

# GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

June 2008

## **New Business:** Election of Board of Directors

At the Association's Annual meeting held March 29, 2008, the individuals elected to serve from April 2008 to April 2009 are:

President:	Cheryl McNeilly	Hammock Pointe
Vice President:	Tony Cortes	Sandhill Trace
Secretary:	Carol Powers	Heritage Lakes
Treasurer:	Don Middlebrook	Chastain Manor
Board Members	Jack Darago	Chastain Manor
	Larry Groves	The Preserves
	Glenn Holland	The Preserves
	Luis Perez	Westfield
	Brian Rodrigues	Heritage Lakes

## **Message from the Board of Directors:**

Grand Haven Community is so lucky to have 456 acres of preserves and lakes. Please reflect back...Is this one of the reasons you purchased your home in this location? We have some news for you. We now own the responsibility for these areas! This responsibility involves every homeowner. The Board of Directors is taking this responsibility seriously! We have passed a policy pertaining to our wetlands, conservation areas and lakes. Any cost incurred to the HOA will be passed along onto the homeowner whose actions violated St. Johns water district ordinances. This cost will be considered an assessment to that homeowner. Please understand why we have to make such a strong statement. We believe all homeowners should not suffer financial consequences as a result of a few homeowners.

Please get to know your Board of Directors. We will have to periodically inspect these areas.

Skateboarders!!! What will it take to make you understand that the tennis courts are not for your use! This causes damage to the courts and this is very expensive to repair.

## **Pineda Causeway:**

Pineda Causeway Extension is just that....extending into our back yards. This is a happy – sad, welcomed – unwelcome issue. This is great news for some; a nightmare for others. We will be looking for ideas to help our neighbors feeling the impact of this invasion into their back yards. Remember we are all one community and want our home values to remain high. Yes, I know that prices have dropped...we will recover and Grand Haven will be looking great when the market turns around. Now is the time to pull together with some great ideas on projects that will help others.

### **Community Activities:**

\*\*\*\*\* June 14, 2008 The Board of Directors will be conducting a Car wash and collection of non-perishable food to be given to the Red Cross for the victims of the fires in Palm Bay Area. Place: Grand Haven Pavilion Time: 11:00 – 3:00pm \*\*\*\*\*

### **FUN TIME**

#### **Summer Fest Party at Recreation Area – June 21, 2008 11:00 – 3:00pm**

Join your neighbors at our GH Community Summer Fest Party! Please bring your children to the GH Pavilion Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 3 pm. Activities will consist of Giant Moonwalk for the kids. The field is available for kickball, softball, water balloon games, running races for boys and girls, in addition to the basketball courts and children's playground. We will be having pizza and refreshments (bottled water and soda). The Board hopes everyone can take the time to attend or stop by to say "Hello."

**\*PARTY\*PARTY\*PARTY\* See you all there!!!!**

### **Community Issues:**

As we all know, vandalism is and always will be, a threat to our community. Homeowners must be diligent in the task of monitoring ALL of our communities. Please sign up for the Neighborhood Watch in your subdivision by contacting Patty Young via our website; she is great to work with. It saddens me to state that we have had car break-ins, damage to our Pavilion, gas stolen from homeowner's cars, damage to the gate at Chastain Manor. Please report any activity that you question. This is your community and together we can improve anything.

This is an advisory that a high definition day/night vision TV surveillance camera system which will be operating 24 hours per day, 7 days per week will be installed at the Chastain Gate. Anyone damaging the gate and/or the associated fence or otherwise disturbing them will be apprehended and prosecuted to the maximum extent of the law, and restitution will be required.

## **CC&R'S Reminders:**

We are having a very dry spell this year and summer has just started. Please check your sprinkler heads to make sure all parts of your lawn are getting watered.

- Lawns must be maintained! This includes water, mowing, insect control and fertilized.
- Dogs must be leashed and feces disposed of (in a bag and put into your own trash).
- Parking across grass between sidewalk and street is prohibited (\$50.00 fine).
- No overnight parking on the streets in Grand Haven from 2 AM – 6 AM - ever.

This will be the last newsletter written by the Board of Directors! We have found two homeowners that are willing to create future publications. The Board of Directors will approve each edition before it is sent out. I want the contents to be happy and uplifting. Our community will be able to forward poems, stories, recipes, garden tips, golfing tips, articles...etc. to our new committee. I want this to be a true Community Newsletter. HOA business can be read through our minutes or call us if needed.

You may send your correspondence to any of our business contacts (321-541-1001 / [www.grandhavenhoa.org](http://www.grandhavenhoa.org) / GHHOA, P.O. Box 411988, Melbourne, FL 32941) and we will forward them to our two volunteers.

## **Helpful Tips:**

Did you know that you need to clean out the drain pipe of your air-conditioner? Take an old bottle; fill it half way with water, then fill the rest with bleach. Pour this in the "tee" (usually found connected to the pipe at the base of your air-conditioner).

If you do not have one, I encourage you to get one installed. Doing this procedure removes the algae build up in the pipe. Algae build up can clog the pipe and the condensation will have nowhere to go. You should do this once a month.

Last year I put this tip in our newsletter and found many people did not know of this simple preventative maintenance. It saves the backup of water caused by algae build-up in the pipe. If you have a two-story house...it saves you lots of money saved by moldy/water damage in the walls and ceiling.

### *Ants Away – The Natural Way*

- Spray them with soapy water.
- Make a line at the ants' entry point with cayenne pepper, citrus oil, lemon juice, or coffee grounds.
- Place mint tea bags or dry, cut mint leaves or cloves near areas where the ants seem most active.
- Put garlic cloves between the planks of wood on your deck or patio if they're coming in through there.
- Set out bitter cucumber peels or slices where you think the ants are getting in.

*( I found this in a Publix flyer) : - )*