



Citizens for Ponce Inlet

Newsletter

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2013 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Ellen Pagliarulo and Jerry McHugh for receiving this year's Citizens of the year Award at the annual dinner event hosted by the Citizens for Ponce Inlet.

Ellen (pictured below receiving her award from Tami Lewis) and her husband Rocky came to Ponce Inlet from New York. They originally settled in Wilbur-by-the-Sea until Ellen found her dream lot



in Ponce Inlet. They built their home in 1985 and Ellen began her service to the community.

Until recently she served on the Code Enforcement Board for fifteen years and was the Chair for about ten of those years. She had an excellent work-

ing relationship with the Attorneys and Staff. Ellen has served on the Advisory Board of the Ponce Deleon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association for about ten years and has participated on several committees, including the 125th Anniversary Fund-

raising Committee.

Ellen's passion is infectious and she can bring people together for just about any cause. If you look for Ellen Pagliarulo she can be found each year on Election Day, standing outside the Community Center, holding a political sign without a hair out of place. Congratulations to Ellen Pagliarulo for the 2013 Citizen of the Year

Jerry McHugh presently serves on the board of trustees for the Ponce Inlet Community Center, Veterans of Ponce Inlet and gives many hours to other clubs that make our town a great place to live in.

Pictured below is Jerry's wife Faye presenting him with his Citizen of the Year Award.



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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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Garden Club of Ponce Inlet 2013 Arbor Day Celebration

By Ramona Thomas

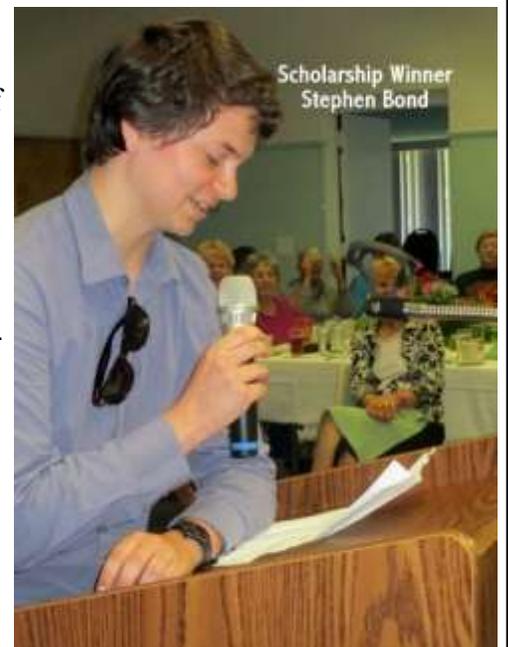
Arbor Day in Ponce Inlet came and went with a Celebration of our town's soon to be opened, **Timucuan Oaks Garden**, a place of beauty, nature and of our town's history.



Jordan Perkins was honored for her artwork and **Audrey Lampart** for her poetry. The presentations of these two young scholars were exceptional. They are Longstreet Elementary fourth grade students of teacher, Tara Lamb, and Justina Thomas Smith.

Longstreet's Teacher of the year, Laura Smith will receive a \$50 reward.

The Margie Jones Scholarship of \$1500 was awarded to Stephen Bond, for his scholastic achievements, his community service, and his commitment to the arts. Stephen was impressive and articulate as he spoke of goals and of his family in Ponce Inlet. Stephen is a senior at Spruce Creek High School, and will be studying at Florida State University for a Fine Arts Degree to pursue a theatrical career.



Town Manager



From the Town Manager, Jeaneen Clauss, ...

Town Regular Election – 2013. The Town's Regular Election scheduled for August 13th, 2013 has been CANCELLED, as Seat #3 challenger Joe Villanella has withdrawn from this election due to family matters. Congratulations now go to Mayor Gary Smith, Vice-Mayor Mary Hoss and Councilmember Tami Lewis for their re-election to Seats 1, 3 and 5, respectively.

Ponce Inlet's Proposed Millage Rate and Budget. The public hearings for adoption of the Town's millage rate and budget are scheduled for Wednesdays, September 11th and September 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Spotlight on Doug Rudd, Police Sergeant...



Sergeant Doug Rudd first joined the Ponce Inlet Police Department in 1997. Prior to that he was an Officer with the Daytona Beach Shores Department of Public Safety. He also served honorably in the United States

Coast Guard. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in May of 2004. Doug serves as the Departments Training Sergeant and Animal Control Supervisor. As the Training Sergeant he insures that all officers of the Department maintain current training and coordinates schooling to better enhance officers knowledge of police procedures. As the Animal Control Supervisor he insures that all incidents with animal bites or animal concerns are dealt with for the health and safety of the Town. Doug was the Department nominee for Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year as well as the "Click it or Ticket" Traffic Safety Officer of the year. Doug has devoted most of his career to traffic safety and constantly looks for ways to make the Town a safer place for both motorists and pedestrians alike. He recently completed a course in Basic Clandestine Laboratory Safety certifying him in the cleanup of the very dangerous meth labs that have popped up throughout the County. In his off time Doug is very involved in the fight against autism. He has volunteered his time with the group Surfers for Autism and is an integral part of their events in Ponce Inlet and Jacksonville. He also volunteers his time with Autism Speaks and is regularly seen helping set up at many of their events throughout the area. Doug is married to his wife Shannon and has two daughters Amanda, age 19 and Gabrielle, age 13.

Hurricane Season Is Here!

Make sure your information is up-to-date in our **CodeRED® Emergency Notification System**. The system will distribute emergency messages via tele-

phone to targeted areas or the entire Town at a rate of 1,000 calls per minute. CodeRED® employs a one-of-a-kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses, live individuals and answering machines.

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

Please go to the Town's web page at www.ponce-inlet.org and click the CodeRed® link for more information and to register.

Town Holiday Closings. Town offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, 2013 in observance of Labor Day.

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 occupation-

al license). This business directory can be found as a link to the Town's home page – www.ponce-inlet.org.

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

Town Council & Board Meetings. The Town Council meets the third Thursday of every month, 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue. Special meetings are scheduled and noticed as needed. The agendas 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 an-

nouncements 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 Fabrizio,
Chief of Police



It's Summertime

Summer is here! The season of beaches, pool parties, vacations, and ice cream. It is also the season when crime rates can spike. People tend to relax and not be as vigilant. They leave their doors and windows unlocked or open when they are home and leave their cars unlocked with the windows down when they go shopping.

These behaviors are signals to thieves. Leave your windows down, and there's a good chance your new iPad or iPhone will be gone when you get back.

Be smart and roll up your windows and lock your doors, even if it's just a short errand. Keep your vehicle locked in your driveway, too. Be just as vigilant about locking your doors

and windows at home and setting the alarm. Taking some basic precautions helps keep the "bad guys" out!



"If You See Something, Say Something"

The nationwide "If You See Something, Say Something" public awareness campaign is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper law enforcement authorities.

Don't be afraid to report:

- *Anyone tampering with surveillance cameras, safety systems, machinery or other sensitive equipment.*
- *People videotaping, sketching or taking notes on transit equipment and facilities or security equipment.*
- *People entering unauthorized areas.*
- *People carrying aerosol containers or anything emitting a strange smell or gas.*
- *Evasive answers to common questions regarding destinations; deliberate attempts to avoid contact with others or to*

draw attention.

•*Loose fitting clothing, large sweatshirt, vest or jacket in hot weather conditions.*

•*Attempts to abandon a vehicle in or near a transit parking facility, or cars in the parking lot without proper tags and license plates.*

•*Consecutive round trips on the same transit route. Bags, boxes or other packages left unattended on buses and trains, in stations, on platforms or on train tracks—especially if partially hidden or in unusual locations.*

If you see something suspicious taking place, report that behavior or activity to law enforcement or, in the case of emergency, call 911...

An alert public plays a critical role in keeping our community and nation safe!



Vacation House Watch

Please remember if you are going out of town for the summer, we recommend that you fill out a “Vacation House Watch Form.” These forms are availa-

ble online or in the lobby of the police department. During the time you are away, we will make checks on your residence. Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Tips before you go:

Stop mail and newspaper delivery or have someone collect them from your mailbox and yard.

Use light timers so it appears that someone is home at night. Lock all doors and windows. If vehicles are left behind, do not leave valuables in plain sight. Have your lawn and yard maintained so it does not look as though you are away.

Bicycle Registration



The Ponce Inlet Police Department has developed a bicycle registration program which will allow Ponce Inlet bicycle owners to voluntarily register their bicycles with the Police Department. This program is free of charge and will assist the Police Department in the event your bicycle is lost or stolen. Anyone wishing to have their bicycle registered may bring it to the Ponce Inlet Police Department anytime between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday through Sunday. If you should have any

questions, call the police department at 386-236-2160.



“Click It or Ticket”

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

The Ponce Inlet Police Department participated in the national “Click It or Ticket” initiative from May 20 through June 2, 2013. During this timeframe, 45 seat-belt citations were issued.

Seat belt usage surveys were conducted pre and post “enforcement wave” to check for effectiveness. The survey consisted of checking one hundred vehicles at three separate locations in town and documenting seat belt usage for drivers.

Safety belt usage rate prior to this enforcement wave was 86.6%

Safety belt usage after this enforcement wave was 88.3%.

Are You S.A.F.E. ?



Our **S.A.F.E.** classes continue to be a great success. The classes have been well received by the women who participated, and the enthusiasm they displayed was infectious.

We are offering another **S.A.F.E.** class on August 20, 2013 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Community Center. Please contact the Police Department at 386-236-2160 to register, as seating is limited. Check the Town's web site for additional information.

The Ponce Inlet Police Department wants to keep you and Ponce Inlet safe. Always remember that safety comes with staying **AWARE** and **ALERT!**



Fire and Rescue



...With Fire Chief Dan Scales



Non-emergency Transport Program Update:

On August 1, the Ponce Inlet Fire Department began transporting non-emergency patients to the hospital.

To date, the fire department has transported almost over **100** patients, and all transports have occurred with no operational issues. The feed-back from patients and our firefighters continues to be very positive. The most obvious benefit our patients continue to experience is getting to the hospital quicker with Ponce Inlet transporting. Another significant benefit that our patients now enjoy is what we call "continuity of patient care". This is where the EMT or paramedic that initiates patient care continues it throughout the entire transport process. This results in no loss or degradation in patient care information when they arrive at the hospital. Also, our staff knows the patient outcome at the receiving facility

and the results of the care we provide, which helps improve future patient encounters.



An additional benefit to Ponce Inlet FD transporting patients has been the small amount of revenue the town is receiving through patient insurance billing. This revenue has allowed the department to purchase equipment and supplies that directly enhance and improve our patient transport program. A great example is our new patient stretcher.

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



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

One of the most important fire safety devices for the home is

the smoke alarm. After becoming available in the early 1970's, home smoke alarm sales grew rapidly and the price fell. Today, smoke alarms can be purchased for under \$10.

Several studies have concluded that when working smoke alarms are present, fire fatalities are cut in half. The smoke alarms currently in place have saved thousands of lives, but several problems exist. First, the 12% of homes without alarms have more than half of the fires; second, it is estimated that a third of the smoke alarms in place are not working, often due to failure to replace a worn out battery; and third, many homes do not have as many smoke alarms as are needed to protect the home's occupants properly. The primary job of the smoke alarm is to protect you from fires while you are asleep. Smoke alarms should be located between any sleeping persons and the rest of the house and outside bedrooms or sleeping areas.

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

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

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



HYDRANT MAINTENANCE

As you walk your dog, ride your bicycle, or take a nice drive along the streets of Ponce Inlet you might come across one of



your local Ponce Inlet Firefighters at a fire hydrant. This month the Ponce Inlet Fire Department is doing their annual maintenance and flushing

of the Town's fire hydrants. This ensures they are in working order in case they are needed in an emergency, such as a fire. If you see a leaking hydrant, please call the Fire Department non-emergency number at 386-322-6720



SUMMER SAFETY

As the weather warms up, more residents will be using their swimming pools and the local beaches. Make sure that your pool safety devices, including fences, floating motion alarms, and Personal Flotation Devices, are functional as you invite your family and friends over to enjoy the water. Be extra cautious with small children in the house. You will undoubtedly see several tragic stories this spring about toddlers who tumbled into a backyard pool and drowned, unnoticed by nearby adults. Please be aware of the danger, take appropriate safety measures and make sure that family members and babysitters are trained in First Aid and CPR. Please contact the Fire Department at 386-322-6720 if you'd like information about receiving CPR training.

STROKE AWARENESS

Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death in the United States. About 795,000 Americans suffer a stroke each year (that's a stroke every 40 seconds). Some interesting facts about strokes... 77% are new strokes and 23% are recurrent strokes. Stroke kills more than 137,000 people in a year. (that's a death every 4 minutes)

Twice as many women die from stroke every year than from breast cancer



Early recognition and treatment of stroke greatly enhances your chances of survival and successful rehabilitation. The Ponce Inlet Fire Department would like you to go to our website at http://www.ponce-inlet.org/Pages/PonceInletFL_Fire/index and check out our presentation on stroke, its' causes, and what you can do to recognize, and maybe prevent one.

As always, the Fire Department is pleased to still offer free blood pressure checks, fire station tours and fire safety presentations to our residents. We also offer CPR courses at a nominal fee when there is interest from the community. Be safe!!



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



...with Aref Joulani, Director

Planning and Zoning Division

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES

Last December, the Ponce Inlet Town Council adopted a new Land Use and Development Code, replacing the previous code that had been in place since 1992. The update process was undertaken to make the code consistent with the Town's 2010 comprehensive plan and also to make it easier to use and understand.

As extensive as the Phase 2 revisions were, the Town Council recognized the need for further improvements, and created a "Top 10" list of prioritized future amendments to be reviewed with the next phase in 2013. The Council charged the Planning Board with reviewing these amendment topics and providing recommendations on any changes.

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

- March: Repealed "wedding cake" height setback requirements.
- April: Modified measurement of maximum building height for residential properties in flood hazard areas.

Revised Certificate of Appropriateness requirements for historic structures.

- June: Repeal maximum floor area ratio requirements for residential properties (Comprehensive Plan and LUDC)

Additional ordinances are currently being reviewed by the Town Council (with month of anticipated adoption)

- July: Repeal two-year registration dead-line for post-disaster buildback of legal non-conforming residential structures.

Topics currently under review by various advisory boards:

- Historic Board: Incentives for historic preservation.
- Park Board: Landscaping and Tree Preservation requirements.
- Planning Board: Bed & Breakfast requirements.

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

- Height limits in waterfront

yards and oceanfront setback line.

- Signs.
- 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.



PONCE INLET IS “OPEN FOR BUSINESS”

This past April, Ponce Inlet became a member of the central Florida “Open for Business” program, sponsored by *Myregion.org*.

“Open for Business” is an ongoing project in partnership with eight central Florida counties (including Volusia), and a coalition of business-related associations. The purpose of the program is to examine ways to address regulatory and government barriers impacting business growth in the region.

To join, local governments must commit to a set of best practices and principles for the processing of development applications and permits. The standards are recognized across the country as effective methods to streamline

permitting, and include methods for quality customer service, pre-application review, cost savings for applicants, ombudsmen to assist applicants through the process, timeliness, and overall efficiency and review expediency.

As a member, the Town may display the “Open for Business” logo on the Town website, so those familiar with the program can see at a glance that the Town has committed to these permit processing standards. Clicking on the logo opens a link to a table describing each of the key permit processing principles, the strategies used to achieve them, and a description of how these strategies are utilized locally in Ponce Inlet. The Town employs most of these practices on a day-to-day basis, while others can be utilized as the need arises.

RESIDENTIAL BUILD-BACK REGISTRATION

With the 2013 hurricane season now underway, Town staff wanted to offer a friendly reminder about the program for owners of non-conforming residential structures who might 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 Plan-

ning & 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.

POSITIVELY! PONCE



The winning design in the Positively! Ponce “Design a T-Shirt contest” was created by Diane Hand. Diane’s design, which



reflects the town’s maritime history, will be printed on a special, limited-edition shirt in celebration of the Town’s 50th anniversary of incorporation. The shirts will be available at the Planning & Development Department in early August.

Thanks to the creativity of Jim Elbers and the generosity of Inlet Harbor Inc., a new Positively! Ponce logo has been launched. T-shirts with the new logo are available in children’s and adult sizes at Town Hall, the

Ponce Inlet Historical Museum, and town businesses. Children's shirts are \$10, and Adult sizes are \$12. Totes and water bottles are also available at Town Hall.



Upcoming Positively! Ponce Events

"Where's Ponce?"

Join in the hunt for Juan Ponce deLeon during the month of August. Ponce (seen here at Town Hall) will be hiding all around town, and clues to his whereabouts will be provided by the Positively! Ponce Committee. So get your friends together or

strike out on your own to join in the fun. Details will be available at Town Hall at the end of July and will be posted on the Town's website. Participants finding all the hidden locations will be entered into a prize drawing.

50th Anniversary Party – October 5, 2013

Plans are underway for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Town's incorporation. The celebration will be held at Kay & Ayres Davies Lighthouse Park from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2013. There will be fun for everyone, so please plan to come and share your memories, play games, enjoy good food and music.

The Organizing Committee is looking for an affordable DJ and photographer, so if you know of someone, please let us know. Organizers include representatives from the Parks and Historic Boards, Town Council and the business community. We welcome the assistance of anyone interested in helping to make this event a success. Please contact Margi Richard in the Planning & Development Department at 236-2183 for further information.

Building and Code Enforcement Division

Changing of the Guard

After serving the town in the capacity of Chief Building Official/Floodplain Manager since 2001, Mr. Adrian Marks retired on May 31st. We wish him well on his future endeavors.

The town wishes to welcome Ken Loihle as the new Chief Building Official/Floodplain Manager. Mr. Loihle brings with him, several decades of experience in the building and construction field. Mr. Loihle could be reached via phone or e-mail as stated below.

Code Enforcement Board vacancies

The Ponce Inlet Code Enforcement Board currently has two alternate seats available. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on this board, please contact the Code Enforcement Division for more information.

Unpermitted work

It is important for all property owners to remember that a permit must be obtained before starting any project. This includes (but is

not limited to) pavers, bathroom or kitchen remodeling, window and door replacement, air conditioning & heating, electrical, plumbing, roofing, fences, etc. Permits ensure that the project is performed within the specified guidelines of the FL Building Code and all local codes. A permit also protects the homeowner from scrupulous contractors by ensuring that all work is performed by a licensed and insured contractor. Please contact any member of the Building or Code Enforcement office for questions regarding permitting requirements.

Tree debris & other vegetation:

The Town's Code of Ordinance (Chapter 62, Article II, section 62-34) requires that all vegetative debris be placed for pick-up on the property from which it was generated. This means that all vegetative debris must remain on your property for proper pickup. Please remember that if you hire a tree contractor, they are responsible to take the debris with them. If you are considering the removal of a tree, you must first obtain permission from the town. We are proud to be a Tree City, as designated by the National Arbor Day Foundation and have strict tree preservation guidelines.

Questions/Concerns?

Mr. Ken Loihle, The Chief Building Official/ Floodplain Manager can be reached at: 386-236-2185
E-mail: kloihle@ponce-inlet.org

Ms. Peg Hunt, Code Enforcement Officer, can be reached at 386-236-2187
E-mail: phunt@ponce-inlet.org

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

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 – 4:30pm

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

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

Staff News: This March Curtis Mitchell completed his Water Distribution Level 3 Course. He is scheduled to take the Distribution System Operator Exam – Level 3 this month. Once complete he will be licensed in the state of Florida for Water Distribution.

Keith Gunter has completed all three Public Works Management classes. Congratulations to all.

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

debris can plug the stormwater system resulting in poor drainage and possible flooding.

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

Fertilizers: If you must use fertilizers, only use low-phosphorus, slow release varieties.

There are educational materials regarding stormwater systems and water conservation available at the town hall and the Public Works facility. To learn more about Stormwater systems, please visit the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) at: www.sjrwmd.com.

The county landfill will be closed on Sundays.

Water Facts: Through the processes of evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and infiltration the hydrologic cycle - the total amount of water on earth remains the same.



Garden Club

By Elizabeth Finch

What a year! It has been a very exciting, productive, and especially fun year for the Garden Club. There are now 114 members, including 5 life time members (members who have been in the Garden Club for at least 5 years and have reached the age of 85). One of the many highlights was in celebrating our founding member, Edwina Knox's birthday. The surprise party was full of "pigs" and well wishes as Edwina joined the esteemed group of "lifetime" member.

The guidance, experience, and support of veteran members and the vitality and fresh ideas of new members have made all of our achievements possible.

When people ask "What did you do this year?" we are proud to list our accomplishments:

- **Arbor Day Celebration and donation to Timucuan Park- Special recognition goes to Longstreet students, Jordan Perkins for her Arbor Day drawing and Audrey Lampart for her poem (see page 2).**

- **Participation in the Christmas Parade and tree donation to the town**

- **Participation in Community Day**

- **Arts and Crafts Festival**

- **Ice cream Social**

- **High Tea**

- **Scenic Boat trip in Winter Park**

- **Cookbook Publication**

- **Scholarship- This year's recipient of \$1500.00 is Steven Bond**

- **Food donations**

- **Soup labels and box tops for Longstreet School**

- **Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House**

- **Contribution to the Community Center sound system**

- **Donations to- Alan Redinger Clinic, Elaine Suslak Memorial Fund, PI Children's Activities Committee, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, Veteran's Museum**

- **Beautification Awards- March- Lillian Cocci at 51 Ocean Way, April- Michael and Joan Viccaro at 51 Daggett Cove. Drive by these beautiful yards for landscaping inspiration.**

- **Congratulations to our Honorary Gardener for 2013, Jim Volz.**

If you are interested in joining us, we would LOVE to have you...Our meetings are held at the Community Center on the fourth Wednesday of the Month, Sept.-May at 10:30. Stop by the Community Center for our brochure or call Kathy Cannon at 386-492-5328.

Garden Musings:

The Earth laughs in Flowers- Ralph Waldo Emerson. I wish you a bouquet of laughs.

PICCI POINTS

by Susie Hagey

The PICCI Board hopes all of you are having a good summer. We are excited about a new service that's being provided for us by the state of Florida. It's called FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) and is housed in a bus that will come to the community center once a month. Any Florida resident may renew or replace their driver's license, ID card or vehicle registration. The bus will be at the center this July 15th (Monday) from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This department will accept cash, check, Mastercard & Discover credit cards (\$1.50 surcharge for credit cards). Go to www.gathergoget.com to learn about new license and ID requirements prior to visiting the bus. Contact telephone 386-275-4660 Sandy Weihl or Jennifer Onyski.

We've been working on the grounds lately. The town helped us with clearing out the back west side of our property. It will be planted with grass.

The PICCI monthly calendar is not only available at the community center, it is now on the PICCI portion of the Town website. Go to www.ponceinlet.org. On the home page, look 'under links for residents & businesses' click, 'community center' then, under 'community center news' click, 'the month of calendar events' and voila the calendar comes up. We ask all to support the center. Our next big event (a fundraiser that keeps our doors open) will be Sept. 8 with entertainment and great food by our own chef (& president) Jim Hinson.

Keep up with what is going on at PICCI by picking up a calendar of events each month at the center, by checking the sign out front and the bulletin board on the left side of the outside front doors, and now on the town web site. Contact us by email: picciboard@aol.com and Send us your ideas and suggestions....and enjoy our beautiful town.

PIWC – PINK LADY TALK

by Susie Hagey

Things are quiet at the women's club during the summer. For the next year we will have the same officers: Susie Hagey, president; Marlene Heiden, vice-president; Wini Irvin, recording secretary; Ada Landers, corresponding secretary; Pam Quillian, treasurer; Edwina Knox & Sherry Utter, parliamentarians.

When meetings start up in September, we'll be rushing to get the 'The Holiday Boutique' on track for November 13. This is a big fundraiser for our scholarship program & charities. Actually, we have an auction of items brought in by our members. This is a perfect time to pick up your

Christmas gifts for great prices. Following the auction will be a delicious lunch w/wine.

As president, I wish to invite those women in Ponce Inlet who are not members to consider joining our club. We have such good times working together on special projects to raise money for our scholarship program and our local charities. The women's club meets on the second Wednesday of the month. If you, the reader, are interested please call the office at the community center, 760-0615 or my home, 761-2485 for more information.

Wishing you butterfly mornings and Wildflower afternoons during the summer.

Do you need to renew or replace your Florida Drivers 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 on July 15, 2013 from 9:00 am—
1:00 pm. August, September & October the
4th Thursday of each month and November
& December the 3rd Thursday.

All 9:00 am—1:00 pm.

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- Consular proof of birth abroad
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2. Social Security Number

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- W-2 form
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- Utility bill or hookup/work order
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Creature Feature

By Jo Ellen Basile



Ponce Inlet Animal Welfare, Inc. (PAW) is a non-profit group that has been working since 2009 to humanely reduce the

number of stray cats in Ponce Inlet through a trap-neuter-return program and cat colony.

In the four years since the program was started, PAW has trapped about 100 cats in town. The demonstration cat colony was reduced from 22 cats down to 5 cats in one year through adoption and attrition. In the 3 years since then, no new cats have come into the colony, and the existing 5 cats are happy and healthy.



Beautiful Ruthie at the colony

Most of the volunteers that were trained as cat colony caregivers four years ago are still volunteering. This program is a very successful alternative to allowing animals to reproduce until they become such a nuisance that they are trapped and euthanized.

If you feed stray animals, your

kindness is incomplete without ensuring that they are spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted animals and suffering. Citizens who feed stray cats are taking ownership responsibility, and owners are required to spay/neuter their animals unless they qualify for an unaltered animal permit (for breeding or show animals).

PAW can help citizens who feed homeless cats in Ponce Inlet with trapping assistance and will pay the cost of spay/neuter, rabies and distemper shots if taken to the Redinger Clinic at 600 North Mason Avenue. The clinic is the least expensive in the area and has the newest and safest equipment. Since PAW was able to get a TNR policy approved in Ponce Inlet, the cat can be returned to their original habitat after spay/neuter.

PAW board members recently met with Chief Fabrizio to discuss animal control issues in town. The Police Department has two officers certified in animal control that are responsible for responding to animal calls and enforcing the spay/neuter ordinance. The officers respond to lost pets or sick and in-

jured animals. Call Volusia County dispatch if you require assistance at (386) 248-1777.

PAW is working with the Police Department and Fire Chief Scales to develop a lost pet webpage where citizens can post lost or found pet information. Remember to REGISTER YOUR PET at the Police Department. Pet registration is FREE and helps in the event your pet is lost.

PAW needs donations and volunteers for trapping and transport of animals and fostering of kittens. Call (386) 756-1467 or mail donations to 139 Anchor Drive, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127.

If you are a business in town and would like to help PAW and the critters we serve, please consider having an event where a portion of the proceeds goes to PAW or allowing a donation jar at your business. Thank you!

Sweet little Hercules, below, is a rescue kitty with bronchial problems that needs an indoor home. Call (386) 316-2991.



Historic Preservation News

By Jo Ellen Basile



The nonprofit Davis House Historic Preservation, Inc. (DHHP) was incorporated in the summer of 2007 in order to ensure that

the historic cottages at 143 Beach Street would be saved and to protect the remaining historic properties in town. We lobbied the Town Council and applied for and won a Volusia County ECHO grant for the restoration of the Meyer-Davis House and Hasty Cottage/Post Office. The grant was accepted and administered by the town.

DHHP won the 2010 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award for our successful efforts to protect these valuable structures. The restoration company, Durable Restoration, and the town also won awards for this project.

The project was completed in December 2009 and a grand opening held in April 2010. The grounds were open to the public while DHHP worked to acquire and display the exhibits for the Ponce Inlet Historical Museum housed in the Meyer-Davis House. DHHP President Julie Davis served as Volunteer Temporary Museum Director during this time and logged more than 250 hours. DHHP contributed 95 percent of the displays and artifacts for the museum.

The museum opened in November 2011 and offers free tours on weekdays 10:00 to 2:00 and on Saturdays 10:00 to 4:00. Currently about 250 people visit the museum each month, but this number is increasing as people become more aware of the museum's existence.

Town staff member Jeff Tichenor, who was a dispatcher for the town until Volusia County took over dispatch services, is the Museum Volunteer Coordinator and can be found there on weekdays, while volunteers work on Saturdays.

DHHP Vice President Tara Lamb and Secretary Jo Ellen Basile volunteer at the museum. Tara also serves on the Town Accession Committee for the museum.

On Saturdays, you may find Gladys and Earl Davis sitting in their rockers on the front porch. Gladys was born at the lighthouse, and she and Earl have served on the lighthouse board since its inception. Their stories of life in Ponce Park (now Ponce Inlet) are fascinating.

DHHP members attend monthly Town Historic Board meetings and recently donated a picture showing the historic Pacetti House in the 1970s, when caretakers Ann Caneer and Billy Joe Potts were building a deck. The owners recently applied for and got a permit to remove the aging deck.

We supply copies of our Historic Ponce Inlet Walking and Biking Tour brochure to be displayed in locations such as the Daytona Beach Visitors Center at the Speedway. The map we developed is displayed in the kiosk at the Meyer-Davis House to assist town visitors as they explore our town.

If you would like to contribute historic information or articles that depict the history of our town beginning in the late 1800s, please contact the town. Our group continues to collect historic items, such as the picture below, which was acquired from the Ellwoods and shows the view from the top of the lighthouse in 1958.

If you have not visited the museum yet you are missing a wonderful and free asset of our town. The museum needs more volunteers. Visit the museum to get an application or call during the week at (386) 761-2408. Get involved in telling the story of our town.



Ponce Inlet Lighthouse

By Mary Wentzel,
Programs Manager

In early November the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse welcomed a hundred homeschoolers during its annual *Home School Day* event. With a primary focus on early navigation, Lighthouse staff and volunteer presented a variety of workshops addressing early navigational technology and techniques used by early explorers. Our V.I.P. Volunteers, many of them Ponce Inlet residents, spent the entire day sharing their knowledge of the subject with the children and their families.

The museum hosted its annual *Thanksgiving Gifts* event on November 23rd. Enjoyed by more than 450 visitors, scheduled activities included a variety of family-oriented workshops including the ever popular artifact table, a climb to the top of Florida's tallest lighthouse, and an opportunity for children to make their very own home-made ornaments from oranges and pine cones.

On December 27th hosted *Holidays at the Lighthouse*. Offered free of charge to all museum visitors with paid admission, this unique event provided guests the opportunity to talk with the "Old Lighthouse Keeper" in his office and to learn about crystal radio sets at the top of the tower. Arts and craft activities offered on this beautiful sunny day included yarn doll and lighthouse pendent workshops.

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 Mary Clancy via email at mary@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 10 for details.

The Lighthouse will be hosting its annual Beach Rac-

ing Day on February 22nd from 10:00 to 3:00. We are pleased to announce that racing pioneer Ray Chaike (Ray drove for Holzmueller Racing during NAS-CAR's Grand National Beach/Road Course race in 1955 and 1956) will be on site to talk about his early experiences behind the wheel, to sign autographs, pose for pictures, and meet with other racing enthusiasts. William Lazarus, author of *Flying Sand, Crashing Cars and Oncoming Tide: Racing on the Beach in Daytona*, will also be in site during this very popular event to discuss the history of motorsports on the World's Most Famous Beach.

The spirit of volunteerism is at the very heart of the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association. Founded by volunteers, the ongoing success of the Lighthouse's many educational offerings would not be possible if not for dedicated corps of volunteers who enjoy spending time at the lighthouse and working with the school children and guests. Individuals interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the Lighthouse are encouraged to contact Programs Manager at mwentzel@ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821, ext. 18.

With Warm Regards,

Mary Wentzel
Programs Manager
Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse



Lighthouse Volunteer Jeanette Kellum while volunteering on Turtle Day.



Ponce Church meets Sundays, 10:00am at the Ponce Inlet Community Center at 4670 S. Peninsula

FRIENDLY SKIES
TECHNOLOGY
by Eva Szabo

Over intercom the captain's voice announces:
"All electronic devices must now be turned off -
We shall be landing shortly."
iPhones, ear phones smart phones
iPads kindles lap-tops
Big and small
Obediently are tucked away.
Next to me the five year old
Playing a game with nimble fingers
Resists giving up his dad's iPad.
Not to worry about my old-fashioned cell phone
Which iForgot to charge.

Poet's Corner

JOY OF THE LAND AND SEA

By Joe Perrone

All grown, his wild oats sown,
My son, when on his own,
From way up north came down
And found this garden town.
Back home, he said, "I'm bound
For the town I have found.
It's there I've placed my bet;
I've bought in Ponce Inlet.
"Why don't you follow me
Down to the sun and sea?
Come leave the cold behind;
It's joy there you will find!"
I said, "The Sunshine State
I've been to since age eight.
I've crossed it east to west
And there I'll never nest."
My wife then said to me,
"Down South's where we should
be,
Near our son and the sea!
Come visit there with me.

"I know when we are there
You'll see that that is where
The both of us should be
Until eternity."

But, stubborn I remained,
And all the while complained
While flying down to see
This land of sun and sea.

We took a rental car,
And did not travel far
Before I said with glee,
"This place is right for me.
"This town of Ponce Inlet
Is the best I've seen yet;
The sun, the sand, the sea
All seem to beckon me.

"It feels good to be here.
The weather is so clear
And not so very hot.
This is a special spot!"

We found in easy reach
The world's most famous beach,
And walked the faded track
Of race cars from way back.

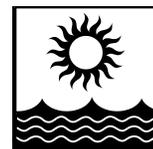
We saw the sun climb high
Into the morning sky,
Watching with emotion
Its rise from the ocean.

We loved the restaurants
And all the fishing haunts;
In its parkland so grand
I came to understand.

But 'twas the lighthouse tall
That beckoned most of all.
Its beacon symbolized
What I'd then realized.

This land of sun and sea
Is where we ought to be;
And so, I bought a house
For me and for my spouse.

And now, we both live here,
The sand and sea so near,
For here there'll ever be
Joy of the land and sea.



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