



Citizens for Ponce Inlet

# Newsletter

Dedicated to improving the quality of life in Ponce Inlet

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## Positively! Ponce

Town Council recently approved the creation of a committee to plan a celebration for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town of Ponce Inlet. The Committee currently consists of one member each from the Historic & Archaeological Preservation Board and Parks, Recreation & Tree Advisory Board, and members of the Planning & Development staff. The celebration, which coincides with the State's Viva Florida 500 initiative, will celebrate all that is Positive about Ponce Inlet.

This year-long celebration will coincide with planned club activities and special events, and will culminate in a town-wide celebration in October 2013. Local restaurants, clubs and many business owners (dubbed "Positively! Ponce Partners") have expressed support and excitement for this celebration.

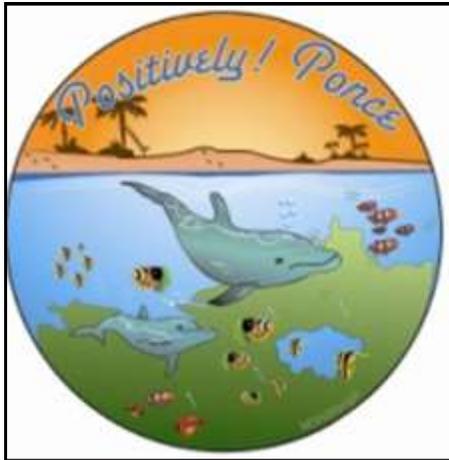
To kick off the year, a "Design a T-

Shirt" contest is being held. The contest is open to everyone who lives or works in Ponce Inlet. Entry rules and forms are available on pages 26 and 27 of this newsletter, at Town Hall, on the Town website, and at all "Positively! Ponce" businesses.

Committee members will be at activities and events throughout the year selling "Positively! Ponce" merchandise in an effort to raise funds for the October 2013 celebration. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer to assist with an upcoming event, please contact Margi Richard @ 236-2183, Ami Perce @ 236-2182, Peg Hunt @ 236-2187.

Look for the calendar of "Positively! Ponce" events on the Town's website, and please join us in the celebrations.

Positively! Ponce buttons are available FREE on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by the Town Hall - Planning & Development Department during regular business hours and ask for yours!



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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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## Laurel Wilt and the Redbay Ambrosia Beetle

by Keith Gunter, Public Works General Manager



You may have noticed the dead and dying Redbay trees while driving around the area.

In April I attended a workshop at Daytona State College on the Ambrosia Beetle. This non native insect attacks Redbay and Avocado trees and was introduced in untreated wooden packing material, such as crates and pallets, imported through the shipment of goods from its native range in southeast

will wilt, turn brown but will not fall off the tree. The tree will die within 2-3 weeks.

If your Bay tree has the disease, cut it down, mulch it and cover it with a tarp. The main problem with the spread of the disease is transporting infected trees by humans. If you have to trim any of your Bay trees be sure to paint any of the cuts that you have made.



Asia. It was first detected in the United States near Port Wentworth, GA. The females will leave the tree around dusk and fly 5-10 feet off the ground and bore into a healthy tree. The beetle carries a fungus that infects the healthy trees. Once infected the diseased tree leaves

For more information please visit: [http://cjsr.ucr.edu/redbay\\_ambrosia\\_beetle\\_laurel\\_wilt.html](http://cjsr.ucr.edu/redbay_ambrosia_beetle_laurel_wilt.html) or <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/hs379>

**The Town of Ponce Inlet  
invites you to participate in  
“Hearts of Ponce Inlet”**

**A food and dry goods drive for our soldiers, our neighbors in need and our four legged friends, along with a toy drive for children of all ages.**

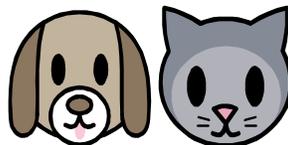
**From November 1<sup>st</sup> until December 17<sup>th</sup> this year,  
items for donation may be dropped off in Ponce Inlet at:  
Town Hall, Mon-Fri 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m., 4300 South Atlantic Avenue,  
Police Department everyday 8:00a.m.-8:00 p.m., 4301 South Peninsula Drive,  
Fire Department, 4680 South Peninsula Drive, or  
at the Community Center when open, 4670 South Peninsula Drive.  
Thank you & happy holidays to you and yours!**



**Beef Jerky, Cotton lounge pants, Foot powder, Drink mix powder, Coffee, Insoles, Personal care items, Nuts, Trail mix, Playing cards, Small games, Movies on CD, Paperback books, Chapstick, Sunscreen, Phone cards for international use, Cookies, Sweets that do not melt in the heat, Hand sanitizer, Laundry powder, Cotton t-shirts, Pens, Stationary, Stamps, Non-perishable souvenir from Florida.**



**Canned Beans, Canned Corn, Canned Soup, Canned Pasta or Chili, Pasta Sauce – cans or jars, Canned Tuna, Pork & Beans, Canned Beef Stew, Cereal, Peanut butter, Canned Fruit, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, dry Pasta, Stuffing, Dry Potatoes in box, Dry Milk**



**Dry Cat and Dog Food, Canned cat & kitten food (no fish products please), canned dog and puppy food, regular pet shampoo and conditioner, space heaters, non-covered cat beds, Kong toys for dogs, nail clippers, regular kitty litter, blankets, laundry detergent, towels, two way radios.**



**TOYS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES  
NEW – UNWRAPPED TOYS ONLY, PLEASE.**

# Town Manager



**From the Town Manager, Jeaneen Claus,...**

The holidays are nearing and we have lots of special events coming up for your enjoyment: the Children's Halloween Party - Oct 27<sup>th</sup>; Ponce Inlet Art Guild's annual fine art show - Nov 10<sup>th</sup>; Veteran's Day Ceremony - Nov 11<sup>th</sup>; Operation Changing Lives 5K run/walk - Nov 17<sup>th</sup>; Children's Tree Lighting Ceremony & Christmas Party - Dec 1<sup>st</sup>; and the Christmas Parade - Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy holidays!

**Congratulations to New Council!** Ponce Inlet's New Town Council will take office at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please join us for the inauguration ceremony with refreshments to follow. Congratulations to incoming Councilmember (Seat 2) Bill Milano and re-elected Councilmember (Seat #4) Joe Perrone! Special thanks go to outgoing Councilmember Scott Meacham for his service to the community. Also thank you to candidates Scott Meacham and Joe Villianella for their willingness to serve the town.

**Town Holiday Closings.** Town offices will be closed Thursday & Friday, No-

vember 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 for the Thanksgiving holiday; Monday & Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for the Christmas holiday; and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 in observance of New Year's Day. Wishing you and yours special times with your loved ones through this holiday season.

**Travel Mugs for Holiday Giving.** Do you love your Town and want to share a token symbol of it with friends/family? Ponce Inlet travel mugs are perfect for the sentiment and can be filled with the treat of your choice for holiday giving. These nice red mugs are available at Town Hall at a cost of just \$5 each!

**Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.** The final budget for all Funds and Departments of the Town for FY 12/13 was approved by Council on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Ponce Inlet General Fund budget is based on a final millage rate of 5.5 mills. Though this budget maintains the reduced costs achieved in the past several years for normal government operations, the total budget shows an increase in order to provide the funding necessary for the present litigation, Pacetta, LLC vs the Town. However, even with this increase, Ponce Inlet can still boast of having one of the lowest overall millage rates in Volusia County with only two cities coming in lower than the Town (table on next page).

Several capital projects from the prior year are still in progress and you can look forward to

seeing their completion in the coming year. These include:

- Timucuan Oaks Gardens project which includes an elevated boardwalk, a gazebo, and a canoe launch; and
- Renovation of restrooms at the Kay & Ayers Davies Lighthouse Park;
- Bicycle & pedestrian master plan, as required by the comprehensive plan;
- Replacement of water line on Glenview with extension into the County Park;
- Informational signage & display improvements at museum.

The Town's reserve/contingency level as set by the Town Council requires a minimum of 3 months (33 1/3<sup>rd</sup> percent) and a maximum of 9 months (66 2/3<sup>ths</sup> percent) of operating funds. Each month equates to approximately \$325,000. At the end of FY 08/09, the Town's reserve had reached 10.8 months. Given the excess, reduction of this became a goal so as to reduce the burden of taxation on property owners during the toughest years of the recession. The reserve level at the end of FY 11/12 will be approximately 6 months. The adopted budget for FY 12/13 utilizes an additional 1 month of reserve to offset some of the legal expenditures that the Town is currently facing. It takes commitment and daily diligence to achieve the highest level of economic efficiency while continuing to provide a premier level of customer service. This cannot be done without the very best people from top to bottom. As we proceed through the coming fis-

# FY 12/13 Comparison of Proposed Total Millage Rates

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| County – Wilbur by the Sea | 22.6070 |
| Daytona Beach              | 24.7552 |
| Daytona Beach Shores       | 25.3975 |
| Debary                     | 20.8886 |
| DeLand                     | 25.1592 |
| Deltona                    | 25.7851 |
| Edgewater                  | 25.2929 |
| Holly Hill                 | 24.5256 |
| Lake Helen                 | 27.7099 |
| New Smyrna Beach           | 22.7750 |
| Oak Hill                   | 28.6517 |
| Orange City                | 25.4682 |
| Ormond Beach               | 21.2618 |
| Pierson                    | 27.4438 |
| Ponce Inlet                | 22.4356 |
| Port Orange                | 22.4525 |
| South Daytona              | 22.8356 |

cal year, all of the Town's staff is geared to look for more ways to find efficiencies in operations and our doors remain open for suggestions and/or questions going forward. We are proud of what we have accomplished for the Town's residents but we do not rest on our laurels. Excellence is not a destination; it is a performance mindset.

**Spotlight on ... Kim Cherbano, Human Resources Coordinator / Deputy Clerk**

Kim Cherbano, the Town's Human Resource Coordinator/

Deputy Clerk, joined the Town of Ponce Inlet in October 2006, bringing with her 10 years of government experience. She achieved recognition as a Certified Municipal Clerk in 2003 and earned her Bachelor's degree in Supervision & Management from Daytona State College in 2011. Ms. Cherbano has three grown children – two daughters and one son; her son



will be coming home from the Army in January. She is a very actively involved in the lives of her three grandchildren, ranging in age from three to nine years old, and she is excited about the birth of her son's first child, expected in early October. Ms. Cherbano is very much dedicated to her family and to her work. In her role as Deputy Clerk, Ms. Cherbano assists the Town Manager with clerk duties, coordinates the elections process, and assumes the role of Recording Secretary for all Town Council meetings. She is also a talented

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hostess / coordinator of special events for the town such as the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, the Volusia League of Cities Dinner, and she assists with the Town's Christmas Parade. In her role as Human Resource Coordinator, Ms. Cherbano provides a "one stop shop" for town employee matters and she performs the daily operations of human resource administration. Ms. Cherbano's vast knowledge in government makes her especially well-suited for the work required in a small town like Ponce Inlet. Ms. Cherbano is available weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. by calling (386) 236-2152 or by e-mail at [kcherbano@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:kcherbano@ponce-inlet.org).

**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](http://www.ponce-inlet.org).

**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](http://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. We appreciate your

interest in serving as a volunteer in your community.

**Town 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 for all Town Council and Town Boards are posted at Town Hall, and on the website. For your convenience, all Town Council and Town Board meetings are now 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. If you come to meetings at the Council Chambers, enjoy free Wi-Fi while you're there.

Please visit our website [www.ponce-inlet.org](http://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. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for our email list through the 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.

## Police



**Frank G. Fabrizio**  
Chief of Police

As we move into the fall season, Halloween is just around the corner. Did you know that Halloween is twice as dangerous for children walking as any other day of the year?

Children will be out while it's dark, making it harder for drivers to see them, and because they are excited about getting candy, they may not be watching out for cars. Parents and drivers both need to do their part to help kids stay out of danger! Emphasize safe pedestrian behaviors to children before they go out trick-or-treating.



Join us at Davies Lighthouse Park on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm for the annual Children's Activity Committee's Halloween Party ( see flyer on page 14 ). This is a safe alternative to traditional trick-or-treating and provides a fun atmosphere for children including a hay ride, games, hot dogs and cookies.

## ***Halloween Safety Tips***

### *For Parents and Children*

Children under 13 should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

Cross the street at corners, using crosswalks (or traffic signals, if not in Ponce Inlet). Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross. Walk, don't run across the street.

### *For Drivers*

Slow down and be especially alert in residential areas. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

Remember that costumes can limit children's visibility, so they may not be able to see your vehicle.

### *Costumes and Treats*

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and choose light-colored costumes to improve visibility.

Choose face paint and make-up instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. Look for non-toxic designations when choosing Halloween makeup.

Avoid carrying sticks, swords, or other sharp objects.

Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights in order to see better, as well as to be seen by drivers.

Liquid in glow sticks is hazardous, so parents should remind children not to chew on or break them.

Check treats for signs of tamper-

ing before children are allowed to eat them. Candy should be thrown away if the wrapper is faded or torn, or if the candy is unwrapped.

### *For Pets*

Halloween can be a traumatic and even dangerous time for your pets. The ASPCA would like to offer some common-sense tips to help you protect them:

- Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets: chocolate is poisonous to many animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

- All but the most social dogs should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours; too many strangers in strange attire can be scary for a dog. Be careful your cat or dog doesn't dart out through an open door.

For more information, see [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org).



### ***Veteran's Day***

In preparation for Veteran's Day in November, let's honor our veterans and active-duty military personnel. A recent Active-Duty Military Personnel Report published by the U.S. Department of Defense stated there are over 130 million active military personnel serving our nation. The Ponce Inlet Police Department would like to take this opportunity to recognize all those who are currently serving or who have served in the past. We wish Godspeed for a safe

return to all those who are currently serving our country.



### ***"Click It or Ticket"***

Seat belts are the most effective safety feature and have helped save thousands of lives; still, nearly one in five people fail to regularly wear seat belts when driving a vehicle. A seat belt can mean the difference between life and death. In Florida, 64% of young adults killed in traffic crashes were not buckled up. By maintaining "seat-belt awareness," we believe we can continue to reduce fatalities on our roads.

The Ponce Inlet Police Department participated in the national "Click it or Ticket" initiative from March 18 – March 31, 2012 and May 21 – June 3, 2012. During this timeframe, 62 seat belt citations were issued.

Seat-belt usage surveys were conducted pre- and post "enforcement initiative" to check for effectiveness. The survey consisted of checking two hundred vehicles and documenting seat-belt usage for the drivers. Our goal was to promote traffic safety and to increase the seat-belt usage rate through increased enforcement and education. Our survey results indicated:

**Seat-belt usage rate prior to this enforcement initiative was 82%.  
Seat-belt usage after this enforcement initiative was 89%.**

We would like to see the percentage of seat-belt users reach 100%.

### ***Calling All Volunteers***

The Citizens Watch program is always looking for volunteers to assist and support the Ponce Inlet Police Department and the community. These volunteers act as extra sets of eyes and ears to help prevent crime and assist the Department with neighborhood patrol, traffic control at special events, house watch, and crime prevention programs. By taking over some of the routine duties that would otherwise have to be handled by officers, Citizens Watch allows our officers to patrol our streets and keep Ponce Inlet one of the safest Towns in Florida.

If you would like to become a part of this very dedicated team, call the Ponce Inlet Police Department at (386) 236-2160.

### ***Have you seen the “new” police vehicle around town?***

The police vehicle for the Town of Ponce Inlet was redesigned in August 2012 by the sworn and civilian members of the Police Department and the Town Manager. The new design is based on

an actual photograph of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, a beautiful town landmark that is also the second-tallest brick lighthouse in the country. The design includes a rolling wave to represent Ponce Inlet’s barrier island community, which is bordered by stunning white-sand beaches. The waves are depicted using reflective material, both to increase vehicle visibility and to give the appearance of moving, color-shifting water when seen at night. The crisp, bold, easy-to-read lettering was chosen for maximum visibility by all members of the Town. Perhaps most importantly, the lighthouse is shown emitting bright gold rays of light, representing the sense of caring and safety the Police Department provides to our close-knit community. Best of all, this new graphic design was less expensive than our old logo!

### ***Vacation House Watch***

Please remember if you are going to be out of town for the holidays, it is recommended that you fill out a Vacation House Watch Form. These forms are available online or in the lobby of the po-

lice department. During the time you are away we will make checks on your residence.

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!



### ***Holiday Safety Tips***

The Ponce Inlet Police Department encourages citizens to be alert and cautious while shopping, especially during the holiday season. Although most people are heading to the mall with the thought of being thankful and grateful for what they have and the ability to buy gifts for those they love, criminals are lurking in and around shopping areas. Don't become a crime victim this holiday season. Here are some important safety tips to keep in mind:

- If possible, carry some type of “personal protection” device like Pepper Spray or Mace in case of an attack.
- Your safety and those of your family members should be a priority. If a criminal attacks you for your purse or packages, give him/her your belongings. Your life is more important than your things!
- Park only in well-lit, well-trafficked areas and as close to a mall or store entrance as you can.
- When you leave your vehicle, make sure to lock your doors and keep windows closed. If



you have an alarm on your vehicle, use it.

- Shop during the daylight hours whenever you can. If shopping at night, try and go with another person. If shopping alone and leaving the mall late at night, ask a security officer to accompany you to your car.
- Have your keys in your free hand well before approaching your vehicle and survey the exterior and interior of your vehicle before entering. Lock the door immediately after getting in.
- Even though you may be rushed and have a thousand things on your mind, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Limit the amount of cash you carry. Don't advertise large rolls of money in public. Carry only the credit cards you're going to use that day.
- Keep shopping bags, valuables, purses and wallets close to you. Keep your purses and bags closed and don't let them dangle from your shoulder.
- Avoid carrying too many packages that may make you a target. Make regular trips to your vehicle to drop off packages.
- Don't leave valuable items inside your car that are visible to others. Place packages in the trunk or keep them hidden out of sight.
- Be alert and aware of "friendly" strangers who may be approaching you for whatever reason. They may ask you a question or offer to assist you with your bags to distract you with the intention of taking your money and belongs.

***Stay Aware...Stay Alert...Stay Alive!!!***

## Fire and Rescue



**Dan Scales  
Fire Chief**

### **Non-emergency Transport Program:**

On May 17, 2012 Volusia County Council Chair Frank Bruno sent a letter to our Mayor outlining criteria allowing Ponce Inlet to partici-



pate in a pilot ambulance transport program. A great deal of discussion occurred between the County and Ponce Inlet on the operational specifics of the program and how it would benefit the Town residents and visitors.

Town Council decided to participate with the County in the transport program in July. On August 1, the Ponce Inlet Fire Department began transporting non-emergency patients to the hospital. To date, over a dozen patients have been transported with no operational issues. The feedback from patients and our firefighters has been very positive. One of the most obvious benefits our patients have experienced is that they are

getting to the hospital quicker with Ponce Inlet transporting. The additional benefit is patient care continuity – the first responders are the same paramedics relaying information to the hospital staff.

If you have any questions about the non-emergency transport program, please contact the Fire Department.

**Comments on the 2012 Hurricane Season:** As of the date that I'm writing this, it appears that in spite of this being a busy hurricane season overall, Ponce Inlet has "dodged the bullet" for 2012. It is important to remember though that every year is different and preparedness can make all the difference. I encourage you to take the winter months to bolster and improve upon your hurricane readiness plans. For more information on hurricane preparedness, check the County's web page at: [www.volusia.org/storm/default.htm](http://www.volusia.org/storm/default.htm) or the Ponce Inlet Emergency Management home page at: <http://www.ponceinlet.org>, and clicking on the Emergency Management link.

### **Help Create a Brush Fire Defensible Space Around Your Home:**



We are expecting a normal winter with above average temperatures.

With the moist summer we have

already experienced, this winter stands to be more on the normal side for precipitation. Even with wetter conditions this year, the

Fire Department is asking that you keep the following thoughts in mind this winter...

- Keep vegetation trimmed away from your home and out-buildings. In this dry season, and with the threat of fires on the increase, inspect your property to make sure that all debris is removed.
- Make sure you control all open flames, even the smallest spark can cause a fire.
- Please keep hydrants clear of vegetation and debris as this could hinder our efforts in an emergency

The Fire Department would be happy to come by your home and provide a "Defensible Space" assessment, which will provide you with recommendations on how to minimize the location and quantity of flammable materials in your yard. Please contact the Fire Department at 386-322-6720 for more information.

From the Fire Marshal:



Lieutenant  
Derek  
George,

Since the fire department has been receiving calls about the use on grills on balconies and the storage of LP tanks in condos, this is a good opportunity to share this information:

### Cooking on Balconies

The Florida Fire Prevention Code prohibits any cooking:

- On a balcony
- Under any overhanging portion of a building
- Within 10 feet of any structure

The only exception is for electrical cooking appliances such as electric ranges, electric grills or other similar devices.

### Storage of LP Gas Cylinders and LP Gas Grills

The Florida Fire Prevention Code prohibits the storage of LP gas in quantities greater than 2.7 lb unless you can access an exterior stairway from the balcony or deck. LP gas cylinders cannot be stored inside any residential units. LP gas grills cannot be stored on balconies or decks unless you can access an exterior stairway from the balcony or deck. Other types of grills can be stored, but not used.

If you have any questions, please call the Fire Marshal at 386-322-6703 or [firemarshal@ponceinlet.com](mailto:firemarshal@ponceinlet.com). As a reminder, the Fire Marshal will be handling inspections from a 24 hour shift, which means he'll be working every third day.

### Thanksgiving Fire Safety Tips:



Unattended food is the leading factor in the ignition of residential cooking fires.

Each year, nearly one third of the fires in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day are residential. The Fire department wants you to keep fire

safety in mind when preparing holiday meals.

Here are a few fire safety tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
- If leaving home, for even a short period of time, turn off the stove or oven.
- Use a timer as a reminder that the stove or oven is on.
- Keep things that burn off of the stovetop.
- If planning to use a turkey fryer, follow the manufacturer's guidelines.
- Don't store flammable items in an oven, microwave or toaster oven.
- Clean food and grease off burners, stovetops and ovens.
- Wear tops with sleeves that are short, close fitting or tightly rolled up.
- Keep kids away from cooking areas - enforce a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove.
- Use the stove's back burners whenever possible and turn pot handles inward to reduce the risk that pots will be knocked over.
- Never hold a small child while cooking.

In addition, here are a few informational tips for using turkey fryers:

- Oil in fryers is highly combustible: if spilled (common by overfilling) onto a heating element, the entire unit may easily become engulfed in flames.
- As most fryers don't have thermostat controls, be vigilant about

not overheating the oil to avoid combustion

- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors, no closer than 15 feet to a building or any material that can burn; do not use turkey fryers on decks or in garages.
- Do not leave the fryer unattended.
- Do not allow children or pets near the fryer.
- The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot, even hours after use.
- Use insulated potholders or oven mitts when handling the pot or lid handles.
- Only place completely thawed turkeys into the pot.
- Ensure an all-purpose fire extinguisher is nearby; do not use water to extinguish grease fires.



The Ponce Inlet Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season.

## Planning & Development



Aref Joulani,  
Director

### *Planning and Zoning*

#### Staff Changes

We are pleased to introduce our newest staff member, Billie Jones, the Administrative Assistant in the Planning & Zoning Division. Billie recently earned her degree in Environmental and Growth Management from Rollins College. She will be serving as Board Secretary to the Parks, Recreation and Tree and the Historic and Archaeological Preservation Boards in addition to her many other duties.

#### Ponce Inlet Historical Museum

The Ponce Inlet Historical Museum is requesting donated items to display as part of its new theme: "1913 to 1963: The History and People Important to Ponce Park." The new theme is intended to reflect the 50 years before Ponce Inlet was incorporated as a town.

Donated items should relate to people, families, places or events during this period. The Museum is specifically looking for:

- Postal furnishings and equipment
- Nautical and fishing gear
- Old postcards and photographs of the area
- Small furniture and household

items

- Fragments from the old Inlet Terrace Hotel

The Museum is also in need of a few more permanent furnishings, including:

A table or desk for the entrance Bench for the front porch. Please contact Jeff Tichenor at the Museum or via email at [jtichenor@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:jtichenor@ponce-inlet.org) for further details.

If you have an interest in local history and a few hours to spare, please consider joining the volunteers at the Ponce Inlet Historical Museum at 143 Beach Street. Training will be provided. Applications are available at the Historical Museum (Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm) or at Town Hall.

### **Building and Code Enforcement Departments**

are due for renewal as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder notices have been mailed. If ... with Peg Hunt, Code Enforcement Officer & Adrian Marks, Chief Building Official/ Floodplain Manager

#### **How to Contact us:**

Ms. Hunt @ 236-2187

E-mail: [phunt@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:phunt@ponce-inlet.org)

Mr. Marks @ 236-2185

E-mail: [amarks@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:amarks@ponce-inlet.org)

Website: [www.ponce-inlet.org](http://www.ponce-inlet.org)

#### **Code board welcomes new member:**

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Peter Finch to the Ponce Inlet Code Enforcement Board. Mr. Finch has been a resident of town for many years and staff would like to thank each member of this volunteer board for their service.

**Property Maintenance:** It is every property owner's responsibility to ensure that vegetation does not obstruct roadways or sidewalks. It is imperative that intersections and sidewalks are kept clear of vegetation to allow safe passage of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

**Rental Permits:** All Rental permits you have not received your renewal notice or are offering a property for rent or lease for the first time, please contact the Code Enforcement office for forms and information.

Please remember that Short-term rentals (less than four consecutive weeks per rental) are not allowed in any single-family residence or at any other property where short-term rentals are prohibited.

**Signs:** New sign regulations are in effect. Please check the new regulations before displaying any signage. The Planning and Development staff will be more than happy to assist you with all your inquiries.

**Irrigation Rules:** The Fall/Winter irrigation rules will take effect on Sunday, November 4, 2012. It's EZ to remember - "*change your clocks, change your timers*":

**Water once per week, as follows:**

**Even number addresses may water on Sunday only;**

**Odd number addresses may water on Saturday only**

**Non residential properties may water on Tuesday only.**

Additional restrictions may apply.

Please visit [www.floridaswater.com](http://www.floridaswater.com).

**Posting Addresses:** All properties must have the assigned street address posted on the front of the building or a separate structure to the front of the building (a mailbox, post, wall, etc). Numbers must be at least three inches in height and of a contrasting color to the structure on which it is displayed.

Thank you for keeping your properties maintained to enhance the safety and beauty of your neighborhoods.

## 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](mailto:kgunter@ponce-inlet.org)  
[arebello@ponce-inlet.org](mailto: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.

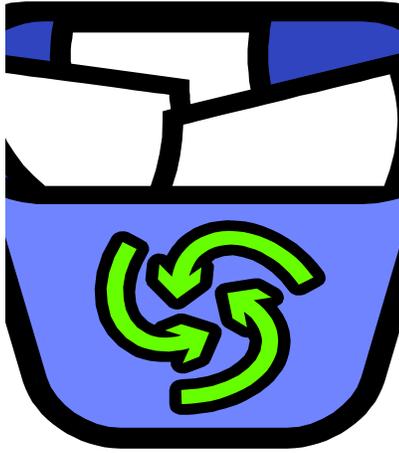
### **What is a Backflow?**

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.



**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: [www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com).  
**The county landfill will be close on Sundays.**

**Sewer System Health**

As many people know, cooking and eating foods with a lot of grease is not good for your health because it can clog your arteries. Think of the sewer line as your arteries. Pouring grease down the drain will cause the pipes to clog up and will back up the sewer into your house. The grease acts like glue when you add paper, onion skins, and potato skins into the pipe. Grease from commercial business and private homes is causing up to 40% of sewer overflows nationwide. The Town of Ponce Inlet has regulations in place (Section 78-108, Town Code) that prohibits any grease or hazards from being dumped into the sewer. Remember to take any leftover grease and pour it into a tin can letting it cool and then place it into the trash.

**Poet's Corner**

ADVICE FROM A COCKROACH HUNTER.  
 by Eva Szabo

At day cockroaches sleep on their back  
 In Florida there is never a lack  
 Hunted at night, they hide in a crack  
 Lights off - they soon are all back  
 To munch on their garbage can snack.  
 You might try spraying Black Flag;  
 Best thing: give them a good whack  
 When they are sleeping on their back.  
 Finally I got the knack,  
 By setting up a roach trap pack.

# HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE PARK

Saturday, October 27, 2012

Davies Lighthouse Park - Next to the Lighthouse

5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.



Costume Parade begins  
at 5:30

(Line up in Boat Trailer Parking lot at 5:15)

## Haunted Hay Ride

Down Sailfish Drive 6:00 to 7:00



## Games and Treats

5:30 to 6:30



Bring your decorated pumpkin to the [Positively! Ponce](#) table for our Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

Non-perishable food donations for The Bread Man are gladly accepted.

Co-Sponsored by the Children's Activity Committee of Ponce Inlet and the Town of Ponce Inlet

For more details or to volunteer, call Margi – 236-2183

## Ponce Inlet Community Center, Inc



by  
Susie Hagey

October 1, 2012 begins the new “fiscal” year for your PICCI BOARD. With it comes the responsibility to hold the ANNUAL MEETING and the regular MONTHLY MEETING at the same time. Jim Hinson, President chaired both meetings as in fact all the officers had been reelected for another term.

First vice-president, Susie Hagey; 2nd vice-president, Carolyn Sprague; Secretary. Maryanne Redinger, treasurer, Mary Lou Hinson make up the rest of the executive board. There are twelve other members on the board that need to be recognized for without them, we could accomplish NOTHING. Kristi Drumheller, Peter Finch\*, Joe Grasso, Marlene Heiden, Bill Hibbert, Gene Hynds, Jim Irvin, Wini Irvin+, Barbara Lambert, Jerry McHugh and Jim Volz make up the 11 citizens on the board. Our 12th member is our town manager, Jeaneen Clauss. All together there are 17 members. (Those with an \* are new members this year. If you ever have questions, any of us would be happy to answer them.

Do you know that the Ponce

Inlet Community Center, Inc. (PICCI) is not funded like most community centers in the area. This being so, it means that we must have FUND raisers to keep our doors open. Sept. 22 was our last fund raiser and it was a bash! The CARIBBEAN DINNER/ DANCE for only \$15.00 started at 5:00 p.m. with cocktails (BYOB), 6:p.m. the bountiful buffet was ready. Our chief chef for many years, our own president, JIM HINSON, along with his helpers, the board members, prepared the following succulent dinner: roast pork loin, rice & black beans with a small mixture of onion, plantains, salad, roll, and dessert. An added thought, two people who are due much credit are Carolyn Sprague and Carol Schrader who wash the dishes and clean the pots & pans for us at NO CHARGE. During dinner we were introduced to DEBBIE OWEN & COMPANY, a twosome that entertained us with music from the 50’s to the 80’s. They were terrific! The dance floor was full and everyone seemed to have a terrific nite of fun – ask Nancy Epps who didn’t miss a dance. Dates of like fun will be coming up so watch our sign out front and check our monthly calendar – for sure sometime in November we’ll have a soup and salad (which is more of a community get together, we rarely make money). February 16, 2013 we’ll have a Mardi Gras Dinner/Dance, and March 16, 2013 a St. Patrick’s Day Dinner/Dance. We hope we’ll see more of you here at the center. Of course, attendance is the reason we’re successful or not, and being that attendance at

the Caribbean event was lower than usual, we would like to pose a question and hopefully you’ll call or email Jim Hinson (760-5448 – mlhinson@aol.com) and give an opinion and any suggestions for improvement. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET MORE PARTICIPATION IN PICCI’S SOCIAL FUNDRAISERS?

Picci’s FLEA MARKET is up next – setup Thursday, Oct. 4 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 5, 9-4 ; Sat. Oct. 6, 9 – 2 pm.; take down 2 p.m. (need able bodied men). Managed by Carolyn Sprague and her helpers. Do you know that Carolyn spends all 6 months before the day marking each and every item – WOW!, what a job! THANK YOU, CAROLYN, DON’T KNOW WHAT WE’D DO WITHOUT YOU.

Picci still has its ongoing exercise programs, aerobics and zumba. Check the calendar for days and times. Hopefully we’ll find a yoga instructor soon.

We do have a rental program, Faye McHugh, 386-846,0814, being our Events Coordinator, please contact Faye if you need to rent the community center.

HOORAY! We have our new carpets – come in and see the carpets.

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.

# PONCE INLET WOMEN'S CLUB



BY SUSIE  
HAGEY

The Ponce Inlet Women's Club (PIWC) held their first meeting of the year 2012-2013 on Sept. 12, 2012. The new officers are President – Susie Hagey, Vice-President – Mar-



lene Heiden, Recording Secretary – Wini Irvin, Corresponding Secretary – Ada Landers, Treasurer – Pam Quillian, Parliamentarians – Edwina Knox and Sherry Uter. Sitting at the President & Vice-President's table for

lunch were the new members of our club, a prospective member and another member - Mary Beth Eldridge, Nancy Fowler, Linda Leedy, Jeanette Kellum, Catherine Bauerle and Fran



Colangelo. Program Chair, Ann Dunbar presented the Sept. program, "WELCOME BACK BUNCO, WHAT FUN!" Eleanor Perocier and Barbara Lambert were our hostesses who got everyone started playing. At this meeting friendships were renewed.

The big event coming up is our HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE which will be held on Nov. 14 at the community center. This is an auction and a luncheon. Members bring in gifts to be auctioned and the monies received from the auction are used to fund our three scholarship recipients and our local charities. It is really a very FUN day also. Tickets are \$20. We urge all to participate. Barbara Lambert and Barbara Larsen are our chairpersons.

PIWC is looking forward

to participating in the Christmas Parade, chaired by Nancy Fowler. The theme being Mermaids of the Sea. Nancy and her committee will be working on putting it all together.

We are looking forward to our next meeting's program. It will be 'CARE & SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITY: PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER REPRESENTATIVE.

The PIWC is always looking for new members. Many new residents have moved into Ponce Inlet. If you would like to be a member, please call Susie Hagey @ 761-2485. We'd love to have you.

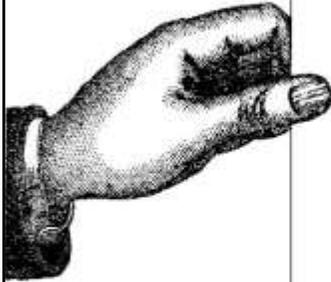
"Wishing you butterfly mornings and ..... wildflower afternoons"

**GARDEN CLUB OF PONCE INLET  
PRESENTS THE 30TH ANNUAL  
ARTS and CRAFTS SHOW**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10 am - 4pm**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 10 am -4 pm**

***FEATURING THE NEW  
BACKYARD MARKET***



**PRIVATE VENDORS  
BAKED GOODS  
PLANT SALE  
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

**Lunch Available  
by The  
LIONS CLUB  
OF PONCE INLET**

**PONCE INLET COMMUNITY CENTER  
4670 S. PENINSULA DRIVE**

**FOR INFO CALL  
(386) 760-0615**



# Garden Club Of Ponce Inlet



By  
Liz Finch

Autumn! What a beautiful time to be in Ponce Inlet. The low humidity and warm days make it an ideal time to work in our gardens.

The September 26, 2012 meeting of the Ponce Inlet Garden Club marked the beginning of its 31<sup>st</sup> year. The original group of 22 has grown to a membership of over 100.

Even though the Garden Club has scheduled meetings from September through May, President Trish Humphrey's theme of "Many hands make light work", is apparent all year long! This past summer has had many helping hands working on crafts for the Annual Arts and Crafts Festival, planning the Christmas parade float, programs, fund raisers, and trips.

The general object of the club is to promote the beauty of the

world around us and especially of our town. This is not just in our gardening but also in community support. We are a working, social, non-political club. If interested in joining us, contact Kathy Cannon, Membership Chair, at 492-5328.

Meetings for the Garden Club are held at the community center. Speakers, activities, meetings and lunch make the Garden Club an exciting place to be on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The meetings start at 10 am and lunch is served at 12. At our first meeting's program, presented by ECO Landscaping, we learned about landscaping and irrigation. In the upcoming fall meetings we look forward to programs by The Green Flamingo Organics-organically grown foods and The Herbal Gourmet, who is back by popular demand. Our involvement is very diverse-arts and crafts festival, teas, trips, parades, ice cream social and scholarships are just some of the wonderful things planned.

**Arts and Crafts Festival- !** SAVE THE DATE! Friday, Oct.12, 2012 and Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012 from 10 to 4 at the Community Center. This year's event brings even more

vendors and a **Backyard Market-Come** check out the plants, herbs and fairy gardens. This is a great time to pick up some new plants and do some holiday shopping.

**Garden Club Cookbook- Yum, Yum...** filled with members' favorites. Looking for some new recipes? These are tried and true- and in some cases, old family *secret* recipes – revealed for this special cookbook. What a terrific holiday gift for anyone on your list. The price of the cookbook is \$15.00 and is on sale at the Arts and Crafts Festival on Oct. 12 and 13 and at any time at the Community Center. You can also purchase one by contacting Judy Huggins at 212-0011 or at [judyhuggins@gmail.com](mailto:judyhuggins@gmail.com)

**Garden Musings-** PALM TREES- The green fronds of the palms are the plants' source of nutrients. Cutting green fronds stunts growth, invites disease, and reduces the palms natural resilience to high winds. Please keep this in mind as you do your fall clean up.

"To plant a garden is to believe in the future". Author unknown



**Ponce Inlet Veterans  
Invite you to their  
Fund Raiser  
Dinner/Dance**



ARMY



MARINES



NAVY



AIR FORCE



COAST GUARD

**Friday, November 16, 2012**

**Dinner/Dance  
\$15.00**



**Menu**

BYOB Cocktails 5:00—5:30

Dinner 5:30—6:30

Musical Memories  
with *Peter J*  
6:30—9:30

*Peter J* is a United States  
Air Force Viet Nam Veteran  
and performing for the 1st  
time at the Community Cen-  
ter in Ponce Inlet

Cornish Hen

Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy

Vegetable

Salad

Rolls

Dessert

*Proceeds go toward maintaining and upkeep of the  
Ponce Inlet Veteran's Memorial*

**WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS**

*Purchase tickets at the Community Center  
760-0615*

# 4th Annual Ponce Inlet Christmas PARADE



**SATURDAY—DECEMBER 8, 2012**

**START TIME: 1:00 PM**

*Parade Route*—PENINSULA DRIVE

Start: Harbor Village Blvd—south to the Lighthouse

*Viewing Area*—Anywhere along Parade Route

On Saturday, December 8, 2012 the Town of Ponce Inlet will host the *4th Annual Christmas Parade*. The parade will assemble at Harbor Village Blvd. (7-Eleven Parking Lot) then proceed down Peninsula Dr. and end at the Boat Ramp parking lot. The Parade Entrance Fee for Non-Profit entries is \$25.00 and For-Profit entries \$50.00. Checks made payable to Town of Ponce Inlet & your Application must be received at Town Hall no later than November 1, 2012 (please write Christmas Parade on the memo line of your check). Also this year we will have the Atlantic High School Band marching in our parade. Following the parade there will be a **30 minute free concert in the park**. The Ponce Inlet Lion's Club will be selling food and drinks in the Park. As noted on the Parade Application our **Rain date this year is Sunday, December 9, 2012**.

If anyone is interested in participating in the parade, Parade Applications, Basic Rules & Guidelines and Media Release are available on the Town of Ponce Inlet website. Participation is open to any Ponce Inlet Club, Business, etc or Ponce Inlet resident with local business.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help during the parade please contact Jim Hinson at (386) 760-5448 or email: [mlhinson@aol.com](mailto:mlhinson@aol.com).

Also on December 8<sup>th</sup> the Ponce Inlet Veteran's Club will be hosting a "*Pancake Breakfast with Santa*" at the Community Center 8:00—11:00 AM. \$5.00 per person, proceeds to help maintain the Veteran's Memorial in Davies Lighthouse Park.

## Davis House Historic Preservation, Inc.



by Robyn Hurd

As some of you may already know, our dear friend, Ann Caneer, passed away on April 27 in Huntsville, Alabama after a long illness. Ann was a founding member of the Davis House Historic Preservation, Inc. which formed in June 2007. She was also an original founder and board member of the Ponce de

Leon Lighthouse Preservation, Inc. which formed in 1972.

Ann was an Alabama girl, growing up in Huntsville. Her

life in Ponce Inlet (before it was Ponce Inlet!) was lived as the Caretaker for the Old Pacetti Hotel. It was owned by the Gamble descendants, who used it for the winter social season. Every winter the Nipperts would bring the cream of the Cincinnati social circle to the warm weather and beautiful old house. Each night Ann hosted formal dinner parties for a dozen people dressed in

gowns and tuxedos! Ann lovingly cared for the grounds for forty years.

Ann had a passion for this beautiful place we all call home and never stopped proving it. I first met Ann when she was on the Planning Commission. She served for many years. She also put in many years on Volusia County Growth Management, even serving as Chairman.

Ann's greatest love was historic preservation. In 1970, when there was talk of tearing down the buildings at the Light Station, Ann swung into action, forming the Preservation Association and working tirelessly until her health forced her to go back to Alabama in 2011. Today our own Light Station is one of the most pre-eminent and intact in the world and much of the credit belongs to Ann Caneer. Ann, also, was founder of the Florida Lighthouse Association, lending her knowledge and guidance to preserve even more of our history.

When the Town was prepared to tear down the old fishing duplex and home of the last Lighthouse Keeper on Beach Street, Ann stepped up again, helping to form Davis House Preservation. Today, sitting next to the restored

old Town Post Office, it is beautifully restored and serves as the Town Museum. Without Ann's dedication to Historic Preservation much of our Town history would have been lost.

Though Ann could not, Ann's beloved cat, Miss Priss, elected to return to Ponce Inlet. Long-time friends of Ann, Nancy and Angelo Vigorito, who worked for many years at the Lighthouse with Ann, adopted Miss Priss in June and have given her a loving home.

If you are in Huntsville, you can still visit Ann. Her headstone, at right, is like no other.

Ann's dedication and tenaciousness have been an inspiration to many.

Her legend lives on through the continued work of the LPA and DHHP. We all miss her.



## Veteran's Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 11, 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 Veteran's Day.*

## Ponce Inlet Veteran's Association

Association

Presents

*Pancake Breakfast with Santa*



Saturday, December 8, 2012

\$5.00 per person

Pancakes  
Sausage  
Orange Juice  
Coffee

Ponce Inlet  
Community Center  
8:00 AM—11:00 AM

Proceeds to help maintain the Veteran's Memorial  
in Davies Lighthouse Park





**Ponce Inlet Lions Club  
Present's**

**Western BBQ Fund Raiser**  
with all profits donated to Lion's charities  
i.e. Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, Guide Dogs

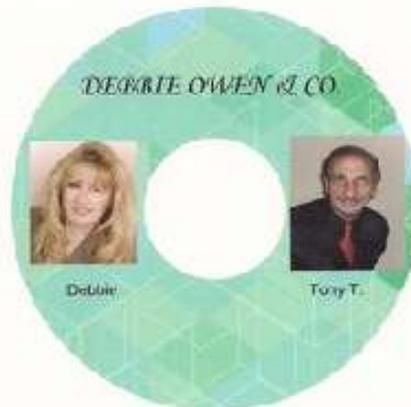
**Ribs, Pulled Pork & fixings  
for only \$15.00**

**January 12, 2013**

**Happy Hour 5:00—5:30 PM BYOB**

**Dinner 5:30—6:30 PM**

**Entertainment 6:30—9:30 PM**



*Prize for best  
dressed cowgal &  
cowpoke*

**Purchase tickets at  
Ponce Inlet Community Center  
Phone: 760-0615**

**Tickets go on sale December 12, 2012**





# Town of Ponce Inlet / Planning & Development Services

## Flood Protection Information

*Re-distributed & Updated 2012*

Flooding in our town is caused by heavy rains and tropical storm surges. Floods are dangerous! Even though they appear to move slowly (three feet per second), a flood two feet deep can knock a man off his feet and float a car.

Your property may be high enough that it was not flooded recently. However, it can still be flooded in the future because the next flood could be worse. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property could be damaged. This flyer gives you some ideas of what you can do to protect yourself.

Town Flood Services: The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. Flood maps and flood protection references are available from the building department at town hall. Town hall staff can check to see if you are in the mapped floodplain. If so, they can give you more information, such as **depth of flooding over a building's first floor and past flood problems in the area.** Copies of elevation certificates are available for structures located inside the floodplain since March 2001.

If requested, a representative of the Planning & Development Services will visit the property to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. Call the department at 236-2182. These services are free. If you are in a floodplain or have had a flood, drainage or sewer backup problem, check out these sources of assistance.

What you can do: **Several of the town's efforts depend on your cooperation and assistance.** Here is how you can help:

- Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Dumping in our ditches and streams is a violation of town ordinances. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water and when it rains, the water has to go somewhere. Every piece of trash contributes to flooding!

- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The town has a stream maintenance program which can help remove major blockages such as downed trees.

- If you see dumping or debris in the ditches or streams contact the Public Works Department at 322-6729. After business hours, contact the Police Department at 236-2160.

- Always check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, re-grade, or fill on your property. A permit and on-site inspection may be required to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties.

- If you see building or filling without a town permit sign posted, contact the Building Department at 236-2182.

Check out the following information of flood proofing, flood insurance and flood safety.

Flood proofing: There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage. One way is to keep the water away by re-grading your lot or building a small floodwall or earthen berm. These methods work if your lot is large enough, if flooding is not too deep, and if your property is not in the floodway. The Building Department can provide this information.

Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended for houses if water will get over two feet deep.

## Flood Protection Information (continued)

A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the **water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. These measures are called flood proofing or re-rofitting.** More information is available at the Planning & Development Services Office. *Important note:* Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit. If you know a flood is coming, you should shut off the gas and electricity and move valuable contents to a higher place. It is unlikely that you will get much warning, so a detailed checklist prepared in advance would help ensure that **you don't forget anything.**

**Flood Insurance:** **If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's** insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Ponce Inlet participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they **obtained a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's** structure and not the contents. During the kind of flooding that happens in Ponce Inlet, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure.

**If you are covered, check out the amount and make sure you have "contents" coverage. Remember:** Even if the last flood missed you or you have done some flood proofing, the next flood could be worse. Flood insurance covers all surface floods. If your flooding problem is caused by or **aggravated by sewer backup, check out a sewer backup rider to your homeowner's insurance poli-**cy.

**\*Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection! There is a 30-day** waiting period before National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

### Flood Safety:

- Do not walk through flowing water! Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.

- Do not drive through a flooded area! More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. **Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.**

- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires! The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the local power company or the Fire Department.

- Have your electricity turned off by the power company! Some appliances, such as television sets, **keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors** that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

- Look out for animals, especially snakes! Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to turn things over and scare away small animals.

- Look before you step! After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

**Be alert for gas leaks! Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.**

For more information visit: <http://ponce-inlet.org/> then click **Flood Management Information**



## Positively! Ponce T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST RULES



### **Who is eligible?**

Any current full or part-time resident of Ponce Inlet of any age is eligible. Employees of businesses located in Ponce Inlet are also eligible.

### **Theme:**

**Celebrating all that is positive about Ponce Inlet in commemoration of the Town's 50<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation.**

### **Specifications:**

Any medium may be used, but it must be able to be reproduced for silk-screen printing. All designs, when either enlarged or reduced, must be able to fit proportionally on the back of a T-Shirt. **ALL ARTWORK MUST BE ORIGINAL** by the artist. HINTS: Designs reproduce best using high contrast and strong colors. These T-shirts are for men, women and children so please be sure to make your design gender-neutral and theme-friendly.

### **Judging:**

Art work will be judged on interpretation of the theme, artistic merit and creativity.

### **Awards:**

The winning artist will receive recognition at a Town Council meeting and other events throughout the year. The winning design will be unveiled at the regular January 2013 Town Council meeting.

### **Deadline for Entries:**

Deliver your original artwork and a completed official entry form to Town Hall, Planning & Development Department, located at 4300 South Atlantic Avenue. **The deadline is November 30, 2012 by 4:00 p.m.**

### **Retention of Design:**

All entries will become the property of the Town of Ponce Inlet. The Town will have exclusive rights to reproduction. The winning design will be reproduced on a T-shirt. Entries will be displayed at various events throughout the year to promote **Positively! Ponce**. All proceeds of the sale of T-shirts will support future Town events sponsored by the Historic & Archaeological Preservation Board or Parks, Recreation and Tree Board. Entering the contest constitutes an agreement by the winning artist to relinquish all copyrights of submitted art work to the Town of Ponce Inlet.

### **Liability:**

The Town will take utmost care and caution to maintain original art/designs in their original condition. However, it will not accept liability or provide insurance

**The winner will be notified by January 3, 2013.**



Positively! Ponce  
T-SHIRT DESIGN  
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



Artist: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ponce Inlet Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Optional, all email addresses provided become public record.

I fully understand and have read and comply with the rules and conditions of this contest, and I understand that if this entry is selected as the winning submittal I relinquish all claims to any and all copyrights, royalties and other benefits derived from the sale or reproduction of this work.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is November 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

Application and artwork to be delivered to:

Town of Ponce Inlet  
Planning & Development Department  
4300 South Atlantic Ave  
Ponce Inlet, FL 32127  
(386) 236-2181

**Citizens for Ponce Inlet**  
4670 South Peninsula Drive  
Ponce Inlet, FL 32127-7134

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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:

**Judy Huggins**  
44 Coastal Oaks Circle  
Ponce Inlet, FL 32127-6901  
(or leave in the Citizens For Ponce Inlet box at the Community Center)