

# GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## GRAND HAVEN MASTER HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

### Getting Started Again

By Terri Friedlander

Welcome! For those of you who have not seen my email messages, I am a resident of Hammock Pointe and an original owner here in Grand Haven since 2005. Our family loves the beauty of Grand Haven and the wonders of the nature preserve in our backyard. We moved here from Long Island, New York and whenever we travel, we always look forward to returning home because we feel like there is no place like it here.

When we first arrived in Grand Haven, we were excited to find a Grand Haven Newsletter in our mailbox. At closing of the house, we signed lots of papers about the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCR's) but had little idea about what that all meant. (There was no homeowners association in our previous neighborhoods.) This CCR and HOA concept was new to us but it sounded like a great idea for keeping all the homes properly maintained. The previous Grand Haven Newsletter contained terrific articles about the neighborhood, about several dedicated

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neighbors who were busy cleaning the extension twice a day, and even an invitation to a party in the park one Saturday afternoon. The newsletter was replaced by the idea of an online forum on the website. However there is no way to identify how many people actually access the web site or how often.

The purpose of restarting this quarterly newsletter is to provide information to all the residents of our community. We look forward to your comments about this effort and about anything written. Please send me any ideas or articles to my email address at [tdfriedlander@netzero.com](mailto:tdfriedlander@netzero.com)

### New and Improved Grand Haven Sign



All of you are probably aware of the car accident last year that resulted in a gaping hole and subsequent deterioration to our Grand Haven sign on Wickham Road. At the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, a vote was made to repair the sign with the insurance settlement. Then on June 18<sup>th</sup>, a new cement wall was erected and the Grand Haven sign is now in the process of being rebuilt!

Thanks to the new Grand Haven HOA President and the entire Board for responding to our requests to maintain our identity with the only remaining sign on Wickham Road!

(Eventually there may be a different kind of Grand Haven sign posted by the western end once the construction ends. Stay tuned for that update.)

## Board of Directors

By Terri Friedlander

Our community is very fortunate to have an amazing group of volunteers who manage and run our neighborhoods. These people collect the homeowner's dues from foreclosed properties, maintain the grounds of the entire 727 home community, obtain various quotes for work required in our common areas and do all this in their spare time. But that is only a fraction of what they do. They spend countless hours evaluating various requests for architectural changes, planning agendas for meetings and documenting the minutes to all meetings. If it weren't for their dedication, we would need to pay an outside property management service which would indeed result in a large increase in our homeowner dues.

There is currently an open position on the Grand Haven Board of Directors. This position is that of Representative of the Heritage Lakes subdivision and as such can be filled only by an owner of a residence in Heritage Lakes. If you wish to be considered for this position, please submit a letter to the Board of Directors at PO Box 411988, Melbourne, FL 32940 and attend the next Board Meeting which will **start at 6:30 PM, July 19** at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 7200 N. Wickham Rd.

The meetings are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month. Enter Parish Hall at Door on Front Left of Sanctuary Building.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to our Board of Directors!

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### Board of Directors

President - Jon McNeilly (Hammock Pointe)  
Vice President - Tony Cortes (Sandhill Trace)  
Treasurer - Cheryl McNeilly (Hammock Pointe)  
Secretary – Yvonne Guyer (Sandhill Trace)

### Community Representatives

Barry Nickerson - (Westfield)  
Glenn Holland - (The Preserve)

**OPEN** - (Heritage Lakes)

Tony Kelly - (Chastain Manor)  
Jose Bueiz - At Large

## Volunteers Needed

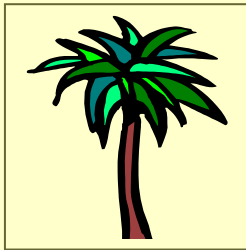
All homeowners are always welcome to attend a Board meeting. Also, we need volunteers for many things:

- Let's save some money. Instead of hiring a contractor, we could hold a fence cleaning party to remove the rust from the white fence near the sign on Wickham Road. Send an email to [tdfriedlander@netzero.com](mailto:tdfriedlander@netzero.com) if you could help on a Saturday morning in July.
- Violations can be sent anonymously by any homeowner to a Board member.
- Anybody interested in a Grand Haven yard sale? If so, please send an email to [tocort85@yahoo.com](mailto:tocort85@yahoo.com)
- Mark your calendars. We are planning a Fall cookout/Boo Haven party on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Let us know if you can help.



## A Road is Coming

Have you seen the new palm trees planted in May? Not the ones in the front near Wickham Road. There are now 86 beautiful new palm trees (yes I counted them!) in the back along the new road to I95. Amazing!



The Florida Today article that appeared on May 17th indicated that the road is ahead of schedule and posted a target opening date of **August 16<sup>th</sup>**!

## Speed Limits

The speed limit on the Pineda Extension is 45 mph and the speed limit on our community streets is 20 mph. There have been additional signs posted recently on the extension to remind everyone that this speed limit is for your safety and it will be enforced.

## Vandalism

By Cheryl McNeilly

Money is allotted in the budget each year to replace, repair, and improve areas in Grand Haven. A portion of the budget is set aside specifically to fix problems caused by vandalism. It is the responsibility of our residents to let their families know that **vandalism is not acceptable**.

This year vandalism has affected the following:

- Grand Haven Community Park:
- Fence bent in different areas
- Soccer goals ripped
- Toilets in bathrooms broken
- Broken trees and tree limbs
- Letters removed off of community signs

In order to maintain the appearance of our community as well as maintain the HOA fees at their current level, residents must educate their families on the effects of vandalism.

**NOTICE:** Fireworks are dangerous and illegal. Please do not utilize fireworks over the holidays. They are dangerous to the environment and wildlife as well as a fire hazard.

## Waste Management News

A neighbor concerned about waste pickup contacted David Ambrose at the City of Melbourne Yard Trash, 321-953-6302. He explained that the length of the limbs cannot be more than 4 feet. The pile can be large. It cannot be under a tree, near a fire hydrant or have vehicles near it. He said Waste Management picks up the stuff in a small truck and if the pile is too big, they are supposed to send a claw truck. That's why you don't want the pile under a tree or near a fire plug. If a pile is not picked up we should first call Waste Management at 321-723-4455 and ask for the claw truck, they should respond within 48 hrs.

Here's a link to the web site :

<http://www.melbourneflorida.org/solid/yard.htm>

Here is some of the text on the policy: "Set-out Rules: Set your yard trash out once a week on the designated day in reusable containers such as standard, 32-gallon trash cans. Containers cannot exceed 40-gallons in capacity and can weigh no more than 50-pounds when filled. Plastic bags are NOT accepted. Loose materials, such as pine needles, leaves, grass clippings, and twigs, must be in reusable garbage cans. Place yard trash within four feet of the curb or edge of a street surface, and adjacent to the driveway.

Please DO NOT block the use of sidewalks. Place yard trash curbside between 5 p.m. on the day before collection and 6:30 a.m. on collection day. "

## Neighborhood Watch

To help avoid vandalism, breakins and thefts, we might all consider working together and starting a Neighborhood watch for each subdivision. Sandhill Trace has started their own small group to watch for problems at night. Contact Tom Guyer of Sandhill Trace to join his group at [thomas@guyer.com](mailto:thomas@guyer.com). If you reside in Hammock Pointe, contact Terri Friedlander at [tdfriedlander@netzero.com](mailto:tdfriedlander@netzero.com). All other subdivisions can contact the webmaster.

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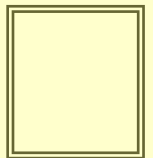
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