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Safety on Pineda Causeway – New light at Hammock Pointe

By Terri Friedlander

At Mungo of the Preserve, Tony Cortes and I have been in contact with Commissioner Bolin's office relative to various safety concerns. There have been four major auto accidents on the roadway, all within 100 yards of The Preserve. Four of the cars went over the sidewalk and through the wildlife retaining fence and the sidewalk abuts the roadway in many places. Joggers, moms with children, and others walk perilously close to the speeding cars and trucks. Mr. Devin Swanson, an engineer with Public Works/Traffic Engineering subsequently contacted us about the matter, indicating that over 26,000 vehicles travel daily on the road. This is beyond estimates. And it will increase. He also said Commissioner Bolin has received numerous comments and complaints concerning roadway safety. And, she is willing to review the matter with respect to the safety issue. We need to discuss the feasibility of a **traffic light at the Preserve/Hammock Point intersection and request they consider additional landscaping.**

We already proposed a wall and/or guardrails at particular points along the roadway which were denied. Presently, they claimed to be making an effort to stem the speeding along the route. With the Board's support and response from homeowners, action should be taken to improve safety, enhance our quality of life, and guard our home values.

(On December 11th, a homeowner reported the following: another accident occurred on the corner of Estuary and the Pineda. Many cars were involved. It happened at the evening rush hour due to speeding. There were kids on the playground, people walking around, and many riding bikes.)

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This is the reply from the Commissioner:
“Commissioner Bolin has directed the District 4 office to forward your email to our Public Works department for their review and guidance.” Additionally, the HOA Board sent a letter asking her to address these issues. Also, on January 19th, there was a Dept of Public Works van at the corner of Hammock Pointe. **A Traffic Survey has begun!** What else can Grand Haven residents do??

1. Participate in a subcommittee for Safety.
2. Every Grand Haven resident can send an email to Director of Public Safety, **John Denninghoff** john.denninghoff@brevardcounty.us about the safety issues or call him at (321) 617-7202.
3. Investigate speed bumps within each subdivision to slow down cars once they are in our neighborhoods
4. **Request a flashing speed indicator on the Causeway so drivers can see their speeds.**

Neighborhood Watch meeting–Feb 20 at 5:30

Our first Grand Haven Neighborhood Watch meeting with the Sheriff was held on November 8th, 2010. (For those details, see last year's winter 2010 newsletter online at <http://www.grandhavenhoa.org/newsletters/index.html>)

The meeting resulted in the purchase of signs at each subdivision. Brevard County's non-emergency number is 321 633-7162. **The next Watch meeting will be Feb. 20th at 5:30PM (before the Board meeting) at St. Paul's Church.** The Sheriff's office will bring Grand Haven crime statistics. Email webmaster@grandhavenhoa.org to join the Watch and try to attend this important event.

Board Reorganization at recent meeting

At the recent HOA Board meeting on January 16th, Jason Pugh of Chastain Manor resigned as Treasurer. The Board appointed Cheryl McNeilly as the Hammock Pointe rep, Bob Young as the Chastain Manor rep, and Bruce Emig of Sandhill Trace as the "At large" rep.

Then Bruce Emig was appointed President, Cheryl McNeilly as Treasurer and Candice Holland as Secretary. We thank these volunteers for donating their time and energy to Grand Haven.

Please attend the next Board Meeting which will **start at 6:30 PM, on February 20, 2012** at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 7200 N. Wickham Rd. The meetings are usually held on the 3rd Monday of every month. Enter Parish Hall at Door on Front Left of Sanctuary Building.

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Over the summer, a Maintenance Committee was formed with Janie De Spain, Candice Holland, Cheryl McNeilly and Eddie Velie who is also the property manager. His maintenance report includes Pavilion: holes in siding, new doors on restrooms, concrete floor resurfaced, tennis court nets, tennis court wind shields on fences, basketball backboard and hoop, remove paint graffiti on street curbs and more.

Vehicle Burglaries

On November 18th, there were 4 vehicle burglaries on the same evening! (All on Orchard Drive, the addresses were 3901, 3912, 3992 and 3993 Orchard Drive.) The police reports indicate that the Vehicles were UNLOCKED. Pam Conner of the Crime Prevention Unit said: "Please REMIND everyone to lock their vehicles and report anything suspicious. Dial 911 or the non-emergency number is 633-7162."

HOA Elections and Annual Meeting in March

The Ballots will be coming out soon which is your only chance to determine who should manage our community for the coming year. Please consider serving on the Board and don't forget to vote.

Newsletter finally going green

In the Fall issue, we asked for your emails to save trees and send this electronically. If you haven't yet done so, please email the Editor at tdfriedlander@netzero.com. The newsletters will now be sent only as email AND be online at <http://www.grandhavenhoa.org/newsletters/index.html>.

Best Decorated House

Contest

By Tony Cortes

The annual judging of the best decorated house for the holidays was no easy task. So many homeowners had really gone to great extremes to make their homes festive this year. The decorations were enjoyed by all this season!

Due to the length of the January HOA meeting, the winners will be voted upon at the February 20th meeting and announced in the next newsletter.

2012 Annual Assessments have been mailed

The statements were again mailed out thanks to the tremendous commitment of our HOA Treasurer, Cheryl McNeilly, who single-handedly took care of the task of organizing, folding, stamping and mailing the statements to all the subdivisions.

Please remember that payment is due on January 31, 2012 or you will be subject to late fees. Please mail your payment to the lockbox address listed on the statement or in this newsletter.

Without volunteers like this, we would need to pay for an outside management company and your annual dues would be drastically higher. Please consider helping the Board to keep our dues low.

Parking Tags

The promised parking tags did not get distributed with the assessment billing in November. The plan was to have one tag issued per homeowner. However, it was suggested that the Board consider more details about what to do if a homeowner moves, loses, or wants extra tags. Further discussion is planned for the February HOA meeting.

We hope that these tags will limit the use of our Pavilion facilities to homeowner's only.

Rust Stains and Mold

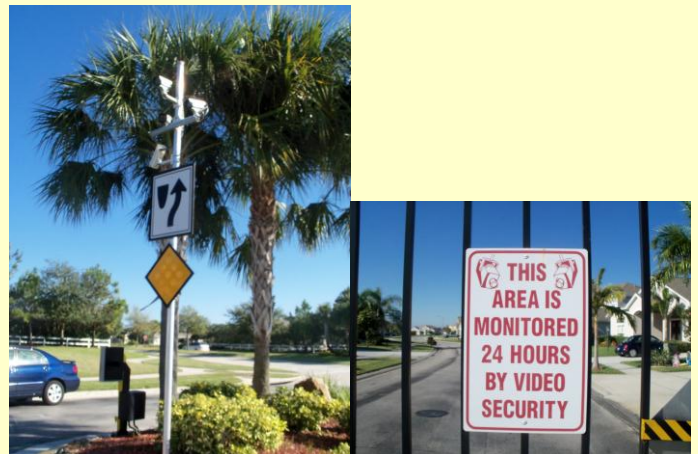
By: Tony Cortes

In January, our inspectors will be taking a close look at our properties for rust stains or mold on driveways, sidewalks and walls. You can make their job harder by taking a close look at your property for stains. If present, you can use products such as SnowCap or Rust Aid to remove the stains. Those products can be found at hardware stores like Ace Hardware, Home Depot or Lowe's.

Security Cameras for ungated subdivisions

Several brazen daylight robberies have been occurring in Hammock Pointe, especially two robberies within an hour in November. Luckily no one was hurt, but many personal items and other valuable possessions and cash were taken. The Sheriff asked whether or not there was any video camera at our entrance. We have been investigating the costs of installing a way to provide a record of the license plates coming and going.

Do you recognize this pole, these cameras and these signs?



Our neighbors at Chastain have the wonderful pole and multiple signs that indicate the video cameras are installed to watch their gate. Would our ungated subdivisions, which have only one way in and out, benefit from video cameras at their entrances? Do these cameras and signs act as a valuable deterrent to possible thieves coming into our subdivisions?

What do you think? A presentation was made at the January HOA meeting about the proposed installation of such a system at Hammock Pointe. Do you think these cameras on a very visible 20 foot pole and connected to a DVR would be a deterrent? Please send your thoughts to Terri Friedlander at tdfriedlander@netzero.com or to the webmaster@grandhavenhoa.org.

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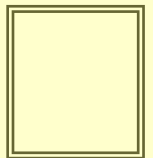
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