



The Oak Tree

President's Message

Most property owners know that the Grand Haven Master Association has a Board of Directors but many are unaware of the role and responsibilities of the Board members, what it is empowered to do and what it is prohibited from doing. Since the Board is elected by you and serves on your behalf, it is only fitting that you be aware of what it does and how it accomplishes its goals.

Let me begin with a few basic facts:

- The Board is comprised of five members.

- Each member is elected for a two year term.

- The terms are staggered, so each year, either two or three Board seats are up for election.

- In order to seek election to the Board, you must be a Grand Haven property owner.

- There are two committees under the auspices of the Board, the Modification Architectural Design Committee (MADC) and the Fine Committee.

The mission and purpose of the Board may not always coincide with the perceptions of some property owners. In very brief terms, the mission of the Board is as follows:

- To enforce the Covenants, Conditions and Restriction (CC&R's) of Grand Haven in a fair and equitable manner and

- Make decisions pertaining to the exterior of residential properties in a manner that is consistent with our Governing Documents.

This leads to the question of what exactly are our Governing Documents? In terms of day to day functioning, our Governing Documents include the following:

- Florida Statute – Chapter 720 – Homeowner's Associations

- Grand Haven Master Declaration and By-Laws

- Grand Haven Village Declarations

- The ADC Standards

In addition to the above, the Board may also be obligated to adhere to relevant Federal Law, State Law and perhaps local ordinances.

At this point, it should be apparent that the board functions within a fairly narrow scope and has a high level of accountability regarding the decisions that it may make. Most often, when the Board denies a request by either an individual property owner or a group of property owners, it is due to the fact that the request was not in accordance with some aspect of the above documents or law. If the request is not in accordance with the CC&R's, the Board has no authority to grant it. CC&R's may be amended only by a 2/3 vote of the property owners of either the entire community (Master Declaration) or of the specific Village (Village Declaration). Although the Board will provide direction regarding the amending of a Declaration, the Board cannot amend a Declaration on behalf of our property owners.

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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 20
2 PM, Friday, December 18
2 PM, Friday, January 22
2 PM, Friday, February 19

WHERE: Creekside Amenities Center
2 North Village Parkway

*Until further notice, meetings are held via teleconference. Contact Southern States for details on how to participate.

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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 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, 2020— Mailing of 1st Notice of Annual Meeting and Election with request for candidates.

October 31, 2020— Deadline for return of completed Candidate Information Sheets indicating an Owner's interest in running for the GHMA Board.

November 13, 2020—Posting of Candidate Information Forms on GHMA website. E-blast to property owners announcing the posting, if warranted.

December 10, 2020— Candidate Forum, if warranted, format to be determined.

December 14, 2020— Mailing of 2nd Notice of Annual Meeting and Election Materials and/or Information.

January 7, 2021—5 PM—Deadline for return or delivery of completed ballots and meeting date for the GHMA Annual Meeting and Election. Format to be determined

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President's Message....continued

Although the GHMA Board is not required to function in accordance with the "Sunshine Law", we make every effort to perform with the highest degree of transparency. Board members are fully aware that any gathering of a quorum of three members that involves the discussion of Board business outside of a scheduled meeting is not appropriate and is in violation of our governing documents. The same is true of any other means of conducting Board business such as the internet. In essence, the Board is obligated to limit any official business to duly noticed and regularly scheduled Board meetings.

This brings us to the current Board and how they have served the members of our community. I am truly pleased to serve with this group of very dedicated individuals. Of prime importance is that each of them is committed to the welfare of our entire community. They have no special agendas nor serve any special interest group. Whenever reasonable and feasible, this Board will support the needs of our property owners and work towards facilitating their requests. Although the members of the Board do not always agree with one another, they always respect the opinions of one another and are willing to work towards a compromise position that serves Grand Haven. A Board position involves a long learning curve and the acquisition of a tremendous amount of information and changing legislation.

Your current Board is comprised of an extremely knowledgeable and highly motivated group of individuals who truly represent the best interests of the members of the Association. They are consistently updating their base of knowledge through in-service meetings and more recently via Webcam presentations. Without question, they represent an outstanding group of individuals who have demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the needs and requirements of Grand Haven.

As property owners, you are encouraged to attend our monthly Master Association Board meetings held on the next to the last Friday of each month. Doing so will assist you in developing an increased understanding of the two governing bodies of Grand Haven, the Master Association Board of Directors and the Community Development District Board of Supervisors. As always, your involvement and participation is greatly appreciated.

As we approach the holiday season, the Board of Directors of the Master Association wishes you a most joyous holiday and a happy, healthy New Year.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, GHMA President



Neighborhood Watch

We continue to hope that all our Grand Haven residents are adhering to the CDC Guidelines, social distancing, wearing your mask and washing your hands.

We are a strong, beautiful and resilient community. Let's remain that way.

2020 Holiday Suggestions

- Keep your car locked when outside.
- Don't leave your garage door open, unless close by.
- If you work or plan to be away for the day, ask a neighbor to bring your recycle & garbage cans in.
- Don't announce on social media you'll be away for the day or the Holidays.
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The Neighborhood Watch Team would like to wish all our Grand Haven residents a safe, healthy & happy Holiday Season.

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No Rest for the Wicket

Welcome Fall, and cooler weather. **WOW**, what a Summer, am I right? Our homes, gardens, and yards must be immaculate by now, with all the cleaning, decluttering, and reorganizing we have been doing while in quarantine.

Speaking of cleaning, the **Grand Haven Croquet Club** has been busy dusting off our mallets and playing Intraclub games. As part of our planned Intra-games, October we had a Handicap Adjustment for players with a handicap of 12 and under, a Golf Croquet Team Challenge, November brings a Championship tournament with two of the winners from the Handicap Adjustment playing, and December Golf Croquet Tournament. We are still following the CDC and Amenities Guidelines when we have our games, and invite everyone to come out to watch, but please bring your own chairs so we can socially distance around the courts.

The **Grand Haven Croquet Club** was able to participate in a six-wicket sanctioned tournament at Ponte Vedra Croquet Club this past August. Players came from far-away as Tampa-St Pete, Winter Park, and JAX with handicaps ranging from 1.5 to 20. We had two of our **GHCC** members come in second place in the Championship and First Flight. Congratulations to Robert Brightman and Marsha Cargill.

If you want to try something new, make new friends, and have fun, check out the **Grand Haven Croquet Club**. For more information on the **Grand Haven Croquet Club**



visit our website at www.ghcroquetclub.com or contact Membership Director John Fitterman at jfitterman@gmail.com.

See you on the courts!

Submitted by: Patti Paukovich



An Arts District was announced recently for Town Center's Innovation District and we are honored to be asked to help the City develop a plan with our cultural partners on this exciting and inspiring undertaking.

PCAF, like many of our fellow not for profits, relied heavily on scheduled events and programs for their budgeted financial resources. COVID wreaked havoc on our plans to host these cultural gatherings causing great fiscal strains. Supporting your charities during this time is critical to their future.

We would like to extend a huge shout out to all our supporters, members, and friends who have been patient and understanding of our dilemma of our previously scheduled events. Picnic and Pops has been announced for April 18, 2021. Patrons who have paid for 2020 will certainly be given more benefits next year as your table/tickets will carry over. Likewise, with the charity golf tournament with LPGA champion, Nancy Lopez. On her recent visit to Palm Coast, she expressed her excitement in returning to make our charity tournament even more special. An Oct 31-Nov 1, 2021 date is now on her calendar!

And speaking of Nancy Lopez, we hope you have had a chance to see the turtle added to the Turtle Trail in her honor at Palm Harbor Golf Course. "Nancy Marie" was #10 on the Turtle Trail followed



Nancy Lopez & "Nancy Marie"



Tom Bexley, Flagler Co. Clerk of Court and artist, Christine Broussard unveiling "The Winged Victory of Samothrace"

by our first Greek turtle, "The Winged Victory of Samothrace" unveiled in October at the Hammond Justice Center in Bunnell. Watch for "Journey" our Florida Highwaymen turtle being created by Grand Haven resident AJ Barr and sponsored by Grand Haven residents, Dr. Awilda Hamilton, Hayes Jackson, AJ Barr, and Sam Brunetti. "Journey" is being planned as our first 'indoor' turtle on the Trail and will be at the Government Services Building in Bunnell. We were thrilled to see Garfield return to his home at the Palm Coast Historical Society just in time for Founders Day Celebrations. Other turtles being 'hatched' on the public art Trail include installations at Beverly Beach, the Flagler County Library, and Tomoka Eye Associates in Town Center.

Turtle Trail face masks are available on our website: www.palmcoastartsfoundation.com for just \$12.50.



Submitted by: Nancy Crouch, Executive Director



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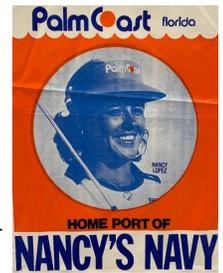
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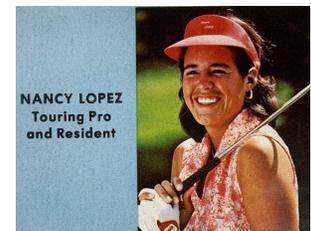
A modern version of “Nancy’s Navy” returned to the Palm Harbor Golf Course on September 29, 2020, not to watch Nancy Lopez play in a Pro-Am tournament, but to share in the excitement surrounding the unveiling of “Nancy Marie”, the Palm Coast Arts Foundation Turtle painted in her honor. Many in attendance recalled the days when Nancy lived in Palm Coast between 1978 - 1983 and shared memories of those early days in Palm Coast history.



ITT officially opened Palm Coast at the newly constructed Welcome Center on October 29, 1970. Their marketing plan featured the recreational amenities of golf, tennis, swimming and boating designed to attract future residents seeking a carefree lifestyle in a warm climate. The developers made it a point to hire high-profile athletes and celebrities to represent their brand. Since Nancy was a young LPGA Champion in 1978 she was a natural fit for the new community and agreed to become their resident pro at the community’s first course, the Palm Coast Golf Club, later renamed Palm Harbor.

Before the ceremony began, a woman holding an auto-graphed photo of the celebrated golfer approached the PC Historical Society exhibit tent and exclaimed with pride, “I bought Nancy’s condo. She dedicated this picture to me.” The inscription wished the new owner as many happy years in the home as she had enjoyed. During Nancy’s formal remarks she recalled the joy she experienced when purchasing her first property at the Fairways Condominiums made possible with the first salary of her golf career.

Nancy Lopez is one of the most celebrated golfers of all time. Palm Coast is proud to claim her as one of our own “pioneer residents.”



Submitted by: Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky

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Critter Corner

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The Red-shoulder hawk is one of our most vocal birds and we don't have to see our resident hawk to know it is around. Can anyone mistake that screaming "kee-rah" over our heads or emanating from a nearby tree? However, because blue jays can perfectly imitate this hawk's cry, in South Florida, where blue-jays are abundant, one cannot rely only on that call for identification. Red-shoulders are located in eastern U.S. They stay all year round in the lower regions, while the northern versions migrate to Mexico.

Females are larger although males can be up to up to 23" long. They are handsome birds with brown heads, reddish shoulders, heavily barred wings and narrow white tail bars. Sharp vision and claws allows them to swoop and kill prey as large as themselves. Their diet varies with the season. In summer they prey on frogs, crayfish and small snakes, because, being cold-blooded, they are sluggish and easier to prey upon. In winter they hunt warm-blooded rabbits, rodents squirrels etc. They are lazier than most raptors, preferring to crouch on a branch waiting until unwary creatures pass beneath.

These hawks are monogamous. In spring their courtship involves a noisy display, soaring rapidly high and then diving steeply towards each other and then swirling in circles while sometimes flying on their backs. They hatch three or four chicks. Eggs are vulnerable to snakes and racoons. When their chicks are a few days old, they perch on the edge of the nest and shoot their poop down below, which surely is appreciated by the parents. This accumulation is often used to locate a Red-shoulder's nest but hopefully by benign bird watchers only!



Submitted by: Anne Scuito

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CDD Corner

MITIGATING PATHOGENIC MICROORGANISM LOADS IN THE AGE OF THE CORONAVIRUS-19 PANDEMIC:

(REDUCING RISK OF GH COMMUNITY EXPOSURE TO BAD GERMS)

HEATING/VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING DISINFECTION

Microorganisms, particularly viruses, are so small filters are only partially effective in lowering the reintroduction and distribution of pathogenic microorganisms throughout a building's enclosed spaces.

The GHCCD Board, Operations Manager, and contractors have installed the following 3 stage filtration systems to help lower the viral loads on recirculated conditioned air in the common enclosed spaces of the District:

AIR OASIS AHPCO CELL NANO INDUCT CENTRAL AIR PURIFIERS - thru ionization begins the process of reduction of viruses, bacteria, mold and VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds)

CLEAN COMFORT HEPA AMHP AIR ESSENTIALS CLEANERS - thru activated carbon prefilters and HEPA main stage replaceable main filters, remove 99.97% of airborne particles 0.3 microns and larger from the air column

FRESH AIRE GERMICIDAL UV-C BLUE TUBES - thru a UV-C 254nm light tube, the recirculating air is further disinfected before being reintroduced into the enclosed room space.

These devices will help to reduce the accumulating loading of virus and other pathogenic microorganism particles breathed into the recirculated air in our common enclosed spaces.

WARNING: These devices cannot immediately remove virus carrying aerosols exhaled in the immediate vicinity of an infected (and possibly asymptomatic) individual. These virus laden aerosols can readily float and enter the nasal passages, mouth, or eyes of nearby seated (cards, etc.) or exercising (Move to Music, Zumba, etc.) individuals. So, at this time, indoor group close-proximity seated activities and group exercise activities are still considered to be very risky. Scientific research shows that virus laden aerosols can float up to 32 feet and remain contagious for 16 hours. This air column is the target of the devices installed as above: to reduce the overall recontamination by recirculated, unfiltered air.

GOOD NEWS: The GHCCD Board Grant Liaison has submitted, and the District has been reimbursed in full, for these expenditures (\$9500) thru the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.) These funds are set aside for unanticipated public governmental expenditures directly related to the Coronavirus-19 Pandemic.

REPEATEDLY TOUCHED HARD SURFACE DISINFECTION

The GHCCD, after extensive research, has purchased the following devices, which will be used for disinfection of hard surfaces by the Amenity Facilitators:

PROTEXUS PX300ES CORDLESS ELECTROSTATIC BACKPACK SPRAYERS

These high technology sprayers have 2.25 gallon tanks and provide for 10,000 sq. ft. of coverage per tank. The positive electrostatic charge produced by the sprayers causes the disinfecting liquid droplets to attract to the negative charge of the hard surfaces, producing a wrap-around effect, rather than floating in the air. There are no safety concerns for long term worker exposure. (Individuals with pacemakers should not be in the vicinity of the electrostatic charge.) These sprayers provide three times the coverage efficiency with a 40% reduction in required application time.

DES 450M HYPOCHLOROUS ACID LIQUID DISINFECTING GENERATOR

Hypochlorous Acid is a naturally occurring disinfecting compound of human cellular biology. It is extremely effective against human pathogens, and yet much safer than any other class of disinfecting liquids. It has not been commercially available in the US due to a limited shelf life.

Recently several devices have been developed to generate hypochlorous acid from common non-iodized table salt and water. This drastically reduces the cost, and vastly increases the safety, of the disinfecting liquid to be sprayed by the the Protexus Electrostatic Sprayers.

All repeatedly touched hard surface areas will be disinfected with this hypochlorous acid solution, delivered in a charged mist by the Protexus units, by the Amenity Facilitators: especially the Fitness Room equipment, Cafe tables and chairs, bathroom facilities, Tot Lots, door widow and gate opening hardware, etc., etc.

GOOD NEWS #2: The GHCCD Board Grant Liaison will submit a second grant application for CARES reimbursement for these expenditures (\$10,750.)

To Help Keep all residents and visitors safe, the GHCCD BOS encourages everyone to continue to:

- Socially Distance
- Wear Face Coverings/Masks
- Wash hands frequently (Minimum 20 seconds)
- Get a seasonal flu shot

Research on, and development of these mitigation strategies, was conducted by Dr. Stephen Davidson, in conjunction with the District Operations Manager, Barry Kloptosky.

Dr. Davidson studied microbiology, pathology, histopathology and epidemiology while earning a Masters Degree in Public Health from Harvard University.

After 13 years of dedicated service to the Grand Haven Community, as a sitting Board Member, and Chairman, Dr. Davidson will be retiring this November. He wishes all stay safe and enjoy good health.

Submitted by: Dr. Steve Davidson

EAGLES NEST

Let the season begin

The Florida Eagles typically leave their nesting area during the summer months and return in the fall. During their hiatus some will remain in the state, yet others will head north seeking cooler temps. October 1 marks the official start of Florida's Bald Eagle Nesting Season. We were blessed our (new) resident eagles, Samson and Gabrielle (Gabby), returned home and even got a head start. Samson returned to the nest on August 15 and Gabby arrived on September 4.

Since their return they were quickly observed bonding which includes perching together, following each other in flight, sweet vocals and mating. Although their nest is full size, they always add sticks as part of their bonding process. Residents may see them in flight carrying sticks and moss back to the nest. Some of the sizeable sticks you wonder how they manage in flight and successfully make it to the nest!



Last year was their first breeding season. Inexperienced as they were, they were fabulous parents and did it right, as both their eaglets, Romy & Jules, successfully fledged! Although they didn't construct much of a "rim" around the nest bowl (which prevents the eaglets from going overboard) by instinct the curious, young eaglets remained in the nest. This season Samson & Gabby have a little experience and are busy constructing a righteous rim. They are delivering Spanish Moss that will line the nest bowl where the eggs are laid and will provide a soft, cushy bed for the eaglets. Next.....we are hoping for eggs and have every reason to eggspect them!

If you would like a momento coffee mug of your resident eagles with photos of Samson & Gabrielle and Romy & Jules on it, here you go: Click the link then click the mug to order! (it's beautiful!) <https://teespring.com/stores/american-eagle-foundation>

Submitted by: Gretchen Butler
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Memorial Brick Program

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*Submitted by: Grand Haven Military Memorial Committee
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WE'RE BACK!!
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It's been a long layoff, but now is the time to get back on the road. As of July 1st, with appropriate safety protocols in mind, our transportation team is pleased to help you get to your local appointments again. If you don't mind sitting in the back with your mask on, HFF neighbors will happily help with your "getting around" needs. Our education team is also working with Amenities staff to bring a few small group learning sessions to Creekside; we hope it will be something educational, practical and help break the boredom! Please watch for our upcoming e-blasts.

Though Haven Family volunteers have been shut down, the Fund has been very active. Covid has had its effects on many people, including the staff that serves us at Grand Haven and the Golf Course. It has been the Fund's pleasure to provide \$8,250 to 11 staff members to help them with medical, housing, and transportation concerns so far this year. These blessings came from a lot of people and we thank all of you that have contributed in the past.

OK, as usual I owe you a quote or two. The health issues, the complaining, the divisiveness; all of this can affect our attitudes. So, let me close with these:

A [healthy](#) attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier .. [Tom Stoppard](#)

I'm not going to take this defeatist attitude and listen to all this crap any more from all these people who have nothing except doomsday to predict .. [Carroll Shelby](#)

Stop this attitude that older people ain't any good anymore! We're as good as we ever were - if we ever were any good .. [Dolly Parton](#)

Submitted by: Brad Scott, Haven Family Fund



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**FCAL is
ZOOMING
Through the
Pandemic!**

FCAL's artists and members have not given up their favorite pastime during the pandemic. They've been participating in virtual shows, workshops and classes, thanks to modern technology in the form of Zoom! Going virtual has allowed them to offer online workshops with nationally recognized artists, like FCAL's recent watercolor workshop with Helen Beacham of South Carolina. It also provides new opportunities for out-of-area students and art enthusiasts to participate in FCAL's offerings and learn a bit about Palm Coast by interacting the locals through FCAL.



Two students, both from out-of-state, share their comments after their recent workshop with Helen Beacham:

"Zoom is a great way for an art class!!! Helen Beacham's class was easily the best class I've taken!"

"I was concerned about using Zoom - would I be able to see how the teacher worked? Would she be able to see how I was doing? In fact, watching Helen work on Zoom . . . was BETTER than in person!"

Visit the FCAL website (flaglercountyartleague.org) to access current virtual gallery shows, register for upcoming shows or get involved in a class or a workshop. FCAL is ready and willing to help orient teachers, students and artists participating in virtual gallery shows, to its new online platforms. Just let us know you need help!

FCAL's gallery will remain closed through the end of 2020, but we are hopeful that 2021 will allow us to welcome you back in person!!

Submitted by: Ann DeLucia



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TIRED LANDSCAPING?

This is the first of three articles focusing on the effect of aging on shrubs, lawns and trees. Landscaping is the overall first impression of a home and impacts your pride of ownership, your neighborhood and your community.

Is your home and landscaping ten or more years old? If so, chances are your landscaping is looking tired. Just ask Al Lo Monaco. Al is a long time, active member of the Architectural Design Committee. He moved into his home in 1999, when Grand Haven consisted of approximately 300 homes. At that time, builders controlled construction and landscaping. The golf club operated out of a trailer, and the village center wouldn't open until 2001. The price of a new home included land, building, landscape design and installation.

Al recently submitted a landscape improvement application to the committee. During the meeting Al stated, "If you drive by my house, it doesn't look like I need new landscaping. You see, mine looks good. The tops of the shrubs are green. But, when you look at the bottoms, you see spindly wood stems. So that's why I'm going to have it done."



Property value is also affected by the state of a home's landscaping. According to Lindsay Dolamore, Owner / Managing Broker of Grand Living Realty and the Chairman of the Grand Haven New Construction Committee, "A well-landscaped home has a significant price advantage over a home with nondescript shrubs planted 10 years ago. This advantage ranges from 5 percent to 13 percent depending on the type of landscaping and the home's original value. That translates into an extra \$16,500 to \$38,100 in value on a \$300,000 home."

For help in forming your own landscape improvement plan, download the following:

Florida Friendly Landscape Checklist: https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/materials/FFL_Home_Landscape_Checklist_3-10-2020.pdf?v=202003

Landscape Quality Control Checklist: <https://public-library.safetyculture.io/products/landscape-quality-control-checklist?src=sc&dev=efe1c46c-e800-45f7-b71f-17e74aa040a3R>

Not all your existing landscape will need to be replaced. However, it is important that you understand that the life span of most small trees and shrubs is about 7 to 10 years. With proper maintenance, many of them can live a bit longer. The next article will focus on restoring and maintaining a vibrant emerald green lawn.

Submitted by: Leigh Jackson, Chair, MADC

Grand Haven Woman's Club

As the GHWC began its 2020-21 Club year, things certainly do look different. While no membership meetings are being held due to social distancing, the 20 masked board members continue to meet. Many of our committees have been very active collecting for the charities we support. Our members will be in the back of the golf course parking lot on the third Thursday of November (19th) and December (17th) in the event you would like to drop off donations for the food pantry, Family Life Center, The Giving Store, etc.

The GHWC is also planning for fund-raising events in the hopes that conditions will allow us to hold these events. We are hopeful to hold the 16th Annual Day of Games on January 18, 2021 at the GH Clubhouse. There will be limited seating this year, so if you would like to play, please visit the website at GHwomansclub.org/EventRegistration for all the details.

And, since GHWC celebrates its 15th Anniversary this year, we are hopeful to hold a "Cheers to 15 Years" event in February. We are also hopeful to hold the Annual Book Sale on March 20, 2021 and the Tennis Tournament in April.

GHWC continues to support nonprofit organizations in need in Flagler County through monetary donations, volunteer time and needed supplies. Following the October 15 collection, our committee chairs delivered over 200 lbs of food to the Grace Food Pantry, several boxes of



household staples to the Family Life Center, several boxes of items to the Giving Store and dog & cat food to the Flagler Humane Society. We appreciate the generosity of our members and the entire community.



If you would like more information on any of the activities of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, please visit our website at www.GHwomansclub.org.



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Let's Talk About Trees

Some twenty two years ago, the planners and developers of Grand Haven created a unique community which included a vision of Live Oak trees forming a canopy over the streets of the Villages. As time passed the number of both homes and street trees increased and as we approach the year 2021, Grand Haven has approximately 1780 developed lots and approximately 4500 Live Oak trees planted on either residential or common property.

In response to resident concern, in 2015, the CDD and Master Association joined together to present a two day symposium regarding the Live Oak street trees in Grand Haven. There were presentations by a renowned horticultural professor from the University of Florida, the City of Palm Coast as well as local horticultural professionals. Following two full days of information sharing both participants and audience members came away with a greater understanding of both the importance of street trees and the issues associated with them.

It is apparent that within Grand Haven, there are residents who believe that the trees are problematic and should be replaced and other residents who believe that the trees contribute to the beauty and ambiance of the community and should not be disturbed.

That being said, those individuals who have researched this topic, are undoubtedly aware of both the advantages and the disadvantages of street trees. Many current residents have purchased homes in Grand Haven primarily because of the street trees, while others have done so without considering the potential down side of owning Live Oak street trees. I will point out that virtually every realtor is of the opinion that in communities with street trees such as Grand Haven, the value of residential properties are approximately 10-20% higher than in communities without street trees.

Grand Haven has entered its third decade of existence and as a community of 1901 properties, what is our vision for the future? What will our community look like 10 years from now? The question at hand is whether the advantages provided by our Live Oak trees outweigh the cost involved in maintaining them or do the disadvantages justify their replacement. The answer of course

is one based upon an individual's perception, experience and needs. The many factors involved in this issue only adds to its complexity and to the difficulty in obtaining a resolution that will be embraced by all.

It should be noted that the sidewalks and street trees are within the lot line of each property and therefore the responsibility of the owner. Sidewalks are poured as part of the residential construction process and are included in the construction costs to the owner. Thus, undeveloped lots do not yet have sidewalks. The one exception to the above is in Wild Oaks, where in accordance with their declarations, the sidewalks are owned by the CDD, who is therefore responsible for repairs.

That being said, I want all of our property owners to be aware that the Board has been responsive to your concerns, and have already have passed resolutions or taken action regarding the following:

- * The removal and replacement of problematic Live Oak street trees
- * Established a criteria allowing for the removal of yard trees.
- * Approved a reduction in the number of Live Oak street trees per property in the Crossings.
- * Re-defined the designation of street trees in Wild Oaks.
- * The Board has established a trial program utilizing a chemical agent to reduce new growth in Live Oak trees.

Your Board is legally obligated to function in accordance with the State Statutes of Florida and the Governing Documents of Grand Haven. However, within those restrictions, it is also committed to addressing the concerns of our property owners and working with them towards a successful resolution of those concerns.

If you are in need of further information, please visit our web site at grandhavenhoa.com and view the Governing Documents link or contact me directly via e-mail or phone.

Submitted by: Rob Carlton, President GHMA

on behalf of the Board

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A Special Collection

The tale begins with a young woman meticulously dyeing felt fabric and the free-hand painting of doll faces during the Depression. The tale continues daily in a design room, a short stroll from Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith, NH. Either way, this is a once-upon-a-time story of a doll-making cottage industry that made it big . . . nationally big. Along the way, she hired women to make these in their homes so that they could stay home with their children.



Annalee Thorndike and husband, Chip, lived on a chicken farm in Meredith, NH. After the chicken farm failed in the early 1950s, Annalee was forced to get serious about her childhood hobby of doll making with a dash of Yankee influence. The old chicken coop became a design room. Chip became a salesman. She fashioned her creations directly from the activities of her two sons, which is no doubt why Annalee designed more than one mischievous, whimsical face for each of her doll creations.

While many of us begin to think about holiday decorations for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas, Grand Haven resident, Arlene Masera, one of the many Annalee Doll collectors, and her husband, Ray, prepare to display the 357 pieces in their Christmas collection. Arlene acquired her first 2 dolls in 1986: Mrs. Claus and a deer. She continued collecting and now has over 1,000 pieces in 10 different holiday collections. Not only are the vignettes impressive, but also the care given to preserve the collections over the years.



Regardless of the holidays you celebrate, we wish you health and happiness during this season.

Happy collecting and happy decorating!

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Keep a look out for your 2021 Annual Assessment coupon book. These will be mailed in November and should be received by December 1st. Payment is due January 1, 2021. 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 2021 Annual Assessment is \$145.

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 2021 monthly assessment is due the first of each month starting January 1, 2021.

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

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Submitted by: Troy Railsback, Community Manager

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