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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 GHCCD Community Workshop, September 7th,
2023**

**Here is a summary of the 09/07/2023 workshop with a couple of additional
comments:**

DOG PARKS

- A resident asked the board to build a dog park to satisfy the desire to have a safe place for our furry friends to run. We asked management to give us a cost estimate to fix up the dog park in Wild Oaks to make it more accessible and safer, in addition to making sure the water fountain is working. We'll have that information at the next workshop and make a decision at the subsequent meeting. Just an FYI: the cost estimate to build a dog park at Creekside is \$45,000.

HOG ACTIVITY

- A Crossings resident spoke to us about increased hog activity there. There is damage going on and the animals have made it across Colbert into the Southlake area and a portion of the golf course. One of the resident's questions was how to react if confronted with one of these animals while walking outside. I tried to get some information from Florida Fish and Wildlife, but there is not a lot there about that question. Anyway, here are the sites they sent to me:

[Wild Hog | FWC \(myfwc.com\)](#)

[FWC - Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator \(myfwc.com\)](#)

- I'll keep looking and will forward new information as I find it. One interesting thing I noticed is that the hog damage along Waterside near Southlake and Marsh Crossing is limited to the naturally mulched areas but not any grass areas. Is that because the grass is regularly treated with insect and grub killer? I'm not sure, but I will be putting some down on my lawn!
- This hog problem is not going away despite the county hunter's very successful efforts in taking out over 200 of them. Nevertheless, we will continue to work with the hunter/trappers, and we plan to visit the county commission to see if they can provide additional resources to its natural resources manager. Between the county and the city of Palm Coast, there was approval and building efforts started for over 2,500 residences in the Roberts Road and Colbert Lane areas. Those developments push the hogs out of their habitat into new areas such as GH and other residential communities.
- Lastly, some residents have brought trappers on their own property. No one should encourage those trappers/hunters to go onto CDD, City, or County property. For the safety of all, no one is allowed to hunt or trap on CDD property without formal permission from the CDD, and no one should be crossing CDD property to access county land without permission from the county natural resources manager and the CDD.

SIDEWALK LANDSCAPING ISSUE

- A resident commented that there are sidewalk areas, particularly on the north side of Waterside, that have overgrown shrubbery that can grow into

the sidewalk “airspace”. We will ask our landscape contractor to look at it and come up with a plan to prune it back regularly or replace it with something less aggressive.

BUTTON-OPERATED CAFE DOOR

- The previous resident’s last comment was aimed at considering the ease of access to facilities such as the café and VC bathrooms. We indicated that a button-operated café door will be installed soon (hopefully) and that we will also look at the possibility of bathroom facility access. The board is unified on having a mindset that may have us install easier-access devices even if it is not required by ADA laws.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

- Dr. Merrill gave an update on the website development progress she is leading with a resident fact-finding group. The group is doing really good work, and a website should be ready to go by calendar year end. The objective is to provide a “landing” place where residents can get information about all things Grand Haven, either directly on the site or by links to other sites. We are all very excited to see this happen, so thanks to Dr. Merrill and the team!

STAFFING CHANGES

- Our Office Manager Vanessa presented a proposed new organizational chart for Operations Management. The proposal would give her more direct responsibility for some duties now performed by the Operations Manager. At the same time, it delegates more of her current responsibilities to our very capable administrative staff. The board was receptive to the

proposal and asked for some more information about the current vs. proposed duties of each position in addition to the cost involved. We believe the changes could be a benefit to all including staff and ultimately, residents!

POND BANKS

- We talked about our upcoming workshop(s) that will address the ponds and pond banks. Our objective is to establish a clear set of policies that requires naturally sloped pond bank homeowners to plant and maintain the pond banks in accordance with best practices established by prior boards. Proper planting and maintenance will have a positive effect by keeping algae blooms and possible fish kills to a minimum. This will be a coordinated effort with the GH Master Association which has its own rules and enforcement abilities.

ROAD REPAIRS UPDATE

- The good news on road repairs is that the southern side of Waterside is finished! The bad news is that the north side will need it done as well in the not-too-distant future.

Thanks for reading, and feel free to comment by email to office@ghcdd.com.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors



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