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# GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NEWS



**To: All Grand Haven Residents**  
**From: Kevin Foley, GHCDD Board Chairman**  
**Re: Highlights from the GHCDD Regular Meeting 02/16/2023**

1. Nancy Crouch and Barry Kloptosky had another meeting with folks from the county to discuss more ways to deter the population of wild hogs away from communities like ours. I am happy to say the county folks have been great to work with by directing their licensed hunters to sounders (families

of wild pigs) around areas such as The Crossings. Those hunters are reportedly having good success to the point where the population has been driven out of some areas near our neighborhoods.

2. We have formally agreed to allow four county-licensed hunters to cross CDD property in Wild Oaks to access additional county land around that area and further south across from our main gate. We believe there is a large population of hogs in those areas and the hunters are working there as this is written. The county natural resource manager promises to keep us apprised of their progress.
3. We received the final version of the 2021 audit. Management is working diligently to be sure we have the 2022 audit before the state filing deadline of June 30.
4. Amenity management is re-starting parking lot usage reports for the Board. Much more to come on this topic but we will use this information to help with our analysis of parking alternatives.
5. This weekend is Mallet Madness at the croquet courts and the hope is for many residents to participate. Watch for Eblasts from Amenity Management about this Saturday and Sunday event. Also, you can contact Patti Paukovich for more details at 386-597-7967.
6. District Counsel spoke at least twice with city representatives about their intentions to do a special pick-up of yard debris after a storm like Hurricane Ian. Most of us will remember there was no special city pick-up in Grand Haven after Ian. Just recently, the city has indicated a desire to talk about it so a Board member will follow up and we'll report on progress.
7. Reminder to all who live on natural slope ponds (no block bulkheads) that there is a requirement for at least two rows of spartina. The spartina acts as a buffer to prevent fertilizer, grass clippings, and other lawn products from getting into the water. This is very important to the health of the ponds including the beneficial fish that inhabit them. Probably more to come on this topic that is important to both the CDD and GHMA.
8. The board rejected a possible purchase of laptops for the supervisors as the monthly maintenance cost was too expensive. Thanks to Vanessa for helping to put this finally to rest!
9. The no-dogs-allowed signs seem to have had the desired effect at the VC with a marked reduction.
10. The board continues to make progress toward having a high-quality website where all communications will be posted.
11. Tennis court screens have been delivered and will be installed asap.

**Reminder: Please remember to walk your bikes at the Village Center.**

#### **Regarding the survey meeting later at 5 pm:**

- Big thanks to John Polizzi who successfully drove the resident survey process from end to end including a very comprehensive presentation last Thursday evening. Also, here's a big shout-out to the residents and staff that helped make this effort a success too.
- Just as a reminder, we did the survey because resident input to some big decisions was seen as an important influence on our long-term plan

(LTP). That plan contains a 10-year projection for operating expenses and capital costs that have resulting effects on our fund balances (savings accounts) and assessments. The plan is well along in its drafting and will be presented later this year at another town-hall meeting. Our next workshop on 3/2 will include a discussion of the LTP draft in light of the resident survey results and the 2024 draft budget.

- The very high-level summary of the survey is that we had a remarkable response rate of over 53% with the following results:
  1. Needed café renovations should not be extravagant and the cafe should be kept open as much as possible during construction. Barry has an appointment to begin a discussion with a restaurant designer this week.
  2. Most think Grand Haven security is adequate but want modernized gate access. Our office manager is on it.
  3. There was no strong desire for more air-conditioned space at this time. We will keep an eye on this in the plan.
  4. A clear majority indicated no desire for more bike paths and the like.

**Please go to our website for all the detailed reports at [grandhavencdd.org](http://grandhavencdd.org) then click on Documents, Community Documents, and Property Owner Survey.**

There were several comments and questions after the presentation that resulted in a good dialogue. There were also several non-survey-related comments and questions that will require some follow-up by the CDD.

Thanks for reading,

**Kevin Foley**  
Chair, Board of Supervisors



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