



## *The Oak Tree*

### **President's Message**

#### **SOLICITATION 101**

#### **ALL THAT YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SOLICITATION IN OUR COMMUNITY (NO, NOT THAT TYPE OF SOLICITATION)**

The good news is that Grand Haven has a non-solicitation policy that was created by your Board in 2012. The bad news is that not every business entity is aware of or adheres to that policy. What to do when you are approached by someone soliciting business may vary from one situation to another, but there are actions that you may take regardless of the specific situation.

First of all, the Board's resolution regarding non-solicitation is just that, a resolution. Solicitation is not an unlawful act. Therefore, the Sheriff's Department will not respond to a complaint of simple solicitation. However, if a solicitor refuses to leave your property that individual is then trespassing and that will justify the involvement of law enforcement.

When you are either directly approached by a solicitor or some form of information is left on your property, it is recommended that you do the following: Obtain any available information or literature regarding the company and then contact Troy Railsback at Southern States Management Company at (446-6333). Provide the name and contact information for the business. If feasible, send him images of any printed material they have provided. The company will be contacted and advised that solicitation is prohibited in Grand Haven. This has proven to be a very effective solution to prior incidents of solicitation.

Do not utilize any company that promotes their business by soliciting in our community. Be sure that your neighbors are aware of any instances of solicitation and encourage them to report it. Also suggest to them that they not utilize any company that promotes their business by soliciting in Grand Haven.

It is always best to avoid direct confrontation and utilize other means of dealing with any strangers in your neighborhood. Some situations can accelerate with minimal provocation or warning. Obtain the relevant information and convey it to your management company or if appropriate, law enforcement.

Please keep in mind that the non-solicitation policy also applies to the residents of Grand Haven. It may be for a great cause but ringing doorbells or leaving printed materials at your door is also a violation of this policy even by those living here.

When all is said and done, you need only to provide our management company with the relevant information and they will follow up on your behalf. Solicitation has not been a significant problem in our community and is best dealt with by responding in a consistent manner when a violation should occur.

*Submitted by: Rob Carlton, President GHMA*

## 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 22  
2 PM, Friday, December 20  
2 PM, Friday, January 24  
2 PM, Friday, February 21

WHERE: Creekside Amenities Center  
2 North Village Parkway

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

Please contact Nancy Carlton at [ncarlton096@gmail.com](mailto:ncarlton096@gmail.com) with your suggestions

## GHMA Election Timeline

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

**October 8, 2019**– Mailing of 1st Notice of Annual Meeting and Election with request for candidates.

**October 31, 2019**– Deadline for return of completed Candidate Information Sheets indicating an Owner's interest in running for the GHMA Board.

**November 12, 2019**—Posting of Candidate Information Forms on GHMA website. E=blast to property owners announcing the posting (if warranted)

**December 12, 2019**– Candidate Forum (if warranted).

**December 16, 2019**– Mailing of 2nd Notice of Annual Meeting and Election Materials and/or Information.

**January 9, 2020** – Deadline for Return or Delivery of completed Ballots

**January 9, 2020—5 PM**—GHMA Annual Meeting and Election in the Grand Haven Room.

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## MADC Corner

### The Architectural Design Process Within the MADC

All homeowners must submit Exhibit #4- Architectural Review Application (Major or Minor) before making any changes to the exterior of their home. The MADC evaluates all modification requests.

The Architectural Design Standards provide the parameters that homeowners must follow. This process insures harmony and preservation of the community values and the importance of these relationships increases as the community matures.

### Revisions and Resubmittals

Once the MADC has evaluated the homeowner's request the committee signs for "Approved as Submitted" or "Approved as Noted." If there are extensive modifications the request can be denied and must be resubmitted. There is no fee for the first resubmission. Each additional resubmission requires a fifty dollar (\$50) fee.

### Appeal

If the application has been denied or is subject to conditions the homeowner may request a hearing before the MADC to review new information. After the hearing the committee will notify the homeowner of their final decision on the hearing.

The decision of the ADC regarding the matter shall be final.

### Approval and Participation

The MADC approval will automatically expire after 180 days from the date of approval. The 180 day window is intended to allow time for exterior changes and required landscaping to be done. If an approval expires it must be resubmitted.

We encourage homeowners to attend the MADC meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Creekside at 9:00. Committee work can be rewarding in itself. We are all volunteers. Our time, efforts and work are in support of this wonderful community that we all enjoy.

*Submitted by Stephanie Johnson, MADC Chair*

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Palm Coast incorporated as a City on December 31, 1999. Mayor Jim Canfield appointed Art and ITT corporate realtor Margaret Davie to become co-historians of the newly formed Palm Coast Historical Society on October 10, 2000. Along with an enthusiastic group of volunteers they moved two file cabinets and catalogued 12 large boxes of documents that ITT had donated to their archives and were initially stored in Mayor Canfield's garage!

Over the years the Society moved its offices nine times including stops at Matanzas High School and a warehouse on Hargrave Road. In 2015 the PCHS moved to its current location in Holland Park and established a small museum.

At 85 years "young" Art continues to devote many hours to the PCHS and is co-historian with Elaine Studnicki. In addition to his two books "Images Of America: Palm Coast" and "Alan Smolen: Father of Palm Coast 1975-1985" his work can be found in newsletters, photos, and more. He is currently researching "Who And When Were The First" for ALMOST everything that happened in Palm Coast, including Grand Haven! For more information please visit [www.palmcoasthistory.org](http://www.palmcoasthistory.org).

*Submitted by: Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky*



## Neighborhood Watch

As we approach the holiday season with its charm of holiday decorations and excitement, we sometimes forget about the downside 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?

Here's the solution. Cut them up in smaller pieces and put them out on recycle day. 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.

*Submitted by: Colette Moran*





What's in store for 2020? The Palm Coast Arts Foundation has many exciting plans for the future of art in our community. We hope you continue to support our efforts to advance the vision of the cultural life in Flagler County.

PCAF has been pursued by Town Center developers and City leaders to consider relocating to a more prime location within Town Center and anchor what will become an "arts district". As the Innovation District becomes more defined with the added higher educational component in progress, the arts will have a deeper presence and we look forward to our venture in leading this viable initiative with our partner arts organizations. More will be shared in the coming months as we work with our colleagues on this important announcement.

In the meantime, we continue to bring you quality programs. Our 3rd Shakespeare in the Park features the classic Romeo and Juliet. In collaboration with the City Repertory Theatre, this has grown with added performances: Feb. 27-29; March 1 on the outdoor stage in Town Center with the audience seated on the stage with the performance! Tickets/tables are on sale now for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Picnic and Pops concert with the Jacksonville Symphony, April 19.

The Turtle Trail has developed a life of its own with seven turtles now on the Trail and more coming! We are grateful to the outpouring of support and how the community has embraced this public sculpture



project. Most of our sculptures have been created by or sponsored by Grand Haven residents, which speaks volumes on the residents of our community.



See them at:

[www.palmcoastartsfoundation.com](http://www.palmcoastartsfoundation.com)

Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, Executive Director

Pictured above are turtles **Quilty** (top) sponsored by Bill & Pat Verhagen, artist, Bettie Eubanks and **Garfield** (lower) sponsored by Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky, artist, Andy Sovia.



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*Saturday,  
February 8, 2020  
Grand Haven  
Clubhouse*

*The Grand Haven Woman's Club  
presents*

*Denim & Diamonds*

*6 PM—Champagne\* & Cash Bar*

*7 PM—Dinner & Music*

*\$60/person—plated dinner, choice of Filet Mignon or Almond Crusted Salmon*

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*For further information on tickets, please contact Sandy Hollenbeck @ [sandihollen@earthlink.net](mailto:sandihollen@earthlink.net)*

## GRAND HAVEN MILITARY MEMORIAL

As we approach the six month point in the creation of the Military Memorial for our community, we wanted to provide the residents with a progress update.

It is readily apparent from the contributions we have thus far received that the generosity of our residents is truly outstanding. We are very close to reaching our monetary goal and with the continued support of our residents that goal should be easily attainable.

E-Blasts have been sent out via the Amenity Center system and unfortunately, we cannot accurately determine how many residents have received them. Therefore, it would be most appreciated if you could mention this project to your friends and neighbors. Those who wish to contribute may send checks made payable to "The Grand Haven Military Memorial Fund" to Bernie Hollenbeck at 15 Egret Drive.

At this point, site development is well on its way. The next time that you are at the Village Center, take a peek at our progress opposite the turtle pond by the main entrance to the Village Center. Depending upon the completion date of the site and the installation of the granite monument and benches, we are planning to have either a dedication ceremony prior to Memorial Day or wait and conduct the 2020 Memorial Day ceremony around the most recent centerpiece in our community.

Once the monument is completed, we will be offering residents the opportunity to purchase a brick that will be inscribed with the name, rank, service and relevant date(s) regarding an individual, living or deceased, who has served in our military. Further information will be forthcoming in the not too distant future.

This project was conceived as a tribute to all of the men and women who served in the military, both those who returned home and to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. From its inception, it was also meant to be a community project and hopefully a source of pride for all of our residents.

We invite each of you attend, enjoy and perhaps take part in the upcoming events and Memorial Day ceremonies. Although Grand Haven has many wonderful things to offer, there is nothing quite as meaningful and giving as our residents.

*Submitted by: Rob Carlton, Wil Hessert & Bernie Hollenbeck,  
The Grand Haven Military Memorial Committee*



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## COMMUNITY EXPO

The Grand Haven Woman's Club  
will be sponsoring a  
**Community Expo**

Thursday, January 30, 2020  
1:00—3:00 PM

Grand Haven Golf Clubhouse

Please attend and learn about  
community organizations and  
ways in which you can volunteer  
with those organizations

*For more information contact  
Kim Lhota at [lhota.kim@gmail.com](mailto:lhota.kim@gmail.com)*

## All You Need To Know About Waste Pro Pick-Up

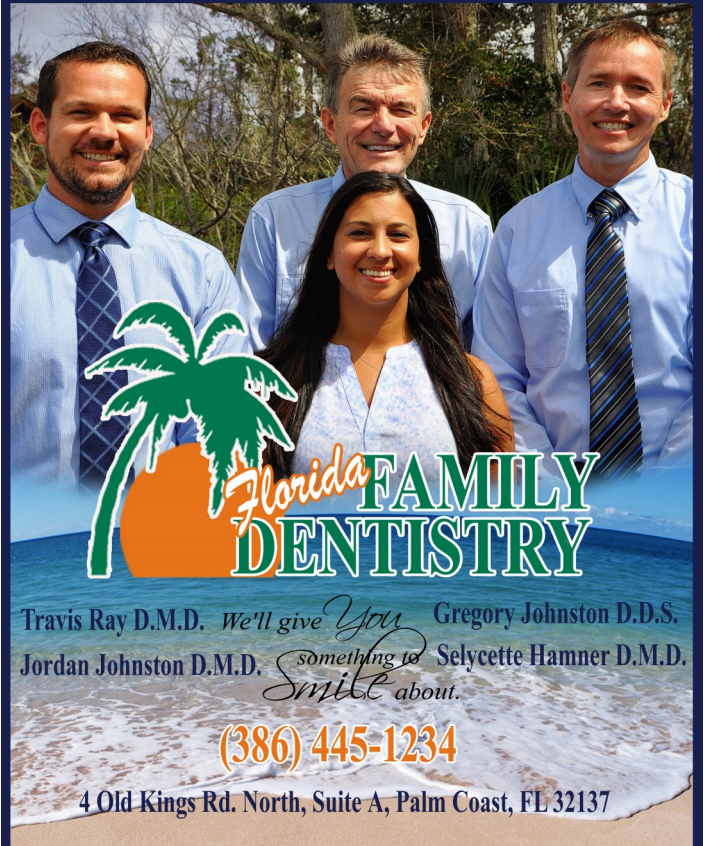
The City of Palm Coast has been working closely with Waste Pro, our contracted garbage collection hauler, to improve service for pickup of garbage, yard trash and recyclables. Customers are reminded that garbage and recyclables collection runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Garbage must be placed at the curb no later than 6am, or the evening before scheduled pickup, to ensure it's not missed. Waste Pro is unable to return to a route to collect garbage that was put out after that day's collection.

If Waste Pro misses your pickup, or you have any other concerns or questions, please contact Customer Service at 386-986-2360 or submit a case through [www.palmcoastconnect.com](http://www.palmcoastconnect.com). Please do not contact Waste Pro directly. Also, Waste Pro has until 6 p.m. to complete their routes, so please do not contact the City prior to this time to submit a complaint. The city manages the contract and we field all questions. The City website – [palmcoastgov.com/trash](http://palmcoastgov.com/trash) – is a great resource for info about the garbage pickup schedule, yard debris rules, recycling do's and don'ts, doorstep household hazardous waste pickup, bulk trash and white goods pickup.

With the storm season being here, yard debris has been a major topic throughout the community. This is one area where we get a lot of questions from our residents! Yard debris is picked up every Wednesday throughout the city. You may pile it loosely in your yard next to the road or place it in containers. A loose pile must not exceed 3' wide by 3' tall by 12' long. Whether loose or in containers, the weight limit is 50 pounds, and tree limbs must be no longer than 5' and no wider than 6" in diameter. Grass clippings, leaves and pine needles must be placed in containers. It does help if you bag piles but it's not mandatory.

If your loose pile is larger than allowed, Waste Pro will tag the pile to explain the extra costs for removal. If you choose to have Waste Pro pick it up, payment will go directly to them. If you do not want to pay additional fees, you can place a portion of your yard trash out a little at a time for regular yard trash pickup. Any additional yard trash should be stored temporarily in your back yard.

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## Happy Veteran's Day

Do not mix yard debris with rocks, lumber, garbage or paper. Remember: if you hire a landscaper or lawn service, they are responsible for removal of yard debris. If the landscaper fails to remove it you will need to make sure the piles are in limits for waste pro to pick it up.

*Submitted by: Cynthia Schweers*

City of Palm Coast Customer Service Manager

# GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

The Grand Haven Woman's Club kicked off its 2019-20 Club year at the September meeting with our membership approving our annual budget. Our plans this year include raising over \$32,000 and supporting 42 programs at over 30 organizations, most in Flagler County. In order to do this, we have planned several events and we invite the community to participate and support many of them.

*Jacki Unger & Sandi Walker  
Chairs of Cocktails & Tapas*

*GHWC's first fundraiser of the year*



Thanks to those of you who supported the **FEED FLAGLER Food Drive** on October 26 and



the **Nine & Dine Golf** event on November 2. Both exceeded expectations. In January, we will hold our annual Day of Games on Monday, January 20 at the Palm Coast Community Center.

A new, fun event this year will be our Denim & Diamonds on Saturday, February 8, which will be a plated dinner and, with each glass of Champagne purchased, you will receive a chance to win a 1/2 carat diamond! Our Tennis Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 and our Book Sale will be Saturday, March 28.

While we are busy raising money to support local organizations financially, our members are volunteering their time at the food banks, in the schools, at shelters, Whitney Lab, and many other local organizations.

If you would like more information about our events or the work we do in the community, please visit our website at [www.GHwomensclub.org](http://www.GHwomensclub.org) and check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/grandhavenwomensclub>

*GHWC resident witches,  
Pamela Creque, Awilda Hamilton &  
Suzanne O'Meally collecting for  
UNICEF at October meeting*



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to be sold/auctioned on  
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**Grand Haven Golf Clubhouse**

All proceeds will benefit  
the GHWC charities  
in honor of Betty's mother

Please join us for some  
holiday shopping along with  
hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

*This event is open to the entire community*



## CDD CORNER

### **Reserve Report—Long Term Planning Tool**

Its time to renew our long-term plan for Grand Haven and one important component of the process is a reserve report done by an outside independent firm. Representatives from the firm met with management here, examined all our facilities and wrote a report that shows the assets that will have to be replaced and repaired over the next 30 years, year by year. There's a lot of detail in the report as it goes from big items like our roads all the way down to street-lights and signs. We have not used such a tool in the past but with the 20+ year age of our infrastructure, we felt it was a good way to provide confidence in the plan.

Watch the website for upcoming agendas and come to a meeting to listen and participate in the dialogue.

### **Amenity Policy Additions and Clarifications**

Following is a brief summary of approved changes at the public hearing on 9/19. A publication of the changed policies should be out soon. Please read it carefully as the summary below is not complete.

1. The definition of House Guest was changed to exclude folks that reside in Flagler County.
2. Parking at the Village Center and Creekside is intended for folks to access those offices and use the amenities.
3. The café is an amenity that is available only to residents and their guests.
4. Clarification of amenity and parking usage during normal business hours.

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



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## WREATHS *across* AMERICA

On behalf of Janet Search and the entire committee, a huge thanks to the Grand Haven community for their support of this program and specifically the September 7<sup>th</sup> fundraiser.

Enough money was raised to place a wreath on every veteran's grave at Craig Flagler Palms cemetery.

If you would like to participate in the wreath laying on Saturday, December 14, the service will begin at 11:30 AM, with Military chaplain and Honor Guard, followed by the laying of the wreaths. Anyone Interested is welcome to help with the wreath laying.



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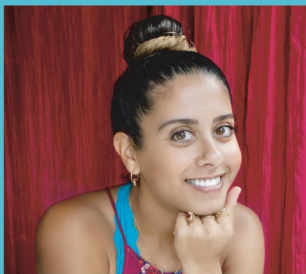
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## CRITTER CORNER

### Skunked

Except for the Keys, both the common Striped and the Eastern Spotted skunk are present all over Florida. People are familiar with and identify the Striped by the distinctive white stripe down its back. The Spotted skunk is prettier with a lot of white streaks and blotches. Their coloration is the only difference between the two.

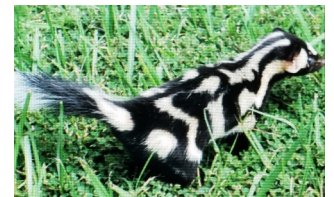
They are about the size of a cat, are slow moving, have poor eyesight but excellent hearing. Being nocturnal they are not often seen during daylight. Around dusk they began to search for food and when they have a good supply, including berries, nuts, frogs, small lizard and bird eggs, they will feast as much as they can to store up fat for winter.

They live in trees, or abandoned dens, piles of leaves or tall grass but sometimes find it more convenient to move into a garage. So garage doors should be kept closed.

Females may live together when they are without babies, while males prefer a solitary life! When a male is looking for love, he will seek out a harem of females and hope he is the first there. A female will mate with only one skunk and will birth about six babies. Babies stay with her for a few months, while she teaches them to forage and to defend themselves with their obnoxious spray. They will fight other skunks over food and territory but with scratches and bites, never spray. They spray when they believe there is a threat from predators. A skunk sprays up to fifteen feet to deter foxes, coyotes and dogs and you, if you are unfortunate enough to startle them.

The Great Horned owl is their chief predator because of its speed, incredible eyesight and ability to turn its head every direction. In this instance, the skunk never gets a chance to spray the wise bird that keeps the skunk population under control. A very good thing!

Submitted by: Anne Scuito



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## Holiday Happenings at The Village Center

### Project Share

Friday, November 29 thru  
Friday, December 13

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Christmas Toy Drive

### Christmas Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 11 @ 7 PM  
Entertainment by the  
Flagler Palm Coast HS Choir



# Southern States MANAGEMENT GROUP INC.

Keep a look out for your 2020 Annual Assessment coupon book. These will be mailed in November and should be received by December 1st. Payment is due January 1, 2020. 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 2020 Annual Assessment is \$140.

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 2020 monthly assessment is due the first of each month starting January 1, 2020.

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 ADC information/status
- ◆ Review/submit Compliance information/status
- ◆ Review general GHMA information

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*Submitted by: Troy Railsback, Community Manager*

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## DIABETES AWARENESS

### Diabetes-- Let's Beat It!!

Diabetes is a condition that occurs when the body cannot use glucose (a type of sugar) in the normal way. Glucose is the main energy source for every cell of the body. The level of glucose in the blood is controlled by insulin, a hormone which is produced by the pancreas. Type 1 diabetes develops when the body fails to produce insulin thus making the person dependent on insulin injection or pump. Type 2 is the more common form where the body is unable to use the insulin to completely control their blood sugar level. This is often described as insulin resistance. Unhealthy life choices such as eating excess unhealthy foods, carrying extra weight and not exercising can contribute to a diagnosis of Type 2 Diabetes.

Regardless of age, Type 2 Diabetes can be quietly progressing often as pre-diabetes and needs to be addressed. Residents of Flagler County are most fortunate that Advent Health Palm Coast Foundation along with local founding organizations including Grand Haven Woman's Club, Flagler County Schools, Intracoastal Bank, M Power Fitness, Flagler County Fire Rescue, K & K Mower, Flagler County Free Clinic, Flagler County Health Department, M& M Development, Hot Yoga Lounge, Flagler County Lions Club, City of Flagler Beach, and City of Palm Coast have created The DiaBEATes Alliance. This alliance was formed to raise awareness and expand education, support and resources to prevent and treat diabetes.. Given about 70 percent of Type 2 may be prevented, this Alliance aims to make that happen here in Flagler County.

November 14th is World Diabetes Day -- in fact all of November is Diabetes Awareness Month! The Alliance is encouraging town lights to turn blue and residents to wear blue.... The designated color for Diabetes. Let's show Grand Haven's spirit by wearing blue on November 14th.

Perhaps we can help the Alliance as the Alliance works to help us all!!

Submitted by: Harriet Kohen, PhD, RN

**If you would like more information about diabetes, you can go to [diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org) to connect with the American Diabetes Association**



Create! Collaborate! Celebrate!

## Flagler County Art League

### FCAL Makes Bigger, Bolder Push into Its New Season

The Flagler County Art League has launched into its 2019/2020 season with a new push on several fronts—a new slate of officers, a revamped, more dynamic website, as well as more classes, workshops, shows and programs—all in our new, larger gallery and art center, home to the league now for just under a year.

Francie Shepherd is the new President and Marilynn Sternberg, Secretary, who has been involved in various programs at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach. Francie succeeds long-time president Ann DeLucia who led the league to its current prominence.

FCAL is not only offering ongoing classes in various media – three watercolor classes, drawing, acrylic, colored pencil, pastel, portraits in pencil, children’s programs and more, but many new workshops are on the way. South Carolina watercolor



artist Helen Beacham’s recent workshop was so well received that she will be returning in Feb 2020. Steele Stolberg is returning by popular demand to repeat his two-part Photography series starting Nov 5th a(to get you off auto on your DSLR!) and well-known artist, Lisa Ober from St Louis, MO will be here in April. Much more is planned - even a series in calligraphy, silk painting, iPhone photography and more from Trish Vevera (see photo in gallery) along with many more fun activities!.



Shows have become a bigger draw than ever. November will feature our typical dual shows, an open-theme event and a Young Emerging Artist (YEA) Exhibition, with a November 9 opening. YEA, designed for youths from 18-25 will receive mentoring, an opportunity to network and attend special programs designed for their needs. On December 5th FCAL will have a bus trip to the Appleton Museum in Ocala including lunch and on December 7th from 6-8:30 is our

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annual Artisan Market! December is “Going Green” and our annual High school student show.

If you would like to receive information about our activities please call our office at 386-986-4668 or email us at [info@flaglercountyartleague.org](mailto:info@flaglercountyartleague.org). You don’t have to become a member to sign up and find out what’s happening! For ongoing information, visit [www.flaglercountyartleague.org](http://www.flaglercountyartleague.org)

*Submitted by: Stephanie Salkin & Ann DeLucia*

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## No Rest for the Wicket

The club has been very busy this fall with beginner classes, tournaments and socials. I'll focus more on the tournaments, and socials in the next issue, but wanted to share what croquet means to some of our members.

### Croquet put into words.

- ◆ I love the challenges that croquet offers. I can play singles or with a partner. Most of all, the fun and friends I have made. **Carol B.**
- ◆ Billiards on Grass, Love it! **Mark L.**
- ◆ What a great sport that offers not only professional commonality, but also bonding friendships. What a wonderful community we are privileged to live in and have an opportunity to share a sport with your spouse that's FUN! **Fran G.**
- ◆ Croquet has given me the opportunity to meet the best, most fun people. It also allows me to be competitive at a higher level, because I can compete in tournaments. **Kathie G.**
- ◆ Taking the Croquet workshop and joining the Croquet Club after moving to Grand Haven is the best thing I ever did. The various forms of the game are fun, and so are the people who play. Many thanks to all the dedicated volunteer instructors who introduced the sport and continue to coach our games. **Kathy R-E.**
- ◆ Camaraderie! **Dave P.**
- ◆ Croquet provides: FUN, ACTIVITY, FRIENDSHIPS, and STRATEGIC THINKING. **Patti P.**

Our beginner croquet classes started on Sept 30, on the Amenity Center court. Fifteen people signed up and 12 are taking the classes. **Welcome all!**

For more information on the Grand Haven Croquet Club visit our website at [www.ghcroquetclub.com](http://www.ghcroquetclub.com) or contact membership Director John Fitterman at [jjfitterman@gmail.com](mailto:jjfitterman@gmail.com).

Submitted by: *Patti Paukovich*



## GRAND HAVEN GOLF CLUB

We welcome back all the snowbirds arriving over the next couple weeks and look forward to seeing new and alumni faces around the club. If you're a new resident, we invite you to join us for a round of golf or one of the many social events like Bingo, Happy Hour with Live Music, Entertainment Nights and so much more. Give us a call to set up your complimentary tour of the club and meet the team!

Would you like to know more about the happenings here at the club? Join our email list! We send monthly updates and happenings to non-members with membership opportunities, new member programs and other ways to get involved! To sign up, visit our website or stop by the golf shop.

Don't miss out on our upcoming Charity Golf Tournaments. On Monday, November 25th we will host our annual Angel Tree golf tournament. It's a 9 AM shotgun start, 4 person scramble. All players will have an opportunity to earn a mulligan by taking an Angel off the tree. The Angels are provided by the Flagler School District, most being at risk children and many children in need. Registration is open at the golf shop desk with more details about the day.

The 10th annual Putt for Paws Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, December 2nd, this year featuring a Ball Drop on the Intracoastal lawn after the tournament. This tournament does sell out so be sure to register early. Registration is open at [www.FlaglerHumaneSociety.org](http://www.FlaglerHumaneSociety.org).

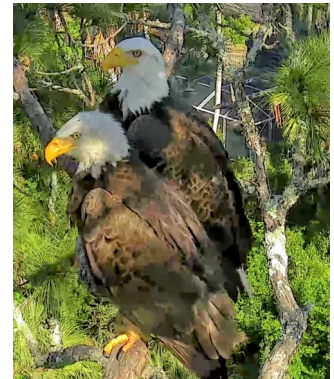
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*Submitted by: Jeri Harper, Director of Sales*

## The Eagle's Nest

We've all heard the saying "There's a reason for everything." For over a decade we have been blessed with a very special eagle pair, Romeo & Juliet, residing in the park at Wild Oaks. Over the years they have returned around September 1 like clockwork. Sadly, there hasn't been a sign of either Romeo or Juliet's return. Romeo was very healthy when he departed. I do believe they may be out there somewhere and chose a new area to nest, given the upset they faced from their previous nesting season.

However perhaps a "changing of the guard" has taken place.....and a reason for it. Romeo & Juliet's offspring, Samson, returned to the nest again on August 26 and has clearly claimed the territory. Samson hatched at this nest on December 23, 2013, so he is now a mature eagle. It's very typical for offspring to return to their natal territory, and to the nest where they were raised. Samson also has a mate (Gabrielle). She returned on September 12. Since January they were both frequently seen together at the nest and off-site, until they parted for the summer. This nesting season they are back and busy bonding, perching together, roosting side-by-side at the nest or close by, doing nestorations, and clearly claiming the nest and the nest area. All observations indicate this is the first breeding season for both. We can only hope they will have success, and another family will grace this beautiful nest constructed by Romeo's parents. In the absence of our beloved Romeo and Juliet, we couldn't ask for a better outcome as we witness something rare in the wild....."The Circle of Life."



In an effort to potentially locate Romeo and Juliet, please report any other local nesting activity to: [Ben-gals2@earthlink.net](mailto:Ben-gals2@earthlink.net).

*Submitted by: Gretchen Butler, Audubon Eagle Watch Nest Cam Volunteer, American Eagle Foundation Volunteer*

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