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Mayor's Update regarding Pacetta Lawsuit



Mayor Gary Smith

As we have now concluded the trial court portion of the case, we felt that the citizens should receive a status report from the Town. The Town Council has received some e-mails and comments from residents and we know that some of you have followed this matter closely and have a solid understanding of the facts of the case and the status of the process. This update

will serve as a refresher for many of you. We know there are some that may have just moved here or simply do not understand the case, so for those individuals in particular, we hope this will be helpful.

Recap Summary:

This lawsuit was served by Pacetta, LLC in May 2010. In this lawsuit, an initial trial on liability (not damages) was held by Judge Parsons on four counts in January 2012 and in April 2012 he issued an order in favor of Pacetta on all 4 counts. Count 1 is the Permanent Takings claim on four of Pacetta's ten parcels of property. Counts 2 & 3 are due process claims. Count 4 is the Bert J. Harris claim. The Bert J. Harris law was created to allow a property owner relief when their property has been "inordinately burdened" by a government regulation but the property owner cannot meet the much higher threshold required to establish a permanent taking.

The usual process following a determination of liability by a trial judge is to have a jury trial to determine the award of damages, if any, to the property owners. However, Florida law provides a special appeal provision before the jury damage trial for Bert J. Harris claims only. Following Judge Parsons ruling in April 2012, the Town exercised its right to appeal the Bert J. Harris claim - Count 4 - prior to a jury trial on damages. The Town was not permitted to appeal any other counts except Count 4 in advance of the jury trial but expressed its intent to do so once they met the criterion for appeal. The criterion for appeal of the remainder of the case is that the jury trial on damages be completed.

In July 2013, the 5th District Court of Appeals overturned Judge Parsons ruling on Count 4 – the Bert J. Harris claim. The court found the Town had NOT inordinately burdened any of the ten parcels for which Pacetta had made this claim. Pacetta appealed this ruling to the State Supreme Court, who declined to hear it; thereby upholding the 5th District Court of Appeals ruling in favor of the Town. This was a wonderful relief for the Town and all of you as residents. The Town believed that this appellate decision effectively resolved all remaining claims since the lower threshold of the Bert J. Harris claim had not been met, even when considering all of Pacetta's evidence. It seemed there should not have been any claims remaining. However, the trial court declined to change its prior ruling, leaving review of the remaining claims (Counts 1, 2 and 3) to the 5th District Court of Appeals following a jury trial on damages.

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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 was then required to defend itself in a jury trial where the only issue the jury was to determine was the value of the 4 parcels of land the Town allegedly took from Pacetta LLC in January 2007. The jury listened to testimony from various surveyors, planners, and appraisers and determined the 4 parcels were worth \$19.8 million in January 2007. Judge Perkins conducted this jury trial and found in favor of the Town on Counts 2 and 3 (the due process claims), leaving only the resolution of Count 1 for possible review by the appellate court.

Present and Going Forward:

The Town has always and continues to maintain its position that no permanent taking of Pacetta's property occurred – in January 2007 or ever – and the fact is that all of the uses available to Pacetta LLC are the same now as they were when they bought the property between 2004 and 2006.

The Town has the following options:

Option 1 – The Town Council may choose not to appeal the verdict of \$19.8 million and try to find a way to pay the judgment in order to obtain clear title to the 4 parcels of property. However, the Town does not have assets at its disposal to pay \$19.8 million dollars. The total reserves of the Town are approximately 10% of the verdict amount even before any additional assessment for attorneys' fees and costs or prejudgment interest is added in. These reserves have been built and set aside to mitigate current and future risks such as revenue shortfalls, natural disasters, unanticipated expenditures, and to ensure stable tax rates. The Town's reserve policy requires the Town maintain between 3 and 9 months of reserve funds and we currently have 5.2 months in our reserve fund. The judgment of \$19.8 million will have a profound adverse effect on the Town's continued financial viability. It is uncertain whether there would be any viable options which would allow the Town to settle the judgment and it is possible if not likely there would be additional litigation concerning how the judgment can be addressed by the Town.

Option 2 – The Town Council may now appeal the takings claim on the same basis that the Bert J. Harris claim was successfully appealed. The jury award of \$19.8 million would be included in that appeal.

Following an Executive Session with the Town's legal staff on September 26th, 2014, Option 2, an appeal was authorized by the Town Council. An appeal of the Permanent Takings claim does not mean that the Town has given up hope of finding an agreeable settlement, as we continue to express our desire for and willingness to consider any reasonable settlement offer. Settlement proposals offered in the past have been determined to be unreasonable in light of the following: 1) amount of proposal, 2) available funds, 3) available means of obtaining funds, and 4) restrictions on what may be agreed upon in the way of land use changes.

Below are the major mediation attempts and settlement offers that have previously occurred:

July 2011 – Both the Town and Pacetta LLC spent an entire day in mediation with a certified mediator, trying to come to a settlement offer that could be taken to the Town Council for consideration. This mediation yielded no agreeable proposal for settlement that day but further me-

Town Manager



From the Town Manager, Jeaneen Witt,...

The holidays are nearing and we have lots of Town events coming up

for your enjoyment: Children’s Halloween Party - Oct 25th; Veteran’s Day Ceremony – Nov 11th; and the Christmas Parade, Children’s Tree Lighting Ceremony, & Christmas Party - Dec 6th. 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 both of our open seats ran unopposed this year. Please join us for the inauguration ceremony on Thursday, November 20th as Councilmember Bill Milano (Seat 2) and Councilmember Joe Perrone (Seat 4) are sworn-in for another two year term. Cake and refreshments will be served.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. The final budget for all Funds and Departments of the Town for FY 14/15 was approved by Council on September 22nd. The Ponce Inlet General Fund budget is based on a final millage rate of 6.1536 mills, a 0% tax increase.

Though this budget maintains the reduced costs achieved in the past several years for normal government operations, the total budget shows the extremely high legal expenditures continue 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 16%. However, the table below shows that the Town is still holding a place as the 4th lowest proposed overall millage rate countywide.

FY 14/15 Comparison of Proposed Total Millage Rates

County – Wilbur by the Sea	22.4601
Daytona Beach	24.9793
Daytona Beach Shores	24.4120
Debary	20.2110
DeLand	24.6210
Deltona	25.2110
Edgewater	24.7759
Holly Hill	23.3691
Lake Helen	27.5710
New Smyrna Beach	22.1477
Oak Hill	27.8175
Orange City	24.8110
Ormond Beach	20.6447
Pierson	27.6025
Ponce Inlet	22.3923
Port Orange	23.0849

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:

- Completion of the Timucuan Oaks Gardens park improvements; and
- Installation of 3 replacement concrete benches that will be ADA compliant at our most often used bus stops; and
- Replacement of the Town sign on Peninsula Drive and reroute the adjacent sidewalk for safety enhancement; and
- Crosswalk improvements at the North Turn beach approach (cost split with County); and
- Improvements within Ponce Preserve – solar lighting at gazebo, pull-up bars fitness station, replace tree trunk chairs; more directional signs; plaques to identify historic trees; and
- Improvements to the Historical Museum – fence to protect cistern and an educational plaque and hurricane storm shutters.

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 2/3rds 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 13/14 will be approximately 5.2 months. The adopted budget for FY 14/15 utilizes an additional 1.25 months of reserve.

Spotlight on Steve Linkfield, Code Enforcement Officer...



Mr. Linkfield joined the Town of Ponce Inlet in October 2008 as a member of the Public Works Department.

Throughout his tenure, he has earned certificates in utility services, meter reading & repair, and storm water maintenance. In October 2013, Steve accepted the position of Code Enforcement Officer in the Planning and Development Department. As a Code Enforcement Officer, Steve routinely interacts with the citizens and property owners within the town. Therefore, you may see him driving a white SUV, identified with the town's logo, in your neighborhood. This vehicle makes frequent stops; it does not mean that there is a violation in your area. The Code Enforcement Officer practices safe vehicle operations by stopping the vehicle to make notes or take a phone call. If you have a question or wish to report a violation, please contact 236-2187. You may also file a complaint on-line at www.ponce-inlet.org. If you see Mr. Linkfield in your neighborhood, please say hello and let him know if you have any questions or concerns. Mr. Linkfield is available weekdays from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM and may be reached by calling (386)236-2187 or by e-mail at slinkfield@ponce-inlet.org. You can also submit comments, questions, or concerns via the town's website at www.ponce-inlet.org. There is a link for "complaints" on the left side of the home page.

Town Holiday Closings. Town

offices will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 27th & 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday; Wednesday & Thursday, December 24th & 25th for the Christmas holiday; and Thursday, 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



Chief Frank
Fabrizio

*Maintaining Integrity and
Professionalism at the
Ponce Inlet Police Department*



Did you know that the Ponce Inlet Police Department is one of the smallest agencies in Flori-

da to receive accreditation? An accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. On July 18, 2014, the Commission for Florida Accreditation, On-Site Assessment Team advised that the Ponce Inlet Police Department is in compliance with all standards and would be unanimously recommended to the commission for accreditation.

Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that the Police Department has met specific requirement and prescribed standards. Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence. Ponce Inlet Police Department (PIPD) is proud to be State Accredited through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

As an accredited law enforcement agency, PIPD adheres to the 39 chapters and 261 standards set by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. This is a mammoth undertaking, as the last agency on-site accreditation inspection was over 3 years ago. Every three years the Police Department must provide evidence of the department's compliance with a large number of policies requiring multiple proofs to show compliance.

The standards address 39 law enforcement categories. The major categories are:

- Organization, Management & Administration
- Personnel Structure
- Personnel Processes
- Use of Force

- Training
- Operations
- Operational Support
- Traffic Operations
- Communications & Records
- Property and Evidence

The standards set forth by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation serve as a guide for the agency to strengthen its operations, improve service delivery, solidify interagency cooperation, and establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices. Ultimately the standards improve the department's ability to boost citizen and staff confidence in the agency.

For more information about C.F.A. and the accreditation process, please visit <http://www.flaccreditation.org/Index.html>.



Surfers for Autism

Saturday, August 2, 2014 brought a day full of sun, sand and an abundance of smiles. It was the 5th Annual Ponce Inlet Surfers for Autism Beach Festival. This festival is an example of inclusion at the highest level. Surfers for Autism continues their mission to eliminate stigma through public awareness and education and to unite communities through volunteerism.

For 200 children on the Autism spectrum it is a day created just for them. Volunteers lined the edge of the water waiting to take each child out in the ocean to surf. Out in the waves these children come alive and cheers could be heard up and down the shoreline.

On the sand there was live music from the band Velvetten and from Robert Keele who plays at DJ's Deck on Sunday nights. Hope Reins brought therapy horses to the beach for the kids to meet and pet. It was the first Surfers for Autism event to ever have horses on the beach. All enjoyed the beautiful sight of the horses and the happy children.

Just like last year, painting the Police Patrol Car and Fire Engine were a huge hit for the children. It is by far, the most popular beach activity!



“Award of Excellence”

This year the Ponce Inlet Police Department was presented with an “Award of Excellence” for 5 years of Partnership with Surfers for Autism. Of all of the agen-



cies that Surfers for Autism teams up with during their surf tour (April – October), only a few are selected to receive the 5 year Award of Excellence. This award signifies five years of trust and a valued relationship towards building a day for Autistic children in a safe and protected environment with full support from local municipalities. Chief Frank Fabrizio accepted the plaque on behalf of the Police Department and gave a brief speech to the crowd.



Lunch was sponsored by local restaurants and was provided at no cost to the families. During the meal break, Vice Mayor Mary Hoss issued a Proclamation that August 2, 2014 was now “Surfers for Autism Day” in Ponce Inlet.

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



For Parents and Children:

- Children under 13 should Trick-or-Treat at cross streets with an adult.
- Cross the street at corners, using crosswalks (or traffic signals, if not in Ponce Inlet). Parents please remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic, as far to the left as possible.
- 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 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 a 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 on Tuesday, November 11th, let's honor our veterans and active-duty military personnel. A recent Active-Duty Military Personnel Report published by the U.S. De-

partment 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. Thank you for your service!

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 holi-



day 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.
- 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.



- 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 many 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.
- 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.

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

Fire and Rescue



Fire Chief Dan Scales

Over the next several months, the men and women of the Ponce Inlet Fire Department will be conducting company inspections of local businesses and condos. The company inspection is performed by the on-duty

firefighters and serves several purposes. Most importantly, the



members of the fire department become more familiar with the properties and the property owners in case an emergency occurs. Additionally, fire prevention efforts are carried out to prevent future emergencies. Fire department personnel watch for fire hazards during the company inspections and forward the items found to the Fire Marshal if follow-up is necessary. The company inspection is a great way for your firefighters to be as familiar as possible with the businesses and condos in town. It's also an opportunity for you to meet your firefighters without having an actual emergency.

Daylight Savings Time – Change Smoke Detector Batteries

A smoke detector in the home or



office does no good if the batteries are weak or dead, and many people use the clock change of Daylight Savings Time as a reminder to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. If you

haven't tested your detector in a while, now is a good time to give it fresh batteries and test to be sure it is still working well.

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the first thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Home fire sprinklers can also alert you, but are a few seconds slower than smoke alarms. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

Smoke alarms are powered by battery or by your home's electrical system. If the smoke alarm is powered by battery, it runs on either a disposable 9-volt battery or a non-replaceable 10-year lithium ("long-life") battery. Alarms that get power from your home's electrical system, or "hardwired," usually have a back-up battery that will need to be replaced once a year.

Where do I put smoke alarms in my home?

- Put smoke alarms on every floor of your home. Also, in every bedroom and in the hallway outside of each sleeping area.
- Choose smoke alarms that communicate with each other, so that if one alarm sounds they all will.
- Place smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on the wall. Check

the manufacturer's instructions for the best place for your alarm.

•Only qualified electricians should install hardwired smoke alarms.

•How do I take care of my smoke alarm?

•Is your smoke alarm still working? A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all.

- A smoke alarm only works when it is properly installed **and** regularly maintained. Maintain your smoke alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions. Below are some general maintenance tips.
- Smoke alarm powered by a 9-volt battery
- Test the alarm monthly.
- Replace the batteries at least once every year.
- Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.
- Smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium (or "long-life") battery
- Test the alarm monthly.
- Since you cannot (and should not) replace the lithium battery, replace the entire smoke alarm according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Smoke alarm that is hardwired into your home's electrical system
- Test the alarm monthly.
- Replace the backup battery at least once every year.
- Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.

What do I do if my smoke alarm sounds while I'm cooking?

Never disable a smoke alarm while cooking! If a smoke alarm sounds while you're cook-

ing or taking a shower with lots of steam, do not remove the battery. You should:

- Open a window or door and press the “hush” button.
- Wave a towel at the alarm to clear the air.
- Move the entire alarm several feet away from the kitchen or bathroom.
- Disabling a smoke alarm or removing the battery can be a deadly mistake.

For more information on smoke detectors, visit www.usfa.fema.gov or feel free to contact Lt. Derek George at (386) 322-6720 or at firemarshal@ponce-inlet.org

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 approved 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.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



... Aref Joulani,
Director

Planning & Zoning Division
LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LUDC) UPDATES - Progress on the Town's effort to update its LUDC continues in 2014. In July, the Town Council adopted significant revisions to the Landscaping and Tree Preservation section of the code. It also approved regulations allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in certain locations, but prohibiting them within 2,500 feet of any pre-existing school, house of worship, day care facility, public park, beach, or another medical marijuana dispensary.

Also in July, the Planning Board discussed possible amendments to allow mobile food vendors (food trucks) to operate at times and locations other than special events. The Board recommended that such allowance be for emergency purposes only. The Town Council and Planning Board have also begun considering an alternative to the variance process known as a "waiver." Waivers are intended to grant limited, reasonable flexibility from certain development requirements in situations that may not meet all the criteria or level of hardship required for granting a variance. The Council provided direction on this topic at its July meeting. The Planning Board began reviewing the different aspects of waiver applicability and procedures in August

and September.

The Planning Board will continue to hold workshops on additional LUDC amendment topics, including:

- Parking
- Courtyards
- Minor re-plats
- Maximum size of non-residential buildings
- Signs

The public is invited to attend these workshops. For more information, please check the calendar on the Town website at www.ponce-inlet.org, or contact the Planning and Zoning staff at (386) 236-2181.

CALL BEFORE YOU CUT!

Tree Removal Permitting Requirements -

Ponce Inlet has been designated a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation since 1993. To maintain this distinction, the Town must have regulations governing the protection and removal of trees. The Town's tree protection requirements are among the toughest in Volusia County and are intended to protect and maintain the native tree canopy, which is a significant feature of the Town's character. These requirements may be found in the Land Use and Development Code, Section 4.10.4, which can be found at Municode.com. A link to Municode is provided on the home page of the Town's website.

Unfortunately, local tree removal companies may have an incomplete or incorrect understanding of the Town's requirements, and may not be able to

advise you properly.

In most cases, trees cannot be removed without first obtaining a tree removal permit. However, the removal of dead trees, invasive species such as Brazilian Pepper, and certain tree species that are not otherwise protected by code does not require a permit. Trees posing "imminent personal injury or significant property damage to existing structures" do not require a permit, however a review and documentation by Town staff is required prior to removal. The removal of trees without a permit is subject to fines and tougher replacement requirements. If left uncorrected, unpermitted tree removal is subject to Code Enforcement action.

Planning & Development Department staff is happy to explain permitting requirements, procedures, and available alternatives, as well as tree replacement requirements of the code. Please call (386) 236-2181 for assistance. Calling ahead can help avoid unnecessary wasted time, expense, and headache.

Ponce Inlet Historical Museum at 143 Beach Street



The **Ponce Inlet Historical Museum** (PIHM) has had a busy summer with 588 visitors and 10 summer camp groups. The Marine Science Center Camp visited weekly with new campers each week.

The campers took a journey into the past of Ponce Inlet. They learned about the Native Americans who first lived in the area, the first Europeans to arrive here, and the pioneering families of Ponce Inlet.

They toured the home of the last civilian lighthouse keeper and saw the last post office in Ponce Inlet. Following the tour, the campers had an opportunity to make a toy like ones the pioneer children played with. They enjoyed tales of the town's rich history as a center for sport fishing and beach racing. The PIHM is a great place for children and families!

The Museum also added two new **benches** along each side of the porch. The benches were designed and approved by the Historic and Archaeological Preservation Board, and in-



stalled by Robert W. Edwards Builders, Inc. The benches offer seating out front for visitors to enjoy and provide a safe edge to the once-exposed sides of the porch. They were installed just in time for the beautiful fall weather.

The Hasty Cottage served as the Ponce Park post office in the early 1940s. Under the guidance of the Accession Committee, the Town has sought to restore the interior of the Hasty Cottage to represent its appearance and function during that time. Part of that effort includes reproducing

the original furniture.

The picture below shows the built-in table just before the building was restored. The table was used as the main desk in the Post Office. Although this table did not survive the building restoration, a close replica has been built and donated by Peg and Larry Hunt.

The Hunts purchased antique



table legs and the materials in order to construct a table to closely match the original, as shown above. Thanks to their donation, the staging of the Hasty Cottage is one important step closer to completion.

The **Museum hours** are changing beginning October 1, 2014. The new weekday hours will be 12:30 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Weekend hours will continue to be 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, and closed Sunday. Hours on holidays are subject to volunteer availability. Please call 761-2408 for more information.

Upcoming Lecture Series

PIHM is offering another great **Lecture Series** this Fall. Entitled "Florida's Wars," the series' theme and timing are intended to coincide with our nation's recognition of Veteran's Day. Please join us for the fol-

lowing presentations, which will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Ponce Inlet Town Hall, 4300 South Atlantic Avenue.

October 8 - "Seminole War Sites: An Archaeology Perspective" presented by Sarah E. Miller, Director of Northeast Region of Florida Public Archaeology Network

October 22 - "Florida Forts on the Edge of Empire" presented by Zach Zacharias, Curator of Education and History at Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach

November 12 - "The United States Lighthouse Service and the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse in World War I" presented by John Mann, Lead Docent at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse

November 26 - "The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse in World War II" presented by Mike Bennett, Director of Operations at Ponce Inlet Lighthouse

Audio files for previous presentations can be found on the Town's webpage by clicking on the "Audio Streaming" icon.

The lecture series and educational tours are only a part of the educational historic preservation work at PIHM. Other projects include creating outreach programs with Volusia County Schools, organizing events that represent Ponce Inlet's past, expanding the museum collection, as well as generating future presentations.

Upcoming Events:

"The Ghosts of Ponce Past" is to be held in conjunction with

the Town's annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25th. Come hear spooky tales about Ponce Inlet and play an old-fashioned game at the Davies Lighthouse Park.

"A Very Merry Cracker Christmas" takes place on the grounds of the Ponce Inlet Historical Museum on Saturday, December 13th, 1-4 pm. The Hasty Cottage, Ponce Park's last post office, will accept letters to the North Pole, and old Christmas games and crafts will be set up.

Please visit the Town calendar and/or the Museum website for up-to-date information on all that the Ponce Inlet Historical Museum has to offer! We look forward to seeing you at the PIHM events.

In order to help tell this history, the museum seeks to expand its collection of artifacts, photos, and postcards. If you prefer to keep the original photo or postcard, we accept copies and/or can scan the images.

Another way to help the museum preserve the history of Ponce Inlet is to become a PHIM volunteer at 143 Beach Street. Applications are available at the Historical Museum (Mon-Fri), 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, online at the Town's website, or at Town Hall.

Building & Code Enforcement Division

Yard Waste - Just a friendly reminder about yard waste pick-up from our Town's waste hauler, Waste Management: Tree trimming and yard waste may be placed at the curbside for collection but must not block the sidewalk, streets, or fire hydrants.

When yard waste is not placed properly, it may create a hazardous condition for pedestrians and cyclists.

According to Section 62-34 of the Town's Code of Ordinances and the contract with Waste Management, **if a tree trimming/cutting service is working on your property, they must take all debris with them for proper disposal.** Additionally, Section 62-36 of the Code requires that branches be no longer than 4 feet in length and less than 40 pounds in weight.



The above photo illustrates the **wrong** way to store yard waste for pick-up. The pile shown is not only too large; it also overhangs both the sidewalk and street.

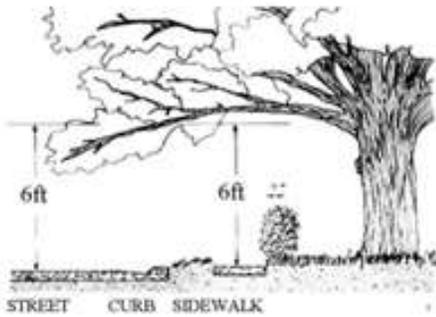


The photo above illustrates the **proper** way to store yard waste for pickup; notice the length, bundled, & placement.

If you have questions regarding tree trimming or removal, please contact Planning & Development Department staff at (386) 236-2181.

Who should trim trees that overhang town streets?

Section 70-6 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, states the adjacent property owner is to maintain minimum tree limb clearance over streets, sidewalks, and rights of way. Due to numerous complaints regarding low-hanging limbs, the town is asking for your assistance in maintaining a six foot clearance over streets, sidewalks and right of way areas.



For more information please contact the Code Enforcement Office at 386-236-2187 or by e-mail at slinkfield@ponce-inlet.org

Watering Restrictions – Located in the St. John's River Water Management District, the Town follows the District's seasonal watering restrictions. Permitted watering times will change on November 2nd with the onset of Eastern Standard Time. Irrigation will be restricted to one day per week until the 2nd Sunday in March.

Homes whose address ends in an odd number or do not have addresses can water **only on Saturday**. Homes with addresses ending in an even number can water **only on Sunday**. Non-residential properties may water **only on Tuesdays**. For more

information, including exceptions to this rule, please visit floridaswater.com.

Please re-set your irrigation system to the new day and remember that irrigation is not allowed between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm.

Rental permits:

All Ponce Inlet property owners who offer their property for rent or lease must FIRST obtain a rental permit from the town. Please confirm with your rental agency or property manager that a valid rental permits exists for the property being offered for rent.

All Rental Permits expire each year on September 30th. Renewal notices were mailed to holders of active Rental Permits in July 2014.

If you have not received your renewal notice or have questions regarding rentals, please contact Steve Linkfield in the Code Enforcement office at (386) 236-2187 or by email at: slinkfield@ponce-inlet.org.

Business Tax Receipts: Pursuant to Florida Statutes 205.42 and Section 22 of the Town of Ponce Inlet Code of Ordinances, a Business Tax Receipt is required for any business, including a satellite office, being conducted within the Town's limits. Anyone considering opening a business in the Town should contact Ami Pierce in the Building Division for application information.

All Business Tax Receipts (BTRs) expire each year on September 30th. Renewal notices were mailed to the holders of active BTRs in July 2014.

If you have not received your renewal notice or have questions regarding BTRs, please contact Ami Pierce in the Building Division at (386) 236-2182 or by email: apierce@ponce-inlet.org.

Public Works



Public Works General Manager
Keith Gunter

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
sbarrow@ponce-inlet.org

WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater is water from rain that "runs off" across the land instead of seeping into the ground. This runoff usually flows into the nearest canal, lake or ocean. The runoff is generally not treated.

Stormwater runoff can convey more than just water to canals, rivers, and lakes. It carries dirt, grease, trash and more from roads, parking lots and other hard surfaces right into storm drains and ditches. They empty directly into our waterways. Storm water can also carry excess nutrients, like phosphorus, which turns our canals, lakes and streams green and smelly and harms fish, plants and other wildlife.

Retention ponds, built to temporarily hold water so it seeps away slowly, fill up quickly after a rain-storm and allow solids like sediment and litter to settle at the pond bottom. Then, they release the water slowly.



STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT STORMWATER QUALITY AND AVOID POLLUTING OUR DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Don't dump hazardous substances such as motor oil, antifreeze, yard fertilizers, household chemicals, or other wastes onto pavement, patios or into storm drains.
- Prevent excess runoffs of Pesticides, Herbicides and Fertilizers by using them efficiently.
- Never drain pool water into or toward a sanitary sewer manhole installed in the street.
- Direct car wash soap onto

your lawn rather than directly into storm drains.

- Practice street sweeping, picking up litter and disposing leaves and yard waste. Do not dump grass clippings, leaves or branches into the storm drains.
- Participate in local garbage and debris pickup days and recycle household hazardous materials to prevent storm drain contamination.
- Remember to always pickup after your pet dispose in a nearby trash can. The City has installed several Dogi Waste cans to help remove litter from our streets.

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

[Town of Ponce Inlet Public Works Dept.](#)



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.

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.*

Town- Wide Water Meter Project:

The Town of Ponce Inlet is in the



process of replacing all residential water meters. You may see one of our Public Works staff swapping out your old meter for a new one.

Solid Waste, Yard Waste & Recycling:

Household trash (solid waste), Yard Waste, and Recycling services are provided by Waste Management.

Regular Pick Up Schedule:

Monday & Thursday - Household trash
Tuesday - Recycling
Wednesday - Large piles of yard debris



HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE PARK



Saturday, October 25, 2014

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)

Games and Treats

5:30 to 6:30



Haunted Hay Ride

6:00 to 7:00



For more details or to Volunteer, Call Amy – 761-2408 or Margi – 236-2183

Sponsored by the Town of Ponce Inlet
with the assistance of the Children's Activity Committee of Ponce Inlet



Town Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa

Friday, December 5, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Timothy Pollard Park at the Fire Station

Join us as we welcome the holiday season by singing carols and lighting the Town's tree

Followed by a reading of "The Gingerbread Man"

and

Santa's arrival at the Community Center



Cookies and Juice will be served to all good little boys & girls.



New, unwrapped toys for local charities are gladly accepted.

Sponsored by the Town of Ponce Inlet
For more information please call Amy at 761-2408

PICCI POINTS



By Susie Hagey

Hi all! Time again for news from the PICCI (Ponce Inlet Community Center, Inc.) Board. The latest being that we have just had our picnic tables renovated, the outside of the building power washed, the fencing around the garbage area spruced up, and all the doors repainted. Everything is looking good and inviting you to come and visit us. Thanks to Jim Volz who chaired this event. It was well worth the \$1500 that it cost – and all of you who support our dinners and events were the ones who actually made it possible.

In September, the Board had a Caribbean Night of fun. Dinner, by our own chef, Jim Hinson, consisted of pork, black beans with yellow rice & onions, plaintains, salad, roll, & lemon cake dessert. Soooooo Delicious! Dancing after dinner! All had a great time, so why is it that out of 3500 residents, we only had 60 people? Do you know that having these fundraisers is one of the main ways that we keep our doors open? We have room for 120 people, so the place should be full for all events. Considering this, we are asking you, as a resident or visitor, to fill in our questionnaire found on another page in this

booklet. We want to know what we can do to bring you in to not only have a good time, but to support the Center.

A new year starts for the PICCI Board in October and the election of officers takes place. Those nominated were Jim Hinson, President; Kristi Drumheller, Vice-President; Susie Hagey, 2nd Vice-President; Mary Ann Redinger, Secretary; and Wini Irvin, Treasurer. Congrats to all! A long time member, past president and friend will resign from the board, Bill Hibbert. He will be sorely missed.

And just as this article is going to press, our 43rd bi-yearly flea market will be in progress. Carolyn Sprague has been in charge of the flea market since 1988 and has brought in over \$91,000 over the years. We do not know what we would do without Carolyn. A great big ‘THANK YOU’ to Carolyn. So we will know the figures for this October flea market when the next newsletter comes off the press. One thing to remember is that we collect donations all through the year – just drop them off at the center.

Events that are coming up are the following:

On November 13th, a Soup & Salad will be hosted by Marlene Heiden & Susie Hagey. For entertainment, the “Song of the Coast Chorus” will sing for all. Tickets will be \$8.00 per person. This is like a community affair where we ask you to bring a crockpot of your favorite soup if you so will to do it. We have extra crockpots at the center if you need one. For those willing to bring soup, we ask that you

sign up at the volunteer office naming the soup you will bring. And even before you bring it, we give you a very BIG, THANK YOU. And of course there will be dessert also and you can BYOB! Now, the time for drinks is 5 P.M., dinner at 6 P.M. Tickets go on sale in early November. Come and meet your neighbors and have a wonderful time. Mark your calendars!

Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11th. Mary Ann Redinger & Barbara Lambert will lay a wreath at the services held at the Memorial in the Kay & Ayres Davies Park.

The PICCI board has entered into the Christmas Parade. Jerry McHugh is chairing this event. It will be December 6th. Come to the parade to see what we do.

Don’t forget that we have exercise classes at the center. Remember that FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) Van will be at the center the second Monday of every other month. It was just here in September so Monday, November 10th FLOW will be here from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keep up with what is going on at PICCI by picking up a calendar of events each month, by checking the sign out front, by reading our bulletin boards located on the walls on either side of the front doors outside or by googling our web site at :

Ponceinletcommunitycenter.com

Send us your ideas and suggestions...and enjoy our beautiful town.

PICCI BOARD Presents



Soups

&



November 13, 2014

Salad

5:00 B.Y.O.B.
6:00 Soups & Salad
**7:15 Musical
Entertainment**

**If you have a favorite
soup you would like
to donate please
contact the
Community Center**



Song of the Coast Chorus

Purchase tickets at Community Center—760-0615
Cut off date to purchase tickets—Tuesday, November 11th
at 4 pm or 120 tickets sold—whichever comes first
Tickets \$8.00—Thank you for your support

Survey request from the PICCI President Jim Hinson

The Ponce Inlet Community Center, Inc. consists of a 16 resident volunteer Board. They are tasked to manage, maintain and operate the center using minimal tax money. Our funds are raised by special PICCI events; Club meeting rentals; wedding & private party rentals. The purpose of this survey is to get your ideas to help raise citizen awareness to the Community Center. The PICCI events are for all PI residents, guests and renters. Below are some questions that we would like your comments & suggestions on. Please send to picciboard@aol.com or leave in the Center auxiliary office Attn: Jim Hinson



1. *What type of events would you suggest the PICCI board host to raise money for the care and maintenance of the building?*
 - a. *Talent show*
 - b. *Karaoke night*
 - c. *Afternoon community event outside ie: chili cookoff*
 - d. *Wine & cheese social*
 - e. *Family night*
 - f. *Breakfast*
 - g. *Other*
2. *Do you enjoy the same rotating themed dinners?*
3. *Do you prefer events during the week or on weekends?*
4. *Our tables are set for 10 people. If we sold a table of 10 for the price of 9 would you purchase that table? (paying price of 9 getting table for 10 at purchase time)*

Upcoming Events Scheduled at the Community Center

- October 26, 2014—Lions Barktoberfest—PAWS for Patriots Fund Raiser*
- November 13, 2014—PICCI Soups & Salad*
- December 6, 2014—Veterans Pancake Breakfast with Santa*
- December 5, 2014—Children's Christmas Party*
- January 10, 2015—Lions Western Night Dinner/Dance*
- February 2015 (date TBA) - PICCI "Taste of BBQ"*
- March 14, 2015—PICCI St Patricks Dinner/Dance*
- May 16, 2015—PICCI Red, White, Blue Dinner/Dance*

Please mark your calendars

Do you need to renew or replace your Florida Driver License Identification Card or Vehicle Registration?

(Florida Residents Only)

The Ponce Inlet Community Center is proud to Sponsor "FLOW" Florida Licensing on Wheels. The FLOWmobile will be at the Center the 2nd Monday of every other month.

November 10, 2014 is our next scheduled date.

10:00 am – 2:00 pm



They accept Cash, Check, and MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Visa Credit Cards. No service fee to use credit cards.

This schedule is subject to change at any given time with or without notice, please always refer to the website www.myflorida.com (type FLOW in the top left corner Custom Search Box)

Shape up Ponce Inlet POSITIVELY PONCE

Cherises Heavenly Fitness

will be shaping up the Inlet every Saturday in November.

*Saturday's from
8:30 am - 9:30 am*

Where
Friendships
are made
& bodies
are changed!

*We will meet in all the wonderful parks
that we have been blessed with!!!*

*This is complimentary to the
residents of Ponce Inlet!*

Lets gather and Shape Up together!!!

*Bootcamp, Yoga, Walking, Zumba,
and more. You will have the time of
your life! Please share with your
neighbors and friends of the Inlet.*

*November 1st is the first workout
meeting at The Lighthouse Park,*

Davies Park!

See You There!!!

Cherise's
Heavenly Fitness
3616 South A1A,
Daytona Beach Shores
Florida 32118



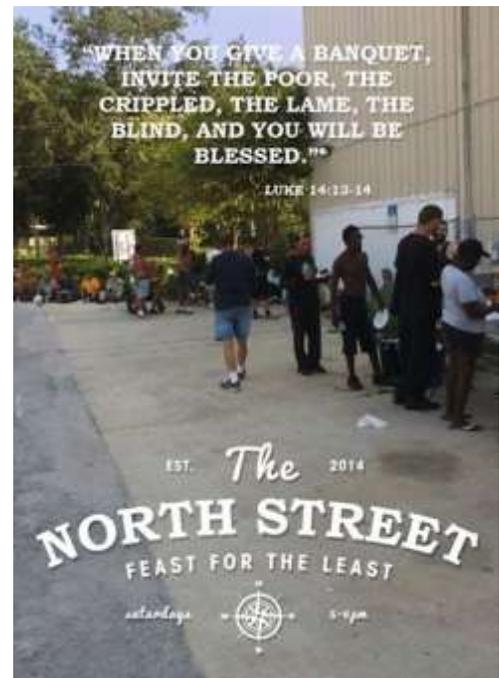
For more info call
386-383-2686

www.CherisesHeavenlyFitness.com

Living On Mission

Ponce Church has begun a NEW "Mission" outreach for our homeless friends and needy families at 320 North Street in Daytona Beach every Saturday from 5-6pm. We feed approximately 100 people. If anyone would like to participate they are welcome to show up and serve, prepare food, or if they would like to donate to this cause they can go to <http://poncechurch.com> or call the Ponce Church home office at [386-308-1533](tel:386-308-1533).

Ponce Church also meets Sundays, 10am at 4670 S. Peninsula in the Ponce Inlet Community Center



Ponce Inlet Women's Club



PIWC Pink Lady Talk
By Sandy Wester, Publicity Chair

September 2014 was the first membership meeting for the PIWC new officers, Ann Dunbar, President; Ada Landers, Vice President; Alice Washington, Recording Secretary; Marian Kelly, Corresponding Secretary; Ramona Thomas, Treasurer and Past President, Suzie Hagey.



At the September meeting, the PIWC Scholarship Committee Chair, Mary Hoss, introduced Emily Grams of Port Orange, who was awarded the Genesis Scholarship for fall of 2014. Emily spoke to the members

about her pursuit of a degree in International Banking at Tampa University and her appreciation of the scholarship award.



The Daytona State College award and Certificate of Appreciation to the Women's Club of Ponce Inlet was presented by Mary Hoss to President Ann Dunbar. The beautifully framed certificate and letter is displayed in the conference room at the Ponce Inlet Community Center. Plans are underway for the annual Holiday Boutique on November 12, 2014. Committee Chair, Susie Hagey is working with her committee to plan another spectacular event. This annual auction and luncheon is a major fund raiser for Daytona State College scholarships and local charities. The boutique is enjoyed by the Ponce Inlet community and others from throughout the area. Beautiful gifts are donated by PIWC members 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 \$25.

Already available for auction during the Boutique are two framed paintings, donated by former Ponce Inlet resident and artist, Pamela Jekel and a framed print of the lighthouse imbedded on the map of Ponce



Inlet with shrimp boat illustrated, both are on display at the Ponce Inlet Community Center.

On Saturday, December 6, 2014 Ponce Inlet will have the annual Christmas Parade. PIWC Christmas Parade Chair, Angela Molpus is busy with her committee to make preparations for this year's theme.

Every Christmas season brings the PIWC ladies together for a luncheon meeting at a local restaurant. This year the luncheon, chaired by Joann Doyle, will be held at Stonewood Grill and Tavern. Although Stonewood is not open for lunch, they have agreed to open to only our group for this event.

Each year, the PIWC members always look forward to a special outing outside of the regular meeting schedule. The outings typically take place in January. Special Event Chair, Jeanette Kellum is working with her

committee to plan something really fun for the group.

Please save the date of March 19, 2015 for next year's Fashion Show Benefit with new enhancements: look for new venue and house of fashion. Tickets will be available at the Ponce Inlet community Center beginning January 2015. This is always an elegant event you will not want to miss.

"Love is in the Air" the Valentine's week Caribbean cruise on "Liberty of the Seas" presented by the fundraising committees of, and in partnership with, the Ponce Inlet Women's Club, the Guild of the Museum of Arts and Sciences and the Daytona Beach Symphony Guild. Royal Caribbean will donate \$50 per cabin for our fundraiser. Please refer to the flyer or contact PIWC member, Pam Quillian, Travel Specialist, for more information; we are pleased to announce 12 cabins have already been reserved with deposits, including a professional singer and photographer.

The PIWC welcome's two new members, Nancy Argo and Carmen Verge. This brings our total membership to 83.



**New Member
Nancy Argo
with Louise
Lauthain**



**New Member Carmen Verge with
Diane Zatloukal**



**New Member
Willa
Yerakhavets**

The PIWC objective is a united effort for the welfare of the community. 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 members. 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.

**You're invited to
The Ponce Inlet Women's Club
Fashion Show Luncheon Benefit**

Thursday March 19, 2015 -- 10:30 am

*Museum of Arts & Sciences
At the NEW Brown Museum of Florida Art
352 South Nova Road, Daytona Beach*



Featuring
The Art of Style 2015 by Dillard's

Awards for Best Hats — Raffle for Grand Prizes

Benefit Ticket: \$35
Bring a friend, or 2 or more; Reserved Tables for 10

Purchase tickets at Ponce Inlet Community Center
4670 S. Peninsula Ave, Ponce Inlet 32127 (386) 760-0615

Supporting Scholarships for Education, Culture
& Charities in the Community

Contact: Kay Brawley: kbrawley@omidapring.com; (386) 322-4512
Mary Lee Scurao (386) 682-3364, or Pam Quillian (386)760-8532

Ponce Inlet Women's Club

28th Annual Holiday Boutique

Auction and Luncheon

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Tickets ~ \$25.00

Doors open at 9:00 AM for preview

Auction starts at 10:00 AM

*Fund Raiser for our Scholarship Recipients
and Other Charities*

Bid on Great Items that make Great Gifts

Also, there are Silent Auction tables

**Lunch includes Wine, Cornish Game Hen,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine
And Boston Cream Pie**

**Ponce Inlet Community Center, 4670 S Peninsula Dr., Ponce Inlet - 760-0615
No Tickets sold at the door**

Garden Club

Garden Club of Ponce Inlet

By Jane Magrady

After a long, hot, summer break, our Garden Club of Ponce Inlet members were excited to be back to share their summer adventures at the September 24th Luncheon Meeting, chaired by First Vice President, Mary Ann



Opperud. Faye McHugh received the Beautification Award for her lovely landscaping on Loggerhead Court. Faye was on a winning streak, as she was also the winner of the 50/50 raffle! The Door Prize was won by



Gail Archetto and Birthday winners were Kristi Drumheller (July), Gail Martinson (August) and Ginger Bayer (September). Congratulations to all our lucky members!



The Club's Annual Arts, Crafts and Plant Show, held October 10-11, was a huge success, thanks in no small part to the leadership of co-chairs Diane Bell and Mary Ann Opperud. Dozens of club members worked together to assure that all the activities - the Garden Club Plant Booth, the (yummy) Bake Sale, the White Elephant Sale and the lunch - were a huge success. This year we had 50 vendors, with booths both indoors and out, who reportedly had as much fun as did the attendees! Big thanks go to our Raffle Sponsors - Walmart, Publix, and the local restaurants where our winners will be enjoying free meals: Black Bean Café, Boondocks, Down the Hatch, Genovese's Italian Café, Hidden Treasure and Inlet Harbor.

Luncheon meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Community Center at 10:30 a.m. The November and December meetings will be moved up a week due to the holidays. For more information about attending a meeting or becoming a member, please stop by the PICCI office for an application.

Our upcoming meetings and events to look forward to will be:

October 22 - Jennifer Pell of Lindley's Nursery will discuss Fall and Winter Perennials. Congratulations to Marion

O'Donnell Kelly, who will be inducted as a lifetime member of the club at this meeting.

November 19 – Barbara Willey of the Ormond Beach Garden club will discuss How to Arrange Flowers for Special Holiday Events.

December 6 - Portia Mallack and Gwen Girard will lead festively attired club members along the route of the Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade.

December 17 – The club will feature Melody, a harpist and vocalist for their holiday luncheon meeting.

January 21, 2015 - The Garden Club of Ponce Inlet Tea Party and “Thyme and Again Boutique”, which will be held on at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets will be on sale at the December meeting and at the PICCI until January 15th. This is a lovely event which you won't want to miss! Thanks to the community support for our special events, the club is able to continue to fund scholarships for local students and projects to beautify our town. This summer donations were made to Hospice, in recognition of assistance provided to the families of two club members.

Other easy ways you can help out is to save box tops for education, pop tops to support Ronald McDonald House and Campbell Soup labels also for education. Just drop these by the PCCI building addressed to Sherry Utter and she will make sure they go to good use.

Fall is a great time for planting most vegetables and herbs, such as tomatoes, squash, peppers, and lettuce. We can't think of

an herb that won't do well now that the weather is getting cool. As far as flowers geraniums, petunia, pansies, violas and snapdragons are good choices. For more information check out

www.solutionsforyourlife.com.

And remember “the seeds you plant today become the flowers of tomorrow.

Garden Club of Ponce Inlet
Tea Party
January 21, 2015
@ 1:00
Community Center
\$10.00



Thyme and Again Boutique
Gently enjoyed accessories

Tickets on sale at the December 17th Garden Club meeting
And at
The Ponce Inlet Community Center until
January 15, 2015

Questions??? Mary Ann- maopperud@gmail.com
1-425-314-5595

Creature Feature



By Jo Ellen Basile

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

--Mahatma Gandhi

Ponce Animal Welfare (PAW) is a citizens 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. TNR is a proven alternative to trap and kill animal control.

We have TNR cats in several different locations in town that are fed by registered caregivers. If you believe a stray cat is in need of care, please contact PAW for help with trapping and neutering at (386) 316-2991.

If you are feeding stray cats, your

kindness is incomplete without ensuring that they are spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted animals and suffering. Well-fed, unfixed cats can produce many offspring very quickly.

Information

Please **register your pets** at the Police Department. Pet registration is FREE and helps in the event your pet is lost.

The town website, www.ponce-inlet.org, has a **Pets Lost & Found** link (on the left) for posting pictures and details about lost or found pets.

Ponce Inlet police officers certified in **animal control** respond to animal calls and enforce the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. Call dispatch at (386) 248-1777.

The Halifax Humane Society's **Redinger Clinic**, at 600 Mason Avenue in Daytona Beach, is open to all Volusia County residents and offers spay/neuter and basic vaccinations for your pets at a greatly reduced rate. Call them at (386) 310-4935.

Donations

PAW is a small organization and can use your help. One way you can help is to sponsor the cost of spay/neuter and shots for TNR cats, which is currently \$50 for females and \$37 for males. To donate or volunteer, call (386) 756-1467 or mail donations to 139 Anchor Drive, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127.

Adoptions

We have kittens that need loving homes. These kittens are the most loving I have ever encountered, thanks to the loving care they received from their foster mom Ruby. They love people and run up to greet you and pile into your lap to shower you with love.

They are about four months old and have been spayed/neutered, had their shots, and been wormed and flea treated. All they need is you! Call (386) 316-2991. Pictured below are females Marble, Button, Casper, and Snowy. Snowy is showing off her spay stitches.



OPERATION CHANGING LIVES

5th 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

When: November 22, 2014
Where: Ponce Inlet Lighthouse
Event for Entire Family!
8:00 am
 T-Shirt & Goodie Bag

Entry Fee: \$20 with unwrapped toy
 \$25 without toy up until Oct. 31st and
 \$30 Nov. 1st and day of race.

Toys will be collected and will be given to underprivileged children in our community. Last year we were able to provide for over 1600 elementary children in Volusia County, and our goal is to double that this year!

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

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, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-90
 Awards given to overall top female and male runners and to the top 3 (male and female) in each category.

Packet Pickup: Heavenly Fitness - November 21 Contact Cherise: 386-383-2686
 (3616 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 Stipanovic (386)239-3573 Cherise Wintz (386)760-2035 or (386)383-2686

Email: OCL5Kwalkrun@gmail.com

Mail entry to: 3612 S. Atlantic Ave • Daytona Beach Shores, Florida 32118
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, DOT, 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 11/23/2013 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 Lighthouse

Mary Wentzel
Programs Manager

Fall is here at the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse, but we can't step into fall without remembering the awesome summer we had at the Lighthouse.

On July 12th musicians taking part in the annual Daytona Horn Camp gathered at the base of the tower and played classical and pop tunes on their French Horns. Twenty two horn players from all over the country, conducted by Heather Pettit-Johnson, joined together to play music in the shade of the tallest lighthouse in Florida.

August was full of exciting events at the Lighthouse. On August 7th we celebrated National Lighthouse Day. On duty for this popular annual event was a wonderful group of our VIP volunteers who shared all their lighthouse knowledge with our guests. Then on August 10th we recognized the banner day that marked the end of World War II. The events of Spirit of '45 day brought many visitors to the lighthouse. Guests enjoyed the patriotic sounds of bugler Roland St. Gelais and watched the U.S. Coast Guard proudly perform the flag ceremony at the base of the tower.

On August 16th we celebrated International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend. The global event was designed to promote public awareness of lighthouses and lightships and their need for preservation and restoration. At the same time the event promotes amateur radio communication. A group of amateur radio enthusiasts from all around Florida, transmitting from the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse during the event, made contact with radio operators in Canada, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Spain and twenty two states. There were three lighthouses who answered our call requests on that day. The list includes; Copper Harbor Lighthouse in Michigan, Eagle Bluff Lighthouse in Wisconsin and Cape Ann Light Sta-

tion in Massachusetts.

As we look ahead to October, November and December, our lighthouse VIP volunteers are gearing up for a great season of fun.

Upcoming events in October, November and December are:

Museum at Night: Astronomy with the Museum of Arts and Sciences, October 18th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Astronomy workshops, stargazing through high powered telescopes and a flashlight tour of the tower will all be part of the fun. Explore refraction, reflection and how light travels in our Science of Light exhibit. To honor teachers, we will have free admission to the evening events for all public and private school teachers with valid school ID.

“All Hallows Eve” at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse: A member appreciation event, October 31st from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. This is a unique opportunity to see and hear the infamous John Mann reading his rendition of the spooky short story, *The Fog Horn* by science fiction author Ray Bradbury. Guests will also enjoy an array of treats and sparkling beverages at the top of the tower. The event is open and free to current Ponce Inlet Lighthouse members of all ages. This special event is limited to 25 participants and reservations must be made in advance with Mary Wentzel by email at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org, or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 18.

Girl Scout Earn a Badge Day, November 1st from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. We are excited to be working with the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council and the Florida Public Archaeology Network to create an official archaeology badge. Girl Scouts who complete the half day program will earn their official Girl Scout archaeology badge. Online pre-registration is required for this event. The program is limited to 25 participants.

Homeschoolers Fall Event, November 13th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The annual homeschoolers event has grown over the years so it is a perfect time to offer two homeschooler events, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. The Homeschoolers Fall Event is a special day designed for homeschoolers with many educational and fun workshops scheduled throughout the day. This special event is limited to 100 participants and reservations must be made online in advance on our website.

Additional events scheduled in the coming months include **Biketoberfest at the Lighthouse**, October 16-19, 12:00pm – 2:00pm; **Thanksgiving Gifts Event**, November 28th from 10:00am – 2:00pm; and our **Winter Holiday Event**, December 26th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Please go to our website, www.ponceinlet.org to learn more about upcoming events at the Lighthouse. If you have any questions about any of our upcoming events please contact Mary Wentzel by email at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org, or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 18.

Looking for a perfect holiday gift for a loved one who has it all? Reach for the moon during our **Climb to the Moon** event. Held every month on the first night of the full moon, the climb is one of the lighthouse's most sought-after RSVP offerings. Participants are given the unique opportunity to experience the historic Ponce Inlet Lighthouse by the light of both the full moon, and the flash of our own third order Fresnel lens, up close and personal. Visitors to this special event are treated to an escorted tour to the top, view of the sunset and the moon rise over the river and the ocean from 175 feet in the air, and also a rare tour of the lantern room, open only during these special events. We have to thank our special partners, the folks at Inlet Harbor Restaurant, who have sponsored the food for the monthly Climb to the Moon since its inception. Due to the incredible popular demand, individuals who are interested in participating in this event are encouraged to pur-

chase their tickets well in advance. For more information contact Karen Huffman, at khuffman@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821 Ext. 10.

Congratulations to our Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Volunteer of the Quarter, Iconic Ponce Inlet resident **Mr. Earl Davis**. Although the entire volunteer corps contributes collectively towards helping our organization achieve its mission, the Preservation Association honors the spirit of volunteerism by acknowledging specific individuals whose contributions far exceed what would normally be expected. Earl continues to support the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association with all he has and we are forever grateful for his important contributions.

If you would like to become one of our wonderful volunteers, or are interested in learning more about the rewarding opportunities for volunteers at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, contact **Mary Wentzel** at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821, ext. 18.

Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial

Bill Wester, President

Veterans Day Ceremony

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 11:00 AM the Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association will celebrate Veterans Day with a ceremony at the Memorial at Davies Lighthouse Park. This ceremony will honor those who serve or have served in the armed forces of the United States during time of war and peace and whose courage and personal sacrifice have defended and preserved our freedom. Veterans Day 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, dedication and wreath laying, firing squad and taps. Please join us for this special time.



Pancake Breakfast

The Association will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 6.

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 annual Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade.



Veterans Day Ceremony

Monday, November 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Ponce Inlet Veteran's Memorial

4931 S Peninsula Dr



*Thanks to all who donated to help build the Memorial.
Everyone please join us on Veterans Day.*

*Guest Speaker—
Chief Warrant Officer Five Allen R. (Randy) Godfrey*

Fly Over—Spruce Creek Gaggle

Lions Club

By Danke Schon

The Ponce Inlet Lions Club is having a FUND RAISER PAWS FOR PATRIOTS on October 26, 2014 at the Community Center. The Patriot Dog cost \$10,000 and we have purchased two in the past.

So come on out Oct 26 have fun, good food, friendship and help raise money for a Veteran . The theme is German and wear your German attire. (Not required) See you OCT. 26 at 5 PM. see flyer below!!

BARKTOBERFEST
PAWS FOR PATRIOTS™
They served us, now it's our turn to serve them.

Ponce Inlet Lions Club
Sunday, October 26th
Ponce Inlet Community Center,
4670 S. Peninsula Drive, 32127
(386) 760-0615



A fun time to
FEEL GOOD
about giving back!

5:00 DRINK: Deustch Bier, donations graciously requested
6:00 EAT: German Wurst
7:00 DANCE: Bavarian Oompah Music

So jump into your Lederhosen, Grab your Stein and Jodel "Guten Prost"

Prizes for
Unique Steins, Dirndl Dresses, Lederhosens

50/50 Raffle ~ Elaborate Gift Baskets Auctioned

Tickets on sale at
Ponce Inlet Community Center
\$15.00/pp
BYOB WELCOMED
Special Thank You to our Valued
Sponsors and Patrons



6th Annual Ponce Inlet Christmas PARADE



SATURDAY—DECEMBER 6, 2014

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 6, 2014 the Town of Ponce Inlet will host the **6th 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 \$50.00 and For-Profit entries \$75.00. Checks made payable to Town of Ponce Inlet & your Application must be received at Town Hall no later than November 1, 2014 (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 7, 2014**.

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 6th 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.

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Did you enjoy this newsletter?

If so, please consider supporting this organization by becoming a member of the Citizens For Ponce Inlet. Your financial contribution will be used to help defray the costs of this newsletter as well as the annual Candidate's Forum and the Citizens of the Year Award event.

2014—2015 Membership Registration Form

I wish to become a new member _____ ; renew my membership _____
Enclosed is \$10 ___ \$15 ___ Other _____ (We can hope) contribution for my annual membership.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

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

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