



Citizens for Ponce Inlet

Newsletter

Dedicated to improving the quality of life in Ponce Inlet

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Mayor's State of the Town Address



Gary Smith, Mayor

2011 may be remembered in our history as the most interesting year as far as the elected officials' turnover rate. Our Town experienced three resignations and three Council appointments. Even with this atmosphere of constant change, the Town Staff, being very adept at *adjusting their sails*, worked with the Council in place throughout the year on a number of accomplishments.

First and foremost is the financial health of our Town. Our goal is to maintain 2 to 9 months of operating expenses in the General Reserve Fund. The unrestricted balance of this fund is currently estimated for September 30th, 2012 to be \$2.2 million which is 6.6 months of operating expenses and positions us toward the top end of our goal.

A true gem of Volusia County was completed and the grand opening was held in January for the beautiful Ponce Preserve, a 40 acre park which spans from the beach to the river with scenic boardwalks, shell trails through the woods, pavilions, kayak launches, and playgrounds. The Town Council has also fully funded a similar project in Timucuan Oaks, so you can look forward to even more outdoor recreation options in the next couple years.

Later in the spring, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservations presented our Town with the 2011 Annual Statewide Preservation Award for Restoration/Rehabilitation in recognition of our work in restoring the Meyer-Davis House and Hasty Cottage located at 143 Beach Street. This project had been completed in the prior year and the facility which serves as a small museum is

now open regularly for visitors.

Many Council meetings during 2011 were dedicated to the land use and development code rewrite. This activity is well underway and the responsibility of completing it was returned to the Planning Board in December.

The Town's sign ordinance was completed as a collaborative effort with the newly formed Ponce Inlet Business Association and other interested parties. This ordinance re-write began in 2007 due to a number of issues with the prior ordinance and we are pleased to now have it completed.

Another project which was several years in the making is the beautification of the historic north and south turn beach approaches. This project really got off the ground in 2011 with the doubling of the funding contribution from Volusia County as a partner in this project. This project will enhance the appearance of this area and will provide a historic commemoration of the time in our Town's history when beach racing was at its peak. The grand opening of these sites will occur on February 18th, during Race Week.

The Town's noise ordinance was updated to find a balance between the needs of the residents and the needs of the businesses. Though it was off to a highly publicized start, the complaints about noise issues in the Town have dropped dramatically.

The Town Council passed a couple of other ordinances, for your safety and well-being, on issues that were becoming problematic for our neighboring municipalities. We could foresee that these could become our problems in the future if we didn't take action to protect the community. These ordinances provided safeguards from what are now commonly referred to as "pill mills" and also from establishments which would offer computer gambling.

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The Citizens for Ponce Inlet Newsletter is published four times yearly to inform the citizens and businesses of Ponce Inlet about matters which may be of interest or have an impact on them. The newsletter is not a public forum and no editorial articles or letters will be accepted for publication.

The newsletter does not accept paid advertisements. Please consider becoming a member of the Citizens For Ponce Inlet by completing the form on the last page of this publication. Your support will help defray the costs of the many worthwhile activities of this organization including this publication, the annual Candidate's Forum, and the Citizens of the Year awards event.

All comments, questions, and articles for submission should be directed to:

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One of the most exciting things coming up in the Town is the project that Greenacres has initiated to convert the old *Pacetti Boarding House* into an interactive educational facility for children to learn about marine life in the area. Greenacres recently obtained the property from the Nippert family

that had intended to use it for this purpose. We are pleased to see the first steps toward that goal now occurring and look forward to seeing it completed for the use and enjoyment of many. Greenacres has stated that they will provide opportunities for public access on occasion as well.

The Town's budget was completed while remaining at the rolled-back rate to ensure your Town tax did not increase unless your property value did. In these tough economic times, this has been a primary goal of the Council and our staff has worked to ensure that goal is met each year. The Town is utilizing some of the reserve fund which has accumulated over the years, but only for non-recurring capital expenses. The Town is back to its pre-economic boom budget of 2002 and continues to maintain reserves in excess of our minimum goal.

Several of the Town's special events have continued but are now self-supporting and no longer rely on funding from your taxes. For 2011, these included both spring and fall 5K races, which raised funds for SPARC and Operation Changing Lives - both very worthy causes for misfortunate children. The Ponce Inlet Children's Activity Committee sponsored fantastic Easter and Halloween events for the children, as usual. The Town also enjoyed its annual *Mardi Claws Parade* of dogs dressed for the Mardi Gras season, which is again scheduled for February 25th. The *Vettes at the Light* corvette show came back to the Town in 2011 and is planned again here for May 12th. Rounding out the year, we hope you enjoyed the Town's 3rd Annual Christmas Parade last month. All of these events are funded by their respective organizations but they are available for all of you to enjoy.

If you have called police dispatch in the last three months, you may have noticed a change. County Council

made a decision in 2011 to consolidate dispatch services countywide. All of the calls in our area which require police or medical response are sent to the County for dispatch. The Town's police department still keeps its office open seven days per week for your convenience but only from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sadly, on September 26, 2011, our police chief, Wayne Lurcock, died. This was a shock to all of us but particularly heartfelt by those who worked closest with him: the police department, other town departments, our Council, and some of our citizens who regularly volunteer in related areas. Our town manager initiated a selection process to find a highly qualified individual to assume this role going forward. We can expect this new member to our team in the first quarter of 2012. Certainly the toughest issue in 2011 has been the lawsuit that Pacetta LLC has brought against the Town. After numerous attempts at negotiations, both with and without a professional mediator, we are now in the trial stage that started on January 4, 2012 and is scheduled to reconvene on February 16th.

One of the brightest spots of 2011 occurred on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2011. At 11:00 a.m., the Town citizens enjoyed their first ceremony at the new Veteran's Memorial which came about due to the hard work of a group of Ponce Inlet Veterans who found a way to fund and build it without the use of tax dollars. The Town co-sponsored this project by donating the use of a portion of the Kay & Ayers Davies Lighthouse Park and then built an attractive pavilion nearby to compliment the entire area. Restroom improvements have been funded in the current year to further enhance the park for your use and enjoyment.

Respectively submitted,
Gary L. Smith, Mayor

..... from the Town of Ponce Inlet



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Manager,
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Clauss**

Now beginning my third year as your Town manager, I continue to enjoy the work at hand and appreciate the opportunity to serve you. We are hard at work with your new Town Council in accomplishing goals for your benefit. In January, the Mayor called for a Town Hall meeting and we appreciate the feedback we received from you there. Following that, the Town Council held its bi-annual goals meeting and the following priorities were set for the Town's staff in the coming two years:

Top Priorities:

- Complete Land Use & Development Code Rewrite.
- Keep taxes overall level.
- Maintain dependence on ad valorem revenue vs. user fees.
- Maintain high level of service.
- Personalized service delivery from all departments.
- Providing necessary tools, equipment & training.
- Improve public relations through communication & outreach (ensure equivalent connection to condominium residents).
- Stay current in technology.

Secondary Priorities:

- Maintain & enhance interlocal opportunities.
- Define public & private boundaries through right-of-way mapping.

- Maintain & protect home rule authority.
- Increase code compliance through communication, education & equitable enforcement.
- Expand recreational opportunities for all age groups (bocce courts, tennis courts...).

I want to extend special thanks to all of you on behalf of the Town's employees who work hard to coordinate our *Hearts of Ponce Inlet* food and toy drive and also those items needed by our military troops and our local humane society. Many of you have other means of doing this as part of an on-going basis and the Town tries to assist in this spirit once each year for your convenience. In addition to this event, the Town staff participated in the County initiated employee-only food drive. Ponce Inlet to its core is a caring community and the success of our charitable initiatives each year gives proof to that.

I've had a request for the publication of how much the Town spends each year to assist the Citizens for Ponce Inlet in putting forth this newsletter for its residents. The Town's arrangement with Citizens is that we cover the cost of the printing in exchange for running informative information from all of the Town's departments and Citizens for Ponce Inlet puts it together to include articles from all of the various Town organizations. Citizens for Ponce Inlet also pays for the mailing and handles other local distribution. Though the printing varies from one issue to the next based upon its size, the Town spent \$6,075 in total for the four issues published last fiscal year.

Employee of the Year – Ami Pierce



Ami Pierce has been with the Town since 2004 as Administrative Assistant in the Building Division. She balances her work with her devotion to her husband, three children and school; as she furthers her education at Daytona State College. Ms. Pierce has gone above and beyond in her Town position everyday but in the past year this was highlighted in her acceptance of the challenge of organizing the Town's property files to allow web access to Town records. This project entailed working with a vendor, assimilating staff to prepare and box files for scanning, setting-up the website, and developing a process to update it to include new records. Ms. Pierce has been successfully accomplishing this task. The Town has received numerous compliments from citizens and contractors for her professional and courteous service. She is well respected by her fellow employees and is always willing to help other staff members in need of assistance. Ms. Pierce is highly organized and efficient in her duties. She suggests ways to make the department run more efficiently, saving time and money by developing new application formats and creating check lists to shorten the review and approval process. She has created on-line applications for

business licenses. Ms. Pierce's creativeness did not stop there; she accepted the responsibility as the lead staff member to develop and implement the Town's financial software, Tyler Tech INCODE system, for building permits, occupational licenses, rental licenses, code enforcement, planning and zoning development permits. This required Ms. Pierce to coordinate the electronic file conversion, develop and set-up standard forms, develop an accessible web site, email communication, and cost calculations for permits. This entailed countless hours of working with department staff, other town staff, and INCODE technicians and program specialists. In addition to the initial setup and implementation, Ms. Pierce assisted INCODE to trouble shoot the system and work out the bugs in order to make the system user-friendly and more efficient. This has taken many hours of her time both before and after normal working hours. Ms. Pierce has also drafted and submitted numerous suggestions to Tyler Tech to improve their INCODE system, making it less time consuming to use and therefore saving time and money for the Town and other entity users. She also implemented INCODE online access for building permits, scheduling inspections by contractors, and reporting inspection results. This allows contractors to check the status of building permits and inspections on-line 24 hours a day, saving both time and money for contractors and the Town staff. This online access also allowed code enforcement complaints to be reported through the Town's website 24 hours a day, which results in a quicker response by Code Enforcement staff. These improvements by Ms. Pierce have allowed easy access for staff, citizens, and contractors to information on the

Town's website. Ms. Pierce's inspiring commitment, reliability and capability are a great asset to the Town, making her a highly valued employee.

Spotlight on ...



Corporal Corey Mead, Police Officer

Corporal Mead first joined the Ponce Inlet Police Department in 1993. After about three years, he gave private investigations his focus before coming back to the Town in 2000. He was promoted to Corporal in May of 2004. Corporal Mead is a Department instructor and conducts regular continuing training for all officers in Taser, ASP, and OC spray. He was previously the motorcycle officer for the Police Department and led the way in many of the Town events as well as participating in events outside the Town. He has recently been assigned to assist Lt. Binz (currently the Acting Chief) with investigations and other duties that have been passed on to him. He completed a course this month on Crime Scene Response and Investigation and will now be assisting Lt. Binz in processing crime scenes. He is also one of two certified Traffic Homicide Investigators for the Police Department. Corporal Mead

is also a supervisor of our patrol staff, filling in when officers are out training or on vacation. If you want to speak with Corey or any other officers, please call the Police Department at (386)236-2168.

CodeRED® Emergency Notification System

For those of you who may not be aware, several years back Ponce Inlet instituted a rapid emergency notification service called CodeRED®. The system will distribute emergency messages via telephone to targeted areas or the entire Town at a rate of 1,000 calls per minute. CodeRED® employs a one-of-a-kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses, live individuals and answering machines.

Ponce Inlet residents and businesses are welcome and encouraged to enter their contact information for home, business, and mobile phones so they may be contacted by the system in the event of an emergency. It is important for town residents and businesses customers to register, especially if they use unlisted numbers, cell phones, or VOIP. Those who do not register their address and phone number may not be notified with CodeRED® in the case of an emergency. Registration is confidential, free, and easy.

Please go to the Town's web page

at www.ponce-inlet.org and click the CodeRed® link for more information and to register.

Town Businesses on Website

Please check out our webpage for a directory of Ponce Inlet businesses. You'll be surprised by the variety of services so close at hand. This is a compilation of those within the Town limits who have obtained the required business tax receipt (formerly known as occupational license). This business directory can be found as a link to the Town's home page – www.ponce-inlet.org.

Town Holiday Closings

Town offices will be closed Monday, February 20, 2012 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Wanted: Interested Citizens to serve on Town Boards

The Town Council seeks interested citizens to serve on our advisory committees. To view the current vacancies, you can visit our website: www.ponce-inlet.org or call Town Hall. Please note that you must be a resident & a registered voter of the Town of Ponce Inlet in order to be appointed to the various boards. Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer in your community.

Wi-Fi

The Council Chambers now has free wi-fi available for public use. Please feel free to bring your laptops or data phones to any of the meetings in the Chambers and enjoy being connected to the World Wide Web while you're there.

Council & Board Meetings

The Town Council meets the third Thursday of every month, 6:00 p.m.

at the Council Chambers, 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue. Special meetings are scheduled and noticed as needed. The agendas are posted at Town Hall, and on the website. You may also subscribe for e-mail notification of all meetings via the Town's website. Just please be informed that in doing so your e-mail address becomes a public record and we must provide it to anyone upon request.

For your convenience, all Town Council and Town Board meetings are live-streamed so that you may listen from the comfort of your home through the Town's website. The audio of all meetings is also archived on the website. Both the live and archived meetings can be found by clicking on the audio streaming icon on the front page. Live streaming plays through Windows Media Player.

Please visit our website www.ponce-inlet.org for all public meeting notices and minutes, general information, and status of current or upcoming projects. Further, be sure to read the back of your utility bills for special announcements and important information.

Police Department



From Acting Police Chief / Lieutenant Max Binz...

As it is now 2012, I want to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous new year. The past several months have been a challenging

time for the Police Department. With the loss of our Chief, Wayne Lurcock, on September 26, 2011 we have worked to continue to provide the services the Citizens of Ponce Inlet have come to expect and deserve. As many of you are aware the search for a new Police Chief is finally coming to a conclusion. After an exhaustive search, the Town Manager has chosen to nominate Captain Frank Fabrizio, from the Orange County Sheriffs Office, to the position of Chief of Police for the Town of Ponce Inlet. Upon approval from the Town Council we hope to have him sworn in sometime in early March. Captain Fabrizio is a 29 year veteran of Law Enforcement. He has had the opportunity to serve in every branch of the Sheriff's Office and has a diverse knowledge of all law enforcement functions that will be a benefit to the Town. I have come to know Frank in the past month and found him to be a pleasurable individual whose enthusiasm for the job is infectious. He is very much looking forward to working with officers under his command and to serving the citizens of Ponce Inlet. As I mentioned in my previous posting, the Ponce Inlet Police Department switched to consolidated dispatch through the Volusia County Sheriff's Office on September 29, 2011. During the past few months we have been ironing out minor issues that have popped up and are normal in any transition. I have been made aware from some of the citizens of a few issues that may have arisen when they were attempting get an officer. The Sheriff's Office has been receptive to any and all of our requests

to make sure that our citizens are satisfied. I want to remind everyone that if you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact me and I will attempt to get them rectified. Remember if you need a police officer you need to call (386)248-1777. Our police lobby is open daily from 8am to 8pm.

In the past couple of months we have received several reports of incidents involving fraud and identity theft. In each of these cases the victims made available personal information to individuals who then used that information to gain access to their financial interests. I want to remind everyone that it is imperative that you keep personal information confidential. Giving out social security numbers, PIN's for credit and debit cards, and any other information, that can allow a suspect to gain access to your finances, should be held in the strictest of confidence. Also as the weather continues to get better thieves and burglars are looking for open doors on your cars and homes in which to gain entry. We pride ourselves in being a low crime community, however we are not a "NO" crime community. A little preventative care goes a long way. We hope to have another of our continuing seminars on crime prevention and identity theft sometime in the spring.

With the hiring of a new Police Chief I am looking forward to going back to the number 2 position and conducting criminal investigations. I want to thank everyone for their support and backing during these past 4 months. Although it has been challenging at

times, it has been very rewarding. I want everyone to know that I will always be available to assist in any way possible with your needs and problems, or if you just want to visit.

Fire and Rescue Department



With Fire Chief Dan Scales

Prepare Now for Hurricane Season '12: Now is the time to make preparations for upcoming hurricane season. Check your kits to be sure you have a fresh supply of batteries as well as other necessary items. Remember, we are only 4 months from the next hurricane season. For more information on hurricane preparedness, check the Counties web page at: www.volusia.org/storm/default.htm

Dry Season Safety Reminders: Even though we are not in the height of the spring dry season, by all accounts, this year expects to be one of the driest on record again. Even though we have received a small amount of rain over the past few weeks, this amount was far from what is really needed. Additionally, the few freezes the area has suffered will further exacerbate the dry conditions. We ask that you remain vigilant whenever you are using open flames outdoor (cooking, decorative, etc.) as well as safely disposing of cigarette (not

outdoors). Also, keep vegetation around your home under control. If you have questions on how to make your yard "fire safe", please contact the Fire Department at 322-6720. Our crews would be happy to visit your home and give you guidance on how to make your yard fire safe.

In anticipation of a very busy dry season this spring, Ponce Inlet Fire will be participating with the other southeast regional fire departments as part of a wildfire response group. Ponce Inlet's representative will be Driver/Engineer John Brooks. This team is being organized and implemented in order to promote inter-department efficiency and operability in regard to local brushfires.

With a more coordinated response and the pre-planning that this team is doing, our local fire agencies will be able to better protect both the people and property of Ponce Inlet and our surrounding communities. For more information on how you can make your home better prepared for brushfire season contact the fire department at 322-6720.

Community CPR Classes: We are in the process of determining if there is any community interest in taking CPR classes. The class would be offered once a month by an on-duty firefighter. The class size is limited to 10 people. If you are interested, please contact Jeni Trepasso at jtrepasso@ponceinlet.org or call the Fire Department at 322-6720.





...With
Fire
Marshal
Derek
George

As you know, Jeffrey Shroyer retired in December as the Town's Fire Marshal and Lt. Derek George assuming those responsibilities. With those recent changes in the Fire Marshal positions, the way that we're handling inspections has changed a little.

The Fire Marshal will be handling inspections from a 24 hour shift, which means he'll be working every third day, as opposed to Jeff's schedule of Tuesday through Thursday. The shift schedule will allow more flexibility for our customers, but may also pose a little challenge for folks used to a set schedule.

The best way to send your inspection requests is any one of the following:

Email the info to firemarshal@ponce-inlet.org. The email will go to the Fire Marshal, the Fire Department Administrative Assistant, and the Fire Chief; or Call the Fire Marshal office at 386-322-6703 to request an inspection. Leave a voicemail with the name of the requestor, contact phone number, and the address of the property. The call will be processed as soon as possible; or

An inspection can also be re-

quested by visiting http://www.ponce-inlet.org/Pages/PonceInletFL_Fire/request.

In order to complete your fire inspection request as, please fill in as much information as possible in the form below.

We will process your request as soon as possible.

Fire Facts: Each year, more than 4,000 Americans die in fires, more than 25,000 are injured in fires, and more than 100 firefighters are killed while on duty. Eighty three percent of all civilian fire deaths occurred in residences. Many of these fires could have been prevented. Cooking is the third leading cause of fire deaths and the leading cause of injury among people ages 65 and older.

Direct loss due to fires is estimated at nearly \$8.6 billion annually. Intentionally set structure fires resulted in an estimated \$664 million in property damage. In order to protect yourself, it is important to understand the basic characteristics of fire.

- Fire is FAST. In just two minutes, a fire can become life-threatening. In five minutes, a residence can be engulfed in flames.
- Fire is DARK. Fire produces gases that make you disoriented and drowsy. Instead of being awakened by a fire, you may fall into a deeper sleep. Asphyxiation is the leading cause of fire deaths, exceeding burns by a three- to- one ratio.
- Fire is HOT. Heat and smoke from fire can be more dangerous than the flames. Inhaling the superhot air can sear your lungs.

Fire Prevention Tips: The fol-

lowing are things you can do to protect yourself, your family, and your property in the event of a fire:

- Install smoke alarms. Properly working smoke alarms decrease your chances of dying in a fire by about 50%.
- Install multipurpose (ABC) fire extinguishers in your home and garage.
- Install a working carbon monoxide detector in the common area of the bedrooms.
- Test and clean smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries at least once a year. Replace smoke alarms once every 10 years.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Always wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook.
- Keep towels, pot holders and curtains away from flames
- Never use the range or oven to heat your home.

Escaping the Fire

- Have an escape plan. Review escape routes with your family.
- Make sure windows are not nailed or painted shut.
- Teach family members to stay low to the floor, where the air is safer, when escaping from a fire.
- In high-rise, never lock fire exits or doorways, halls or stairways. Never prop stairway or other fire doors open.

During the Fire: If your clothes catch on fire, you should:

- Stop, drop, and roll until the fire is extinguished. DO NOT PANIC
- Do not assume someone else already called the fire department get out of the house then call the Fire Department.
- Check closed doors with the back of your hand to feel for heat before

you open them.

- If the door is hot do not open it. Find a second way out, such as a window. If you cannot escape through a window, hang a white sheet outside the window to alert firefighters to your presence.
- Stuff the cracks around the door with towels, rags, bedding or tape and cover vents to keep smoke out.
- If there is a phone in the room where you are trapped, call the fire department again and tell them exactly where you are.
- If the door is cold slowly open it and ensure that fire and/or smoke is not blocking your escape route. If your escape route is blocked, shut the door and use another escape route.
- If clear, leave immediately and close the door behind you. Be prepared to crawl.

AFTER A FIRE

- Once you are out of the building, STAY OUT! Do not go back inside for any reason.
- If you are with a burn victim or are a burn victim yourself call 911, cool and cover your burns until emergency units arrive.
- If you are a tenant contact the landlord.
- Tell the fire department if you know of anyone trapped in the building.
- Only enter when the fire department tells you it is safe to do so.

The Fire Marshal may be reached at 322-6703 or by e-mail at fire-marshall@ponce-inlet.org.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



...with
Aref Joulani,
Director

Planning and Zoning

Ponce Inlet Historical Museum

The Ponce Inlet Historical Museum, located at 143 Beach Street, is seeking volunteers for educational programs, guided tours and visitor information.

Training is provided to all volunteers and applications are available at the Historical Museum (Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm) or by calling Jeff Tichenor at 386-527-0137.

Brochures and information sheets online

Thank you to everyone who visited the Planning and Development table on Community Day. It was great to talk with each of you and to receive your feedback.

Everything you ever wanted to know about Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement has been put into easy to read brochures and information sheets which are available online at the town website under Town Departments. Printouts are available at Town Hall or you can call 386-236-2181 for additional assistance.

New Setbacks for Accessory Structures

On January 19, 2012, the Town Council approved new setbacks

for accessory structures on residential properties. Until now, most accessory structures, including paved walkways and patios, balconies, swimming pools, play equipment, porches, and sunrooms, had to be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the side and rear property lines (and from the seawall or mean high water line on waterfront yards). With the passage of Ordinance 2011-22, special setbacks have been created for these structures that allow them to encroach into the side, rear, and waterfront yards under certain conditions.

The ordinance was drafted to provide residents with greater flexibility in the placement of these structures on their property, while balancing concerns with privacy, stormwater drainage, and environmental protection. For more information, please contact the Planning & Development Department at 386-236-2181.

Building & Flood Plain Management

When is a Building Permits Required?



All new construction
Above ground and in ground pools, spas, hot tubs
Accessory buildings:
sheds, carport, detached garage, etc.
Additions and alterations
Exterior door replacement
Exterior window replacement
Renovation of interior and/or exte-

rior
 Re-roof
 Boathouse, docks, seawall, decks
 Mechanical HVAC change out,
 duct work
 Siding
 Storm Shutters
 Screen enclosures
 Fireplace installation
 Generators
 Gas tanks above and buried
 Fences and walls
 Driveways, sidewalks, and patios
 Solar panels and systems
 Repairs and replacement
 Electrical work
 Plumbing work
 Demolition work

Note: This list is not all inclusive

Work That May Not Require a Permit

Building Interior

Repair and replacement of non-structural interior doors, trim, carpet and other flooring, painting, cabinets and vanities unless electrical or plumbing will be disconnected and/or altered from the original locations, repairs to walls and ceilings, additional attic insulation,

Building Exterior

Minor repair and replacement of small areas of trim & siding, fascia & soffit, broken panels of glass, replacement of window and pool enclosure screening, painting and patching of exterior surfaces, fence repair, roof repairs if less than 100 square foot total area, gutters and down spouts,

Electrical

Repair and replacement of fixtures and appliances such as light fixtures, ceiling fans, receptacles,

switches, refrigerator, range, range hood in their original location and no change to the circuit, replacement of circuit breakers in existing electrical panels.

Caution: electrical work should only be performed by a qualified electrician or a person experienced with electrical systems. Improper electrical work can cause property damage, injury and possible death.

Plumbing:

Replacement of kitchen or bath sinks and faucets, toilets if location is not altered, shower heads, garbage disposal if no changes to the electrical and/or drain line and traps are made

Mechanical:

Replacement of components within the system such as fan motors, compressor, refrigerant, coil, thermostat, etc. Note: Replacement of the entire outside condenser unit and/or interior air handler requires a permit. Portable window or wall air conditioners that plug into existing electrical outlets,

Swimming Pools:

Service work, replacement of components with the same as the original such as pool pump, pool pump motor, pool filter, service work for pool heaters.



NOTE: The above list is not a complete list of work that may not require a permit. Before starting any work please check with the Town of Ponce Inlet Building Permit Department. The Department

Staff will help you to determine if the work is exempt or if a permit will be required. The Department is open Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. 386-236-2182

Changes to the Florida Building Codes

The Florida Building Commission has approved the 2010 Florida Building Codes. The new codes will become effective March 15, 2012. Permits submitted after March 14, 2012 will be required to comply with the 2010 Codes.

Update: Flood Map Revisions



Christopher Moss P. E. of Taylor Engineering, Inc., the contractor working with FEMA to develop and implement the new FIRM maps has provided an update on the process. The following information includes the main points and time frame.

The contractor and FEMA must publish the proposed Base Flood Elevations (BFE) online and in the Federal Register. The BFE information to be published in the Federal Register was approved by FEMA on July 25, 2011. The Federal Register has not determined when this information will be published.

The contractor must then publish a notice in the local newspaper telling residents where they can review

the proposed BFE's. This notice will appear twice within ten days.

Upon the second newspaper publication, the 90 day appeal process will begin. The communities will also receive a letter detailing all of this information.

Once all the appeals, if any, are resolved the appeals period will conclude and a Letter of Final Determination (LFD) will be issued.

The LFD sets the effective date as six months for adoption. During this period, Ponce Inlet will be revising our local ordinances to adopt the new maps. This will also include a review and approval by the State of Florida Flood Hazard Coordinator.

Mr. Moss is hopeful the LFD will be issued in March or April 2012. This would result in the effective date of adoption in September or October of 2012.

Business Tax Receipts

Just a reminder all Business Tax Receipts expired on September 30, 2011. If you have not received your renewal notice, please contact Ami Pierce in the Building Division at (386)236-2182 or apierce@ponce-inlet.org. Anyone considering opening a business in the Town please contact Ami Pierce in the Building Division at (386)236-2182 for application information.

... with Public Works

- Keith Gunter, General Manager



How to Contact Us:

Office: 4875 S. Peninsula Drive
Phone: 322-6729 / Fax: 322-6718

Hours: Mon – Fri, 8:00am – 4:30pm

E-mail: kgunter@ponce-inlet.org
arebello@ponce-inlet.org

Home Water Filters

Home water filters may improve the taste of you drinking water but they do not necessarily make the water any safer or healthier. Remember that these filters need regular maintenance. If the filter is not maintained, it can actually become a source of contamination. So always be sure to properly maintain and replace your filters as recommended by the manufacturer.

Leaving Town?: If you are leaving town, we recommend that you turn off the water supply to your residence. This prevents any leaks from occurring within your property, and will avoid a high utility bill and costly repairs. If you contact the Utility Billing Department with this request, staff can also lock your meter to prevent meter tampering and theft. There may be a fee for this service. Contact 236-2151 for more information.

Backflow Prevention Devices:

Staff would like to remind owners of businesses and multi-family resi-

dences that a Backflow Prevention Device (BPD) is required on ALL WATER LINES servicing the property. These devices must be tested each year and certificates must be kept on file at the Ponce Inlet Public Works facility. Certificates may be faxed to 322-6718 or mailed to Ponce Inlet Public Works Department at 4875 S. Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet 32127.

Water Meter Access: Please keep your water meters clear of vegetation, vehicles, and other obstacles as this hinders meter readings and repairs. Ready access to your meter is a *must*. Meters that need to be re-read due to blocked access are subject to additional fees.

Solid Waste, Yard Waste & Recycling:

Household trash (solid waste), Yard Waste, and Recycling services are provided by Waste Management. If you have questions, they can be reached at 673-0800, x-331 during normal business hours. Please keep in mind that large piles or special pick-ups may be assessed additional fees.

Yard Waste:

Yard waste should be bagged, boxed, and/or tied whenever possible. For large piles, branches must be cut to less than three feet in length. **Please do not block or cover storm drains, hydrants, sidewalks, roadways, or put debris under power lines or around street signs.** This will prevent the “claw truck” from accessing the debris pile for proper removal. **Please do not place your yard waste on a vacant lot or another person’s property.** Waste Management will not pick up trash or debris from vacant lots. In addition, you could be subject to

Code Enforcement fines.

www.sjrwmd.com.

Call Before You Dig: It is required by State law that you contact Sunshine State Locates at **1-800-432-4770** before doing any digging (hand or machine). This will prevent damage to buried cables, water lines, sewer lines, etc. and an unnecessary expense to you should you damage a utility.

Stormwater Maintenance: Please keep trash and yard debris from entering into storm drains. If you see a plugged or blocked storm drain, please contact Public Works and provide the location so that staff can address the situation. Please remember to bag or containerize all loose yard waste such as grass, leaves and trimmings for pick up. This type of debris can plug the stormwater system resulting in poor drainage and possible flooding.

Never pour anything into a storm drain. These drain directly into the inter-coastal waterway and cause pollutants to enter the system (paint, gasoline, concrete, solvents, etc...). If you witness someone putting chemicals or any other material into a storm drain, notify Public Works or the Police Department immediately.

Fertilizers: If you must use fertilizers, only use low-phosphorus, slow release varieties. There are educational materials regarding stormwater systems and water conservation available at the town hall and the Public Works facility. To learn more about Stormwater systems, please visit the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) at:

The county landfill is closed on Sundays.

Staff News

Congratulations to **Steve Linkfield** and **Ken Jones** on their promotion to Maintenance Tech II.

Thanks to **Wade Severson** for his service to the Town of Ponce Inlet Public Works Department. Wade is moving on to new opportunities. He has been an asset to our organization and we will miss him. Good luck Wade!

Parks in Ponce Inlet

The following is a list of the wonderful parks for your enjoyment in Ponce Inlet. This list is also available online and as a handout at Town Hall.

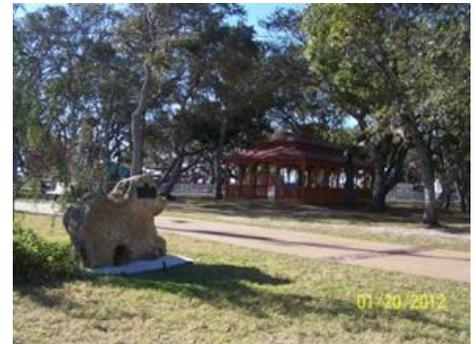
Ponce Preserve



Location: 4400 Block of South Atlantic and South Peninsula Drive. The Ponce Preserve is the town's largest park, offering approximately 40 acres and over 3,000 feet of nature trails with exercise stations along the way. It has two playgrounds and a lookout tower in the center of the park. Come see the 400-year old historic Green Mound Oak tree and base of the Green

Mound Indian midden. The Preserve offers restrooms and a 3,000 foot boardwalk through the wetlands with two canoe launches and fishing pier. Save time to walk to the beach over the dune walkover and enjoy the traffic free beach. Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk

Kay & Ayres Davies Lighthouse Park



Location: 4931 South Peninsula Drive. Kay & Ayres Davies Lighthouse Park is situated under the shadow of the historic Ponce DeLeon Light Station. In this 3-acre park you will find a playground and picnic area along with a gazebo and restrooms. The Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial in this park was dedicated on November 11, 2011. There is also a public boat ramp here, with limited parking available. The Mary Keller Bird Rehabilitation Center, Marine Science Center and Lighthouse Point Park are a short walk away. Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk



Timothy Pollard Memorial Park

Location: 4680 S. Peninsula. Timothy Pollard Memorial Park is an active park with many things to do.



Sitting on two acres adjacent to the Fire Department, this park is the hub of much activity with its playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts and skate park. If this is too much activity, you can sit at one of



the picnic tables and watch the kids play. Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk (Park), Skate Park 10am to 8pm only, Tennis and Basketball Courts close at 11:00pm

Happy Tails Dog Park



Location: 4702 S. Peninsula. Happy Tails sits on a 1/4 acre under tall oak trees. This park offers separate fenced areas for both small and large dogs so your dog can run around safely. This park also has benches for sitting and doggie bags to pick up after the dogs. Hours of Operation: 6am to 9pm

Timucuan Oaks Botanical Garden



Location: 4550 S. Peninsula. Nature trails wind through the 8-acre Timucuan Oaks Garden, with a picnic area tucked beneath the tree canopy. Future plans include an elevated boardwalk over the marsh with a gazebo and canoe launch. Construction is to begin within the next year. Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk

Elbers Sunset Park



Location: North end of Front Street. Elbers Park is a small pocket

park that provides a good fishing spot and an even better sunset view. This park sits on the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway where you can sit down on a bench and watch the boats go by. Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk



Wilbur Bay Wetlands



Location: 4324 S. Peninsula. Wilbur Bay Wetlands consists of 22-acres of wetlands, marsh and the southern tip of Wilbur Bay at the northern limits of the Town. Access is available at the southern edge of the property, where you can enjoy a quiet picnic area with a view of the mangroves. Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk.



PONCE INLET FIFTH ANNUAL MARDI CLAWS DOG PARADE



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 25TH
PARADE STARTS AT
11:00 AM.
CO-SPONSORED BY:
TOWN OF
PONCE INLET &
PONCE INLET
ANIMAL WELFARE**

Registration begins at 10:30 AM at Harbour Village Links parking lot
(south of Harbour Village Drive)

Parking behind 7-11 Store (north of Harbour Village Drive)

Parade end: Community Center parking lot for judging

Trophies in 10 categories:

Best in Show

Large dog costume, Mid-size dog costume, Small dog costume,

Beach theme costume, Mardi Gras theme costume,

Best dog group costume, Dog/Owner costume,

Friendliest dog, best Puppy costume

Ponce Inlet Police Department will be registering Ponce Inlet animals FREE at the Community Center (Please bring current rabies certificate. Cats may also be registered – animal does not need to be present)

P.I. Garden Club sponsoring raffle to benefit Halifax Humane Society
For further information, call (386) 763-9519

PICCI POINTS

..by Susie Hagey



It's really hard to try to step into the shoes of the past author of Picci Points, Mr. Bill Hibbert.

He did a terrific job of pointing out both past events and future events of the community center. I'm here now to try, so bear with me!

All is going well at the center under our new president, Jim Hinson. Past events included our Fall Flea Market which was a huge success – due to our leader, Carolyn Sprague. Most of the board members and many of our citizens have a hand in helping out. And speaking of that, MARCH 9 & 10 (Friday & Saturday), we're having our SPRING FLEA MARKET, under the same 'management', our own Carolyn Sprague! That means we're going to need lots of donations from our town's people so we can BEST the fall flea market. Do you know that we collect discarded items all year long? Setup for this event will be the day before. We'll be needing helpers and hopefully, some handsome, STRONG, men will volunteer.

Our Soup & Salad Dinner in November was great – and only \$7.50. This event was time for the community to get together and 'catch up.' We will have more in the future – but coming up next is our St.

Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance on March 17th. Of course our great chef, Jim Hinson, will be putting out a very tasteful spread. The support of our neighbors to buy tickets is really needed. All the information will be coming out in early March, so look for it.

Christmas has come and gone. There are still some Christmas cards that have not been picked up. Leaving Christmas cards at the center is a terrific way to remember as many as you want with a card & NO POSTAGE! Then there was the Christmas parade with PICCI being represented by Lou Perocier and his decorated red truck. A beautiful, decorated & lighted tree sat in the bed of the truck. Riding along with Lou was Carolyn Sprague. Bill & Shirley Hibbert walked beside the truck. And best of all in December, Kristi Drumheller's day for the younger children turned out to be a day the 'kids' will be looking for again next year. It's called KIDS FUN DAY and is sponsored by PICCI. There were 32 children, ages 6 months to 12 years, participating. The parents who had children under 5 years stayed for the day. There were arts, crafts, games and coloring activities during the day. Thanks go to the Ponce Church for setting up the tables and chairs, to the Children's Activities Committee for the donation toward the event and to Alan and Mary Ann Redinger for donating the pizza.

It was a good get together taking down the tree & decorations and sharing pizza & drink together in early January. Did you miss it? We always need helpers.

It has been almost three years since we've had COMMUNITY DAY at PICCI – it takes much effort to get it all together, but somehow Bill Hibbert has a big success in doing it! Of all the businesses that signed up to share with our community – only one didn't show up! We were treated to delicious treats from the restaurants, favors from other businesses, information from different departments of our town and museum, and invitations to join the Ponce Inlet clubs. Several raffles took place. IT WAS ABSOLUTELY A VERY FUN AND INFORMATIVE DAY! So, please remember to mark your calendar the next time PICCI has a Community Day.

Keep up with what is going on at the Ponce Inlet Community Center, Inc. (PICCI) by picking up a calendar of events each month at the center, by checking our sign outside, and by reading our bulletin board that is located on the outside of the front doors. Send us your ideas and suggestions.....and enjoy our beautiful town.

The following photos are of some of the many organizations and individuals that attended the Community Day at PICCI event mentioned above.





Ponce Inlet Garden Club



by **Mary Ann Redinger**

Happy New Year everyone! We hope your holidays were wonderful

and that you're looking forward to spring and getting outside in your yards and gardens or on your patios and balconies. The members of the Garden Club are busy bees and have a lot of projects in the works. This month the Ladies Day Out annual bus trip is a visit to Leu Gardens in Orlando. It's a beautiful venue and we are eager to see the Gardens plus have some time to have lunch out and shop! What could be better!

The Club's 30th Anniversary Celebration will be held this year on April 25th and will be commemorated in conjunction with our annual Arbor Day Celebration. During this celebration, The Garden Club presents \$3,500.00 in various scholarships. They are called the Margie Jones Memorial Scholarship Awards and all high school seniors living in Ponce Inlet are eligible to apply. There is an application form included in this newsletter. We encourage any Ponce Inlet high school senior to apply and take advantage of the opportunity for financial help with your continuing education. As a club, we are very proud to be able to give back to the young people of our community through this project.

Our Club was also proud to make a \$500.00 donation to the newly dedicated Veteran's Memorial located

in the Ayres and Kay Davies Park near the Lighthouse. This is a beautiful memorial and we hope you will take the time to visit the memorial, read the names on the memorial bricks, sit on the memorial benches, enjoy the beauty of the park and reflect on what our veterans have done and continue to do for our country.

Our members are looking forward to hosting our annual Ice Cream Social fund raiser from 1 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 6th. This is a community favorite and one you won't want to miss. Posters advertising this event will be showing up soon and will be chock full of all the details! Hope to see you there for cake, ice cream and fun!

Most everybody loves a good new cookbook and the Garden Club of Ponce Inlet is collecting favorite recipes in order to produce the best area cookbook yet! Judy Huggins is chairing this project and is asking you to donate your favorite recipes to this venture. You can either drop off your yummy concoction contributions in the Garden Club drop box at the Community Center or email them to Judy at judyhuggins@gmail.com. We are excited to take on this project and know the books will sell like hot cakes...or pies, or casseroles, or appetizers.....!! You won't want to miss having one and buying a few for much appreciated gifts.

The following is a little of what else is currently "in the works" and why we in the Garden Club are considered "busy bees":

The Garden Club was pleased to participate again this year in our local Community Day event held at the Community Center on January 28th. The Club will also be donating dog and cat raffle baskets for

the Mardi Paws Parade scheduled for February 25th. Proceeds will benefit the Halifax Humane Society. March 3rd is the date of the Lion's Club River Jazz and Art Festival to be held near Down the Hatch Restaurant. The Garden Club will have a booth set up at this event and be selling crafts. If you missed being able to purchase one of our "one of a kind" palm fish, this will be your chance to get one or more! Members have volunteered to provide cookies for the ribbon cutting at the newly re-designed beach access at the north turn on the beach. This event will be held on February 18th and will feature racing memorabilia which will include a race car driven by John Washington who was the husband of club member Alice Washington. The club held its first High Tea on January 20th and it was a great success. There will definitely be a 2nd annual High Tea event! We welcomed three new members and two guests at our January meeting. Our crafters began meeting again at the Community Center on January 30th. They create the items we sell at our arts and crafts fair and represent the wonderful talent pool we have within our membership! We are still collecting box tops and labels for education, pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House and food for the less fortunate.

If you'd like to join the Garden Club you can contact Eleanor Perocier at 760-9149 and she'll be happy to help you. Don't forget "The seeds we sow today become the flowers of tomorrow".





SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

GARDEN CLUB OF PONCE INLET MARGIE JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE: To assist in the continuing education of a high school senior upon graduation
CRITERIA: High school seniors living in Ponce Inlet are eligible to apply

\$1500

1. NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

2. CURRENT GPA _____ CLASS RANK/SIZE _____

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR VERIFICATION _____

3. ON A SEPARATE PAPER, PLEASE TYPE AN ESSAY ON THE TOPIC:
"MY TOWN, I'M PART OF IT, I'M PROUD OF IT." LIMIT THE ESSAY TO 500 WORDS.

4. PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME OF YOUR *SCHOOL, EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY* ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING THOSE **SPECIFIC TO PONCE INLET**), AND *EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION* YOU PLAN TO ATTEND FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

5. PLEASE ATTACH ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

6. PLEASE DROP OFF* OR MAIL (*preferred method*) YOUR APPLICATION TO:

THE GARDEN CLUB OF PONCE INLET
PONCE INLET COMMUNITY CENTER
4670 SOUTH PENINSULA DRIVE
PONCE INLET, FL 32127

DEADLINE: THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

CONTACT SHERRY UTTER 767-1669 or ponceutter@bellsouth.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION

*If you plan to hand deliver the application to the Community Center, please call 760-0615 for hours to ensure someone will be present to receive it.

Lions Club

Ponce Inlet Lions Club's, PAWS FOR PATRIOTS PROJECT raised \$10,000.00 dollars this past year (2011), to sponsor the training of a Veterans Assistance Dog" that will be partnered with a veteran suffering from PTSD. The dog will be trained by the South Eastern Guide Dogs. A check was presented to the South Easter Guide Dogs representative, Helen Arnold by Club event coordinators Kathleen Grisom, and Jennett Jones at our January 3, 2012 dinner celebration.

White Cane Days will be held on February 24th and 25th, between the hours of 8:00 AM-to 4:00 PM. We will be asking for donations at the Publix store on At-

lantic Ave. located in the Shores. The donations go toward helping people with eye problems.

On March 3rd the PI Lions is co-presenting with Down the Hatch, Jazz On The River, a "New Orleans" style jazz festival. (See Flyer below). Six (6) local jazz bands will be performing from noon until Sunset. Two food and refreshment tents will be provided and manned by Down the Hatch, and will consist of a Cajun oriented menu. Bars will be open.

General admission is \$5.00 (that will benefit many Lions Charities).

Children under 12 free, accompanied by adult. The Ponce Inlet Art Guild will be offering items for sale. The Ponce Inlet Garden Club will be selling decorative "fish" made from palm seed pods.

The flyer features a background image of a sunset over water with palm trees. The text is written in a stylized, bubbly font with yellow and red colors and drop shadows. The main title 'JAZZ on the RIVER' is at the top. Below it, the date 'March 3, 2012 - Noon-Sunset' is written. The number of bands '5 Jazz Bands' is in red. 'Continuous Entertainment' and 'Cajun Cuisine & Refreshments' are also in red. The entry donation 'Entry Donation \$5.00' is in yellow. The event is presented by the 'Ponce Inlet Lions Club' and 'Ponce Inlet Art Show'. The location 'DOWN THE HATCH 4894 Front St. Ponce Inlet' is at the bottom right. A Lions Club logo is in the bottom left corner.

JAZZ on the **RIVER**
March 3, 2012 - Noon-Sunset
5 Jazz Bands
Continuous Entertainment
Cajun Cuisine & Refreshments
Entry Donation \$5.00
Ponce Inlet Art Show
Presented by:
Ponce Inlet Lions Club
Benefitting Lions Charities
DOWN THE HATCH
4894 Front St.
Ponce Inlet

Women's Club

By by Alice Washington

The Women's Club ended 2011 on a high note. Their Holiday Boutique, held on November 9, 2011, was a huge success. Many beautiful items were auctioned. There was also a white elephant table that netted a nice sum of money. Proceeds from this event benefit the charities we donate to as well as our scholarship funds. At the conclusion of

the auction, a delicious lunch was served.

On December 14, 2011, many members enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at the Grille at River-view in New Smyrna Beach.

On January 11, 2012, the Club benefited from a "Lets Get Fit" program. We learned how to do various exercises without injuring ourselves. The program was very helpful to many members.

The program for the February 8, 2012, meeting will be how to ac-

cessorize with jewelry presented by Janet Miller. Also, we will be welcoming new members into the Club.

March is fast approaching and so is the Club's Annual Fashion Show which will be at the Halifax River Yacht Club. The gala will be held on March 14, 2012. Everyone is welcome to come out and view the beautiful fashions. Tickets are \$30 per person and are on sale at the Ponce Inlet Community Center. Raffle tickets will also be sold for the many great door prizes.

Save the Date!

*The Ponce Inlet Women's Club Fashion Show Luncheon Benefit
Supporting Scholarships for Education & Charities in the Community*



Rewards for Best Hats

March 14, 2012 - 10:30 am

Raffle for Grand Prizes

Halifax River Yacht Club

Benefit Ticket: \$30

Bring a friend, or 2 or more to fill a table of 8 or 10

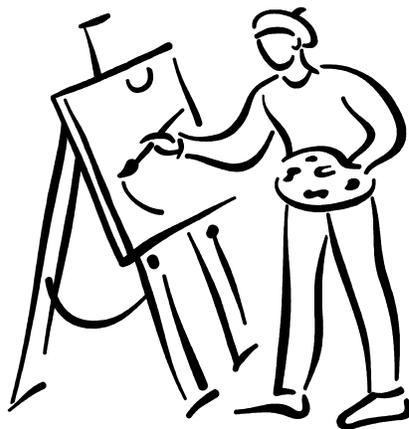
Contact Kay Brawley 322-4512 or Mary Lee Sturno 682-3364

Art Guild

by Diane Hand

The Art Guild of Ponce Inlet is still going strong and has added new members in the month of January. Our Art Show in November was a great success.

Many town people and loyal patrons stopped by to visit and purchase beautiful art. Our guest speaker on the 24th was J. Dorman, a well-known artist and crit-



ic. We brought in our own art to be critiqued.

The February meeting will have guest speaker Bobbi Baugh who

will speak on hand-printing monotypes - to incorporate into collaged or painted works.

In March we will participate in the Jazz and Art Festival on the riverfront. Also in March we will have guest speaker Jane Slivka who will demonstrate acrylic painting.

Please stop by a meeting and enjoy the benefits of being an artist or patron. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30.

Ponce Church



Ponce Church now offers 2 Services! Sundays 10AM in Ponce Inlet, 4670 S. Peninsula (meeting in the Community Center) and Saturdays 5PM Port Orange Campus, 815 Taylor Rd (next to Spruce Creek High School). Join us each week for Bible messages by Pastor Rick that will bring comfort, inspire faith, and help with troubling thoughts.

At Ponce Church you will enjoy a casual atmosphere, live contemporary worship led by our oldest son Rich on lead vocals and guitar, his new bride

Brandi on vocals and the electric piano and our youngest son Robert who plays the Djembe drum. You will also meet a great group of people of all ages. Ministries of Ponce Church include our Student Group ages 6th through 12th grade. Every week following our Saturday night service students go out and enjoy pizza, burgers or BBQ.

Ponce Church also offers a great Children's Ministry: Following worship all children meet in the children's room where they enjoy coloring, crafts and a mini Bible lesson. We also offer a class for children with Autism and other special needs.

Ponce Church is also active in helping families in our community and is also active in missions.

For more information and to access Pastor Rick's messages, visit our webpage: PonceChurch.com and at the top of the page on your right click "Podcast Sermons" and listen for free! You can also find us on FACEBOOK! Go to "Ponce Church-Surfside, Ponce Inlet, FL" here you will receive weekly updates and have access to each weeks messages.

See you Sundays at 10AM and Saturdays at our new Port Orange Campus at 5PM.

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse

.....Bob Callister, Programs Manager

Now that all Ponce Inlet residents receive free admission to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, here's what will be coming up over the next two months - **Mark your Calendars:**

Our very popular "Climb to the Moon" events will be held February 7, March 8 and April 6. These events sell out very quickly, so to avoid disappointment, call Mary at 761-1821, extension 10, and make your reservation for March (five spaces left), or April (ten spaces left), February is sold out. If you call too late for any of the above dates, there is always May 5, June 3 or July 3 to inquire about.

We will be holding our seventh annual Beach Racing Day, on February 24, this year. If you haven't experienced the joy of seeing these old timers (both cars and drivers) who raced on the beach in Ponce Inlet before 1959, you owe it to yourselves to come out to enjoy the day reminiscing with these true gentlemen of racing. The event is held in partnership with the Living Legends of Racing Museum in South Daytona, and Racing North Turn Restaurant, right here in Ponce Inlet.

On March 3, the lighthouse will host another kind of Antique Auto Exhibit in it's upper parking lot. The Volusia Region of the Antique Auto Club of America will have about 20 cars of all makes, models and years, on exhibit for the enjoyment of both residents of Ponce Inlet and any other visitors to the lighthouse that day.

Bike Week is really more that just a one week celebration, it lasts for many weeks during the spring and summer months in the area. This year the official dates will be March 9 through the 18th, and the light-

house will have family oriented activities from 12 to 2pm on March 9, 10 & 11, as well as on March 16 & 17.

We will close out March with two Saturday events on March 24 and March 31, to commemorate Florida Heritage Month. In partnership with Lilian Place, the historical house recently opened to the public in Daytona Beach, meet Captain Murphy there on March 24th, and/or come to the lighthouse on March 31 and rub elbows with re-enactors who will be on the grounds talking about Florida's involvement in the wars of the past 150 years. We plan to have re-enactors from the 2nd Seminole War, the Spanish/American War, the Civil War and WWII, on the grounds. They will not only talk with visitors to the lighthouse, but will have many artifacts on display.

April 21, 2012 will see Florida Lighthouse Day come once more to Ponce Inlet. This is an annual event



when the third Saturday in April is set aside to commemorate the 29 lighthouses that remain standing in Florida. Take this opportunity to learn more about these towers that have kept vigil for so many years, and have kept countless mariners safe since the first lighthouse was lit in Florida in 1824. Al-

so consider joining the Florida Lighthouse Association, the organization devoted to saving and restoring all of Florida's historic lighthouses.

Finally, have you signed up to receive our electronic newsletter *E-Lumination*? This monthly newsletter is designed to keep you informed of upcoming events, historical information, gift shop specials, and interesting news at Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. You can sign up directly by submitting your email from our newly designed website at www.ponceinlet.org. Please also support us by joining our growing social network by following us on Twitter and Facebook.

Your Ponce Inlet Fire Rescue Department assisting the control of an area wildfire.



ZUMBATHON®

For
Operation Changing Lives

**Sunday March 4, 2012
2-4PM (Doors Open at 1:30PM)**

**Featuring local Zumba® Fitness
Instructors**

**Ponce Inlet Community Center
4670 S. Peninsula Dr
Ponce Inlet, FL 32127**

OCL's primary purpose is to perform life-altering maxillofacial surgeries on disadvantaged patients with severe facial deformities, both in the United States and abroad

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Speed Weeks of Yesteryear

Racing on the Beach in Ponce Inlet



Beach course's North turn taken from the West side of Atlantic Avenue. Cars are leaving the beach and turning Southward.



North turn of course looking South.



South turn looking East, exiting Atlantic Avenue and returning to beach. This is currently the Beach Street approach.

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4670 South Peninsula Drive
Ponce Inlet, FL 32127-7134

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2010—2011 Membership Registration Form

I wish to become a new member _____ ; renew my membership _____

Enclosed is \$10 ___ \$15 ___ Other _____ (We can hope) contribution for my annual membership.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make all checks payable to Citizens For Ponce Inlet. Detach and mail to:

Alan and Mary Ann Redinger

139 Anchor Drive

Ponce Inlet, FL 32127-6901

(or leave in the Citizens For Ponce Inlet box at the Community Center)