



The Oak Tree

President's Message

Well, here we are once again, at the end of the year. As we look back, although we may wonder where the days and months have gone, hopefully they have generated positive memories for one and all. My wish for all of the residents of Grand Haven is that your hardships were few and you were able to overcome them and that your joys were many and long lasting.

In looking back over the past year, I believe that 2018 has been a most productive one in regard to the Master Association. We have had a loyal group of residents who attend our monthly meetings. In addition to learning about the workings of the Board of Directors, they provide input and are a valuable source of information. The Board ordinarily meets on the next to the last Friday of each month at 2:00 PM at the Creekside Amenity Center. All Grand Haven property owners are encouraged to attend and the Board would most welcome your participation

Although the Board conducts a good deal of routine business at every Board meeting, throughout the year, the Board also deals with more significant issues. I thought that this might be a good opportunity to share some of those issues with you and perhaps provide you with some insight regarding the Board's functioning during 2018.

- A major shrub replacement program was planned and implemented at Riverwalk Village
- An agreement was reached with the CDD which stated that, although residents are responsible for the aesthetic maintenance of the pond bulkheads, the CDD would be responsible for the structural maintenance of those bulkheads
- A plan was developed and implemented for the renovations at the Crossing pool bathhouse, which included a new roof, the painting of the entire structure and the replacement of light fixtures as needed
- The Board took the lead in crafting a letter to the owners of the unfinished Vista Par Condominiums, expressing the dissatisfaction of the residents of Grand Haven and requesting that they make every effort to resolve their issues and complete construction
- During the year, a Board selected committee worked a tremendous number of hours in completing the Board's designated three year review of the ADC Standards. This involves the arduous task of updating the existing Standards to better meet the needs of our residents in relation to the changing need of our community
- The Board developed a policy statement regarding Board members serving on multiple boards and committees

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GHMA Meeting Schedule

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

WHEN: 2 PM, Friday, November 16
2 PM, Friday, December 21
2 PM, Friday, January 18
2 PM, Friday, February 15

WHERE: Creekside Amenities Center
2 North Village Parkway

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The Oak Tree is always looking for articles with ideas and topics for future issues, especially those that would be of interest to Grand Haven residents—Grand Haven activities, clubs, happenings, sporting events, resident volunteer activities and opportunities.

Please contact Nancy Carlton at
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GHMA Election Timeline

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

October 8, 2018– Mailing of 1st Notice of Annual Meeting and Election with request for candidates.

October 31, 2018 – Deadline for return of completed Candidate Information Sheets indicating an Owner's interest in running for the GHMA Board.

December 13, 2018– Candidate Forum (if warranted).

December 15, 2018– Mailing of 2nd Notice of Annual Meeting and Election Materials and/or Information.

January 10, 2019 – Deadline for Return or Delivery of completed Ballots

January 10, 2019—5 PM—GHMA Annual Meeting and Election.

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- A policy statement was developed pertaining to the removal of non-street trees. This provided a means for property owners to remove yard trees that met specific criteria regarding over-crowding and dangerous situations
- The Board passed a resolution which was consistent with the ruling of the State Legislature, regarding flags that are acceptable to be displayed within our community
- A select group of Board members and our community manager spent many hours reviewing, and evaluating the budgetary needs of Grand Haven. After discussion by the full Board, with input from audience members, the proposed budget was mailed to all property owners. Following additional input at our October meeting, the 2019 budget was adopted
- The Board has had lengthy discussions regarding a drainage problem located in the rear of building #2 at River Club. Our management company is currently in the process of obtaining engineering plans and quotes in order to provide the Board with sufficient information to move ahead with the completion of this project.
- Following lengthy discussion, the Board developed a plan and timelines for the re-roofing of the River Club Townhomes

As indicated by the above sampling of Board issues, it has been an active and most productive year for the Master Association. When all is said and done, the primary goal of your Board of Directors is to represent the majority of the property owners of Grand Haven in a fair and equitable manner.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend our best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, a happy holiday season and a most happy, healthy, New Year.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President



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Pastor Charles and the Grace Community Food Pantry serve 10,000 people each month and they are in urgent need of volunteers who are able to lift boxes. Volunteers are needed either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 8 AM til Noon. This is a great opportunity to give back to the wonderful and giving community we call home. The Food Panty is located at 245 Education Way, Bunnell, which is just off Route 1. For more information, call Grace at 386-864-0686. Thank you & God Bless!

Submitted by: Lori Csik

MEET THE STAFF

Barry Kloptosky is the Grand Haven Community Development District (CDD) Operations Manager.

Barry and his staff of 6, are employed by the CDD and Barry reports directly to the CDD Board of Supervisors. He and his staff are responsible for the day-to-day operations, maintenance and repairs of all the Grand Haven common areas and facilities, including the amenities, buildings, roads, gates, streetlights, etc. Barry also manages several contractors working under contract in the Community, such as Vesta for Amenity Management, Yellowstone for common area landscaping, Aquatic Systems for pond maintenance, and U.S. Security, for guard services.



Barry's role and responsibilities often include being available and on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, should anything go wrong that requires his attention. His typical day starts with responding to calls from residents and contractors, followed by driving around Grand Haven, checking on the facilities, current projects, and the field staff, before going to the CDD Office at Creekside, to continue his management duties.

The challenging aspects of his role are coordinating all the projects to be completed within the assigned budget, and ensuring that residents' expectations are met. He enjoys meeting with residents and getting their input. Completing capital projects is a particularly fulfilling aspect of his responsibilities.

Barry has held this position for 10 years, and recently received a recognition award from the CDD Board of Supervisors for his service. He also received a Distinguished Service Award from the Board in 2013.

Barry is a Florida licensed, Certified Building Contractor, and is also a licensed Florida Real Estate Sales Associate.

Prior to joining the Grand Haven CDD, Barry worked for two Building Contractors in Palm Coast, and supervised the building of several houses in Grand Haven and Hammock Dunes. He is originally from New Jersey where he owned a construction business for 30 years before moving to Palm Coast to escape the cold weather.

Barry and his wife live in Palm Coast and have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Barry enjoys traveling, art

and music, and has a passion for playing guitar and piano.

Something most people don't know about Barry, is that he is an accomplished animation illustrator, and prior to establishing his construction business, considered making that his new career.

Submitted by: Mike Frichol

MADC CORNER

In the Modification ADC article in August issue of the Oak Tree, we reviewed "What you need to do to request approval for changes to your home":

Fill out Application form, with vendor information and sign it.

Explain in detail what changes are happening. Include diagrams, pictures or other spec information needed to explain changes.

The next step is to complete your project within the 180 day window. If all changes match your request and your project is completed in the 180 day window, all you need to do is request an inspection from Southern States Management Group (SSMG) (386-446-6333) to close out your project.

But what do you do if you make changes to your original request or your project window of 180 days expired?

You will need to resubmit the changes from your original request or submit your original request for an extension. This is not a problem – communication is the way to successfully complete the project.

Submit all of this information to Southern States Management Group (SSMG) (386-446-6333) in the White Drop Box on Marlin Dr. No Fees. Changes and extension requests are FREE! **If you have any questions on what is necessary for submission, just call Michele Logan at SSMG.**

Remember you are always welcome to attend all of our MADC scheduled meetings, which are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month starting at 9:30am at the Creekside facility. The deadline for submittals is the Wednesday prior, by 4pm. **Please remember any changes to the outside of your home must be submitted to the MADC.** We are all committed to keeping Grand Haven up to the standards we all want... keeping "**Grand Haven Grand**".

Submitted by: Denise Gallo, MADC Chair

GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

The Grand Haven Woman's Club is off to a great start this Fall. After several planning meetings over the summer, our first Membership Meeting took place in mid-September with a membership of 232 members. During that meeting, we presented checks to the Flagler County Education Foundation in support of The STUFF Bus, the Take Stock in Children Scholarship program, the Teacher Innovation Grants and Scholarships for a graduate from each of the high schools, Matanzas and Flagler Palm Coast. Members also brought "stuff" for the STUFF Bus, which supplies fundamental items to students in need, such as underwear, socks, hygiene products and school supplies.



At the October meeting, the GHWC heard from representatives of Feed Flagler and presented them with a check as well. In addition, the community was invited to the food drive we sponsored for them on October 20, where an entire minivan was filled with donated food.

Why does the GHWC do so much fundraising?? That question has a simple answer...there is so much need in Flagler County. GHWC supports the Flagler Free Clinic, where people with no insurance or little resources turn for their health care; the Family Life Center, where victims of assault turn for shelter, many of whom come with their children; the Flagler County Education Foundation, where our contributions are matched to provide scholarships to students who often are the first in their family to attend college, or our contributions provide essential supplies to students so they can concentrate on learning; the Flagler Humane Society, where our contributions are used to help hundreds of homeless animals; Feed Flagler, where our contributions are used to not only feed the needy at Thanksgiving, but also provides meals to homeless students on the weekends. These are just a few of the over 30 organizations that the GHWC supports with the dollars we raise. And we invite you, our Grand Haven neighbors, to come join us as we have fun and raise these dollars. We thank you for your support.

The GHWC appreciates the Amenity Center's willingness to share news of our events with Grand Haven residents through their eblast. Upcoming are the following fun things that all residents can enjoy while

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they assist GHWC in supporting over 30 Flagler County based nonprofit organizations serving people in need in our county.

Walk for Woman's Club on December 1 – If you missed this very fun event in 2017, you will definitely want to participate this year. This event is open to the entire community and the setting is the spectacular scenery along the Intracoastal. Entry fee is \$25 and includes your t-shirt. You can register on the GHWC website at www.grandhavenwomensclub.org. Start/finish line on the back lawn at GHGC.

Tennis Tournament on March 23, at the Amenity Center tennis courts. Those who participated last year had a great time and we hope that you will join us again this year. If you are interested in participating in this activity, contact Maureen Pellegrini at maureenpellegrini@gmail.com. More information about this event will appear in the February issue of the Oak Tree.

GHWC Book Sale on April 6 at the Village Center – you can start saving books you have already read for donation to the book sale. Watch for updates on the Amenity Center eblasts and in the February Oak Tree.



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CRITTER CORNER

There's no mistaking their raucous cawing or their messy invasion of open garbage cans and plastic bags. Very few people favor them but may be surprised to learn that they are among the most intelligent of animals. Crows tend to have very large brains compared to body size. Scientists compare the intelligence of crows to that of a seven-year-old child. (And we all know how smart that is!) Crows are capable of abstract thinking, complex problem solving and group decision-making. Scientists made many studies to prove so.

The crow was essential to sailors before radar. They were kept on board near the lookout post on the main mast. Hence the term "crow's nest". When weather or visibility was bad a crow would be released. Knowing that it would head straight for land, the navigator would adjust course accordingly "as the crow flies".

Crows are the *only* non-primates who make tools; they will use sticks as spears and bend wire to form a hook to retrieve food, even if they have not seen wire before.

Crows have adapted to our world. They have routinely visited restaurants but only on garbage collection days – a prime opportunity for leftovers. And they have been seen dropping nuts in traffic lanes to be crushed by passing cars.

Many species of crow pair off as adults and become mates for life. Their contacts with other crows are uncommon. However, juvenile crows often band together in "gangs" sometimes amounting to many thousands. These crowds gather together at night to roost, obviously aware that there's safety in numbers. Such a flock is called a "murder" (trivial pursuit - but only to poets.) Chatham, Ontario, is under the migratory path of a flock, estimated around 500,000, which damages crops and deposits poop all over the community. That's a lot of unwanted organic fertilizer. Despite all efforts nothing has encouraged these crows to take a detour. If you visit Chatham in winter, do not park under a deciduous tree.

Crows will congregate near the body of a dead crow as if they were at a funeral. Like chimps, crows recognize their family and friends and they can also recognize people. When tagging crows, scientists wear full face masks for a reason. Prof. John Marzluff, (U of Washington) explains why. "Crows don't like to be messed with!" When the mask is off, he can walk by the crows without incident, but with the mask on, he will immediately be dive-bombed by the crows and their companions. This has been shown when other people wear the masks also. A YouTube video - John Marzluff Shows How Crows Will Recognize You, demonstrates this phenomenon and is worth watching. So beware of treating a crow badly, the gang will definitely seek revenge.



Submitted by: Anne Scuito

Happy 90th Birthday, Ole Blue Eyes

On October 11 of this year, a very special member of the Grand Haven family turned 90 years old. Henry Reid, known for many accomplishments in his life, celebrated with family and friends, including his daughter, Libby, from South Carolina. Henry and his beloved wife, Nan, have lived in Grand Haven since 1997 and have been active in the golf community as well as the philanthropic community in Flagler County and beyond. As members of the 20/20 Society for the Florida Hospital Foundation as well as supporters of the Flagler County Education Foundation, Nan & Henry have shared their treasures in the community.



Nan has been active in the Grand Haven Woman's Club since its inception in 2005. Henry has served on many boards; however, many remember him for his role as The Shoe Guy for the Flagler County Education Foundation. You see, he grew up poor in South Carolina during the Depression years. "Times were pretty bad in 1935," he says, and he was one of two youths who did not have shoes in the first grade until a teacher bought them both a pair. Henry never forgot the kindness and decided to pay it forward by leading the foundation's Reid Shoes4Kids project. Henry's efforts not only raised money to purchase shoes for over 600 children facing the greatest economic challenges, but he also introduced more than 40 new friends to the foundation.



Henry now resides at Sabal Palms; however, is visited frequently by his Grand Haven friends, especially his golfing buddies.

Henry & Nan pictured here with daughter, Libby.



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Christmas Tree Lighting

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**Entertainment by the
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Keep a look out for your 2019 Annual Assessment coupon book. These will be mailed in November and should be received by December 1st. Payment is due January 1, 2019. The GHMA Annual Assessment funds the enforcement of community Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs), facilitating the Architectural Design Committee (ADC) review process, management, accounting services, legal fees, insurance, newsletter/communications and all other operating costs of the Association, including periodic maintenance of foreclosed/deserted properties. The 2019 Annual Assessment is \$125.

Private Lawn Maintenance (PLM), Crossings and River Club Village assessment coupon books will also be mailed in November and should be received by December 1st. Each of these Village's respective 2019 monthly assessment is due the first of each month starting January 1, 2019.

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

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

- ◆ Review your account balance
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- ◆ Review general GHMA information

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Shakespeare returns! With the resounding success of MACBETH, the Palm Coast Arts Foundation recently announced the 2nd annual Shakespeare in the Park: Taming of the Shrew for four performances, February 21-24, 2019. Reservations are available now!

Wait for it...

PCAF's third public turtle sculpture will be installed in front of the fountain at the Village Center in January. Grand Haven resident, Paul Beaulieu has been busily working on "Marc-Sea" the name given him by the anonymous donor (another Grand Haven resident) based on the works of early modernist Russian-French painter Marc Chagall. When officially announced, we hope you will come out and enjoy Marc's unveiling to the Grand Haven community and meet the donor and artist.

Did you know...

In a recent study conducted by Ipsos (the largest public polling service) for Americans for the Arts, the following was found:

Floridians:

- ◆ 79% believe the arts help students perform better academically
- ◆ 76% agree that the arts have a social impact and improve the quality and livability of their community
- ◆ 64% agree that creativity enhances success in the work place

Nationally:

- ◆ 72% believe the arts unify our communities
- ◆ Nearly three-quarters (72%) of the adult population attend arts and cultural events yearly

Further testament to the vision of the Palm Coast Arts Foundation:

- ◆ 90% of Americans believe cultural facilities improve quality of life
- ◆ 86% believing cultural facilities are important to local business and economy.

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Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, Executive Director



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Haven Family Fund

In previous Oak Tree issues, The Haven Family Fund has offered information about the services we provide, stories of the neighbors we've helped, and the joys our volunteers have felt while serving their neighbors. In this issue, we'd like to share what the HFF has accomplished in the last nine months?

Let's start with volunteers, clients, and service events. Fifty two neighbors are volunteers with HFF, regularly supporting 13 clients. Our services entail transporting neighbors to doctor's offices, PT sessions, visiting friends in the hospital or rehab facilities, but we have also helped several folks get to Publix, or even just to get their hair done. Our In-Home Visitation group has invested heavily in our neighbors; sometimes cooking meals, but often, just sitting around and talking. Since the beginning of 2018, these two areas have logged 188 service events, with a total of about 300 hours served!!

But neighbors don't just share time, they can share knowledge. In February, we offered our first education event with a conversation about Estate Organization. In August, we held our first CPR/Heimlich class with 25 neighbors in attendance. Based on demand we are offering a second class on November 29 at 2:30pm. We also have a local doctor coming on December 5 to talk about Gastro Intestinal issues. More programs will be coming in 2019; please let us know if there is a topic you would like us to consider.

Then there were the other Fun Times. April's Karaoke Night was an absolute blast with a packed Village Center. The food was great and many were surprised by the quality of the crooners!! October's Inaugural Haven Family Shootout hosted 88 golfers in a competitive scramble, with a fabulous lunch, and incredible prizes! November's Art Fair promoted the incredible skills of 29 Grand Haven artists and crafters. Other games made this a fun day for everyone who attended. Proceeds from table display fees and some beautiful raffle items will go to the Haven Family Fund. 2019 promises to have just as many fun events to connect our community.

And we can't forget your tremendous financial generosity!!! Grand Haven is filled with a diverse population of residents and staff whose immediate needs can sometimes exceed their financial capacity. Your donations have helped many people who work and live in our community and slightly more than \$6,000 has been distributed. Some of those funds allowed an employee to get significant dental repair done that had been delayed due to cost. Other monies have supported folks in dire situations who needed assistance with rent payments and moving costs. The Fund also paid for important legal advice at a crucial point in the life of one of our neighbors. Your donations have been a blessing!!


Paying it forward, sharing knowledge, and connecting – that's how the volunteers of Haven Family Fund want to help Grand Haven stay Grand!!



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The Eagles at Grand Haven

The Eagles have landed!! After their summer hiatus away from the nest, Romeo and Juliet have returned to start their nesting season once again. What a joy to see them healthy and active for their 11th season. Romeo returned to the nest on August 27. Although Juliet was spotted on August 30 at Tidelands, she didn't make her appearance at the nest until September 1.

They have been busy delivering sticks to the nest along with some incredibly huge branches. One would question how they managed the flight! Juliet is determined to decide on stick placement, while Romeo obliges after a bit of "beeking" (just like an old married couple!)



A few immature eagles have visited the nest that could possibly be one of Romeo and Juliet's offspring from past years. Recently a pair of mature Bald Eagles arrived together at the nest and appeared quite "at home". They were at the nest for a while then later flew and perched by the lake behind the nest. They appeared to be approximately 5-6yrs old and likely a pair with an "eagle eye" on this ready-made nest. One of our eagles caught their attention and escorted one away. They must have gotten the message, as they haven't returned to the nest. Should they return, Romeo and Juliet will make it quite clear the nest is "taken". Perhaps these eagles will nest in the general area. As the eagle population grows and young often returning, we will likely see more nests in Flagler County. However, Romeo and Juliet will claim their territory with an approximate 2mi radius.

Not only are "nestorations" under way, but they have been seen mating. They will repeat that bonding several times prior and post egg laying. It is expected they will be incubating around the middle of November as the ropes and signs are placed in the park.

(should you notice any nest disturbance or concerns, please contact: 386-569-1860

Submitted by: Gretchen Butler
Audubon EagleWatch Nest Monitor/Volunteer
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FALL BASH

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L to R: Jelena Kaveney, Cindy Waters & Geri Fitzgerald

social time will fellow GH residents, while enjoying the sounds of *Denny & The Jets* and some great food prepared by the Amenity Center.



*GHMA Board L to R:
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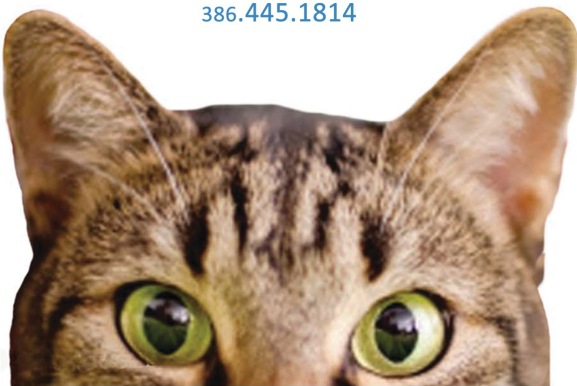
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Flagler County Art League marks 40th Anniversary with move to new, larger Gallery

The Flagler County Art League is poised to move to a larger gallery, as the League celebrates its 40th Anniversary. The new facility, currently under renovation, will be in an adjoining building at its current locale, Palm Coast's City Marketplace. Boasting more than 2,800 square feet, FCAL's new home will feature more display capability and additional classroom space.

"The move is an exciting one, we have been running out of room to offer classes and the new space will have a second classroom and a dedicated, larger, more attractive gallery, a bit more worthy of fine art exhibitions," comments Ann DeLucia, FCAL president. "It's also a momentous move, as it takes place on the League's 40th Anniversary!"

Among the upgrades are the addition of a second classroom, enabling two classes or workshops simultaneously, and 500 sq ft more display space. Notably, the expanded display capability will allow FCAL to host more than one show at the same time in the same room, thanks to modular, moveable displays. This should foster more relationships and team events in the arts community, DeLucia explains.

Moreover, expanded terrace footage in front of the gallery will be outfitted with tables and chairs, giving the League somewhat of a Parisian café or salon ambience, where visitors can relax while touring the exhibitions or attending classes.

FCAL plans to debut the new gallery with its November show. Scheduled to open on **Saturday, November 10 from 6 – 8:30pm**, the "Color Splash" themed exhibition will be an apt one to celebrate the new space and to propel FCAL forward for the next 40 years, as will the concurrent exhibition featuring the work of FCAL's newer artists.

**The New Gallery will be in the
"A" building second floor:
160 Cypress Point Pkwy, Suite A207-208.
Hours are 12-4 M-F and 10-1 Sat.
386-986-4668
flaglercountyartleague.org**



In Search Of Volunteers

AARP Foundation Tax-Aid provides tax preparation help for anyone who cannot afford paid tax services. Whether they are a senior citizen, living on Social Security/pensions, a single person with a W-2 from their first job, a young couple raising a family or well established empty nesters, all are welcome. There is no fee or sales pitches and AARP membership is not required.

In its 50th year, the Tax-Aide program has helped more than 50 million persons since it launched in 1968.

In Flagler County, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers...compassionate and friendly individuals to join the volunteer team. If you're interested in learning new skills or applying under-utilized skills, we are looking for you. In Flagler County, Tax-Aide operated five locations in 2017, staffed with 65 volunteers and served over 4,000 taxpayers. They will provide the training and support to help you learn new skills and you'll get a great feeling from helping those in need.

Volunteers fill a variety of roles:

- **Counselors** work with taxpayers directly by filling out tax returns. If you have no previous experience, you'll get the training you need and will also receive IRS certification.
- **Client Facilitators** welcome taxpayers, help organize their paperwork and manage the overall flow of service.
- **Technology Coordinators** manage computer equipment and ensure all data is secure.
- **Communications Coordinators** promote the program to prospective volunteers and taxpayers.
- **Bilingual Specialists** are always in great demand for supporting the entire tax preparation process
- **Call Center Specialists** schedule taxpayers in available time slots at nearby locations.

New appointment scheduling begins 1/12/2019 with appointments from 2/1/2019 to 4/15/2019.

If you are interested in getting more information about volunteering or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Ray Smith, 386-453-0375, raymondsmith@cfl.rr.com.



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Major Reconstruction/Refurbishment of the Grand Haven Village Center Project To Commence in 2019 (Preliminary Information)

Architectural Drawings for the Reconstruction/Refurbishment of the Grand Haven Village Center Complex were recently reviewed by the GH CDD Board of Supervisors during the Monthly Public CDD Board Meeting on 10/18/2018.

The Issue:

- Storm/rain water has been intruding between the concrete block walls and stucco exterior finish of the Village Center buildings.
- The storm/rain water has also seeped into widow frames and caused many of the window frames to develop rot
- The buildings are also scheduled for major refurbishment due to the normal wear and tear of their almost continuous utilization.

The Project:

- Your CDD Operations Manager and Board have carefully selected competent and qualified architectural and engineering firms to analyze and develop corrective plans for this unusual and complex project.
- Development of the project has been underway for almost two years, and plans are now ready to go out to bid.

Included in the Scope of the Project:

- Demolition of the failing exterior stucco finish, and replacement with new underlayment and stucco material to exterior building walls. New trim detail, stonework, and lighting will be added. New updated color schemes for the walls and trim paint will be recommended by the architecture firm.
- Rotted window frames will be replaced and new windows installed.
- The Men's and Women's Pool Bath House, showers and toilet rooms will be reconstructed/refurbished..
- The Grand Haven Room storage area, which now houses two 5 ton air handlers as part of the newly installed air conditioning system, will be expanded and enlarged with a new addition to the building.
- New acoustic ceiling tiles and lighting will be installed, and new paint, plus refurbishment of the rubber flooring in the Village Center Gym and Fitness Center are also included in the project.

- The commercial air conditioning units, all of which are past their useful life, have recently failed, and will be replaced: in the Grand Haven Room, the two Village Center pool bathhouses, the Amenity Directors Office, and the Creekside Amenity Center.

The anticipated cost of all the projects outlined above, will be approximately one million dollars.

Unavoidable inconveniences to be anticipated during the project include:

- Demolition dust and debris, noise, and altered parking as a result of State mandated safety barriers.
- Every attempt will be made not to close the entire Village Center during construction, but final determination will depend on the needs and schedules of the various contractors involved.

The Good News:

- Your GH CDD Board of Supervisors has carefully set aside funds in the Infrastructure Reinvestment line item of the budget to fund these projects.
- No additional special assessment is anticipated.

Everyone's understanding and cooperation will be encouraged and appreciated during the anticipated inconveniences involved.

The end result of this major renovation project, will be a revitalization of the Village Center Complex, and will make Grand Haven even Grander!

(Updated information on these projects, will appear in the next issue of the Oak Tree.)

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Supervisors



Tribute to Veterans

The Grand Haven community is home to well over 300 veterans, both men and women. They have served in all branches of the service and in various parts of the world. They have held various ranks and have contributed to ensuring our freedom. As we approach the celebration of Veteran's Day, there is a very special experience we want to share with our readers.

John Unger, father of residents, Brian & Jacki Unger, was recently selected to travel on a Space Coast Honor Flight, which takes World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans to visit the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Iwo Jima, and Women's Memorials as well as the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. This is a unique opportunity to show gratitude to these veterans who made it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. The priority of the trip is to ensure the safety and dignity of our Veterans!



Waiting for the flight

John, who recently turned 98, served in the US Navy from 1939 – 1959, followed by 20 years of civil service. John was captured on Wake Island and was held as a Prisoner of War for 44 months in prisoner camps in both Japan and China. His experience is one that he is still able to share in detail, as he did with me a few months ago. While John currently resides at Sabal Palms, he is a frequent visitor to Grand Haven.



At Arlington Cemetery

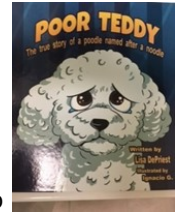
We thank John and all of our veterans for their service to our country. And we also thank all of our residents who have lost a loved one in the service and defense of our country.



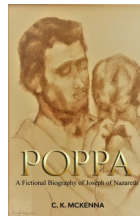
Honoring all branches of our military at the Memorial Day Flag Raising Ceremony

Book Signing

All parents are proud of their children's accomplishments and for one Grand Haven resident, he is very proud of his daughter who has written **POOR TEDDY**, a heartwarming children's book about a neglected dog that was abandoned at an animal shelter and learns to love again. The French Poodle, who was abandoned and hungry, needed a cleanup and attention, which the shelter provided. Since he had no tags indicating his name, they just called him, "Poor Teddy." Lisa DePriest, author of the book and daughter of Roland & Florence Gomez, will be holding a Book Signing at the Grand Haven Room on Saturday, February 23 from 12 to 5 PM.



In addition, former resident, Chris McKenna, will be available at the Book Signing with his book, **Poppa: A Fictional Biography of Joseph of Nazareth**. Chris tells Joseph's story as it might have been: father, husband, artisan, facing each new challenge with intense trust and courage. We cringe when we hear of a lost child or even a lost dog, so we can only wonder what Joseph and Mary went through as they reminded each other that, "the son of God was entrusted to us and we have lost him." The artwork for the cover of Chris' book was provided by Grand Haven resident, Michael Gleason.



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