



Citizens for Ponce Inlet

Newsletter

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Town of Ponce Inlet Celebrates 50 Years

“On October 2nd, 1963, four men and one woman, Ponce Inlet’s first Town Council met in front of the fireplace in the head keepers house at the Lighthouse reservation.

Armed with a charter, no money, and little experience, they were charged with the responsibility of organizing a new town. The population was approximately 150 people. There were about fifty homes, five small hotels, three restaurants, three fishing camps, two boat yards, the Lighthouse and a marine research laboratory.

Only one very rough paved road linked the area to the northern communities. Numerous abandoned cars rusted everywhere and trash was dumped constantly along South Peninsula drive, a bumpy shell washboard road.”

So describes the beginnings of Ponce Inlet fifty years ago from the Town’s official history book

“Tales of Ponce Inlet” by Ayres Davies.

The book also describes how the town was named.

“The name did cause some disagreement. The old residents wanted to retain the name Ponce Park as the lower mile of the peninsula had been called. Some of the fishing people wanted to call it Inlet Harbor. The motel owners suggested Daytona Inlet. Others came up with Port Daytona, Lighthouse Shores and Inlet Terrace. The charter committee decided to let it remain on the charter as Ponce Inlet until it had been presented to the entire club for approval”.



First Town Council and Town clerk. L to R, Ed Sweeting, Vice Mayor B.G. Timmons, Mayor Ayres Davies, Charles Doherty, Helen Vojtko, and clerk Dorothy Dugmore. This picture was taken in the head keepers house on the Lighthouse grounds.

For an excellent description of just how far Ponce Inlet has come over the last fifty years pick up a copy of “Tales of Ponce Inlet” by Ponce Inlet’s first Mayor Ayres Davies on sale at the Community Center.

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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 \$5,522 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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THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

KAY & AYRES DAVIES LIGHTHOUSE PARK
4933 SOUTH PENINSULA DRIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013 - 11:00 A.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

This COMMUNITY EVENT offers fun for all ages! Bring your family and neighbors to join in celebrating the first 50 years of the Town of Ponce Inlet.

- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A PETTING ZOO, BOUNCE HOUSE, CLOWN AND BALLOON ANIMALS
- CAKE WALK FOR ADULTS - CUPCAKE WALK FOR CHILDREN
- TEST YOUR ARM AT THE DUNK TANK
- BRING OUT YOUR INNER CHILD IN THE HULA HOOP CONTEST
- VISIT THE PHOTO BOOTH TO REVEAL YOUR STAR QUALITY
- SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS DANCING
- VISIT OUR LOCAL CLUBS AND BUSINESSES
- TALK WITH THE LIVING LEGENDS OF AUTO RACING AND SEE THEIR VINTAGE RACE CARS
- FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS BY FLORIDA HEALTH CARE

Cake cutting and drawing for "Where's Ponce?" prizes at 2:00 in the pavilion.

Local restaurants including Racing's North Turn, Inlet Harbor, Jerry's, Down the Hatch, Hidden Treasures and Ho Daddy O's will be providing meals at a nominal cost.



Celebrating 50 Years



Our friend and fellow board member Tony Girolami passed away on August 23, 2013.

Tony lived in Ponce Inlet for the past 27 years and was one of the Town's most active volunteers. He was the recipient of many awards for his service to the community including the 2004 Outstanding Florida Volunteers - Trustee Award from the Florida Association of Museums, the Ponce Inlet Citizen of the Year in 1989, and the Ponce Inlet Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010.

In addition to our appreciation for his many years as a Citizens for Ponce Inlet board member he was an inspiration to us all and will be greatly missed.

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

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

From November 4th until December 13th 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.-6:00 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!



Soldiers and their Families Need:

Toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, trail mix, gum, baby diapers and baby wipes.

Halifax Urban Ministries Needs:

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,



Sophie's Circle Needs:

(local non-profit distribution center which assists anyone in need of assistance for pets):
Dry & Canned Cat, Dog, Puppy & Kitten Food (not fish products please), regular pet shampoo and conditioner, space heaters, non-covered cat beds, Kong toys for dogs, nail clippers, regular kitty litter, blankets, laundry detergent, towels.

Halifax Urban Ministries Needs:
TOYS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
NEW – UNWRAPPED TOYS ONLY, PLEASE.



Town Manager



From the Town Manager, Jeaneen Clauss, ...

The holidays are nearing and we have lots of Town events coming up for your enjoyment: the Positively! Ponce, the Town's 50th Anniversary Celebration – October 5th; Children's Halloween Party - Oct 26th; Veteran's Day Ceremony – Nov 11th; and the Christmas Parade, Children's Tree Lighting Ceremony, & Christmas Party - Dec 7th. As you prepare for your own family celebrations of the holidays, we know you'll also be remembering those less fortunate. The Town will again host the annual donation drive that we call *Hearts of Ponce Inlet*. We collect for soldiers and their families, food for area needy, toys for needy children, and food & supplies for needy pets. You may drop off donations to the Town Hall, Fire Department, Police Department, or Community Center. Happy holidays to you and yours!

Congratulations to the New Council! Ponce Inlet's New Town Council looks very familiar. That is because they all ran unopposed this year. Please join us for the inauguration ceremony on Thursday, November 21st as Mayor Gary Smith (Seat 1), Vice-Mayor Mary Hoss (Seat 3), and Councilmember Tami Lewis (Seat 5) are sworn-in for another two year term. Cake and refreshments will be served.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. The final budget for

FY 13/14 Comparison of Proposed Total Millage Rates

County – Wilbur by the Sea	22.1640
Daytona Beach	25.2251
Daytona Beach Shores	25.0126
DeBary	20.4588
DeLand	24.9875
Deltona	25.3938
Edgewater	25.2604
Holly Hill	23.8226
Lake Helen	28.8353
New Smyrna Beach	22.4287
Oak Hill	27.8545
Orange City	25.2038
Ormond Beach	20.7167
Pierson	27.3507
Ponce Inlet	22.7926
Port Orange	21.4827
South Daytona	23.6926

all Funds and Departments of the Town for FY 13/14 was approved by Council on September 18th. The Ponce Inlet General Fund budget is based on a final millage rate of 6.5 mills, a 19.3% tax increase. 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 litigation, Pacetta vs. Ponce Inlet. If the Town were not still in the position of having to defend itself in this lawsuit, taxes could have instead been reduced by about 18%. However, the table below shows that the Town is still holding a place amongst those with lower overall millage rates countywide.

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 Entrance Beautification, this is

the last phase of improvements to this beautiful park; and

- Bicycle & pedestrian master plan, as required by the comprehensive plan;
- Signage & display improvements at museum.

The Town's reserve/contingency level as set by the Town Council requires a minimum of 3 months (33 1/3rd percent) and a maximum of 9 months (66 2/3rd percent) of operating funds. Based upon the last audited fiscal year, each month equates to approximately \$400,000. The reserve level at the end of FY 12/13 will be approximately 4.7 months. The adopted budget for FY 13/14 utilizes an additional 0.7 month of reserve.

Spotlight on ... Ken Liohle, Chief Building Official and Flood Plain Manager, Planning & Development Department. Ken Liohle joined the Planning & Development Department in May 2013 after 22 years as the Building Official

for the City of Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County, Florida. Ken holds a Bachelor's degree in



Public Management, and Associates degrees in Fire Science, Civil Technology and Industrial Technology. In addition to being a Certified Building Official, he is a Certified Flood Plain Manager, and will serve as the Town's contact with FEMA. During his years of public service, Ken has earned multiple certifications in building and fire related fields. He also received electrical training during his active duty service with the United States Navy Reserves. As Building Division Manager, Ken is responsible for managing both Building and Code Enforcement staff. He is available weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and may be reached by calling 386-236-2185 or by e-mail at kloihle@ponce-inlet.org.

Town Holiday Closings. Town offices will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 27th & 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday; Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24th & 25th for the Christmas holiday; and Wednesday, January 1st 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!

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

Town 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 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



.....with Frank G. Fabrizio
Chief of Police



Crosswalk Safety

Florida law requires drivers to STOP when a person is attempting to cross the street at a marked pedestrian crosswalk. Unfortunately, many Florida drivers and almost all tourists are unaware of this law.

This law is intended to have drivers stop when a person is entering the pedestrian crosswalk. If the crosswalk is clear of pedestrians then you are not required to stop.

At crosswalks:

- Drivers must yield right-of-way to pedestrians where a

sign indicates.

- If a pedestrian is on half of the roadway and no traffic lights are present, the driver must yield, slow down or stop to give right-of-way to the pedestrian.
- Pedestrians may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety to walk or run into the path of a vehicle.
- If a vehicle has stopped at a crosswalk to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway, a vehicle behind the stopped vehicle cannot pass the stopped vehicle.
- Pedestrians cannot cross an intersection diagonally except if there is a crossing authorized by traffic control devices.

On August 10, 2013, the Ponce Inlet Police Department held a pedestrian crosswalk safety awareness operation at the crosswalk in front of 4511 South Atlantic Ave. The operation focused on educating motorists about the crosswalk law. The operation witnessed an 85% compliance with the law. The motorists who committed a violation were stopped, informed about the law, and given educational pamphlets. A total of 52 educational stops were conducted. Expect to see more pedestrian safety operations in the future!

Recently, the Ponce Inlet Police Department applied for a Pedestrian and Bicycle safety enforcement grant through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Unfortunately we were denied the grant, but for a great reason: according to the FDOT safety matrix, Ponce Inlet is too safe to qualify for the grant! Only 8 municipalities (of

122) ranked higher than the Town of Ponce Inlet for pedestrian and bicycle safety. Let's all continue work together to keep Ponce Inlet safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Surfers for Autism



The 4th Annual Inlet Surfers for Autism Beach Festival was held at the jetty on August 3, 2013. For the fourth year registration was full hitting the maximum of 200 children scheduled to surf. With a few hundred volunteers, families and vendors attendance was at an all time high (over 2,000).

By early morning the festival was well under way with ERAU flyovers, a Coast Guard boat display and live music. On the beach there were dozens of vendors from surf shops to local Autism schools and other non-profit resources for families of children on the Autism spectrum.

A new addition to the sand this year was a patrol vehicle from the police department as well as Attack 78 from the fire department. It has become a tradition at the larger surf events for the children to paint the police and fire vehicles. Ponce Inlet is



unique in our location and we don't have boardwalks like some of the larger cities. Instead we have our beautiful lighthouse and incredible beach with perfect waves. So when the kids saw the patrol car and fire engine rolling down the sand they were ecstatic. Foam brushes and washable paint went flying into hands of eager artists thrilled to have the chance to paint a cop car and fire engine! Spanos Imports also joined in the fun by bringing a BMW with a special clear coat that allowed for dry erase markers to be used for more artistic enjoyment.



Lunch was sponsored by local restaurants and provided at no cost to the families. During the meal break Mayor Gary Smith came to the beach to issue the Proclamation that August 3, 2013 was Surfers for Autism Day in Ponce Inlet.

For additional information on this great event, go to: <http://surfersforautism.org/>



Halloween

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!

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 tampering 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.



Veteran's Day

In preparation for Veteran's Day in November, let's honor our veterans and active-duty military personnel. 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.



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 thankful to be able to buy gifts for loved ones, criminals may also be 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 in case of an attack.
- Your safety and that 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 to 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 it. Lock the doors 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, which may make you a target. Make regular trips to your vehicle to drop off packages.
- Don't leave valuable items inside your car and visible to others. Place packages in the

trunk or keep them hidden out of sight.

- Be alert and aware of seemingly friendly strangers who approach you. 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 belongings.

Are You **S.A.F.E.**?



On August 20, 2013, we offered our sixth Self-Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (S.A.F.E.) program.



The two-hour program introduced women and girls (14 years and up) to the concept of physical self-defense and educated them in ways to reduce the risk of becoming victims of violent crimes.

At the end of class, every participant was given a thirteen-piece color folio to read and study at home. This material reinforces what was discussed in class and was made possible by the second generous donation of

the law firm of Rue, Ziffra & Caldwell P.A.

We will be offering another **S.A.F.E.** class in the near future. Keep checking the Town's website for additional information or contact the Police Department at (386) 236-2160.

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

Fire and Rescue



... With Fire Chief Dan Scales

Comments on the 2013 Hurricane Season: Even though it has been a quiet hurricane season for 2013, every year is different. We know that we could enter into a busy cycle for future hurricane seasons (with past years being very busy) and for this reason I would ask all of 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 or the Ponce Inlet Emergency Management home page at: <http://www.ponceinlet.org>, and clicking on the Emergency Management link.



..From Lieutenant / Fire Marshal Derek George,

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

The Fall and Winter seasons are filled with holidays. Candles and other holiday lighting can provide the ultimate decoration for Halloween and Christmas; however, they can be deadly when left unattended. During any holiday season, these are a major cause of house fires. This usually happens when they are left unattended, or placed too close to a festive, yet highly-flammable decoration, or when candles are placed too low and accidentally knocked over.

Below are some fire safety tips



- Extinguish candles when leaving the room or going to sleep
- Keep lit candles away from items that can catch fire such as toys, clothing, books, curtains, and festive decorations
- Don't place lit candles near windows, where blinds or curtains may catch fire
- Don't use candles in high traffic areas where children or pets could knock them over. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit.

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn. Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Keep candle wicks short at all times. Trim the wick to one-quarter inch
- Be wary of buying novelty candles. Avoid candles surrounded by flammable paint, paper, dried flowers, or breakable/meltable containers
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)
- If you and/or your children are going to any holiday parties at others' homes, look for ways out of the home and plan how to get out in an emergency.
- Ensure that any holiday decorations do not block an exit way. In the event of a fire, time is of the essence. A blocked entry/exit way puts you and your family at risk before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an ap-



proved testing laboratory.

- Do not overload electrical outlets by linking more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.
- Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.

Never put wrapping paper in the fireplace. Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.

Turkey fryer hazards



If you use a turkey fryer, please use the following tips.

- Many units easily tip over, spilling the hot oil from the cooking pot.
- If the cooking pot is overfilled with oil, With no thermostat controls, the units also have the potential to overheat the oil to the point of combustion.
- The lid and handles on the sides of the cooking pot get dangerously hot, posing severe burn hazards.
- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other flammable materials.

- Never use turkey fryers in a garage or on a wooden deck.
- Make sure the fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you do not watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer even if it is not in use. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot hours after use.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer. The oil may spill out of the unit when the turkey is placed into the cooking pot. Oil may hit the burner or flames, causing a fire to engulf the entire unit.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. Oil and water do not mix, and water causes oil to spill over causing a fire or even an explosion hazard. Partially frozen turkeys placed into the fryer can cause a spillover effect. This too may result in an extensive fire.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

If you have any questions, please call the Fire Marshal at 386-322-6703 or firemarshal@ponce-inlet.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.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



WELCOME OUR NEW CODE COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR

The Town is pleased to welcome Robert Bailey as Code Compliance Inspector. Mr. Bailey brings many years of building & construction experience, knowledge, and professionalism to this position, having previously worked in Florida, Georgia, and most recently in Missouri.

Mr. Bailey's responsibilities include performing daily inspections, Code Compliance and Code Enforcement. Mr. Bailey can be reached via phone at 236-2186 or e-mail at rbaiiley@ponce-inlet.org.

BOARD VACANCIES

There are currently vacancies on each of the Town's volunteer boards and committees. If you have an interest in serving, please contact department staff at 236-2181 for further information. A list of vacancies and applications for each board are available on the Town's website.

ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Thanks to the artistic talents of Dianne Hand, a limited-edition t-shirt has been created to commemorate the Town's 50th Anniversary of incorporation.

The shirts are now available at Town Hall for \$12.00. A limited number were ordered, so hurry in and buy yours before they run out!

ARCHIVED PERMITS AVAILABLE ONLINE

In an effort to make records more accessible to the public, permit information on all single-family residences is now available on the Planning & Development Department's page on the Town's website.

To begin, click on "Archived Permits." Permits for each individual address can be found alphabetically by street name and then numerically by street address. For example, if you are searching for permits for 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue, you would open the "A" file folder for Atlantic Avenue and click on the corresponding address. If your address isn't listed, please contact department staff at 386-236-2182.

Planning & Development Department staff is currently preparing the condominium files for scanning. Once completed, permits for condominium units will also be available for public viewing.

BEAUTIFICATION FUND AND COMMUNITY OUT-REACH FUNDS

Town funds have recently been established for Beautification and Community Outreach. Donations to the Beautification Fund will contribute towards small beautification projects such as the median plantings completed last year. Community

Outreach donations will be used to create educational materials and the purchase of items that will be provided to the public at Town events such as the annual Community Day. For more information, please call (386) 236-2181.

...Planning and Zoning

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES

Last November, the Town Council created a “Top 10” prioritized list of future code amendments to be reviewed beginning in 2013. The Council charged the Planning Board and other advisory boards with reviewing these amendment topics and providing recommendations on any changes if warranted.

Public workshops on these topics began in January, and several code revisions have already been adopted, including:

- Repealing height setback requirements aka “wedding cake”;
- Modifying measurement of maximum building height for residential properties in flood hazard areas;
- Certificate of Appropriateness for historic structures.
- Repealing maximum floor area ratio requirements for residential properties (comprehensive plan and LUDC)
- Repealing two-year registration dead-line for post-disaster buildback of legal non-

conforming residential structures.

- The Town Council is currently reviewing Ord. No. 2013-12, revising Bed & Breakfast regulations, with adoption anticipated in Oct.

Topics currently under review by various advisory boards:

- Historic Board: Certificates of Appropriateness for structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Park Board: Landscaping and Tree Preservation requirements.
- Planning Board: Height restrictions in waterfront yards; oceanfront setback requirements; sign regulations.

Upcoming workshops will focus on the following topics, in order of priority:

- Parking.
- Courtyards.
- Minor replats.
- Maximum size of non-residential buildings.
- Variance criteria.

For more information about upcoming workshops, check the calendar on the Town website at www.ponce-inlet.org, or contact the Planning and Zoning staff at (386) 236-2181.

RESIDENTIAL BUILD-BACK REGISTRATION

With the peak of the 2013 hurricane season now underway, Town staff is offering a friendly reminder about the program for owners of non-conforming resi-

dential structures to rebuild following a natural disaster. The program applies to structures that do not meet current setback requirements or height limits. Such structures must ordinarily rebuild to current codes if destroyed beyond 65% of their assessed value. Registering with the program allows such structures to rebuild as they were before the disaster, subject to meeting federal flood requirements. To qualify for the program, the structures must be registered with the Town before the disaster occurs. Applications may be picked up in the Planning & Development Department at Town Hall. If you are unsure whether your current residence is non-conforming, please feel free to contact the Department at (386) 236-2181.

...Code Enforcement

TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL

The Town contracts with Waste Management for all trash and debris removal. Property owners take note that if you hire a contractor to cut or trim trees, the limbs must be cut to no greater than three feet in length and weigh no more than forty pounds. When a large debris pile is created, the property owner must contact Waste Management to arrange for a special pickup. Please note that additional fees may apply.

Staff recommends that tree trimming or removal be scheduled to coordinate with the normal pickup day. To schedule a special pickup, please contact Waste Management at (386) 673-0734.

Please remember that all vegetative debris must remain on your property for pickup and shall not be placed under wires, in the roadways, or blocking sidewalks.

Thank you for maintaining your property, ensuring the safety of your community while promoting the town's unique character and charm.

...Building & Flood Plain Management



WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?

Building permits are required for the following types of work:

- All new construction
- Above ground and in ground pools, spas, hot tubs
- Accessory buildings: sheds, carport, detached garage, etc.
- Additions and alterations
- Exterior door replacement
- Exterior window replacement
- Interior and/or exterior renovation
- Re-roof
- Boathouses, docks, seawall, decks
- Mechanical HVAC change out, duct work
- Siding
- Storm Shutters
- Screen enclosures
- Fireplace installation
- Generators
- Gas tanks above and buried
- Fences and walls

- Driveways, sidewalks/walkways, and patios
- Solar panels and systems
- Major repairs and replacement of building components
- Electrical work
- Plumbing work
- Demolition work

Note: This list is not all inclusive

WORK THAT MAY NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT

Building Interior:

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

Building Exterior:

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

Minor Electrical:

Repair and replacement of fixtures and appliances such as light fixtures, ceiling fans, receptacles, switches, refrigerator, range, range hoods in their original location and no change to the circuit, replacement of circuit breakers in existing electrical panels.

Caution: Electrical work should only be performed by a qualified electrician or a person experienced with electrical systems. Improper electrical work can cause

property damage, injury and possible loss of life.

Minor Plumbing:

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

Minor Mechanical:

Replacement of components within the system such as fan motors, compressor, refrigerant, coil, thermostat, etc.; portable window or wall air conditioners that plug into existing electrical outlets.

Note: Replacement of the entire outside condenser unit and/or interior air handler requires a permit.

Swimming Pools:

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

Note: The above is not a complete list of work that may not require a permit. Before starting any work please check with the Town of Ponce Inlet Building Division. Staff will help you to determine if the work is exempt or if a permit will be required. The Department is open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BEWARE OF UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS

Unlicensed contracting has always been a problem in Florida. During these slow economic times many people portray themselves as being licensed and insured when in fact they are not. Before signing a contract or giv-

ing a deposit for proposed work, check with the Ponce Inlet Building Department for verification that they are properly licensed.

BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS

Just a reminder, all Business Tax Receipts expire on September 30 each year. If you have not received your renewal notice, please contact Ami Pierce in the Building Division at (386)236-2182 or apierce@ponce-inlet.org.

Anyone considering opening a business in the Town should contact Ms. Pierce at (386) 236-2182 for application information.



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ONLINE BUILDING PERMITS & COMPLAINT CENTER

Residents and businesses can apply for certain types of building permits on-line at the Town's website. Payment, status checks and inspection requests for all building permit types are available on-line. Residents may also file and/or research Code Enforcement complaints via the Town's website.

Registration via the Town's website is required prior to use of these services. For questions or assistance in registering, please contact Ami Pierce in the Building Division at (386) 236-2182 for permitting/inspection



Mayor Smith presents proclamation declaring October as Community Planning Month to Aref Joulani, Director of Planning and Development .

and Peg Hunt, Code Enforcement Officer at (386) 236-2187 for Code Enforcement issues.

FLOOD INFORMATION



Information on the history of National Flood Insurance Program, how it works and how

important changes recently enacted by Congress will affect our community can be found online at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpeqSQr3ngY&list=UUHMck7Qh7gAf7o4qnPu84IA∓index=2>

A link to this video has been created from the Town's website inside the Hot Topics section.

Public Works



...with Keith Gunter, General Manager

How to Contact Us:

Office: 4875 S. Peninsula Drive

Phone: 322-6729 / Fax: 322-6718

Hours: Mon – Fri, 8:00am – 3:30pm

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.

For more information about Public Works click on the Public Works link on the Town's web site.

<http://www.ponce-inlet.org>

Please view the Public Works video "So Community Works Better – APWA Florida Chapter".

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. The regular schedule for pickups in the Town is: **Monday** and **Thursday** house hold trash, **Tuesday** recycling and yard trash, and **Wednesday** large piles of yard trash. Please make sure all items are to the curb before 7 am on the day of pick up.

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 visit the Town Hall or the Public Works Yard to pick up information on storm water runoff or visit www.sjrwmd.com or epa.gov/npdes/stormwatermonth.cfm and help keep our storm water systems clean and working properly.

The county landfill is closed on Sundays.

Be a Leak Detector: An easy way to check whether you have leaks in your house is to read your water meter. Learning to read your water meter can pay off. First, turn off all the water in your house. (Remember to wait for the hot water heater, toilets, and ice-cube makers to refill, and for any regeneration of water softeners.)

Next, go to your water meter and jot down all the numbers you see.

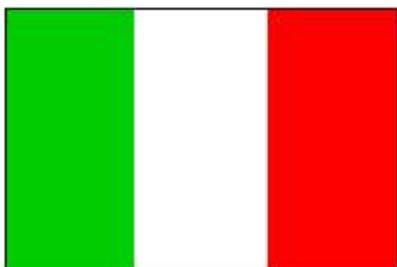


Also, look at the flow indicator gauge, which is a small red or black dial.

If it is moving, then there is a leak inside the house. If it is not moving, then you do not have a serious leak, but you may have a slow leak such as a toilet periodically refilling itself.

To check for slow leaks, read your water meter before and after a period when no water is being used. This may be when you plan to leave the house for a period of time like going to work, running errands, or shopping. If the readings are different after a period of time (at least one hour), then you have a leak. Some areas to check for leaks include toilets, faucets, malfunctioning water softeners, swimming pools, water heaters and faulty irrigation valves. Other leaks can be harder to find such as underground leaks, foundation leaks and leaks behind walls. These may require the assistance of a plumber to locate. Even a small drip can add up to big bucks.

PICCI Board



Presents

Italian Night

Chicken Parmesan
Sausage with Peppers & Onions

Friday
October 25, 2013

B.Y.O.B.
Cocktails 5:00—6:00
Dinner 6:00—7:00
Dancing 7:00—9:30

\$15.00



Purchase tickets at Community Center
760-0615

Cut off date to purchase tickets
Tuesday, October 22 at 4:00 PM

Ponce Inlet Women's Club



Sandy Wester,
Publicity
Chair

The PIWC officers for this year are Susie Hagey, President, Marlene Heiden, Vice President, Wini Irvin, Recording Secretary, Ada Landers, Corresponding Secretary, Pam Quillian, Treasurer, Edwina Knox and Sherry Utter, Parliamentarians, and Past President, Marlene Heiden.

At the September meeting, Mary Hoss, Scholarship Chair, presented the \$1,000 Genesis Scholarship to Tiffani Howell. Ms. Howell was selected from 16 applicants, where she was one of three finalists. Her essay and personal interview with the



scholarship committee made her an overwhelming choice for the scholarship. Ms. Howell is attending the University of Central Florida and majoring in Biomedical Science. She plans to continue her education to become a dermatologist and establish her own practice. At the meeting we also welcomed new member, Nancy Dillard.

PIWC member and local artist, Dianne Hand was awarded the "best artwork" for her entry (pictured above) in the "Positively Ponce" t-shirt contest. The contest was created to award the "best artwork" to an artist in order to promote the 50th anniversary of the town. The artwork is to be duplicated in various mediums to be used to promote "Positively Ponce" throughout the town and Florida in a variety of media. The PIWC will participate in the "Positively Ponce" celebration at the Lighthouse Park on October 5.

Holiday Boutique Chair, Jeanette Kellum is working with her committee to plan a spectacular Holiday Boutique to be held on November 13, 2013. This annual auction and luncheon is a major fund raiser for Daytona State College scholarships and local charities. The boutique is much anticipated by the Ponce Inlet community where beautiful gifts are donated by PIWC members



From Left to Right: Ann Dunbar, Tiffani Howell, Mary Hoss

to be auctioned off to raise funds for charitable giving. The catered luncheon includes Cornish game hen, Boston cream pie and vintage wine. The event is held at the Ponce Inlet Community Center where tickets are on sale now for \$20.

On November 29th, 3 to 5pm, the PIWC will partner with the Guild of the Museum of Arts and Sciences by providing a menu of High Tea hors d'ourves with tea and champagne libations to those attending an event in Root Hall at the Museum. The "Great Gatsby Afternoon Delight" event is in conjunction with the Museum Guild's annual Festival of Trees' festivities and will venture into the realm of entertaining during the Holiday Season. On the date of the event, twelve (12) tables will be decorated in the Holiday Season, or the grace and elegance of the vintage Gatsby theme by those who are no strangers to "entertaining in style". The PIWC Chair for this event, Kay Brawley and Co-Chair, Joann Doyle are offering tickets for \$30 by calling 386-304-3622. Space will be limited to 100 attendees.

We all enjoy the annual Ponce Inlet Christmas parade and the creative floats moving down S. Peninsula Drive. This year several PIWC members will drive convertibles in the parade. As in past years, we look forward to the unveiling of the floats on the day of the parade, Saturday, December 7, 2013.

Marian Kelly will again chair the annual Christmas luncheon for the members of the PIWC. The luncheon will be held at Port Orange Steak House on December 11.

The PIWC objective is a united effort for the welfare of the com-

munity. The Club invites all women in Ponce Inlet, especially those who have just moved here, to come and check-out our Club and perhaps become a new member like Nancy Dillard (pictured on right). The Club meets the second Wednesday each month September through May at 10:30am in the Ponce Inlet Community Center. Please stop by the Community Center to pick up an application for membership.



Ponce Inlet Women's Club

27th Annual Holiday Boutique

Auction and Luncheon

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Tickets -- \$20.00

Doors open at 9:00 AM for preview

Auction starts at 10:00 AM



*Fund Raiser for our DSC and Genesis Scholarships,
and Local Charities*

Bid on Great Items that make Great Gifts

Also, there are Silent Auction tables

**Lunch includes Wine, Cornish Game Hen
and Boston Cream Pie**

Ponce Inlet Community Center, 46-08 Peninsula Dr., Ponce Inlet 32177-4606
No tickets sold at the door.

HALLOWEEN PARTY in the PARK

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Davies Lighthouse Park - Next to the Lighthouse
5:15pm until 7:00pm

Costume Parade begins at 5:30pm

Line up in Boat Trailer Parking lot at 5:15pm

Haunted Hay Ride

Down Sailfish Drive 5:30pm until 7:00pm

Games and Treats

5:30pm until 6:30pm

*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 Judy 212-0011 or Mary Lou 299-4324

Garden Club

By Mary Ann Redinger

The Ponce Inlet Garden Club members are excited to be meeting again after summer hiatus. Although we don't meet during the summer months, work still goes on! A dedicated committee is planning our annual Arts and Crafts fair which is scheduled to be held October 11th and 12th at the Community Center on Peninsula Drive. The fair is the club's largest fund raiser of the year and will feature home baked goods, potted plants, a raffle and also a free drawing, a white elephant sale, food and complimentary chair massages plus many craft vendors selling their goodies! What fun! Please come and join us for this great event.

Because of your support at functions like the arts and crafts fair, last year the Garden Club was able to make donations to Hospice through the Elaine Suslak Memorial fund, the Ponce Inlet Children's Activity Committee, the Margie Jones Memorial Scholarship fund, Longstreet Teacher of the Year and their 4th grade through the Arbor Day Poem and Art contest, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, Veteran's Memorial Fund, Ponce Inlet Community Center

and a special thanks goes out to last year's club president Trish Humphrey who chose the Redinger Low Cost Spay Neuter Pet Clinic as the charity of her choice. We also save pop tops and box tops to benefit Longstreet and Port Orange Elementary schools and also Ronald McDonald house. So, everything we raise goes to great causes. Please come and help us keep these wonderful projects funded.

We are all saddened to see what the Ambrosia beetle has done to our beautiful red bay and other trees of the laurel family, not only here in Ponce Inlet, but all over the area. Much work will have to be done to remove and replace these beautiful specimens.

Long time member Carolyn Sprague brought a bouquet of beautiful blooms to a recent board meeting. Most everyone in attendance wasn't familiar with the plant and we were questioning Carolyn. It seems that many, many years ago an elderly member of the club gave Carolyn a cutting of this plant known as a Candle Bush plant. It's also known as "Secret Flower" because the beautiful yellow blooms close up tightly at night. The plant is native to the Americas, although it flourishes in tropical environments as well

and is known to be one of the oldest sources of American medicines. Carolyn has offered cuttings off this beautiful plant to everyone. She said hers has grown to about 20 feet tall! We learn something new every day! Please consider coming to a meeting and becoming a member and learn right along with us. We meet once a month, nine months a year, and have fun, exciting and educational programs. More information on the Garden Club is available at the Community Center or ask any member...any one of us will be glad to accommodate you.



The Town of Ponce Inlet and Cherise's Heavenly Fitness have partnered to offer **POSITIVELY PONCE "SHAPE UP PONCE INLET"**. It's fun in the parks! Come one and all for free exercise programs in our various parks. The first session is being offered on November 3rd in Lighthouse Park from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Call Cherise at 383-2686 for more information .

ART GUILD OF PONCE INLET

..by DIANNE HAND

The Art Guild of Ponce Inlet meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 in the Community Center. After a short business meeting, members enjoy refreshments and an art demonstration. Members are invited to socialize and paint each Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in the Community Center when general meetings are not held. Anyone who is not a member and wishes to meet members of the Guild is welcome.

President Michael Shamat is anxious to welcome new members to join the Guild. The 2013-2014 schedule will include two "Introductions to Art" lessons for adults. Sessions will be held November 19 and January 18 and are free. Registration is necessary.

Some of the presentations at the general meetings will be a watercolor demonstration by Bertha Kirby, oil palette/brush technique by Pamela Teton, and a graphic arts presentation by Lee Nessler. Field trips are planned to St. Augustine and The Hub in New Smyrna Beach. For further information, please call Dianne @ [386-763-3892](tel:386-763-3892) or Michael @ [386-236-8969](tel:386-236-8969)

PICCI POINTS

by Susie Hagey

Well! Here it is, another season & another new year for the Ponce Inlet Community Center, Inc. (PICCI). October brings the election of the officers. The slate is the same as last year. It is expected that Jim Hinson will be elected president, Susie Hagey, v.p., Carolyn Sprague, 2nd v.p., Wini Irvin, treasurer, and Mary Ann Redinger, secretary. That is, if there are no nominations from the floor. So congratulations to the officers for the 2013-2014 year.

OPERATION CHANGING LIVES 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk REGISTRATION FORM



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SEX: _____ AGE ON RACE DAY: _____

EMAIL: _____

T-SHIRT: S M L XL _____

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18
OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.RACEIT.COM

Entry Fee: \$20 with unwrapped toy
\$25 without toy & \$30 day of race.

Toys will be collected and will be given to underprivileged children in our community. Let's use our talents to provide for our fellow elementary children in Volusia county, and our goal is to double that this year!

Registration begins at 6:30am. Race Starts at 8:00am
Parking at the Lighthouse and Lighthouse park.
Race starts and finishes at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.

OUR MISSION:
We are changing lives, one face at a time.

Course: 3.1 Mile Run

Age Divisions: 9 and under, 10-14, 15-18, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-79, 80-89
Awards given to overall top female and male runners and to the top 3 (male and female) in each category.

Packet Pickup: XRFit Nutrition - November 22 Contact Jen: 386-675-5922
(3816 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach Shores) between 10am-6pm.

Operation Changing Lives is a non-profit 501(c)(3) medical service organization based in Daytona Beach, Florida, (USA). Founded in 2008.
Contact info: Dawn Spinovic (386)238-3573 or (386)586-7547, Chelsea Wino (386)780-2026 or (386)342-2858
Email: OCL5Kwalkrun@gmail.com
Mail entry to: Florida Oral & Facial Surgical Associates- 5418 Health Blvd., Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.
Make check payable to: Operation Changing Lives.

In consideration for the acceptance of my application to participate in the Operations Changing Lives 5K run/walk, I hereby release and discharge Operation Changing Lives foundation, participation corporations, race sponsors, The Town of Ponce Inlet FL, OCLT, and their agents, servants or employees from any and all liability for their own negligence, for damages or injuries that I might receive during my participation, whether due to the acts of third person or otherwise. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and well trained to participate in OCL 5K run/walk on 11/23/13. I attest and verify that I am informed of the dangers of racing in hot weather. I hereby agree that my name may be given to other race directors to keep informed of running opportunities.

Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial

..with Lt. Col. William D. Wester, USMC (ret.)

The Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial is dedicated to the few who serve to ensure the freedom of many. A grateful community remembers those who serve in the armed forces of the United States during time of wars and peace whose courage and personal sacrifice defend and preserve our freedom. The Memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011 at 11:00 AM.

The Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all who made contributions to support the Memorial as well as those who have supported our different functions and fund raisers throughout the years.

The Association will participate in the "Positively Ponce" celebrations on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Davies Lighthouse Park. We will be selling pavers at the Memorial from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and look forward to seeing our many friends from the community.

On Monday, November 11, 2013 at 11:00 AM the Association will celebrate Veterans Day with a ceremony at the Memorial at Davies Lighthouse Park. The purpose of Veterans Day is

to celebrate and honor those who have served in the United States armed forces in times of peace and in times of war. It began as a celebration of the peace after World War I. In 1921, Congress passed legislation honoring veterans every November 11. In 1926, it was changed to Armistice Day and then in 1954, President Eisenhower changed it to Veterans Day. There will be a color guard, speakers, a fly-over, a missing man ceremony, dedi-

cation and wreath laying, firing squad and taps.

The Association will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 7. The breakfast will be held at the Ponce Inlet Community Center and will have Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for the children. After the breakfast the Association looks forward to participating in the Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade.



Sea Turtle Update

By Beth Libert

People are always asking us “how are the turtles doing?” As another nesting season nears an end, here’s an update. The nesting started later than usual this year. We had a couple early leatherback nests which are normal but the loggerheads were slow to come in. The water was still pretty chilly in May and that may be the reason. Turtles usually start nesting once the water temperature reaches the mid 70’s.

2012 was a record year for nesting throughout the whole state. This year didn’t break any records but it was still a very good year, especially for the endangered green turtles. There have been 290 loggerhead nests, 30 green nests and 4 leatherback nests from the Ponce Inlet jetty north through Ormond by the Sea. 41 of these nests were in Ponce Inlet. We also monitor Flagler County which had 357 loggerhead nests, 151 greens (wow) and 5 leatherbacks. New Smyrna Beach had 325 loggerheads, 23 greens and 4 leatherbacks. We haven’t had any new nests lately but a late green turtle nest isn’t out of the question. Unfortunately, late nests do not do well once the weather turns cooler. Incubation slows down and emerging hatchlings can be cold stunned.

Only a few nests were affected by predators such as raccoons, foxes and ghost crabs. Recent high tides did over wash several nests and a few were washed away. Nests can survive some over washing but if water covers a nest for too long the oxygen supply will be cut off and the developing embryos will die. Beachfront lighting has al-



Rare Kemp's Ridley with boat prop wounds

ways been a hazard for emerging hatchlings that disorients them away from the ocean. So far this year there have been 23 lighting disorientations documented, which is a huge improvement from previous years.

Even though the nesting and hatching season is almost over there will may still be stray hatchlings on the beach and especially now is the time we start seeing the washback turtles.

These are post hatchlings that are a few months old and get washed in by high tides, north-

easterly winds and strong ocean currents. They have been living in the floating sargassum seaweed beds offshore, which provide food and camouflage until they grow larger and catch the currents that take them to other countries. When hatchlings first emerge from the nest they are in their “frenzy” period of life and living off their yolk sacs which gives them the energy and instinct they need to swim 30-40 miles offshore to the seaweed beds. Washback turtles have just been floating and eating. They will never be able to swim back out to where they came from. Most of these washbacks are extremely weak, often covered with algae and small barnacles. Many have tar and other foreign objects in their mouths and stomachs. They are well camouflaged in the seaweed which is lying on the beach in the fall months. If you find any weak stray hatchlings or washback turtles please take them to the Marine Science Center.

Do not put them in the ocean! Do not put them in water just lay them on a damp towel for transport. Do not attempt to feed them or give them water. There are drop off boxes at the Center. After a short stay at the rehab facility they will be taken by boat out to the sargassum seaweed beds.

As of September 20th there have only been 7 washbacks turned into the Marine Science

Center. This could change with any storm. In 2007 the rehab center took in 5958 washbacks and 523 hatchlings. In 2008 there were 1183 washbacks and 555 hatchlings. Please be on the lookout for washbacks and sick shorebirds!

The sea turtle Rehab is truly a blessing for sea turtles needing care. They also treat gopher tortoises, box turtles and fresh water turtles. They have treated 101 sick or injured sea turtles as of September 20th (58 of those came from Volusia County).

Marine Science Center Turtle Rehab 304-5533
Bird Rehab 304-5530
Volusia Turtle Patrol 763-0977
(leave a message)



Washback loggerhead turtle on sargassum seaweed.



Permanently disabled green turtle moving to England soon



We invite you to visit us at Ponce Church Sunday's 10:00am at the Ponce Inlet Community Center - 4670 S. Peninsula.

For more info and to listen to Pastor Rick's weekly messages go to poncechurch.com - See You Sunday!

Creature Feature

By Jo Ellen Basile



Ponce Inlet Animal Welfare, Inc. (PAW) is a non-profit group that has been working since 2009 to reduce the number of free-roaming (stray) cats in Ponce Inlet through a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program.

We are proud that Ponce Inlet was one of the first towns in the county to establish a TNR program. TNR is a proven method for humanely controlling cat overpopulation that has the added benefits of community acceptance and saving taxpayer money. Because the cats no longer reproduce, they do not wander and fight and their numbers decline through attrition.

In support of TNR, a state law that passed this year includes a provision ensuring that release of a "community cat" by a community cat program is not considered abandonment or unlawful release.

Dedicated Caregivers

"The greatness of a Nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
-- Mahatma Gandhi

We are especially fortunate in Ponce Inlet to have long-term, dedicated caregivers who have ensured local strays are sterilized, healthy, and well-fed. Volunteers have spent countless hours trapping and

caring for these abandoned cats. They have fostered animals waiting for adoption in their homes and nursed sick or injured ones back to health. And they have adopted multiple animals that have become beloved family members.

One such volunteer is Ruthann Ralph. When Ruthann started taking care of stray cats over 20 years ago, there was no organization and no funding to assist her. She estimates that she rescued over 75 cats. She went every day to feed the cats until recently, when it became too difficult due to health reasons, and PAW caregivers took over.



Ruthann and rescued cat Rosebud

Another example of the care that our citizens provide to these abandoned animals is Buddy. Buddy was found with a painful eye abscess and was trapped and nursed back to health by me. Nancy Epps adopted Buddy and his best friend Jake so that the two cats could stay together. Buddy developed feline urinary tract disease and recently had a second surgery to alleviate the painful and life-threatening symptoms. Without human intervention, this very sweet soul would have suffered horribly.

Cats and Birds

In spite of skewed reports from a Smithsonian study, there is no credible evidence to support the premise that outdoor cats are a threat to bird populations. Cats are more likely to kill rodents and lizards than birds unless the birds already are weakened. Humans are the number one threat to wildlife. As Becky Robinson, President of Alley Cat Allies has said, "Killing one species to save another can never be the answer."

Information

The town website, www.ponce-inlet.org, now has a [Pet Lost and Found](#) link (on the left) for posting pictures and details about lost or found pets. Remember that Pet Registration (at the Police Department) is FREE and helps in the event your pet is lost.

There are two police officers certified in animal control that respond to animal calls and enforce the spay/neuter ordinance. Call Volusia County dispatch for assistance at (386) 248-1777.

For assistance with trapping and neutering homeless cats in your Ponce Inlet neighborhood, contact PAW at (386) 316-2991. PAW will pay the cost of spay/neuter and shots if taken to the Redinger Clinic at 600 North Mason Avenue.

To donate to PAW or volunteer, call (386) 756-1467 or mail donations to 139 Anchor Drive, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127.



Tree Lighting

Visit with Santa

Saturday, December 7, 2013
Ponce Inlet Community Center

Tree Lighting and Carols

6:00 p.m. at the Fire Department
Followed by Santa's Arrival at the
Community Center

Cookies and Juice

Will be served to all
good little boys and girls

New, Unwrapped Toys

For local charities are gladly accepted



Please note: We are no longer able to take photos of each child with Santa.
Ample time will be given for parents to take shots.
Sponsored by the Children's Activity Committee of Ponce Inlet
For more information please call
Judy at 212-0011 or Mary Lou at 299-4324

5th Annual Ponce Inlet Christmas PARADE



SATURDAY—DECEMBER 7, 2013

START TIME: 12:00 NOON

***Parade Route*—PENINSULA DRIVE**

Start: Harbor Village Blvd—south to the Lighthouse

***Viewing Area*—Anywhere along Parade Route**

On Saturday, December 7, 2013 the Town of Ponce Inlet will host the **5th 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 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 8, 2013**.

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.

Also on December 7th 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.

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse

By Mary Wentzel,
Programs Manager

This summer was a busy and productive season for all of us at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. The Lighthouse was a favorite destination for many groups from all over Florida. Drove of visitors, from all around the globe, toured the Lighthouse grounds, our museums and majestic tower. Many of our visitors had an opportunity to take part in our special summer events.

In June we celebrated Flag Day where our guests learned about flag communication and had an opportunity to make their own flags using fabric and markers. We were pleased to have Spanos Motors Inc. at our event with their popular "Canvas Car". Visitors were encouraged to draw lighthouse themed images on the surface of the luxury European car which had been treated with a special coating to prevent permanent damage.

In July, the participants of the 7th Horn Camps Workshop at Daytona Beach, conducted by Heather Pettit, presented a concert at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. Each year French horn players meet in Daytona to study with a staff of outstanding musicians. The annual concert is the finale that brings to a close the creative and musical week. The performers played arrangements of some popular tunes and classic songs in the shade of the Lighthouse tower.

On August 7th we celebrated National Lighthouse Day. During the day there was a hustle of activity as guests honed their skills at the game of "Knucklebones" commonly known as Jacks. Our dedicated lighthouse volunteers greeted our visitors and told stories of lighthouse lore while those in attendance learned about the domestic items that helped lighthouse families organize and run busy households. Our youngest visitors had the chance to make paper dolls. Playing with paper dolls was one of Gladys Meyers Davis' favorite pastimes, when she was growing up at the lighthouse. Also during the event, Radio station WROD 1340 am, came out to the Lighthouse to show their support. The station conducted a drawing for a fine piece of Ponce Inlet Lighthouse artwork by artist, David Wensel of South Daytona. Their support of National Lighthouse Day was much appreciated by the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association.

On Aug. 11th we celebrated Spirit of 45 day at the Lighthouse. Spirit of '45 Day is a day to remember and to honor "the legacy of courage, shared sacrifices and commitment to service of the men and women who took part in WWII". The United States Coast Guard color guard, stationed in New Smyrna Beach, was in attendance to perform the flag-changing ceremony at the base of the tower. Bugler Roland St. Gelais played his instrument for guests during the event, closing the day with a melodic song from within the tower.

The Fall season at the Lighthouse will be rich with unique opportunities for all who visit.

As our weather begins to cool down the excitement will heat up at the tallest Lighthouse in Florida.

On Saturday, October 19th the Lighthouse will be hosting a Museum at Night event from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. We are excited to announce that we are partnering with the Museum of Arts and Sciences for a star gazing event. Seth Mayo, the planetarium curator at MOAS, will be at the Lighthouse to answer your questions about the stars and planets. Mr. Mayo will be demonstrating the museum's high powered telescope to awe and amaze you. Also there will be ten hands on Astronomy activities available for our guests. In order to show our appreciation for all that our teachers do for the community, the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is admitting all teachers, with a valid school ID, free to the Lighthouse for this evening event. Please arrive at 6:30 pm to ensure you have adequate time for star gazing, climbing the tower and all the science activity stations.

Then Join us in November for our annual Thanksgiving Gifts Day. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the grounds, climb the tower, and visit with our dedicated Lighthouse volunteers. Our guests will have a chance to participate in family-oriented activities and create a holiday ornament like the ones that were handmade by families over 100 years ago.

This holiday season the lighthouse will ring in the holiday season with the sounds of music.

We are excited to announce that the Mainland High School Chorus, conducted by Angela Monahan, will treat us to an afternoon of holiday music on Friday December 13th at 11:00am.

Our annual Winter Holiday event will be held on December 27th. Take a break from all the holiday hustle and bustle and come to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse to **enjoy a relaxing and fun-filled day of family activities.** Explore our historical exhibits and climb the tallest lighthouse in Florida. Journey back 100 years ago, when the keepers and their families lived at the lighthouse. **Visit with the "Lighthouse Keeper" as he describes his duties. To find these activities and much more visit our website at www.ponceinlet.org or call us at (386)761-1821.**

Our wonderful Climb to the Moon event has become one of the Lighthouse's most popular RSVP events. Held on the eve of each full moon, participants are given the unique opportunity to experience the historic Ponce Inlet Lighthouse by the light of full moon. What better place to see the day turn into night than a top of the tower. We thank the folks at Inlet Harbor Restaurant who have sponsored the food for the Climb to the Moon event since its inception. Due to popular demand, individuals interested in participating in one of our Climb to the Moon events are encouraged to purchase their tickets well in advance. Please contact Tasha Gallimore via email at tgallimore@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 10 for details.

The spirit of volunteerism is at the very heart of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association. True to the spirit of volunteerism was our dear volunteer and friend Tony Giolami. Tony was an amazing man and will be greatly missed by all of us.

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