily prescription medications for distribution. Ask your doctor to write you a three month prescription and keep your medications current. Pictures of your home and its contents should be taken and secured on a thumb drive or disk and ready for insurance purposes. It is a good idea to send a back up of your pictures to a relative out of state for safe keeping. Jewelry that has been handed down for many generations needs to be safe and when possible taken with you or locked up in a safety deposit box at the bank. Most importantly is you and your personal plan.

Notification that a possible event is happening or heading in our direction is essential. Code Red is the fastest notification application we have. For most of us, we have a smart phone or a home phone. This free application alerts us to severe weather warnings when they happen in our area, and it's free. Signing up for this service can be obtained through the City/County web sites. Just look for the Code Red banner and follow the instructions. Most of our local news outlets have available applications for notifications to emergencies as well. This place we call paradise is prone to mother nature's fury. Take some time to get your plan in place for that "what if" storm, or wildfire as we have had in years past.

Be Safe

*Submitted by: Mike Beadle, Chief, Palm Coast Fire Dept.*

## CDD CORNER

### GHCCD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE OUR GRAND HAVEN LIFESTYLE AND EXPERIENCE

Each fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) the Grand Haven CDD Board of Supervisors approves a list of capital improvement projects budgeted for that fiscal year. These projects are completed in stages throughout the year by the CDD Operations staff. The following is a list of 2014 and 2015 capital projects which have been completed or are currently underway.

#### 2013 – 2014 Fiscal Year Projects Completed

- Replacement of Ceiling Fans at Creekside Amenity Center
- Replacement of Fitness Equipment at Creekside Amenity Center
- Replacement of AquaCal Pool Heat Pumps at Creekside Amenity Center
- Repair of Men's Shower at Creekside Amenity Center
- Repair of Air Conditioning Units at the Village Center Café
- Repair of Pool Deck Drains at the Village Center
- Repair of LED Pool Lights at both Creekside and Village Center
- Replacement of Tennis Court Fence Posts at the Village Center
- Vine Removal and Landscaping at Chinier and Front Streets
- Repair of Esplanade Wooden Walkway at North Water-view
- Repair of Esplanade Bank Erosion at Jasmine Drive
- Reconstruction of Clubhouse Pier
- Purchase of Kawasaki Mule 4x4 for Maintenance Staff
- Replacement of Creekside CDD Office Door
- Repair of Village Center Amenity Sign
- Repair of Center Park Gazebo
- Installation/Repair of Center Park Pavers
- Safety Repair of Wooden Walkway Behind Golf Clubhouse
- Firewise Clearing throughout the Community

#### 2014 - 2015 Fiscal Year Projects Completed

- Center park pavers
- Install power and air conditioning to one storage shed
- Marlin Drive pump house equipment repair
- Install concrete roadway on two entrances to pump house & pad next to building
- Resurfacing of Creekside pool and spa
- Resurfacing of Creekside kiddie pool
- Regrout/repair Creekside pool and spa coping
- Replace 2 gazebo columns @ South Entrance
- 36" heavy-duty open burner range

- Install exit gate cameras & signage for improved monitoring of exiting vehicular traffic

#### 2014 - 2015 Fiscal Year Projects in Process

- Landscape repairs
- Repair sidewalks lifted by tree roots
- Replace stop bars/arrows
- The Crossings – Replace 3 gate operators & 3 gates
- Creekside Croquet Court resurfacing
- Construct Petanque Court at the Village Center

#### 2014 - 2015 Fiscal Year Projects in Contract or Permitting Stage:

- Additional parking at Creekside by expansion of the rear parking lot
- Improve drainage, resurface and repave roads – Sailfish & Marlin WSP to Lakeside Way
- Construct Pickleball courts at the Village Center
- Repair Osprey Circle Drainage Pipes

#### 2014 - 2015 Fiscal Year Projects Authorized, Not Yet Com-menced

- Refinish GH Room Wood Floor at Village Center
- Replace GH Room Ceiling at Village Center
- Add 6 Fans to GH Room at Village Center
- Repair GH room a/c ducts above ceiling at Village Center
- Install an electrical cabinet in Village Center office closet
- Replace 2 boilers with hot water tanks at Village Center
- Replace café bar top

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## The Scoop on Poop

Most people agree that not cleaning up after your dog is, at the very least, rude and is generally considered disgusting. Yet 40% of Americans don't pick up after their dogs.

**Why?** They think dog poop is natural. They think that picking up dog poop is gross. They forgot a bag. They don't want to carry it with them. They forget a flashlight at night. It's not a law, or they don't know it is a law, so they think they don't have to or it's not that important.

Every responsible dog owner agrees...picking up after your dog is a must. No matter where or when it occurs there is no excuse for not scooping it up. So here are 10 reasons why every dog owner (regardless of the size of your dog) must be responsible for picking up every time.

1. **It's the law.** It's unlawful not to pick up after your dog and your violation is subject to fine. (Palm Coast Animal Control codes sec s 8-36 removal of animal waste.)
2. **It's common courtesy.** Cleaning up after your dog(s) shows respect for your neighbors and our beautiful community of Grand Haven. Only irresponsible dog owners leave their dog's poop for others to look at, step in or clean up.
3. **Dog poop is unhealthy.** Abandoned dog poop can host diseases and/or parasites which can infect other dogs that come into contact with it, or be transmitted to **people** who accidentally step in it and track it home. Particularly at risk, of course, are children who play on the ground. The **CDC** confirms that pet waste can spread parasites including hookworms, tapeworms and salmonella. It is teeming with e. Coli and other harmful bacteria which causes serious kidney disorders, intestinal illness, cramps and diarrhea in humans. (There are 23 million fecal coliform bacteria in a single gram of pet waste!) And dog poop often contains roundworm larvae which causes blindness.
4. **Dog poop bio-degrades slowly.** Some people think it's okay to leave dog poop because it will break down naturally. However, the biodegrading process is very slow and especially in places where the dog population is high, abandoned dog poop can accumulate faster than it breaks down.
5. **It's not fertilizer!** In fact, poop impedes landscaping efforts. Leaving dog poop encourages other dogs to mark that spot (by urinating over the previous dog's scent); poop left on the grass contributes to the problem of "nitrogen burn."
6. **Dog poop pollutes the water.** Dog feces contains high levels of nutrients, like nitrogen and phosphorus, which actually pollute the water. These nutrients feed and stimulate the growth of algae. This can cause the water body to become depleted in oxygen, making it less healthy for fish. Cleaning up after your dog is environmentally responsible. And don't dispose of dog poop in storm drains: storm drains are a conduit to our rivers. Nearly two decades ago, the **EPA**

classified pet waste as a dangerous pollutant in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil spills.

7. **Dog poop is unsightly.** Everyone knows that. It's disgusting! Pick it up from lawns and the sidewalks! Take a flashlight with you after dark, so you don't miss it! One of the reasons you moved into Grand Haven was/is the way it looks and is kept. Take pride in your surroundings.

8. **Dog poop tops the list of complaints against dogs.** More than dog aggression, nuisance barking or unsupervised dogs, most complaints against dogs are about **people** not cleaning up after their dogs.

9. **Dog poop makes dog owners look bad.** Dog poop is the number one reason for negative public sentiment against dogs. Every time you don't pick up after your dog, you are giving one more reason for others to dislike dogs and their irresponsible owners. How hard is it to take a plastic bag with you when you take your dog for a walk?

10. **Your actions set an example for others.** When you pick up after your dog you are part of the solution.

When you choose to own a dog you accept the wonderful: the tail that wags every time your dog welcomes you back home – and the not so wonderful: having to take a bag with you when you go for a walk with him/her. A small price to pay for **unconditional love!**

*Submitted by: Nancy Snodgrass*

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**Guess Who's Coming to BREAKFAST?**

It was before 5:00 AM on Thursday, April 9, 2015, when my husband, Joe, and I were awakened by loud banging and clanging noises. We bolted upright in bed, fearful that someone was breaking into our home. Joe got up and checked the house; all was in order. The loud noises continued. Joe then turned on the lights on our lanai and found the source of the noise: a deer was INSIDE of our lanai, staring at us through our sliding glass door. The deer then frantically tried to find a way out of our enclosure, hence the noise of hooves on the metal uprights and crossbeams. The deer's hooves also tore two large sections of lanai screening. The deer had entered our lanai by breaking a screen on one of the doors. Adjacent to the door is a large hibiscus tree in bloom, as well as a large pot of geraniums. Breakfast??? Joe then opened our pool bath door - without turning off our alarm system - a comedy of errors, as I rushed to turn off the alarm, central monitoring called, and I figured we had woken up the entire neighborhood; in addition to worrying what the deer would do when Joe shoed it away. All ended well when the deer remembered its entry point and left via the same door it had entered ..... without eating any plants for breakfast .....

BTW, the screen repair company indicated that this was not the first time they have heard of deer inside the screen enclosure on the lanai!

*Submitted by: Joyce & Joe Sullivan*



## Grand Haven Woman's Club Ends Year on Winning Note!

Wow....205 members and growing. The Grand Haven Woman's Club season is almost over for this year and soon we will say goodbye to friends and snowbirds until next September when we begin our new Club year. We also say goodbye to our President, Sandy Hollenbeck, and her Board, since we have recently elected our new Board for the 2015-16 Club year. We are looking forward to having Nancy Carlton as President, Karen Finder as First VP, Jacki Unger as Second VP, Paula Geppner & Sandi Walker as co-Treasurers, Bee Davis & Sandra Malone as co-Recording Secretaries and Paula Benham as Corresponding Secretary. We extend a special thanks to Sandy Hollenbeck and all of the members of the Board, as well as Committee Chairs for the fine work they have done over the last two years.

And because our mission is to contribute to worthy non-profit organizations in Flagler County as well as a few state projects, we would like to share with the **generous Grand Haven community** one of our latest accomplishments, since you supported it. A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our residents who supported our Annual GHWC Book Sale, which this year raised over \$1,500! These funds are earmarked for two scholarships for graduating female seniors, one from each of our Flagler County high schools. Our Education Chair, Cathy Whitby, worked tirelessly to recruit her "army" of volunteers to collect, sort, sell, etc. to make this year's event our most successful EVER! In this day and age of electronic readers, we were thrilled at the response from the residents. And, the unsold books have been donated to the rummage sale that supports the Giving Store, a program of the Flagler Volunteer Services that enables children whose families cannot afford Christmas gifts to "shop" for siblings, parents and grandparents, wrap the gift and have a special Christmas. Special thanks also goes to a new member, Bev Fox, who agreed to fill her van with the unsold books to transport to the Giving Store rummage sale. As you can see, the GHWC events are a true team effort and, you the **residents**, were part of this **winning team!!!** If you are a woman residing in Grand Haven and would like to learn more about the Grand Haven Woman's Club, you will soon be able to visit our website, which is being designed by students at Flagler Palm Coast High School. We will announce when our website is no longer "under construction" and available for viewing. In the meantime, you can visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/grandhavenwomensclub](http://www.facebook.com/grandhavenwomensclub)



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## ADC Corner

If you have lived here for a while, you have seen Grand Haven grow into a beautiful mature community. If you recently moved into Grand Haven, you see a mature community full of beautiful trees and landscaping. Living in a gated, deed restricted community has its advantages and sometimes, its disadvantages. What was suitable for Grand Haven 10 or 15 years ago may not be suitable for Grand Haven now.

For this reason, a task force from your Architectural Design Committees in conjunction with the Grand Haven Master Association, are reviewing every page of the ADC guidelines. This review process is important to determine if any changes need to be made to the current guidelines the ADC uses to make its decisions. Both committees (New Construction and Modification) use the same guidelines when submittals are made. These guidelines called "ADC Design Standards" help the committee members make their decisions to approve or deny particular requests. Without these Design Standards, it would just be someone's subjective opinion.

When submittals are reviewed, the committee refers to the ADC Design Standards when questions or issues arise. Sometimes decisions are made for just reasons, but in conflict with the current Design Standards; then a deviation is noted explaining the reason for the favorable decision. So, as you can see, the Design Standards are a vital tool to be used in rendering a decision. It is extremely important that the Design Standards used by the committees be in tune with the needs of the community.

Soon the new Architectural Design Standards will be updated and posted on the Grand Haven website at <http://grandhavenhoa.com/> for you to review. When you wish to make a change to the exterior of your home, including the recent suggestion by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office to install motion detector lights, be an informed property owner. Go to the ADC link on the web site, then to the Standards link to see what you need for a submittal and to see if it is an acceptable change. It will certainly be worth your time.

Submitted by: Tom Byrne, Chair  
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## The Infinite Number of Monkeys and Infinite Number of Typewriters Theory of Golf

Golf is a game of perpetually unrealized potential. It has been said the game was invented by a sadist to be enjoyed by masochists. As a golfer, how many times have you heard, "Even a blind squirrel finds a nut once in a while." or "It only takes one good shot to bring a golfer back for another round." The concepts behind these two thoughts explain golf's addictive quality. I was once a single digit handicap golfer. My most recent home venue was the Jack Nicklaus signature course at Grand Haven in Palm Coast, FL. During a period spanning ten years, I managed to birdie each of the 18 holes at least once. And I managed to eagle three, including a hole-in-one.

So I **KNOW** that I have the potential of shooting a 51 on the par 72 Nicklaus course. And any time I walk to the tee on a par three, I **KNOW** I'm capable of a hole-in-one. I've already done it, although not on the same day or even in the same year, by combining my best score on each hole. **Statistically, my round of 51 is just a matter of time. It's my potential (if not my destiny). Just like the theory that an infinite number of monkeys given an infinite number of typewriters will eventually reproduce the world's greatest books.**

I remember thinking, after I finished each round back then, of the few bad shots I'd hit that day. Older now and playing less, I get to recall a few bad shots after nearly every hole. The birdies are now few. It's hard to remember my last eagle. How close did I ever get to my potential round of 21 under par at Grand Haven? I had a handful of 74s; two over par. Even on my best days, I could not get within 23 shots of my potential.

Seriously, no matter what your level of play, some shots are either great or pretty good compared to your average. As I plan each shot, whether it's from the center of the fairway, on the green, from a bunker or buried in the woods, I can remember at least once in the past when I hit that identical shot with spectacular results. It's a golfer's weakness to not only remember those shots but to also expect the same results again, not just some time in the future, but **RIGHT NOW**; on **THIS** shot.

Statistically, I have the same odds of hitting my worst shot as I do of hitting my best. The other 99.999% of the time, I'll be somewhere in between. The fact that I couldn't replicate that magnificent shot this time is frustrating because I know I can do it. But knowing that I can is what brings me back again and again, perpetually frustrated and forever a golfer.

*Submitted by: Toby Tobin*

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## Exciting Days at the Croquet Club

Despite the date, on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, it was no joke as heavy duty equipment rolled on to the Croquet Court at Creekside. The long awaited renovation of the Court had finally begun!

Beginning with the removal of the old and very sick grass, a huge front loader began to remove 4" from the surface of the court. By evening most of that first step had been completed and what had once been a croquet court was now a large and barren scene of gray sand. But that was just the beginning. Many more steps follow including the huge loads of sand-like material being dumped on the court and moved around to start the filling of ruts and valleys. That was well under way by the next day. In the two or three weeks that follow we see everything from roto-tilling and compression, to laser levelling. Then, finally, huge rolls of a very special and rather new hybrid grass, designed especially for athletic fields and surfaces, will be rolled into place. Borders will be defined and trimmed and then the court will "rest" for about a month before being set up again and ready for play.

Meanwhile, on Thursday evening, the usual weekly "Wine and Wickets" social event proceeded on the small practice court at the Village Center. Everyone seemed to be in a festive mood as a very large group took turns playing Golf Croquet with, perhaps, more socializing than playing time.

April is also the month in which newly elected officers for the Croquet Club are seated. This year all four of the elected officers were unopposed and agreed to continue for another term. Cass Gaisor will remain as President, Tony Dos Santos as Vice President, Naomi Mass as secretary and Bill Todd as Treasurer. They will, in turn, be responsible for the appointment of three "Directors": Social, Membership and Tournament. These seven people will compose the governing Board of the Croquet Club for the 2015-2016 term. Free Beginner's Classes will be offered in the early Fall.

*Submitted by: Cassandra Gaisor, President  
Grand Haven Croquet Club*



## A Priceless Program

Former FBI undercover agent Robert K. Wittman, speaking about art theft and his work apprehending those who would steal priceless art and cultural artifacts, informed and entertained audiences Tuesday evening April 7 at Palm Coast's Flagler Auditorium.

Citing the multi-billion dollar value of the business of art --- including commercial and fine art -- in the US, Wittman impressed his audience with the importance of protecting the world's cultural heritage and recovering those pieces which have been lost or stolen.

His years with the FBI's undercover Art Crime Team, which he founded, and their international investigations and stings resulted in his NY Times best-selling book, "Priceless" -- and now provide his audiences with an entertaining evening of stories and exploits.

Earlier in the day, the Flagler County Art League sponsored a special presentation to the students of Palm Coast High School, focusing on career opportunities in this multi-billion dollar business.

The evening was sponsored by the Flagler County Art League headquartered in Palm Coast, Florida. A non-profit organization, FCAL promotes arts throughout the community and provides a creative environment for artists to develop, collaborate and showcase their work. FCAL is a center for the visual arts in Flagler County.

For more information about the Flagler County Art League programs and membership, contact 386-986-4668, or fcald2009@att.net, or visit their website at flaglercountyartleague.com.

Still in the lobby of the Flagler Auditorium, young Nathan and Brooklyn Warner, attending the Wittman event with their grandfather, Grand Haven resident Bob Pearson, couldn't wait to get home to start reading Wittman's book.



Submitted by: Rita Mass, Marketing Director



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## What's Happening Across Colbert Lane???

The clearing at the GH main entrance is the start of Phase 1 of the "Shoppes at Grand Haven" commercial center. The main entrance will align with Waterside Parkway. The area to the right is the site for the new Grand Haven Realty Sales and Information Center. The center will be 4,720 square foot single story state of the art multi-service real estate office. The center will provide real estate sales, mortgage services, property management, title and legal services. Construction should begin in July and finish shortly after the first of the year.



And Now You Know What is Happening!

## Grand Haven Eagle Update

By the time this article is read the nestlings (turned juveniles) have departed. It's been another entertaining and successful season for parents Romeo and Juliet. Names given this year to their offspring were "Nick and Noel" reflecting Holiday names, as Nick hatched on Christmas day and Noel was just two days prior. Observing their antics, the names seem to suit them!

They have been the best buds either in the nest (snuggling and even preening each other), perched next to each other at the nest (once too close knocking the other one off), or following each other vocalizing in flight.

At twelve weeks the youngsters attempted that first flight. They both ended up on the ground (likely at least twice) which is typical. But they are an extremely powerful and determined species, so they usually recover.

They quickly found their favorite off-site perching tree. It happened to be a tree where their parents frequently perch offering a direct view of the nest, so they could keep an eagle eye on the kids! Therefore, the kids never missed food delivered to the nest with the perfect view! The parents also found the tree more useful than mere perching, as it was their source of "lumber" used to add to their nest. They were often seen snapping branches in mid-air from what we call the "lumber yard tree" and making a bee-line back to the nest. As the season progressed and branches depleted, now it truly reflects a "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree".

The frequent ear-piercing vocals from the youngsters can be heard well over a block away as they constantly beg for food (i.e. room service) delivered by their parents.....and Romeo and Juliet never disappoint!

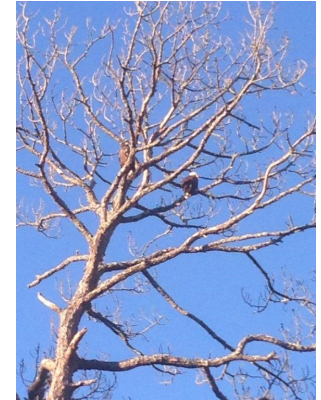
As this nesting season comes to a close, I reflect back on the seasons I have monitored these eagles. With the experience and commitment Romeo and Juliet possess, this nest has had a 100% success rate for seven years. That is quite astounding considering the average rate is only 50%! How blessed we are to have these eagles reside in our own backyard!

*Should you observe disturbing activity in the nest area, please notify: [bengals2@earthlink.net](mailto:bengals2@earthlink.net)*



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*Submitted by: Gretchen Butler  
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**Isn't it time for a change?**

## Education in Flagler County

I have been privileged to serve as a volunteer with the **Flagler County Education Foundation** for the last seven years and, as a result, see and hear first-hand about some amazing things happening in the **Flagler County Public Schools**. Most of you reading this (like me) haven't been in school in many years, but as I visit classrooms, it almost makes me want to return to school. In addition to each child, K-12, having a laptop or tablet by year end, the FCPS has initiated a **Flagship Program** in each of the schools which offer students opportunities to discover paths that lead them from the classroom to career success. Students can explore and grow in the worlds of Agriculture, Aerospace, Green Technology, Health Science, Engineering and Computer Science, Marine Research, Finance and Business, Leadership, the Arts and more.

There are also technical programs at the high schools, which enable participating students to graduate with certification in a specific field, such as Landscape Operations, Culinary Arts, Construction Technology, Web Design, PC Support, and Cosmetology. Employers in Flagler County have a definite need for manpower with these skills and certifications. The FCPS has partnered with the Flagler Chamber of Commerce, Career Source and the Economic Development Council to enhance the ability for students to connect with career opportunities in Flagler County.

Then there is the dual enrollment program, where students attend classes at Daytona State College while still in high school and graduate with a high school diploma and an AA degree at the same time. This program is being expanded in the next school year to Embry Riddle University and the dual enrollment program is free to the student....just requires a lot of determination and hard work on their part!

Why is any of this important to those of us who don't have children/grandchildren in our schools?? Well, a well-educated student population is good for our community....crime rates are lower and prospective employers are attracted to the area. All of this makes Flagler County a better place to live. If you are interested in knowing more or visiting a classroom, contact me and I will be happy to connect you with the appropriate staff.

*Submitted by: Nancy Carlton*

## Make a difference Mentor a Child

**Are you looking to do something productive with your time?** Flagler County Education Foundation offers a unique opportunity to make a difference in the life of a high school student with a dream to go to college. The Foundation's Take Stock in Children scholarship program pairs good students who have the odds stacked against them with mentors who provide the support, encouragement, and guidance they need to succeed in school and go on to college.

As a mentor, you'll spend just one hour a week (usually lunchtime) with your student – and the difference you make will last a lifetime. Join some of your neighbors in this very worthwhile opportunity.

If you'd like to know more about Flagler County Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children Program and becoming a mentor, please contact Megan Mahoney, 386-437-7526 ext 3104 or email [mahoneym@flaglerschools.com](mailto:mahoneym@flaglerschools.com)



Bunnell Elementary, whose Flagship Program is Agri-science and Green Technology, won 1st place for their breakfast at Regional FuelUp to Play60 Gridiron Breakfast Challenge with their recipe for Popeye's Ricotta Tater Cakes



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## Bobcat Tales

About a million bobcats live in the United States and are quite abundant here in Florida. Occasionally, we spot them in Grand Haven.

Large bobcats are very often mistaken for panthers, though they are smaller and sport that telltale bobbed tail. Usually the tail is between 6 and 8 inches although sometimes can be around 12 inches. The male, weighing about 24 lbs., averages 39 inches long, while the female is about 36 inches and weighs about 15 lbs. Bobcat's coats are not all alike, some have distinctive spots and some have no spots at all. Their coats are unique to them and do not change from birth. All adult bobcats wear a "ruff" around their face and have black ears with a white splotch in the middle.

Equipped with sharp retractable claws and razor-like teeth, the bobcat is a splendid hunter, capable of taking down a young white-tailed deer. Besides partaking of rats, squirrels, opossums, rabbits, and feral cats, they eat just about anything that moves. They also enjoy a bird-fest when our migrating birds pop in for a break. Like most felines, bobcats hunt at night and sleep only for a few hours at a time, so they are often out and about during daylight

Bobcats range an area of roughly 5 miles and do not welcome other bobcats, either male or female, into their territory. So, if you see one, that's a lonesome cat. Males and females enjoy each others company only for a day or two of intimacy after which it is "sayonara." After raising her two or three kittens and teaching them to hunt, mother abandons her kittens and evicts them from her range.

Bobcats rarely attack a person. Like most wildlife, they have a natural fear of humans. Unless they are fed and associate people with food – so don't!



*Submitted by: Anne Sciuto*



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## Do You Suffer from F O M O ?

Have you ever heard of F O M O? It's the **Fear Of Missing Out**—a disorder seriously infecting our lives and it has gone viral. It is frightening how quickly the symptoms of F O M O have spread. Its recent surge is mostly due to the modern wonders of technology, 4G and social media.

How badly does F O M O affect you? Do you fear that you missed a text message from your grandchild; or the most recent photo of a friend's trip to Italy or perhaps a recent U-Tube video that everyone is talking about at the latest neighborhood cocktail party?????? Well don't worry, you are just like the rest of us.

Here are some suggestions as to what to do to decrease your F O M O level.....First, recognize that F O M O, at its core, is a sense of insecurity. We all have it no matter what it looks like on the outside. Those of us who were not brought up on the latest technological gadget, just need to take a deep breath and RELAX. Put away your iPhone, iPod, 4G Cell phone, Nook or Flame and look around and see how great your life is. Unplug for a little while, read a hardbound book, go for a bike ride, take a walk on the beach, go to lunch with a friend – Life is good when you take the time to really enjoy it. Second, recognize that F O M O is not going away anytime soon.

The way to embrace the anxiety surrounding your lack of proficiency in using your smart phone or smart television is to stop trying to download the most recent app when you are in a hurry. Be prepared to fumble a few times until you get it right. Better yet, ask your grandchild to download the app for you while he/she is visiting and enjoy the pleasure of not missing out on being real with yourself and those around you.

(Excerpts from article in Tech Innovations by Guy Barnhart, July 2014)

*Submitted by: Karen Finder*



### **REMINDER: Special Offer - 2015 News-Journal Complimentary Sunday Delivery - Grand Haven Residents**

Southern States Management Group has partnered with The Daytona Beach News-Journal and The Flagler Palm Coast News-Tribune, the premier source of local news in your area, to present an exclusive offer to Grand Haven residents for the 2015 calendar year. As a Grand Haven Community Resident, and upon advance request, you can enjoy complimentary Sunday delivery of the News-Journal throughout 2015 at your residence within Grand Haven.

If you are not a current subscriber and reside in Grand Haven please call The Daytona Beach News-Journal at [386-681-2631](tel:386-681-2631) and ask for your complimentary subscription to begin Sunday following the call.

Grand Haven residents that currently subscribe to the Sunday News-Journal are entitled to a credit during this calendar year if they call 386-681-2631 to request credit on any future deliveries in 2015.

There is no cash value to this offer and no refunds.

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- Mow, edge, clear debris;
- Trim bushes/hedges/ornamental plantings;
- Replace dead sod;
- Treat/remove weeds in lawn;
- Clear weeds from landscape beds;
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If you have questions about any of these items, please contact Troy Railsback at 386-446-6333.



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