



Citizens for Ponce Inlet

Newsletter

Dedicated to improving the quality of life in Ponce Inlet

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2012 Citizens of the Year Event

You are cordially invited to the annual Ponce Inlet Citizens of the Year Award Ceremony and Dinner to be held **Tuesday, May 8th** at the Community Center. The awards are given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community over the years and deserve to be recognized. This event is a celebration of one of the many reasons why we choose to live in Ponce Inlet and it deserves your support.

A BYOB happy hour will begin at 5:00 pm. to be followed at 6:00 by a short meeting voting for Citizens for Ponce Inlet board members and officers. This year's speaker will be our new Chief of Police, **Frank Fabrizio**. He will give a short presentation and answer any questions you may have. Following



Ponce Inlet Chief of Police Frank Fabrizio

Chief Fabrizio the two "Citizens of the Year" awards will be given. The lasagna dinner will be served at approximately 6:45.

Tickets for the event and lasagna dinner are only \$7.00 dollars and are on sale at the Community Center. Please see the flyer on page 15 for complete details.

The Board of the Citizens for Ponce Inlet has made the following nominations. For two year terms (2012—2014) as board members: Ginger Bayer, Kristi Drumheller, Don Hampton,

Mary Lou Hinson, and Jim Hinson.

For officers for the 2012-2013 year: Don Hampton – President, Jim Hinson - Vice President, Judy Huggins – Treasurer & Membership, Kristi Drumheller – Secretary.

We look forward to your attendance at this year's event. Your support and appreciation of these deserving Ponce Inlet citizens will be appreciated.

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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 Town of Ponce Inlet's arrangement with the Citizens For Ponce Inlet organization is that the Town of Ponce Inlet covers the cost of the printing of the newsletter in exchange for running information from all of the Town's departments. The Citizens For Ponce Inlet organization puts the newsletter together to include articles from all of the various organizations within the Town. The Citizens For Ponce Inlet organization 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 of Ponce Inlet spent \$6,075 in total for the four issues published last fiscal year.

The newsletter does not accept paid advertisements so please consider becoming a member of the Citizens For Ponce Inlet by completing the form on the last page of this publication. Your membership helps defray the costs of the many activities of this organization including postage for the newsletter, 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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Citizens For Ponce Inlet Board Members

**Ginger Bayer
Kristi Drumheller
Mary Lou Fillingame
Anthony Girolami
Don Hampton
Jim Hinson
Mary Lou Hinson
Judy Huggins
Alan Redinger
Mary Ann Redinger**

Beach Access Improvement Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



**Ponce Inlet Mayor Gary Smith
delivering proclamation with Councilman
Scott Meacham on right.**



Drivers signing autographs.



..... from the Town of Ponce Inlet



**..with Town
Manager,
Jeaneen Clauss**

Spring is in the air! Not that we faced much of a winter this year but it's still exciting to feel the fresh start of nature that comes with each spring. Ponce Inlet has a lot to offer for those who appreciate the natural habitat. Not only does our community boast of its pristine view of the ocean and the intercoastal waterway but we offer trails and boardwalks to provide access to areas that would otherwise be far more difficult if not impossible for most to see.

Our latest focus however was toward historic beach racing – highlighting another aspect of the Town's rich history. The Town proudly hosted the highly publicized and well-attended historic beach access improvement ribbon cutting ceremony on February 18th. The two beach access points for which façade improvements were made are the north and south turns of



the old beach racing track. The first is located next to the North Turn restaurant and the second is at the Beach Street beach ramp. Monuments commemorating historic beach racing are



in place, along with checkered flags and a checkered walkway. This drew a lot of attention from NASCAR with prior year Daytona 500 winner Trevor Bayne performing a media event with his car on Friday, February 17th to kick-off race week and then Richard Petty raising the checkered flag



the next day at the north turn monument. This project came about due to

the joint efforts of the Town of Ponce Inlet and Volusia County and many, many supportive volunteers in the Town.

Our next project will be restroom improvements for the Kay & Ayers Davies Lighthouse Park. These improvements will further enhance the features of this park, which now includes a lovely pavilion for your recreational use and the Ponce Inlet Veteran's Memorial Park for your reflection of the efforts and sometimes ultimate sacrifice of military service personnel.

The Town Council has now adopted a Mission Statement for its Town staff. Preliminary discussions of this began in January at the bi-annual goals workshop. The Town adopted a Vision Statement in 2002; the vision statement is the citizen's expression to the Council of how they want their community to be. The Town's Vision Statement is: *Ponce Inlet is and will be a residential haven for those persons who value nature, quiet, privacy. It offers a small town lifestyle where people feel safe and should have easy access to small scale businesses serving their needs. The community will continue to be particularly distinguished by its natural beauty and its access to nature. It has ensured that its built environment is of high quality and appropriate scale while protecting historic features. The*

community will be recognized for the professionalism and integrity of its government and the high level of citizen involvement and participation in the life of the community. A mission statement is the Council's means of conveying to staff how they would like them to carry out their assigned duties. The Town's first mission statement has now been adopted as follows: *The Town of Ponce Inlet staff shall be professional, caring, and fair in delivering community excellence while ensuring Ponce Inlet citizens obtain the greatest value for their tax dollar.*

Though we cannot do it all at once, we truly never stop in our efforts to improve your quality of life here in Ponce Inlet. Your thoughts and comments are welcome.

Town Regular Election – 2012. Ponce Inlet's election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 14th. Two seats will be up for election on the Town Council this year. Seat 2 and Seat 4 will be open for two year terms. Qualified candidates must be a resident of the Town for at least twelve (12) months and a registered voter in Volusia County for six (6) months prior to qualifying period. Qualifying period will begin on Monday, June 4th at 9:00 a.m. and will end on Friday, June 8th at noon. If you are interested in serving your Town in this manner, please contact

Deputy Town Clerk Kim Cherbano at 386-236-2150 for more information.

2012 Volusia League of Cities Distinguished Service Awards.

These awards are presented each year to recognize individuals who have made their communities and Volusia a better place to live. The Town is very proud to have two of its employees selected for this countywide recognition. Ami Pierce, Administrative Assistant in the Building and Code Division of the Planning and Development Department has been selected to receive the award as the Volusia League of Cities Administration and Planning Employee of the Year and Jeaneen Clauss, Town Manager has been selected to receive the award as the Manager of the Year. These awards are a great honor for both of them and for the Town as a whole.

Spotlight on ... Margi Richard



Margi Richard joined the Town of

Ponce Inlet in October 2001. She is a resident of Ponce Inlet, having moved here in 1996 from Inverness, FL. Before joining the Town staff, Ms. Richard served as a volunteer on the Park, Recreation, and Tree Advisory Board. She is also a member of the Ponce Inlet Garden Club. Ms. Richard has worked in several positions within the Planning & Development Department, first as Office Specialist and now as Development Review Clerk. Her primary role is to assist the public regarding the Town's development and zoning regulations. Given her interest and expertise in the natural environment, she also reviews tree removal applications and landscape plans, and is considered the office expert in that regard. Ms. Richard has been instrumental in the planning, funding, and development of many of the Town's parks, which is a subject she cares deeply about. Ms. Richard oversees the Town's grant applications and ongoing reporting obligations, such as for the Volusia County ECHO grants which helped fund the Ponce Preserve Park and Ponce Inlet Historical Museum. In addition to her many other duties, Ms. Richard serves as the recording secretary to the Planning Board and as the chief staff liaison to the Park Board, and also assists with audio-visual production at Council workshops. Given

her long history as part of the Town staff, Ms. Richard is an invaluable resource regarding the history of development in the Town over the past decade. Ms. Richard is available weekdays from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM and may be reached by calling (386) 236-2183 or by e-mail at mrichard@ponce-inlet.org.

Hurricane Season is Around the Corner!

This is the second consecutive run of this information but it is important. 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 support your local businesses! 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, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day and Wednesday July 4th in observance of In-

dependence 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.

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



..with Police Chief
Frank Fabrizio

Thank you for such a warm welcome to Ponce Inlet! Ponce Inlet is a wonderful community and I am honored to serve as your Chief. I would like to first start by thanking Lieutenant Max Binz for the excellent job he did as acting chief for the past five months. I know this has been a difficult time for the police department and the community in the loss and untimely death of Chief Lurcock. During

this trying time and search for a new chief, Lieutenant Binz maintained the consistency needed for our department and has paved the way for a smooth transition. I appreciate his knowledge, candor and passion for Ponce Inlet.

My career in law enforcement has been with the Orange County Sherriff's Office where I worked for the past 29.5 years. I served in a variety of positions such as Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Governmental Affairs, Gang Enforcement, Special Operations & Investigations and the Intelligence Section. The experience and training I received while at the Sheriff's Office has prepared me in a multitude of ways to serve as your Chief.

My management philosophy is simple:

Encourage partnerships between citizens and police in order to protect our community, build stronger neighborhoods and focus on the prevention of crime instead of merely solving crime.

Be an active part of the community and the town's management team.

Ensure the agency operates based on the values of honesty, integrity and ethics.

Provide mentoring and professional development for agency

members to assist them in meeting their career goals.

As your Chief, my goals for the Ponce Inlet Police Department are as follows:

To have a police department that serves and protects its citizens with fairness and professionalism.

To operate a police department that is visible and responsive to the needs of the community.

To have the Ponce Inlet Police Department to be recognized as a model agency in the law-enforcement community.

I look forward to maintaining the tradition of being one of the safest towns in America. I am happy to call Ponce Inlet my home.

Speaking of safety, are you going on vacation or to your second home up north?

Preventing crime during family travel starts with making sure your home is protected while you are away. Here are some helpful hints to make your home look like you never left:

Ask a neighbor to tend to your yard or plants and to remove debris or advertising fliers from your door, driveway or yard.

- Use at least two light timers set to turn on and off in a logical sequence when you are away from home for an extended time period.

•Stop mail and newspaper service (usually can be done easily online)

•Make sure all of your doors and windows are locked, make necessary replacements of faulty locks before you leave.

•Keep up with normal maintenance of your home and trim trees and shrubs.

If you have a security system, please activate the system when you leave.

Please remember if you are going to be out of Town or away for an extended period of time, it is recommended that you fill out a Vacation House Watch Form. These forms are available online or in the lobby of the police department. During the time you are away we will make checks of your residence.

Make your family vacation a memorable one for all the right reasons!



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 1 month 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: We are now in the height of the spring dry season. By all accounts, this year expects to be one of the driest on record. 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 warm winter the area experienced has further exacerbated 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.

Smoke Alarms (Smoke Detectors): You remembered to set your clock ahead but did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors?



One of the most important fire safety devices for the home is the smoke alarm. After becoming available in the early 1970's, home smoke alarm sales grew rapidly and the price fell. Today, smoke alarms can be purchased for under \$10.

Several studies have concluded that when working smoke alarms are present, fire fatalities are cut in

half. The smoke alarms currently in place have saved thousands of lives, but several problems exist. First, the 12% of homes without alarms have more than half of the fires; second, it is estimated that a third of the smoke alarms in place are not working, often due to failure to replace a worn out battery; and third, many homes do not have as many smoke alarms as are needed to protect the home's occupants properly.

The primary job of the smoke alarm is to protect you from fires while you are asleep. Smoke alarms should be located between any sleeping persons and the rest of the house and outside bedrooms or sleeping areas.

Smoke alarms only have a useful life of about ten years. At that age they should be replaced, even if they seem to be working. This will assure that the alarm will be working when you need it.

Even though prices of today's smoke alarms are less expensive than you might have paid some years ago, today's alarms are more reliable. It is usually not worth keeping an old alarm rather than buying a replacement. As a reminder, some smoke alarms are hooked to the home's 110v electric system and require some special knowledge to safely replace. It is always best to have a licensed electrician or fire alarm specialist

change out these type of smoke alarms.

If you have any questions regarding some alarms, please feel free to contact Lt. Derek George at (386) 322-6703 or send an email to firemarshal@ponce-inlet.org.



Volunteer Firefighter Spotlight



PIFD Volunteer Kyle Oberst is a Volusia County native that was raised on the beachside

of Daytona Beach, where he continues to reside currently. Kyle has been an extremely active volunteer, even completing his monthly required service hours while he was finishing the Paramedic program at Daytona State College. After completing the program, Kyle went on to pass the Florida State Paramedic Exam and is a Florida Certified Paramedic. Kyle has also completed Fire

Standards I & II and the EMT program through DSC. Kyle has been very beneficial to have here at the station as he has shown a desire to learn as well as a high level of competency assisting on EMS calls. PIFD and the citizens of Ponce Inlet are very fortunate to have volunteers such as Kyle that selflessly donate their time and skills in an effort to help make Ponce Inlet a better and safer place to live.

Leadership Awareness Class

Ponce Inlet Fire Rescues' Leaders have just begun attending a two year long leadership training program along with members of other Southeastern Volusia County fire departments.

The three shift Lieutenants, Derek George, Mike Young and Susanne Williams, completed both the Myers-Briggs personality test and a leadership style questionnaire prior to the first days training.

Their instructor is Joseph V. Coury, the CEO of Wide Awake Leadership, a Professional Coach, Trainer, Nationally Recognized Speaker & Author.

After the first day of training, the attendees had a better idea of how to more effectively communicate with people. They have a better grasp of how different types of people think and react to each other both on the job and at home,

based on their “World View”.

For the students, the first class was very informative and made them more self-aware of their strengths and weaknesses based on their personalities and leadership style. They are looking forward to Joe’s future instruction, as well as guest speakers.

Hydrant Maintenance



As you walk your dog, ride your bicycle, or take a nice drive along the streets of Ponce Inlet you might come across one of your local Ponce Inlet Firefighters at a fire hydrant. This month the Ponce Inlet Fire Department is doing their annual maintenance and flushing of the Towns fire hydrants. This ensures they are in working order in case they are needed in an emergency, such as a fire.

Pump Operations Training



During the month of March, Firefighter Shannon Humphries and Driver/Engineer John Brooks attended the Hydraulics and Apparatus Operations Program at Daytona State College. The month long class focuses on the responsibilities of the Driver in attaining a water supply for the Fire Engine and performing the various pumping functions in order to make sure the attack team has the water they need to effectively fight fire. The course focuses on both ground level and high rise operations as well as wild land fire where water is scarce. Both Humphries and Brooks excelled in the program, earning above average grades and will now sit for the Florida State Hydraulics and Apparatus Operations certification exam. Training classes like these are essential in keeping our firefighters well prepared for the job of keeping Ponce

Inlet and its citizens safe.

Additionally, during the first week of April, all of the Fire Departments full-time staff will be participating in hands-on field pump training being held at station 53 in New Smyrna Beach and hosted by the Port Orange Fire Department. This training will provide real life pump operations designed to enhance current skill levels, and to provide new fire operations challenges for our staff to solve. The cities of Port Orange, New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater, and South Daytona are also participating in the training program, which will enhance the program even more by allowing Ponce Inlet firefighters to interact and train with their neighboring firefighters. This type of interaction is invaluable when it comes to working on actual emergency scenes with our neighboring cities.



**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

...with Aref Joulani, Director



Planning and Zoning

Museum Volunteers Needed:

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

Parks, Recreation & Tree advisory board to welcome new member:

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Brian Smith to the Ponce Inlet Parks, Recreation & Tree advisory board. The next meeting is April 23, 2012 at 6:00pm. The board has two regular seats and two alternate seats still available. Please contact any member of the Planning & Development staff if you are interested in serving on this volunteer board.

Building & Flood Plain Management



Changes to the Florida Building Codes

The Florida Building Commission has Approved the 2010 Florida Building Codes. The new codes became effective March 15, 2012. All permits submitted are required to comply with the 2010 Codes.

... with **Peg Hunt, Code Enforcement Officer & Jerry Peck, Code Compliance Inspector**

How to Contact Code Enforcement:

Ms. Hunt @ 236-2187

E-mail: phunt@ponce-inlet.org

Mr. Peck @ 236-2186

E-mail: jpeck@ponce-inlet.org

Website: www.ponce-inlet.org

Code board to welcome new member:

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Jeanette Kellum to the Ponce Inlet Code Enforcement Board. The next meeting is April 23, 2012 at 9:30am. The board has one alternate seat still available. Please contact any member of the Planning & Development staff if you are interested in serving on this volunteer board.

Property Maintenance: It is every property owner's responsibility to ensure that vegetation does not obstruct roadways or sidewalks. Vegetation must be trimmed or removed to allow safe passage of all traffic. Plants with sharp thorns are not allowed to be planted within three feet of any sidewalk or roadway.

Rental Permits: Rental permits are required for all properties offered for rent or lease. Short-term rentals (less than 28 days) are not allowed in any single-family residence or any other property where short-term rentals are prohibited.

Vegetation Disposal: Tree trimmings, grass clippings, and other vegetative debris must be placed at the curb for pick up. For large piles or to schedule a special pick up, contact Waste Management at 673-0734. All small vegetation (leaves & grass cuttings, etc.) must be bagged or containerized. Lawn maintenance or tree trimming companies hired by the property owner are responsible for the removal and proper disposal of all debris generated by them.

RV and Boat parking/storage: Recreational vehicles are allowed to be parked in the driveway for a maximum of 48 hours per 7 con-

secutive day period. Boats and boat trailers are allowed to be parked in the driveway for a maximum period of 24 hours per 7 consecutive day period. At all other times, these vehicles must be stored in a carport or enclosed building, or behind the nearest portion of the principal structure to the street. Corner lots have additional restrictions.

Signs: New sign regulations are in effect. Please check the new regulations before displaying any signage.

Irrigation Rules: New irrigation rules are in effect as of March 11, 2012:

2nd Sunday in March to 1st Sunday in November (Daylight Savings Time) – water twice a week, as follows:

Even number addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday only;

Odd number addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday only.

Additional restrictions may apply. Please visit www.floridaswater.com.

It's EZ to remember: *change the clocks, change the irrigation timers!*

... 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

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.

What is a Backflow?

Backflow is when water flows in the opposite direction from its normal flow. With the direction of the flow reversed, due to a change in pressures, backflow can allow contaminants to enter our drinking water system through cross connections. There are two types of backflow; backsiphonage and backpressure.

Backsiphonage is caused by a negative pressure in the supply line to

a facility or plumbing fixture. A few ways backsiphonage may occur are during water line breaks, when repairs are made to the water lines and when shutting off the water supply.

Backpressure can occur when the potable water supply is connected to another system operated at a higher pressure, etc. Principal causes are booster pumps, pressure vessels and elevated plumbing.

Why should we be concerned?

Backflow can allow contaminants to enter our drinking water system. The Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection categorizes possible contamination hazards as either high or low.

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:

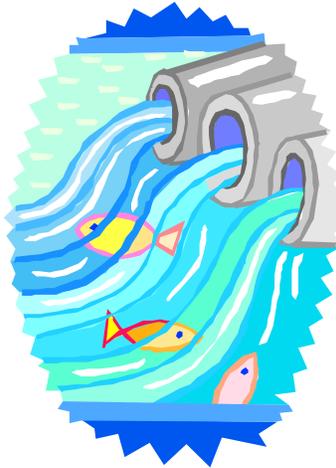
Household trash (solid waste), Yard Waste, and Recycling services are provided by Waste Management. If you have questions, they can be reached at 673-0800, x-331 during normal business hours. Please keep in

mind that large piles or special pick-ups may be assessed additional fees.

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.



Never pour anything into a storm drain. These drain directly



The county landfill will be close on Sundays.



Staff News

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.

Keith Gunter attended and completed Water Distribution I course.

Jeff Miller attended and completed Water Distribution Level II course.

Welcome to our new Maintenance Technicians Curtis Mitchell and Kenneth Sinisi.

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.

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: www.sjrwmd.com.



PICCI POINTS

..by Susie Hagey



All's well at the community center. The March Flea Market, overseen by Carolyn Sprague, brought in the most money ever. The PICCI Board thanks



all who participated – either by donating items to sell or by working on those days. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance was a huge success. All had a great time and as usual the food was delicious and plentiful, thanks to Chefs Jim Hinson & Jerry McHugh.

What's new in the exercise programs is that we now have ZUMBA which is held every Friday at 9:30 a.m. Tamika is a great instructor and the pounds will melt off as you shake your 'booty.' She only charges \$6. The other exercise classes are still ongoing: every Monday morning at

10:30 a.m., Kathleen has a toning class for \$5; every Monday & Wednesday night (except the first Wed. of the month), Denise has Yoga at 7:00 p.m. for \$7; and Kathleen also has aerobics on every Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 in the morning for \$5. Participating in these programs have helped improve health and formed great friendships.

Coming up is our yearly 'Red, White & Blue Dinner Dance' on May 19. This is the time when PICCI honors all veterans. All who wish to participate are asked to bring in pictures and whatnots to share. The cost is \$15.00. The door opens at 5:00 p.m. for cocktails, dinner at 6:00 p.m. then dancing. We're looking forward to another great fun time. Check out the poster in this newsletter.

Faye McHugh has now become PICCI's Event Coordinator. She is

a great person to work with when you want to have a party, wedding, anniversary, etc. You may get in touch with her at [386-846-0814](tel:386-846-0814).

An event at the center on 7/31 is Cherise's Heavenly Fitness, a Zumba Master Class. The instructor is from Belgium, Oumar Chabara-Aamara. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. – class begins at 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees is looking forward to installing new carpets soon!

Keep up with what is going on at PICCI by picking up a calendar of events each month, by checking the sign out front, and by reading our bulletin board located on the wall by the doors outside. Send us your ideas and suggestions,,,,,and enjoy our beautiful town.





PICCI



presents

Red, White, Blue

Honoring all Veterans



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Dinner/Dance

\$15.00

BYOB Cocktails 5:00—6:00

Dinner 6:00—7:00

Double Trouble
7:00—10:00



Menu

Pork Chops

Au Gratin Potatoes

Vegetable

Salad

Rolls

Dessert

Please drop off a framed photo of yourself in uniform at the Community Center prior to the event. We will hang these on the "WALL OF HONOR" for this event.

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS

*Purchase tickets at the Community Center
760-0615*



**Citizens for Ponce Inlet
2012
Citizen of the Year
Awards Dinner & Ceremony**

Let's all celebrate with our 2 new Ponce Inlet Citizen's of the Year

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

5:00 Happy Hour—BYOB

6:00 Speaker & Presentations

6:45 Lasagna Dinner

Tickets \$7.00

Make checks payable to Citizens for Ponce Inlet



**Speaker Frank G. Fabrizio
Ponce Inlet Chief of Police**

**Tickets on sale at the
Ponce Inlet Community Center**

Everyone Welcome

Ponce Inlet Garden Club

As always, the Garden Club members have been very busy since the last newsletter.

In December, the Town had a Holiday Parade, and the Garden Club won "Best in Show" for their float! The Red Cedar tree which was on the float was planted at the Ayres Davies Park at the Lighthouse. Good Work, Ladies! We hope to plant a tree from our float next year, too !

The Club had their first High Tea in January which proved to be a very successful and fancy affair. The club will be making the High Tea an annual event. Thanks to everyone for their help and for all the delicious tea sandwiches and desserts.

A Certificate of Appreciation from the Town of Ponce Inlet was awarded to the Garden Club for the generous donation of a garden, helping to beautify the North Turn Beach Ramp. The plants were purchased from Full Moon Natives. The club also donated baked goods for the Dedication Event which also was held at the North Turn Ramp on February 18th.

We had a booth at the Lion's Club Jazz on the River and Art Festival at Down the Hatch held on March 3rd, where we were selling our famous "Fish wall hangings" ! We are also going to have a booth at the Shrimp Festival at Inlet Harbor Restaurant on April 21st and 22nd. So, if you are interested in our "Fish", come see us !

The Club went on a field trip on March 30th to Cracker Creek in Pt. Orange. That area is one of the pristine "Old Florida" sites in our area. A must see if you have never been there.

Our Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 25th at the Community Center at 10:30 am. Arlene Conklin is

the Chairperson for this event. Many community awards are planned for this luncheon. The Club will be giving \$3,500 in scholarship monies to the Ponce Inlet graduating high school seniors who were chosen by the Scholarship Committee. The Longstreet Elementary School "Teacher of the Year" will be honored at the luncheon and a poem and art work about Arbor Day will be selected from the Longstreet students' entries. Each year, we donate a tree which is planted in the town in honor of Arbor Day. A Live Oak Tree was purchased from Lindley's Nursery and Garden Center in New Smyrna Beach and will be planted on April 11th at the Town Hall. Also, we will be celebrating the Garden Club's 30th Anniversary at the Arbor Day Luncheon.

New Officers have been chosen and will be installed at the May meeting. They are:

President - Trish Humphrey
1st Vice President - Ginger Bayer
2nd Vice President - Kathy Cannon
Recording Secretary - Dale Meagley
Corresponding Secretary - Rosemary Volz
Treasurer - Ada Landers

We are very proud to announce the winners of our Beautification Awards for 2011 - 2012:

Sept: Mary and Bill Walsh at 74 Rains Court; **Oct:** Carolyn Cribb Day and Jean Marc Poitras at 80 Inlet Point Blvd.; **Nov:** Cecil and Joyce Henley at 70 Loggerhead Ct. ; **March:** Jim and Pam Patterson - 106 Ponce de Leon Circle; **April:** Scott and Kristi Drumheller at 124 Ponce de Leon Circle;

May: Winners will be announced in the next issue.

Also, The Garden Club Holiday Lights Award was presented in December to Doyle and Betty Haynes at 115 Ponce de Leon Circle. Congratulations to the Winners !

We are putting together a cookbook filled with wonderful recipes submitted by our members and friends. We are in need of side dishes, main dishes and vegetable recipes so if you have a recipe; or a recipe with a story to share, please contact Judy Huggins by e-mail at judyhuggins@gmail.com or stop by the Community Center and drop off your recipe. The cookbook will be completed and for sale next fall...we have many wonderful cooks in our club....they're not just gardeners !

The Ice Cream Social will be held, at the Community Center on May 6th....from 1pm - 4pm. The theme will be "A Garden Party". Joyce Belcher is the Chairperson this year. There will be a bake table, raffle baskets, a White Elephant room, and the Kids Zone; along with lots of cake and ice cream. This is always a very popular and well attended event. Hope to see you there.

May is our final meeting for this year, and the 2012-2013 year will begin with a luncheon on September 26th. Even though there are no luncheons during the summer, the club members will be making crafts and preparing for our Arts and Craft Show which will be held October 12th and 13th at the Community Center from 10:00am - 4:00 pm each day.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club, applications can be obtained at the Community Center. We are so pleased to announce, there are over 110 members in our club.....!

Thank you to all the ladies in the Garden Club and to The Executive Board members that will be stepping down; you have worked very hard over the past years to make our Garden Club so successful! Have a Wonderful Summer, and don't forget to plant some seeds, because, "The seeds we sow today become the flowers of tomorrow."

Ponce Inlet Lions Club

Was it the music? The setting? The food? Maybe all of the above helped to draw more than 1,500 people to an afternoon of Jazz on the River

March 3, sponsored by the Ponce Inlet Lions Club.



The fundraiser netted \$3,500 to directly benefit Lions charities, and in addition, helped the local Spruce Creek high school band raise money, through performance fees, for a trip to Ireland in 2013.

Some festival-goers said that the biggest benefit was intangible – the sense of community that the festival created. “We hope this will become a major annual event,” said Lion Tom Gannaway, chairman. With just over two months to pull the festival together, the Lions, their spouses and friends all pitched in, including co-sponsor Down the Hatch restaurant, which prepared a menu of Cajun foods for the outdoor kitchen.

The setting was a hillside overlooking the Halifax River, where a stage was set up along the water’s banks. Six bands entertained, and in addition, the Ponce Inlet Women’s Club, Garden Club, Art Guild were on hand. Among the other sponsors were Mercedes-Benz of Daytona, McColly Real Estate, Florida Community Bank, Donna-Marietta PA and Jan Gregory PA. A surprise personal donation of \$10,000 was made by resident Margo Whalen to Paws for Patriots, another Lions initiative, to cover

the cost of providing a trained helper-dog to a returning veteran.

Other exhibitors included the Conklin Center for the Blind, the Daytona Beach Symphony Society, the Halifax Humane Society and the Museum of Arts & Sciences.

All aspects of the event were arranged by member Lions, and although most were exhausted by the end of the day, one member said: “Despite

the work, we had a great time doing this. The Lions are truly an outstanding group of people.”

PONCE INLET LIONS CLUB 20th ANNIVERSARY 2012

Ponce Inlet is known by those of us who live here for its high degree of volunteerism. For example, in 1982 Bill and Hazel Dauksis founded the Ponce Inlet Lions Club. Bill had been a Lion in Pennsylvania and he wanted to continue the good work and camaraderie in his new hometown. In order to be granted a charter, he needed a group of at least 12 citizens who would commit as members and he easily found those volunteers to serve the larger community. This club now has more members than many other communities in our area with much higher populations.

The club will celebrate its 20th anniversary at Inlet Harbor on June 6 at 6 PM. According to Lion President Jeff Folmer, it will be an informal event focused on fun with a few awards also issued during the evening. The event is open to Lions only and the maximum number of participants is 50.



Children's Activity Committee

The Children's Activity Committee is made up of a small group of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to organize recreational activities primarily for the children and grandchildren of those who live in Ponce Inlet. We hold three holiday parties each year at Easter, Halloween and Christmas, all at no cost to the participants. We are extremely grateful for the support of the Ponce Inlet Women's Club, Garden Club and Lions Club and private contributors for their financial support, without which we would not be able to continue these parties.

It is said that it takes a village to raise a child – in our case it takes a town to provide these parties for our children. Our committee is in need of new members and new ideas so we can continue to host these parties. If you would like to help in the planning, but want to enjoy the parties with your children, we welcome you to join us. Please call Margi at 236-2183 or Mary Lou at 767-9186 for more information.



Ponce Inlet Women's Club

The Ponce Inlet Women's Club held their Annual Fashion Show at the Halifax Yacht Club on March 14, 2012 (see pictures on next page). Thanks to the many businesses and community citizens that gave generously with donations valued at \$7,000 at this year's benefit. Benefit Chair Kay Brawley announced that over \$6,600 was raised in proceeds by the 190 attendees at this year's show. The proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund at Daytona Beach College, the Helping Hands Program of the Women's Center at DBC and other local social service and cultural organizations. Congratulations to Kay Brawley and her committee for a job well done! The event was a huge success.

Our Club participated in the Jazz on the River Festival which was held on March 3, 2012 on the grounds of Down The Hatch. This event was presented by the Ponce Inlet Lions Club to benefit their many charities. Our Club sold raffle tickets on many beautiful baskets. There were several lucky winners and I wasn't one of them. Despite the severe winds, the turnout was very good.

At our April 11, 2012 meeting club members will be enjoying a

program on "Woman's Health". There will also be the installation of new officers for the year 2012-2013.

The Club will be on hiatus for the summer months so May 9, 2012 will be our last meeting until September 12, 2012. On behalf of our Club, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN

The Ponce Inlet women's club Genesis scholarship will foster motivation of a female student to pursue continuing education in either a certificated or degree program.

Applicant must be female and currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program taking at least six credit hours.

Applicants must reside in eastern Volusia County (Ponce Inlet, Wilbur by the Sea, Daytona Beach Shores, Daytona Beach and Port Orange). Post Office box addresses are not accepted.

The scholarship of \$1000.00 pays for tuition or books. Checks will be made payable directly to the applicant's educational institution.

Deadline for submission of application is April 25, 2012.

Please email Mrs. Marian O. Kelly at: modonnell29@yahoo.com for further information or an application.

The Ponce Inlet Women's Club Annual Fashion Show



(L-R): New member models of PIWC are JoAnn Doyle, Ruth Snyder, Linda Leedy, Sandy Grierson, MaryBeth Eldridge, Nancy Fowler, with Fashion Coordinator MaryLee Sturno and Model Escort Jack Sturno.



(L-R): Happy winner of the "Best Fashion Hat" Show prize: Ernie Dyer with Judge Faye Frayhle, TV/Radio personality from Boca Raton .



President Marlene Heiden models the high bid silent auction item of the famous Highway Men painting, donated by Anne Peacock Jacobs .



(L-R): Benefit Chair Kay Brawley, Auctioneer Donna Marietta and Guest Emcee Magic 107 Leslye Gayle cheer the success of the PIWC affair .

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 28, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Ponce Inlet Veteran's Memorial

4931 S Peninsula Dr



*Thanks to all who donated to help build the Memorial.
It is finally all paid for.
Please join us on Memorial Day.*

Art Guild

by Diane Hand

The Art Guild is having a very exciting year. We have had past and new members joining us this Spring. Our programs have been very interesting and our refreshments delicious! We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Community Center at 1:30. Our April meeting will feature Barbara Baldwin – a multi talented artist and a member of our Guild. She will be demonstrating portraiture. We would like to have more of our neighbors join us as artists or patrons. We feature something for everyone! Every Tuesday at 1:00 a few of us meet at the Community Center to paint, help, and share with each other. Please stop in. Looking forward to our next meeting!

'MARDI CLAWS' PARADE A BARKING SUCCESS

Ponce Inlet's fifth annual Mardi Claws Parade, held on Saturday, February 25, drew a sizable crowd and a long list of entries. The dressed-up doggies ranged from a Great Pyrenees duo (both wearing white fur coats) to a Chihuahua in full motorcycle regalia --- replete with leather hat and a matching jacket. Approximately fifty dogs were entered in the parade, each of them vying for one of ten categories.

Co-sponsored by the Town of Ponce Inlet and Ponce Inlet Animal Welfare (PiAW), the "Paw Parade" started at the Harbour Village Links parking lot, then proceeded south to the Community Center.

Though the mid-morning breeze was brisk, it was not strong enough to sway the enthusiasm of either participants or staff. Leading the march down Peninsula Drive was the Grand Marshall, Edwina Knox, who in perfect parade attire, brought her legion of loyalists to a final stop in the Center's parking lot. Once there, dogs and their owners relaxed their march-steps and mingled in happy camaraderie. While dogs lapped water or schmoozed the crowd, their excited

humans exchanged their individual experiences about the event. It seemed that from everyone's point of view --- from dog owners to onlookers, and to the pooches themselves --- all enjoyed being part of the festivities.

On-site at journey's end were colorful t-shirts and totes with the PiAW logo, plus goody bags for doggies (donated by Petco, Pet Supermarket and Pet Supplies Plus, all of Port Orange). Also at the ready were raffle tickets for three beautifully arranged gift baskets (for our pet-friends, of course), donated by the Garden Club of Ponce Inlet, which raised \$75 for PiAW and \$75 for the Halifax Humane Society. There were many other donations as well, including a \$100 gift by Howard and Lois Paritsky, plus a generous \$50 contribution from Bill Davis which, all in all, made for a successful fund-raising event.

Another highlight of Mardi Claws was the little black dog that the Halifax Humane Society brought to the event --- friendly and loving as can be! His name is "Blaze." And bottom line: He found a 'forever home' in Ponce. Kudos to PiAW and HHS for making yet another miracle happen!

Though there were many registrants in the Mardi Claws parade, only a few would take home a trophy. There were ten categories in the event: Best in Show; then large dog, medium-sized dog and small dog costumes; beach theme; Mardi Gras theme; best dog-group costume; best puppy costume, best dog/owner costume; friendliest dog. Amongst generous applause and lots of good cheer, trophies were handed out to each of the category winners. Although not all dogs and owners could receive a trophy, each entrant received a commemorative paw print medallion by which to remember the event. It is safe to say that each and every dog, including their proud owners, was a winner that day.

Many thanks to all who participated, and may next year be even bigger!

Ponce Inlet Animal Welfare



Ponce Inlet Animal Welfare, or PiAW, was formed in June of 2009 and operates with approval of the Town of Ponce Inlet. Our efforts focus on reducing overpopulation of free roaming cats in our Town and we operate solely through committed and trained volunteer caregivers. The technique used is

“Trap, Neuter and Return” (TNR) in which the animals are sterilized, tested for disease and vaccinated before being released back into their environment. We began by helping cats in the original colony which is located near one of our local fine restaurants. Those cats have all been either spayed or neutered and are living the good life with ample food, fresh water and any necessary medical care being provided for them. PiAW is also currently working with the cats around another local restaurant and marina in an effort to control the free roaming population there. Almost all of us have seen homeless and abandoned cats in our neighborhoods...the need is all around us and helping these animals provides a cleaner, safer and healthier environment for everyone.

FYI, on April 16th Halifax Humane Society is opening the Redinger

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic at 600 Mason Avenue, Suite 150, Daytona Beach. This clinic creates the ability to perform nearly three times the number of surgeries of a standard clinic and has the capacity to provide up to 11,000 low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for the public each year in addition to the 4,000 all ready performed at HHS. These services are provided at a much reduced rate based on income. It is a welcome and much needed addition to our area and hopefully, it will encourage folks to help more and more animals.

There are so many that need our help and very few willing to take on the task. If you'd like to become a caregiver or make a donation of dollars, time or food, please contact PiAW at 756-1467 or mail your donation to 139 Anchor Drive, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127. Thank you!

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 in Ponce Inlet and Saturdays at our new Port Orange Campus at 5PM.

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse

.....Bob Callister, Programs Manager

We open this issue of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse report with some very good news. The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation had given the Lighthouse its annual Outstanding Achievement Award in the field of Preservation Education/Media for the Library Box and the Keeper in the Classroom school outreach programs. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is very honored to accept this prestigious award which will be given at the 2012 Preservation Awards Ceremony on May 18 in Gainesville.

The Lighthouse continues hosting its ever-popular "Climb to the Moon" event. This event, which always sells out, is held monthly when the moon is full and the moon-rise and sun-set are within minutes of each other. If you haven't experienced the thrill of seeing the sun-set/moon-rise AND toured the Lantern Room, normally off-limits to the general public, call [386-761-1821](tel:386-761-1821), extension 10, and make your reservations for one of our future events with Mary Clancy, your congenial hostess for the climb. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling beverage at the top of the tallest lighthouse in Florida. Although we are sold out for April through July, you may call Mary to reserve your spot for the August through December events.

On April 21, 2012, we will host Florida Lighthouse Day, at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. In addition to the Artifact Table, Kid's Crafts, Florida Lighthouse Challenge, "Keeper's Office" and the Crystal Radio (at the top of the tower), we will have two new workshops for your family enjoyment. The Communications workshop will introduce the kinds of communications used by lighthouse personnel from the Civil War on up to WWII. Also, we will have a story teller enthralling the children with stories about lighthouse families and lighthouse kids from the 1700s to the turn of the century.

We will host National Museum Day on May 18th, from 10am to 2pm, during which we will have family oriented workshops as well as a few surprises for attendees.

Come and help celebrate Armed Forces Day

(Saturday, May 19) at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. Free admission will be given to any active duty or retired armed forces personnel from 10am until 5pm that day.

On May 27 and 28, we will host Family FUN Days at the Lighthouse, from 10am to 2pm. On May 27th, come and listen to Ashley Moore tell her fascinating stories of lighthouse families. Then on May 28th, Memorial Day, come experience our new Reflections on Light exhibit in the Principal Keeper's House.

June 19, 20, 21 and 27 will be Family FUN Days at the Lighthouse once again. Each day will bring a new bit of lighthouse history to life as our volunteer staff relates the history of the light as you tour the historic grounds.

Music lovers take note! The Daytona Horn Workshop Concert will be held at the Lighthouse on the morning of July 14th, at 11:30am. Not only will you hear some beautiful classical music, but you will be supporting the many amateur and professional musicians who gather together every year to learn and play their French Horns for the benefit of all who come to listen. Truly a treat for everyone!

National Lighthouse Day will be celebrated at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse on August 7th with many family oriented workshops. Come out to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and help celebrate this important day in American history, the day when Congress established the Lighthouse Service, over 200 years ago.

We will celebrate a new event on August 12th, "National Spirit of '45 Day" This event has been established to honor the achievements of the men and women of what is commonly called America's "greatest generation". We will have a group of re-enactors at the Lighthouse to portray WWII Coast Guard enlisted men and officers. They will offer the visitors a glimpse of what life was like during that tumultuous period as well as what happened in Central Florida during that time.

Finally, on August 18th, we will celebrate Amateur Radio Day, during which there will be Ham Radio Operators at the lighthouse, contacting other lighthouses the world over. Come and join in the fun.....Can you contact a lighthouse in another country, on another continent, half way around the world? Try it!

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