

# Citizens for Ponce Inlet NEWSLETTER



*Improving the Quality of Life in the Town of Ponce Inlet*



Ponce Inlet is and will be a residential haven for those persons who value nature, quiet, and privacy.

## CFPI Announces 2022 Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award Winners



CFPI is happy to recognize John Mark Oebbecke as Ponce Inlet's 2022 Citizen of the Year.

Since 1987, the Citizens for Ponce Inlet Organization has selected, honored, and acknowledged a resident of Ponce Inlet or a Ponce Inlet employee involved in volunteer work who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

A Lifetime Achievement Award is also given to one or more citizens who have provided over 20 years of volunteer service to Ponce Inlet.

Lifetime Achievement Award Winners this year are: Tara Lamb and Alan Deke DiCostanzo.

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*“Joy of the Land and Sea”*



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## Citizens For PONCE INLET

# Winners of the Achievement Awards

**John Mark Oebbecke** was selected as the 2022 Citizen of the Year, and both **Tara Lamb** and **Alan Deke DiConzanzo** received a Lifetime Achievement Award. A dinner to honor them was held at the Ponce Inlet Community Center on April 5th and was attended by 75 friends, family, and town representatives.

Due to COVID, CFPI was prevented from hosting an award dinner in 2020. Therefore, we also honored **Peter Finch** as the 2020 Citizen of the Year and congratulated **Sherry Utter** and **Edson Graham** as the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award winners at this year's event. There were no award winners selected for the year 2021.

### Mr. John Mark Oebbecke



Mark joined the Ponce Inlet Lions Club in 2015 where, over the years, he became a Director and Vice President. For the last three years, he has been the director of their annual fundraising golf tournament. This year, along with his wife Pat, the tournament raised over \$12,000 and is their largest fund-raising event.

Soon after moving to Ponce Inlet, he volunteered at the lighthouse as a lighthouse keeper for

about a year and a half. In doing so, Mark enjoyed learning about the history of Ponce Inlet and the impact volunteer citizens have made on this small community over the years. Mark was a prior director and is now the Vice President of the Ponce Inlet Community Center. Working with the other volunteer board members, significant improvements have been made to the appearance of the center. This includes the installation of new ceiling tiles, new flower beds, and, thanks to the town's funding, new restrooms and numerous other improvements. He is also currently responsible for securing rentals for the center that generate revenues to assist in covering the center's operational costs.

As a member and current secretary of the Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association, he assists with the annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies. Most recently, he worked with other association members to transfer day-to-day maintenance of the memorial to the Town. If all that isn't enough to recognize Mark's volunteer work, he is currently a member of the Town's Essential Services Board and serves as the Town's representative on the Volusia County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The committee reviews all proposals, projects, and regulations related to pedestrian and bicycle activities. Mark is and has always been willing to help other Ponce Inlet organizations with any of their special events, and our town is fortunate to have such an adaptable and capable citizen volunteer. In addition to his duties in Ponce Inlet, Mark had also found time to work as an editor of voice recordings at the Braille and Talking Book Library in Daytona Beach, which provides audio tapes for the visually impaired—a natural fit with the Lions. Along with his wife, Pat Morris, he is responsible for the food pantry at Longstreet Elementary School, which provides assistance for families struggling with food insecurities and is a 5th grade science teacher's helper and mentor for 5th grade academically struggling students.

Mark doesn't want his name on the marquee out front of the community center to call attention to himself. He would rather have others acknowledged with the space available. He also knows there is so much more he wants to do to help keep Ponce Inlet the wonderful place he chose to call home.

## Mrs. Tara Lamb



Tara Lamb has lived in Ponce Inlet since 1996 and has been actively involved in this community since 2001. Below is a list of some of her accomplishments over the years.

- 2001 to 2005 - Served on the Board of Directors as Treasurer for the Friends of the Marine Science Center.
- 2002 to present - Tara has been on the Executive Board of Directors at our Lighthouse and currently serves as the President a very high honor.
- 2007 - When Tara was Vice President of the Davis House Historic Preservation, Inc. she wrote the Echo Grant totaling \$223,000 for the restoration project at 143 Beach Street, our Town Museum.
- 2008 - Tara created for the Davis House Historic Preservation the Historic Biking and Walking Brochure for display at the Town Museum, the Lighthouse, the Speedway, and the Daytona Chamber of Commerce.
- 2009 to 2010 - Tara implemented the Longstreet Point of Light Garden for 4th grade students at Longstreet Elementary to restore the historic garden used by the light keepers at the Lighthouse.
- 2010 - Tara received the “In Recognition of Organizational Achievement” award from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation of the Davis House for Historic Preservation for the restoration of 143 Beach Street.
- 2012 to 2017 - Tara served as the Chairperson of the Accession Committee of Ponce Inlet.
- 2014 to 2017 - Tara participated with Longstreet students in the Ponce Inlet Christmas parades.
- 2001 to the present - Tara has assisted with many of the Children’s Programs in Town.

In addition to the many volunteer activities above, Tara began teaching at Longstreet Elementary School over 20 years ago and has helped to educate most of the children from Ponce Inlet over those years.

Tara comments to her friends “ I don’t know why I am receiving this Lifetime Achievement Award, I believe I still have a lot of years left to volunteer and much more to give to our wonderful town”.

## Mr. Alan Deke DiCostanzo



Deke moved to Ponce Inlet in 1994 with his wife, Janice. He commuted to Maitland and traveled nationally for his job through March 1999. Deke credits Janice with initiating his volunteer work in Ponce Inlet. He got his start by assisting with her volunteer projects whenever he could. Although reluctant to join various clubs at the time, after retirement, Deke offered his help whenever it was needed. Along with his wife, they both became heavily involved in a variety of activities in town.

Deke has always been seen quite happily working in the kitchen or on the grill for the Lions Club, the Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association, and the Ponce Inlet Community Center fund raisers. Similarly, he has enjoyed selling tickets, especially 50/50 at various events. Deke says, “I am honored by this Citizens for Ponce Inlet Lifetime Achievement but I don’t really understand why I deserve it. I feel like I’ve been doing low-level volunteer work for a long time and have always been enthusiastic about it. I am unlikely to say ‘no’ when asked for help.”

Every year at the event, a photo of all previous Citizens of the Year and Lifetime Achievement award winners attending is taken – here is this year’s photo:



From left to right: Pete Finch, Mark Oebbecke, Deke DiCostanzo, Mary Lou Hinson, Gary Smith, Jim Hinson, Ellen Pagliarulo, Edwina Knox, Liz Finch, MaryAnn Redinger, Judy DiCarlo, Don Hampton, Robyn Hurd, Tara Lamb, Joe DiCarlo, Barbara Davis and Edson Graham.



For more information about the Citizens for Ponce Inlet, you can go to the organization’s website at [www.c4pi.org](http://www.c4pi.org) to learn about all they offer to the citizens of Ponce Inlet.

# CFPI Quarterly Report

by Secretary Kathy Cannon  
and VP Judy DiCarlo

## Annual General Membership Meeting

CFPI's Annual Meeting was held on March 23, 2022, at the Ponce Inlet Community Center, with an advance email notification sent to every [www.C4PI.org](http://www.C4PI.org) member.

Don Hampton called the meeting to order at 6 pm with the following Board Members present: Judy DiCarlo, Kathy Cannon, Sue Fillion, Lauren Albinson, Lynn Albinson, Joe Cannon, Ellen Pagliarulo, Joe DiCarlo, Elviria LaBarre, and Jane White. Advisory Board Members present were Skip White, Diane LaMontagne, Melissa Bergeron, and Reggie Bergeron.

The progress of the organization over the past two years was outlined. Special attention was given to the Website Committee's creation of a new website, [www.C4Pi.org](http://www.C4Pi.org), and the transformation of the Quarterly Newsletter from black-and-white paper-mailed editions to digital color editions with embedded links.

Highlights of the website were outlined, and the importance of becoming a free member was explained. Members have access to important information that the Town itself is unable to provide to citizens because of regulations. Complete Town Agenda Packets with all supplemental information are available on the C4PI site for all meetings. A section also is designated to explain how your Council and Planning Board members voted on items. Live Streaming of Council Meetings is performed monthly by our volunteer IT expert, with audio content recorded and available on the [www.C4PI.org](http://www.C4PI.org) website. Audio recordings of all Town Council, Essential Services Board, Planning Board, Code Board, and Cultural Services Board meetings are available for membership review.

Don Hampton acknowledged that some CFPI members were disappointed that there was no longer a paper newsletter distributed. However, he advised that the Town Council had agreed to include the January 2022 printed color Newsletter with the Town's new Welcome Information packet, which was being mailed to every citizen.

After recognizing the many hours of volunteer time, energy, and expertise needed to accomplish these reorganization tasks while updating the Organization's goals, by-laws, and responsibilities, he thanked the Board and several other citizen volunteers for all their hard work. He then reviewed the sections of the by-laws that were amended, followed by those that were added. A motion to approve the new by-laws was made by Elviria LaBarre and seconded by Joe DiCarlo. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Board Member terms expiring in 2022 were Judy DiCarlo, Kathy Cannon, Lynn Albinson, Joe Cannon, and Jane White. All were nominated for an additional two-year term by Joe DiCarlo, seconded by Lauren Albinson, and the motion passed by a majority vote.

Sue Fillion read the Treasurer's Financial Report and acknowledged filing both a Federal and Florida State Annual Tax Return, which had been accepted. A motion to approve the financial report was presented by Joe Cannon and seconded by Judy DiCarlo. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Secretary Kathy Cannon reported that John Mark Oebbecke was selected as the CFPI 2022 Citizen of the Year and Tara Lamb and Alan Deke DiCostanzo were chosen to receive the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Awards. A dinner in their honor to be held on April 5th at PICCI.

# A Moment with the Mayor

This year's **Legislative Action Days**, hosted by the Florida League of Cities, were held on February 8–9 at the state Capitol in Tallahassee. I attended as Mayor of Ponce Inlet and as First Vice-President of the Volusia League of Cities, along with over 250 municipal officials, advocating for local decision-making.

During my visit, I met with the following members of the legislature to discuss issues and help give a local perspective on the legislative agenda: Representative Fetterhoff, Representative Leek, Senator Brodeur, Senator Hudson, and Senator Wright.

The following bills that passed and await the governor's signature: smoking in public places; tree protection; and cybersecurity assistance. Bills impacting sovereign immunity and short term rentals did not pass.

For more information about the the Florida League of Cities and Home Rule, visit their website at

<https://www.floridaleagueofcities.com>

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Please see the Florida League of Cities article, "**Cities' Engagement Brings Success**", on pages 9, 10, and 11.

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Lois Paritsky

## **American Flood Coalition:**

The Town of Ponce Inlet is a member of the American Flood Coalition (AFC). The AFC is a national, non-partisan organization comprised of elected officials, military leaders, businesses, and cities, advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise.

I have been invited to attend the Mayor's Summit being hosted in Washington, DC on June 13th through June 15th. The three-day Mayors Summit on Flooding and Sea Level Rise will have a full day of programming to explore solutions to flooding and sea level rise, and an evening meet-and-greet to build relationships with Congressional leaders. The Summit will conclude with a roundtable discussion with federal officials and policy-focused meetings with members of Congress on Capitol Hill.

I welcome residents' general questions as well as concerns specific to flooding and sea level rise for consideration at the Mayor's Summit in June. Please call: 386-310-4320 or email: [lparitsky@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:lparitsky@ponce-inlet.org)



Ormond Beach Commissioner Susan Persis (right) and Ponce Inlet Mayor Lois Paritsky meet with Rep. Elizabeth Fetterhoff (left) at Legislative Action Days.

ADVOCACY

# Cities' Engagement Brings Success

Together, municipal leaders made a difference this session

by Casey Cook  
Florida League of Cities

**T**he 2022 Legislative Session would not have been as successful if not for you, our members. This year, you stepped up to make our collective voice heard.

In a momentous year celebrating the **Florida League of Cities'** (FLC's) 100th anniversary, we saw record-breaking attendance in Tallahassee for Legislative Action Days. I echo League **President Phillip Walker's** sentiment that bringing our united voices to the state Capitol in record numbers is perhaps the best way to honor FLC's centennial anniversary. (Read more about Legislative Action Days at [bit.ly/3JVzgdX](https://bit.ly/3JVzgdX).)

You met with legislators to advocate on behalf of our communities, and your engagement on key issues this session made a significant difference.

From left: Daytona Beach Shores Recreation and Economic Development Director Nancy Maddox, Sen. Travis Hutson, Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Nancy Miller, Ponce Inlet Mayor Lois Paritsky, Lake Helen Commissioner Roger Eckert and Daytona Beach Shores Director of Finance Kurt Swartzlander.



Largo Commissioner Jamie Robinson (standing) and Largo Mayor Woody Brown (right) meet with Rep. Michele K. Rayner.



From left: Lauderdale Lakes Vice Mayor Marilyn Davis, FLC Second Vice President and Cooper City Mayor Greg Ross, Parkland Commissioner Bob Mayersohn, Rep. Dan Daley, Lauderdale Lakes Commissioner Beverly Williams, Davie Councilwoman Susan Starkey and Lauderdale Lakes Commissioner Veronica Edwards Phillips.

## LEGISLATIVE RECAP

When you have Home Rule authority, most of your time is spent trying to stop or amend bills that limit your ability to solve problems. This year we had an opportunity to play some offense by actively supporting four bills that passed:

- ▶ Smoking in public places
- ▶ Tree protection (**FLC Priority**)
- ▶ Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
- ▶ Cybersecurity.

The bill regarding smoking in public places (CS/HB 105) by **Rep. Randy Fine** allows cities to restrict smoking within the boundaries of any public beach or park they own. The bill prevents cities and counties from restricting unfiltered cigars.

The bill relating to tree protection ordinances (CS/SB 518) by **Sen. Jason Brodeur** amends current legal provisions that prohibit local governments from requiring permits for the removal of trees defined as “dangerous” on residential property.

The PFAS bill (CS/HB 1475) by **Reps. Lawrence McClure** and **Toby Overdorf** requires the **Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** to adopt rules for cleanup target levels for PFAS in soil and groundwater. It also prohibits agencies from taking action relating to PFAS contamination until those rules are ratified by the Legislature.

The cybersecurity bill (CS/HB 7055) requires local governments to adopt cybersecurity standards and participate in annual trainings. It also outlines reporting requirements for cyber

and ransomware incidents and prohibits local governments from paying ransom demands. This bill is linked to another bill (CS/HB 7057) that creates a public record exemption for information related to a local government’s critical infrastructure and network schematics and for cybersecurity insurance coverage limits and deductible self-insurance amounts. The bill also creates a public meeting exemption for any meeting that would reveal information on a local government’s IT resources or data. These bills are sponsored by **Rep. Mike Giallombardo** and the State Administration and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee.

The bills above have passed both chambers and, at the time of publication, are awaiting action by the Governor. While these four bills gave cities back their local decision-making authority, we know that’s not always the case. There were preemption bills that began as significant threats to cities’ Home Rule authority: the business damages against local government (CS/SB 620 and CS/CS/HB 569) and local ordinances/business impact estimates (CS/CS/SB 280 and CS/HB 403) bills.

Where we ended with these bills based on where we started is a huge success. Much of the legislative process involves looking at whom the bill is important to and determining if it is likely to pass. Realizing that a bill is likely to pass, we try to make the bills as livable and workable as possible for our members. With your help, we worked to address many concerns with the original bills, and significant changes were made throughout the process. Knowing the political

From left: FLC Manager for Advocacy Programs and Federal Affairs Allison Payne, Starke City Manager Russell Mullins, Starke Mayor Janice Mortimer, Rep. Sam Garrison, Orange Park Vice-Mayor Eddie Henley and his wife, Welaka Councilwoman Kathy Washington and Northeast Florida League of Cities Executive Director Betsy Jordan.



From left: Longboat Key Commissioner Penny Gold, Venice Council Member Joseph Neunder and Sarasota Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch meet with Rep. James Buchanan.



Members from Alachua County meet with Rep. Chuck Clemons (center).

landscape, these bills were watered down significantly to be made workable for our cities.

Ultimately, the local ordinances bill stalled out in the House and failed to make it across the finish line. Thanks to your advocacy efforts, the local business damages bill was diluted in its impact on municipalities to the point that it is easily implementable by small and large cities.

In the coming months, the League will be rolling out a series of tools to further help our cities implement these bills. These tools, along with more legislative resources including the full bill summaries and a final report, will be found online at [flicities.com/advocacy](http://flicities.com/advocacy).

Thank you for your efforts to protect local self-governance and help make this session a success.

**WHAT'S NEXT**

There were several preemption bills that were successfully killed this year, such as the sovereign immunity, utility transfer, short-term rental and waste contracts bills. We were able to stop these bills this year, but it is very likely that these bills will be back next year.

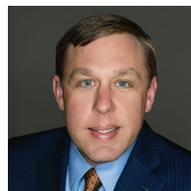
Advocacy is a year-round effort that doesn't end with sine die. To continue our success into the next legislative session and beyond, I encourage you to keep up your advocacy efforts. Ideas to

boost advocacy efforts are included in The Advo-Kit, a resource produced by the League, at [flicities.com/toolkit](http://flicities.com/toolkit).

This year will have an election, and an election year offers opportunities to further engage with your legislators. As they seek your endorsement, ask them how they've helped cities. Explain what Home Rule is and what it means to the citizens in the city they're vying to represent.

We are excited about the growth of Local Voices United (LVU), a grassroots community designed to empower Floridians to speak up in support of local self-government. Help us spread the word about LVU to your residents by encouraging them to visit [localvoicesunited.com](http://localvoicesunited.com). On this website, they can learn about legislative issues, reach their local lawmakers and access advocacy tools and resources. This initiative will help us elevate Florida's voices from the sidewalks to the state Capitol.

Together, we continue to make our voices heard in support of local decision-making.



Casey Cook is Director of Legislative Affairs for the Florida League of Cities. **QC**

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# Sand Fencing

Over the years, we have all witnessed the erosion of our sand dunes on our beaches here in Ponce Inlet.

The last several years have really hit the beaches hard. There have been many conversations and studies regarding Ponce Inlet taking steps using ideas from the resiliency program. Skip and Jane White have attended each resiliency meeting held in Ponce Inlet and picked up the idea of utilizing sand fencing as a means to rejuvenate our beaches. From permitting to installation, it is an easy process.

The first step was contacting Volusia County Sea Turtle Program Manager, Ryan Chabot. Ryan was very supportive of restoring the dunes and said sand fencing is an exempt activity and does not require a County permit, but will require a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permit. The second step was to contact Trey Hatch, Environmental Specialist for FDEP in the Northeast District. Trey was also very supportive and provided information and photos regarding the layout of the sand fencing for the Ponce Inlet area.



Making the request, obtaining a photo of the property from Google Maps, and drawing where the sand fencing will be placed based on Trey Hatch's Ponce Inlet regional guidelines were all part of the process of obtaining the permit from the State of Florida.

Also needed were current photos of the property from the beach. There are different codes and guidelines for each region in the state of Florida. Upon submitting this information to Trey at the FDEP, it will be reviewed along with all the documents needed for the permit. Upon approval a permit will be issued and the purchase of the materials and installation will begin.

Pictures were taken to show after the installation and how the fencing has begun to "catch" the drifting sand, thus restoring the dunes.



Maintenance will be very important. It is recommended by the state guidelines to lift the sand fence.

Also, reposition the fence before it becomes 50% buried by newly caught sand. Otherwise, the accumulated sand will make repositioning the sand fence difficult. We are not so naive as to believe that Mother Nature will not take back some of the work being done by the sand fencing, but feel installing and maintaining these fences is a good start.

While installing the sand fence in February, Wilber Taft, a Ponce Inlet resident, stopped by and was very appreciative that actions were being taken to help restore our dunes. Officer Jenkins with the Volusia County Beach Safety Patrol was able to install a sign in front of the new sand fences to educate and maybe deter people from climbing on the dunes. Also, Council Member Bill Milano liked the idea of restoring the dunes and has just received his permit for sand fencing. There are several other beach front neighbors who are working on getting their sand fencing permits from the State of Florida.

With the Ponce Inlet Resiliency Program just concluded, maybe sand fencing is a good start for the future.

Here are Skip's "bullet points" and step-by-step easy process for obtaining a beach front sand fencing permit:

1) Call **Ryan Chabot, the Volusia County Sea Turtle HCP Program Manager, at (386) 238-4668**. Let Ryan know you are applying for a sand fence permit from the State for your beach front property and that you will be contacting the Florida DEP.

2) Contact **Trey Hatch**, an Environmental Specialist at the Florida DEP's Northeast District.

**trey.hatch@floridadep.gov**  
**(904) 832-6757**

Mr. Hatch will send the sand fencing guidelines. He will provide installation of fencing instructions and will require a Google area map of your property.

3) Review the sand fencing guidelines and apply/draw your sand fence on a copy of your Google map based on Mr. Hatch's criteria. Then forward to Mr. Hatch all the information he has requested for approval. Once approved by Florida DEP, you will receive your permit by email (usually takes about two weeks) and you can proceed with your sand fencing project.

4) Sand fencing material can be ordered online (Home Depot, Tractor Supply, etc.) along with round fence posts (post hole diggers needed) and wire to connect fencing to posts (wire cutters needed) at an approximate cost of \$250.



# From the Town Manager, Jeaneen Witt...

## Happy Spring, Ponce Inlet!

While we enjoy the sounds of busy nesting birds, other familiar springtime sounds in our area include the roar of the speedway for Race Week and Bike Week. Our pristine Town with its lovely parks, along with views of both the ocean and the intercostal waterway, naturally attracts visitors to Ponce Inlet. We too host events for the enjoyment of both our residents and area locals. Some sponsored by the Town so far in 2022 include the *Historic Legends of Beach Racing Parade*, *Ponce Preserves the Planet*, *Community Day*, *Turtle Day*, and the *Children's Easter Egg Hunt Event*.

In addition, as part of your spring cleaning, we hope you found our *Paper and Poisons Riddance Initiative* beneficial, with onsite shredding of your sensitive papers and proper disposal of your hazardous waste like paint and pesticides. This was a successful event which we expect to continue annually.

## Town-wide Improvements

The Town continues to prioritize and to expand its focus to meet the beautification and recreation desires of our residents. Kudos to Public Works Manager Jeff Miller, who worked tirelessly to engage FPL in the removal of their abandoned utility poles located in Ponce Inlet. Jeff continues to request assistance from ATT in removing their abandoned poles, and our Code Enforcement division requests assistance from ATT in maintaining their utility building(s), which have fallen into disrepair.



We are extremely appreciative to the City of Port Orange for the completed aesthetic enhancements to their building and property next to our Community Center. Cultural Services Manager Jackie French is also exploring utility box wrapping to improve the appearance of these not-so-attractive essentials in our neighborhoods. The South Peninsula Drive sidewalk improvement project has been long-discussed as providing safety, recreation, and aesthetic improvements to the Town; with consideration of expanding the use of nature-friendly bollard lighting alongside a new sidewalk, as we have done on Inlet Harbor Drive and within Pollard Park. The Town is now near the top of the federal funding list for this sidewalk project and has set aside its full funding match for this multi-million-dollar pedestrian-bicyclist mobility enhancement. Once the design begins, community meetings will be scheduled, and your participation will be a critical component of the process.

Our improvement efforts go far deeper than our “pretty face,” though, as we have been working with our engineering consultants to design the remainder of the Town’s Sewer Master Plan, making all of our septic-to-sewer projects shovel-ready for grant applications like the one we received for

Ponce de Leon Circle. We have also completed a Stormwater Needs Analysis pursuant to State requirements, and we have been especially mindful of stormwater planning that can be done in conjunction with future septic-to-sewer projects. Our barrier island community prioritizes sustainability and resilience.

### **Budget - Audit - Reserve**

The Town of Ponce Inlet's budget preparation process is now underway for fiscal year 22/23. Our comprehensive audit of fiscal year 20/21 has been completed and we are again pleased to announce that there were no reportable findings for corrective action. We increased our prudent reserve by over six hundred thousand dollars.

This brings the total amount of unrestricted funding available to just over \$4 million. At a time of economic flux and current inflation, this reserve provides internal resiliency to meet the needs of our residents regardless of these external factors.

### **Town Regular Election August 23rd, 2022**

Ponce Inlet's Election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 23rd.

Two seats will be up for election on the Town Council this year.

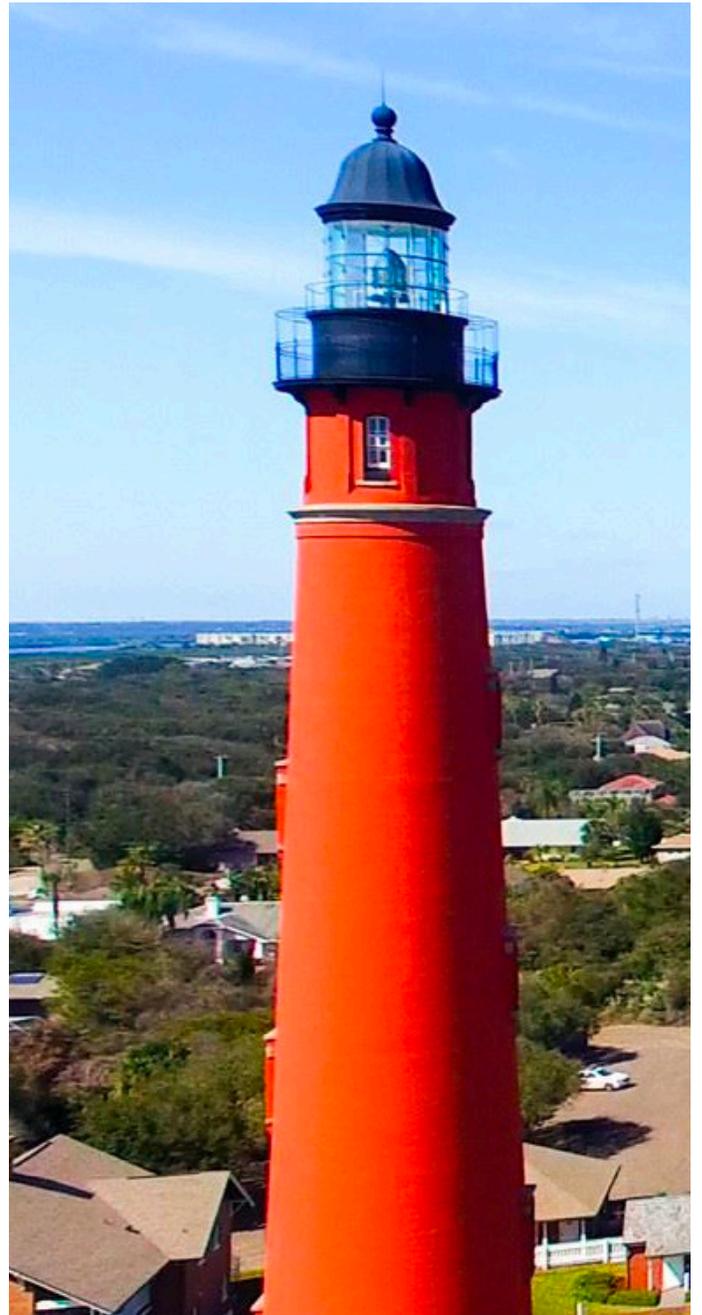
Seat 2 and Seat 4 will be open for two-year terms.

Qualified candidates must be a resident of the Town for at least twelve (12) months and be a registered voter in Volusia County for six (6) months prior to the qualifying period. The qualifying period will begin on Monday, June 6th and end on Friday, June 17th at noon. If you are interested in serving your Town in this manner, please contact Deputy Town Clerk Kim Cherbano at 386-236-2150,

[kcherbano@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:kcherbano@ponce-inlet.org) or stop by Town Hall for more information.

### **Florida's Tropical Hurricane Season**

The tropical climate in Florida creates the opportunity for hurricanes for a full six months each year; "Hurricane Season" begins June 1st and runs through November 30th.



While weather service predictions have improved over the years, the fact remains that hurricanes shift in direction and velocity very quickly, so advance preparations are important. Some years produce more frequent and/or more damaging hurricanes, and we don't know what 2022 will bring. We encourage you to check out the recommended supplies and other considerations on the Volusia County Emergency Management website at <https://www.volusia.org/services/public-protection/emergency-management/>

Then, return to enjoying our tropical paradise knowing that you have done what you can to protect yourself, your family, and your pets, should the need arise.

### Town Holiday Closings

Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day and on Monday, July 4th, 2022 in observance of Independence 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 an occupational license). This business directory can be found as a link to the Town's home page—

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

### Town Council & Board Meetings

The Town Council meets on 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 Board meetings are posted at Town Hall, on the Town's Facebook page, and on the Town's website.

### Keep up with what's happening in your Town

Please visit our website at [www.ponce-inlet.org](http://www.ponce-inlet.org) for all public meeting notices and minutes, general information, and the status of current or upcoming projects. Furthermore, 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 e-mail list through the website. If you have a Facebook account, please be sure to "like" our page so you'll receive information regularly on the Facebook newsfeed.



## From Planning and Development Director, Mike Disher...



The Planning and Development Department actually consists of three separate service divisions:

Code Enforcement, Building, and Planning.

### Code Enforcement Division

Spring is the start of the “growing season,” while summer is the season for vacations, travel, and hurricanes. A few friendly reminders:

#### Vegetation

It is every property owner’s responsibility to ensure that vegetation on their property does not obstruct roadways or sidewalks.

Vegetation must be trimmed or removed to allow safe passage of vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Plants with sharp thorns are not allowed to be planted within three feet of any sidewalk or roadway.

#### RV and Boat parking/storage

Recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers are allowed to be parked in the driveway for

a maximum of 72 hours per 7-consecutive-day period. At all other times, these vehicles must be stored in a carport, an enclosed building, or behind the portion of the principal structure closest to the street. On corner lots, these restrictions apply to each side of the housing facing the street.

#### Hurricane Season

If you plan on getting those trees trimmed before hurricane season, now is the time to do it. Property owners, take note that if you hire a contractor to trim trees, the limbs must be removed by the contractor.

When trimmings are placed by the roadside for pickup, the length of the trimmings cannot exceed three feet in length and weigh no more than 40 pounds. Trimmings and debris piles are not permitted to obstruct the sidewalk or street. When a large debris pile is created, the property owner must contact Waste Pro at (386) 788-8890 to arrange for a special pickup. Please note that a permit is required from the Town in advance to remove a tree entirely.

Finally, if you are approached by a tree removal business at your home, please know that all door-to-door solicitors are required to have a solicitation permit and undergo background checks before they can make unannounced house calls. Solicitors are required to carry the original permit on their person at all times while soliciting. If you have any concerns about solicitors in your neighborhood, please contact the Police Department non-emergency line at (386) 236-2160.



# Building Division

## Flood Protection Information and FIRM Maps

The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Ponce Inlet are located at Town Hall and can be reviewed during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. All questions should be directed to Robert “Hank” Baker, Chief Building Official/Certified Floodplain Manager. Mr. Baker is also available for site visits to your property to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Mr. Baker’s contact information is:

[hbaker@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:hbaker@ponce-inlet.org) or  
(386) 236-2185. For more information, go to <http://ponce-inlet.org/> and then click on Flood Management Information.

## Substantial Improvements

If your property is in a special flood hazard area and you are planning substantial improvements to your home, in which the value of the work is equal to or greater than 50% of your home’s market value (not including land value), then you must meet current Florida Building Code standards and comply with the local floodplain ordinance. Make sure you get a permit before you do any work, and work with a licensed contractor who knows the codes. An Elevation Certificate will be required with the permit application and may already be on file at Town Hall.

## Flood Safety

Flash flooding is the number-one weather-related killer in the United States. Eighty percent of flood-related deaths occur as a result of people driving through low-water crossings, walking along the banks of flooded areas, playing in floodwaters, or driving or walking into harm’s way. Protecting life and property is the number one priority.

If your road is flooded, the Town of Ponce Inlet and the National Weather Service warn you to “TURN AROUND, DON’T DROWN.”

## Over-the-Counter Permits (OTC)

The Building Division began issuing over-the-counter permits a few years ago for certain types of applications. The program has been a huge success and has allowed for expedited permits to be issued for A/C change-outs and certain electrical and plumbing permits that do not require plan review. Below is a brief overview and reminder of the process.

Over-the-Counter permits can only be used for:

1. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing permits that **DO NOT** require the Chief Building Official to review the plans.

This includes A/C change-outs, water heaters, and other simple plumbing work that is placed in the **SAME EXACT** location.

2. Properties **NOT** located in a special flood hazard area, based on the FIRM flood zone maps. This excludes most properties in Town located west of S. Peninsula Drive. Staff will verify this for you at permit check-in or ahead of time upon request. You can also verify if the property is in a special flood hazard area prior to applying by entering the property address on Volusia County’s Flood Risk Maps.

Steps to getting an Over-the-Counter permit:

Fill out the current building permit application form (referencing the 2020 FL Building Code) AND the OTC permit checklist. Submit the **completed** application to the town by e-mail, fax, or in person. **Completed** applications that qualify (per 1 and 2 above) are processed upon submittal and usually take approximately 15-20 minutes to enter, process, and print for assistance.

1. Once the permit has been processed and is ready to issue, staff will e-mail the license holder (if they are not already in our office), who has the option to bring in a check or pay over the phone with a credit card.
2. Get the permit, pay for it, and post it at the job site **BEFORE** any work begins.

## Emergency Permits

Under certain conditions, the Town allows work to begin without a permit in an emergency situation only. Even in such cases, a permit is **STILL** required. The emergency does not relieve the contractor of the responsibility to obtain a permit and to request inspections as required by the Florida Building Code.

1. If the emergency occurs during the work week, the contractor must contact the Building Official to request permission for an early start **BEFORE** any work is done. Staff will then inform Code Enforcement so that they are aware of the situation.
2. If emergency work is needed over the weekend or on a holiday, and Town offices are closed, the contractor must apply for the permit **within 1 business day** as required by the Florida Building Administrative Code.

## Planning Division

### Coastal Resiliency Planning

In 2021, the Town embarked on its first initial planning efforts to improve the Town’s resiliency and capacity to adapt to changes in sea level rise. In partnership with staff from the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC), the Town conducted a “Vulnerability Assessment” to analyze the Town’s potential exposure to flooding over time. The results of this year-long effort were

compiled into a report titled, “Resilient Ponce Inlet,” which was presented to the Planning Board and Town Council this past February.

The report consists of three parts:

#### 1) Vulnerability Assessment

– an analysis of critical infrastructure and other Town assets under various sea level rise and storm surge models;

#### 2) Public Engagement

– results of two workshops and an on-line survey to gather input on stakeholder priorities and values and to identify areas of particular concern; and

#### 3) Policy Recommendations

– suggested updates to policies in the Coastal Management Element and Future Land Use Element of the comprehensive plan to comply with the “Peril of Flood” requirements of state law.

Before the recommended policies can take effect, they must first be formally reviewed by the Planning Board and state agencies, and then adopted by the Town Council. The public will have many opportunities to provide input during this process. The first of these discussions and hearings will take place at the April 26, 2022, Planning Board meeting.

Adopting the policies will represent the first concrete step in utilizing the data gathered from the Vulnerability Assessment to improve the Town’s resiliency to sea level rise and storm events. Once approved, the policies will be used to guide future decision-making for development, including updates to development requirements, infrastructure projects, and adaptation to projected sea level rise.

## From Public Works Manager, Jeff Miller...



### Sewer Projects

The septic to sewer project on Ponce DeLeon Circle is approximately 90% complete. The contractor is awaiting the arrival of the control panel responsible for operating the newly installed lift station, which is expected to be in mid-June.

The completion of this project is currently anticipated to be July 15, 2022.

You may have noticed surveyors working and marking sites throughout the south end of town. These surveyors have been hired by the town's engineering firm to gather data for future sewer projects. These projects are in the very early design stages and are over a year away from breaking ground.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these projects, please contact **Jeff Miller, General Manager of Public Works**, at the email [jmiller@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:jmiller@ponce-inlet.org) or phone at 386-566-2702.

### Stormwater Information

What is a catch basin? Catch basins are the drains you see along the streets. Their purpose is to remove water produced by weather events from the street and route it back into the water table or out to our local waterways. You will see our technicians installing new aluminum curb markers labeled, "NO DUMPING. DRAINS TO WATERWAY," that displays some of our local wildlife, such as fish, turtles, and crabs. It's important to never pour any substance into these drains as it can cause adverse effects on the aquatic wildlife and food chain. Please report any obstructed drains to the Public Works Department with a location so that we may clear them to prevent flood conditions throughout Town.



### Pet Waste

We are happy to be able to provide and maintain the Dogi-Pot stations located throughout the town limits. Dog waste is not only a nuisance but is also unhealthy. Did you know that a single gram of dog waste contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria? It's true! Also, a number of common diseases can be transmitted to other dogs (and even people) through contaminated feces. Some of these diseases include salmonella, giardia, E-coli, and

roundworms. It is also possible for your dog to contract coronavirus or parvovirus from infected feces. In addition to the dangers of direct contact with contaminated feces, dog waste can also be carried into waterways by storm runoff. Some bacteria and parasites can also live in the soil for extended periods of time, where they may be transmitted to other dogs and even humans.

So, please pick up after your pet. Not only is it good common courtesy, but it's good for the environment.



### **Water Meters**

With the summer season rapidly approaching, please take care to ensure your water meter box is unobstructed by overgrowth of surrounding vegetation. Please do not place plants, décor, or landscaping products over these boxes, as it makes them inaccessible for our technicians who read the meters. When meter boxes are obstructed, we will leave a door hanger letting you know that action is needed. If you need help locating your water meter box, contact the Public Works Department and set an appointment for a technician to meet with you to assist.

If you are planning to leave town for an extended period of time, consider turning off the water supply to the property. An unnoticed leak can lead to high water bills and costly repairs.

Public Works staff can assist you by turning the water off at the meter and locking the meter, if requested, to prevent tampering and unpermitted use. Call **386-322-6729** for more information.

### **Water Quality**

We have released our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the year 2021. These reports are generated yearly in accordance with Federal and State requirements. The information is compiled from various sources, including the City of Port Orange and analyses performed by Public Works staff. The most updated report is always available in PDF format, online at [www.ponce-inlet.org](http://www.ponce-inlet.org), on the Public Works' division page, under the Water Systems tab. You can also request to have a copy emailed, post-mailed, or picked up by reaching out to the Public Works Department.



## From Fire Chief Dan Scales...



### First Quarter Statistics

The Ponce Inlet Fire Department (PIFD) responded to 298 incidents for the first quarter of 2022, averaging 3.3 responses per day. The incident classifications are broken down below.

**Incidents involving a fire – 2 (> 1%)**

**Fire Alarms – 17 (6%)**

**Hazardous conditions/weather related – 2 (>1%)**

**EMS Related – 198 (66%)**

**Service/miscellaneous – 26 (9%)**

**Good intent – 53 (18%)**

The Ponce Inlet Fire Department responded to two incidents involving fires; neither had any significant impact.

### New Safety Equipment

The Fire Department recently took delivery of a high-capacity turnout gear washing machine. The washing machine is designed to wash one complete set of Firefighter turnout gear, the protective clothing worn in firefighting situations. We hope to have the unit installed soon.



### Fire Hydrant Maintenance

The Fire Department will be assisting with hydrant maintenance in town over the next few weeks. You will see the crews and a private vendor working together to clean all 154 fire hydrants in town. In addition to routine hydrant maintenance, a few of the more weathered hydrants will be receiving repairs to ensure they work when needed.



### National Accreditation

Your fire department is making great progress in our national accreditation process. We completed the first drafts of modules 1 and 2 of the Community Risk Assessment/Standard of Cover. Our Accreditation Team will be making a few finishing touches on modules 1 and 2 and will begin working on Module 3, which identifies community hazards and risks. We are very excited to be involved in the National Accreditation process and are one of an elite number of agencies that have been willing to undertake this internal and external operational review.

## From Police Chief Jeff Glazier...



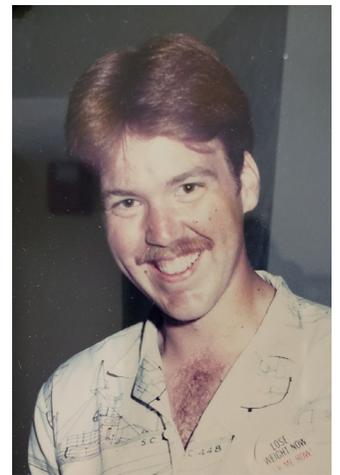
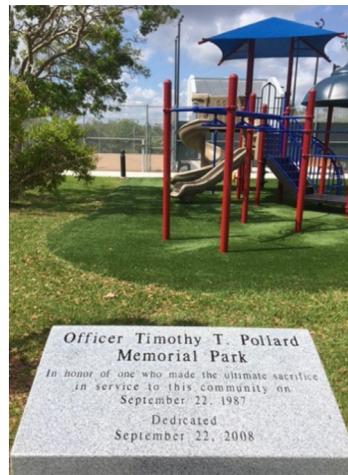
### National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. This year, National Police Week will be observed from May 11–17.

The National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C. will hold ceremonies, including the 34th Annual Candlelight Vigil, to honor the fallen officers whose names have recently been added to the Memorial.

Did you know that on September 22, 1987, Ponce Inlet Police Officer Timothy Pollard was killed in the line of duty? Officer Pollard was only 22 years old and had worked in the Ponce Inlet Police Department for six months when he was killed. His patrol car collided with a van being chased through three cities by the Daytona Beach Police Department. According to newspaper

reports from that day, “at 6 p.m., the city’s Civil Defense siren was sounded twice- once more than the usual daily test- in memory of Timothy Pollard, 22, as his fellow officers huddled around a television to watch news reports of the accident.” Ponce Inlet’s Timothy Pollard Memorial Park was named in honor of our fallen officer. We remember Officer Pollard and all the police officers who did not come home at the end of their shift. The men and women of the Ponce Inlet Police Department are honored to serve and protect the visitors and citizens of Ponce Inlet.



### Sidewalk Speed Limit

In January of this year, the Town implemented speed limits for bicycles and motorized devices on sidewalks throughout the Town. The sidewalk speed limit is **10 mph**. A fine of **\$50** has been established for violations of the Town’s speed limit on the sidewalks. Remember that pedestrians have the right of way on the sidewalk, so bicycles must exercise due care and notify pedestrians whenever you pass them.



## From Cultural Services Manager, Jackie French...



### Special Events

The Cultural Services Department has had a busy last couple of months!

There is a glow of pre-pandemic views on the horizon as people are eager and excited to coordinate and attend special events again. In the span of 13 weeks, the Cultural Services Department will have helped coordinate 11 special events in town, 6 of which were organized by Town staff. In addition to special events, as of April 1, the Ponce Inlet Historical Museum hosted 10 programs with about 150 attendees. These included lecture series on topics such as NASCAR, Florida Forts, and the history of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, as well as programs in the park to provide education on turtles, bird watching, and native plants. The Town of Ponce Inlet has numerous special events throughout the year. To determine if your event requires a Special Event permit, please review the Special Event regulations in the Town's Code of Ordinances. All questions can be directed to Jackie French,

[jfrench@ponce-inlet.org](mailto:jfrench@ponce-inlet.org)  
or (386) 322-6703.

### Jesse Linzy Boat Ramp

On February 22, the Town held a dedication ceremony for the Jesse Linzy Boat Ramp. This was a beautiful dedication to a man who left a big legacy for this community, and it is an honor to recognize his impact for generations to come! In March, the Town held its annual Ponce Preserves the Planet but with the added adventure of having the vendors of environmental exhibits posted throughout the trails. Attendees earned stickers at every station, and the first 50 people earned an eco-friendly "Keep Plastic Out of Ponce" tote bag, and all were offered a free native tree sapling.



### Monarch Butterflies

The Town of Ponce Inlet became a Monarch City in 2019. Not only do Monarch butterflies make our Town more enjoyable, but they are hard-working pollinators within the ecosystems at work in our community as well. According to the Center for Biological Diversity, the Monarch butterfly population was estimated to be 682 million in 1997 and 150 million in 2016 – a nearly 80% decline over a 19-year period.

How can you help? Planting milkweed species native to our region or native nectar plants, such as marigolds, petunias, and sunflowers, where possible on your property provides the necessary habitat to increase the Monarch butterfly population.

If you have tropical milkweed in your garden, prune the stalks to about 6 inches in height during the fall and winter months to promote sprouting, discourage monarchs from establishing breeding colonies, and prevent spores from developing that infect the monarchs. There is also MonarchWatch.org for information on education, conservation, and research on monarch butterflies, including how to grow your own milkweed and even rearing monarchs at home or in the classroom!



## Upcoming Events for May:

### Programs in the Park-Turtle Talk

Join Mindy Ash from the Marine Science Center for an interactive turtle talk. Learn how you can help turtles in our area, make a turtle craft and play games. Geared for kids ages 5 to 10.

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 @ 10:00 AM  
Ponce Preserve, 4401 S. Peninsula Dr.  
**Free;** RSVP are required by April 27.  
Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org  
or 386-761-2408

### Painting at the Museum-Peacock

Acrylic canvas class for ages 10 and up.  
No experience is necessary; the instructor will guide you step-by-step.

Saturday, May 14, 2022 @ 10:00 AM  
Ponce Inlet Historical Museum  
143 Beach Street, outside on the lawn.  
**\$10** per person, all supplies included.  
Space is limited to 12 people. Pre-payment is required at Town Hall by 5/10.

### Lecture Series-History of Fishing and Diving in Volusia County

Join Chad MacFie, Manager at the Marine Science Center, to learn how fishing and diving have evolved over the years, and the relation and contribution to Ponce Inlet.

Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 10:30 AM  
Town Council Chambers at Ponce Inlet Town Hall  
4300 S. Atlantic Ave.  
**Free;** RSVPs are required by May 20.  
Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org  
or 386-761-2408

### Mermaids and Manatees in May

Come find your inner mermaid self, learn about the historic connection between mermaids and manatees, play a game and then create a craft!

Saturday, May 28, 2022 @ 10:00 AM  
Ponce Inlet Historical Museum  
143 Beach Street, outside on the lawn.  
**Free;** RSVPs are required by May 24.  
Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org  
or 386-761-2408

# Garden Club of Ponce Inlet



## Happy Spring to all!

On Wednesday, February 23rd, the Garden Club of Ponce Inlet held its monthly membership meeting. We welcomed our guest speaker, Felipe De Paula, Registrar and Assistant Curator at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum. Felipe spoke to our club about the Pacetti Hotel and the status of its ongoing multi-million dollar restoration. Felipe shared with our members the numerous historical photos of the Pacetti Hotel and the Pacetti family dating back to the 1880's. Felipe was accompanied by Zach Hopple, Programs Manager at the Lighthouse. Zach was available to answer questions about the lighthouse and its various programs and volunteer opportunities. A special thanks to both Felipe and Zach for attending our meeting.

Also, at our February meeting, Rosemary Volz and Heather Pettit-Johnson of the Garden Club Beautification committee presented our Beautification Award for the month of January to **Richard and Lynnette**

**Wright.** If you have a chance, please drive by the Wright's to see their attractively landscaped property at **66 Loggerhead Court.**



In March, we welcomed Mr. Robert Bowden, Master Gardener at Leu Gardens, as our guest speaker. Mr. Bowden gave a beautiful presentation on camellias, which can always be found at Leu Gardens. Leu Gardens, located in Orlando, consists of 50 acres with over 40 diverse plant collections, including a tropical rain forest and Florida's largest formal rose garden. It is definitely worth the visit if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so! Our Beautification Committee was also pleased to award our March Beautification Award to **Joanne and Joseph Isgro of 4786 Michael Lane.**



On April 2nd, Ponce Inlet held its annual Community Day, where all of our town's clubs, restaurants, and town departments were on hand to welcome members of the community and provide information about their individual entities. Of course, members of our Garden Club were present to provide information about our club, raffle off a beautiful plant, and invite members of our community to attend one of our membership meetings to experience what we are all about.

Representing our Garden Club and pictured below were Joanne Doyle, Pat Morris, and MaryAnn Redinger. Tammy Baker was also present but not photographed.



In the next few months, our Garden Club will be very busy with several special events beginning with our Arbor Day Celebration on April 27th. Of special note is that this year marks the 50th Anniversary of National Arbor Day. Arbor Day has been a special event celebrated for many years by our members since Ponce Inlet was declared a tree city 28 years ago. Ponce Inlet is one of the 3,676 recognized cities in the United States to be declared a "Tree City". Our Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council Members and other representatives of our town will attend the Garden Club celebration. Also in attendance will be representatives from

the 2022 Special Olympics and the Miracle League of Volusia County. The Garden Club is honored to be making a donation to both of these worthwhile organizations as provided by the Diane Smith Foundation. Gary Smith, our Vice Mayor, will be making these presentations to both of these organizations. The Marine Science Center will also be present to award ten weekly summer camp scholarships to children from RJ Longstreet School. Stay tuned for our next newsletter, which will commemorate this occasion.

Shortly after celebrating Arbor Day, the Garden Club will be hosting our annual Ice Cream Social, which we have not been able to hold in the past two years due to COVID. This special event will be held on May 1 from 1PM-4PM. We hope to see many of you there, so please save the date.

2022 Ice Cream Social  
"Race Day"





Admission: \$3.00

Sunday May 1st from 1pm to 4pm

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Ponce Inlet Community Center  
4670 South Peninsula Drive

Raffle

Ice Cream  
Bake Sale

Cupcakes  
Kids Zone

Finally, the Garden Club will be closing out our year by having a special membership meeting on May 25th. This will be a very special celebration for our club since it marks our 40th anniversary. In attendance will be one of our founding members, Edwina Knox, along with past Presidents, Charter Members, and Lifetime Members.

Again, we look forward to sharing this special event with you in our next newsletter.

As always, anyone interested in joining the Garden Club is welcome to pick up an application at the Community Center. Our membership meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Community Center at 10:30 AM. All are welcome!!

Our Garden Club works hard all year long to give back to our community and with the support of all of our members, we can continue to do so.

## Ponce Inlet Women's Club

**A New Chapter: 2022-2024**  
**by Cindy Pinion**

**Incoming President 2022-2024**

Greetings everyone,

The Ponce Inlet Women's Club met at the Ponce Inlet Community Center in April for the first time since the COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020. As a 501 (C) 3 organization, we are like many others who have suffered a downgrade in participation and limited opportunity to raise funds for the local organizations and or charities we have supported on an annual basis.



Our April meeting consisted of approving revised by-laws and installing newly elected officers for the 2022-2024 term.

Our next scheduled meeting is May 11th at 10:30am at the Ponce Inlet Community Center. Light refreshments will be served to all in attendance.

We want to encourage our current members to come and join us, and we absolutely welcome any new faces to our club. We are excited to have new ideas and a passion for helping others as we go forward.

To stay connected, please visit our Facebook page "Ponce Inlet Women's Club" and ask to join. We would love to have you be a part of our mission in community outreach.

# Ponce Inlet Lions Club

## By Nancy Epps, President



The Ponce Inlet Lions Club's fifth annual golf tournament was held on March 19, 2022, at Cypress Head Golf Club in Port Orange. For the first time this year, our tournament was named the Lion Marian Memorial Golf Tournament. Marian Schauliptz was an active member of our club and an energetic supporter of our golf tournament and other charity events. Sadly, she passed away suddenly last year, and she has been deeply missed.

Our golf tournament is the biggest annual fund raiser for the Ponce Inlet Lions Club. It benefits many charities, including:

-RJ Longstreet Elementary School – the Lions Club supports a food pantry, provides grocery gift cards and other essential needs for Title 1 students who attend the school

-Southeastern Guide Dogs Veterans Assistance Dogs - provides service dogs to veterans suffering from PTSD to give them a stable life. The suicide rate for recipients is zero, compared to a significant rate of veteran sufferers of PTSD who do not have a service dog.

-The Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired - a non-profit agency dedicated to assisting blind and visually impaired individuals gain total life independence. The residential program serves the visually impaired and blind with additional disabilities.

-Whispering Meadows Ranch - mission aims to provide therapeutic horseback riding and horsemanship instruction to people with disabilities or special needs. The goal is to improve physical, emotional, and social functioning.

Special guests this year included Marine Captain (Ret) Mike Deardorff. He is the recipient of a Ponce Inlet Lions Club-funded veterans' assistance dog, a handsome yellow Labrador named Ryan. Captain Mike, a Bronze Star medal awardee, spoke to the participants about his experiences during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and he explained why Ryan is so important to his quality of life. Major donors to the program, Margo and Tom Whalen, were present and realized just how much Ryan had done to improve Mike's life. During the tournament, Margo spent a lot of time with Mike, Ryan, and the guest service dog, Scott, and she spoke passionately at our luncheon about how these wonderful animals have literally saved the lives of many veterans suffering from the invisible injuries associated with PTSD. For more information on the veteran's assistance dog program, please click this link: <https://www.facebook.com/southeasternguidedogs/videos/1163343277446047/>

Other special guests were clients of the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired, who entertained at lunchtime with their musical talents.

We are grateful to the staff at Cypress Head Golf Club, the many volunteers and raffle donors who made this year's tournament a success, and to Lions Mark Oebbecke and Pat Morris for all their hard work organizing.

As usual, the Lions Club was present to serve hotdogs and drinks at Ponce Preserves the Planet, which was on the same day as the golf tournament. Thank you to Lion Simon Kokis for his faithful support of this annual opportunity to serve our fellow citizens.

Lion Nancy Epps was thrilled to represent the club at Southeastern Guide Dogs' celebration of the Cornerstone Society donors, including the Ponce Inlet Lions. Last year, we became partners of the Cornerstone Society by committing \$1,200-\$4,999 per year for at least three years. SEG D is the special place that breeds and trains the canine heroes who grow up to be veterans' assistance dogs, as well as other assistance dogs and guide dogs for the visually impaired. It was an enlightening opportunity to see how these amazing animals are trained to do what they do.



As noted in the golf tournament story, Whispering Meadows Ranch is a special place in Flagler Beach that serves people with special needs. A new event this year will be a fundraiser at Stroud's BBQ and Grill in Daytona Beach Shores on Wednesday May 4th from 5PM-7:30PM. 10% of proceeds will benefit Whispering Meadows Ranch.

We have traditionally held a Western Night dinner-dance at the Community Center in January, but we have not held it since 2019. We have rescheduled it to May 14 this year, and we are looking forward to celebrating it again! Please see the flyer on a separate page for details. This is a really fun event, and we need your support to make it a success and to help support our charities.

In response to the crisis in Ukraine, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded grants totaling over \$824,000 to date to Lions Clubs in Ukraine to assist them in aiding the thousands who remain in the country and have critical needs as a result of the war. Some of our Ponce Inlet funds support the Foundation. Our club supports multiple charities in our local community, including those previously mentioned as well as Halifax Urban Ministries, the Florida Division of Blind Services' Braille and Talking Book Library, diabetes testing, hearing services, and, of course, used eyeglasses and hearing aid recycling. You may drop the latter into the box marked "Lions" in the PICC parking lot. Please check our website, [www.pilions.org](http://www.pilions.org), for more information.

All funds raised at our events are spent on our charities – nothing is spent on administration. Information about becoming a Lion can be found on the website, or you can contact me by email at [nancyepps@cfl.rr.com](mailto:nancyepps@cfl.rr.com), call me at (386) 795-2310, or speak to any Lion you know. Lionism is a great way to meet wonderful people and serve your community while having fun! As the old saying goes, "many hands make light work" – please consider joining us for great camaraderie and the wonderful feeling of helping those in need.

**PONCE INLET LIONS CLUB  
PRESENTS  
WESTERN BBQ FUNDRAISER  
MAY 14 2022**



**ENTERTAINMENT BY  
GREG CARDINO**

**HAPPY HOUR 5 TO 6 PM**

**BYOB BEER AVAILABLE FOR DONATIONS**

**DINNER 6 PM**

**ENTERTAINMENT 5 TO 9 PM**

**SILENT AUCTION 5 TO 8 PM**

**50 50 DRAWINGS 7 TO 9 PM**

**PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED COWGIRL AND COWBOY**

**ALL FOR  
\$30**



**PURCHASE TICKETS AT**

**PONCE INLET COMMUNITY CENTER M-F 9AM 1PM**

**PHONE 760-0615**

**CUT OFF DATE FOR TICKET SALES 5 · 9 · 22**



# Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial

by Bill Wester

On Monday, May 30, 2022, at 9:00 AM, the Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association will celebrate Memorial Day with a ceremony at the memorial at Davies Lighthouse Park. Please note the earlier start time so it will be cooler for the attendees and participants.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed in 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.



Our guest speaker will be Kevin Karella, a retired US Army CWO4 and an adventurer, father, gold star father, grandfather, pilot, and author. There will also be a fly-over, dedications, a wreath laying, and a firing salute with taps. Everyone is welcome to join us for a moment of remembrance and respect for those who gave everything.



We would like to extend an invitation to all local veterans and those who are still serving on active duty to join us. The Association is a non-profit 501(c) (19) organization and our mission is to maintain our memorial and promote veterans' activities in our community.

Dues are \$20 per year and meetings are held at the Ponce Inlet Community Center at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer.

Contact Jim Hinson at 386-760-5448 for additional information or to obtain a membership form.



# Ponce Inlet Lighthouse



## **Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Springs Into Action** by Zach Hople

The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum has had a very busy first quarter. Community outreach, on-site education, and collaboration between the lighthouse and the Volusia County School district have all become regular parts of the Programs Department once again. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse continues to light the way for cultural learning throughout Volusia County.

Collaboration with the local community and other cultural centers across Volusia County is a main focus of the Programs Department. Participating in events across the county, including DeBary Hall's Living History Day, Volusia County Schools F.A.C.T. Fair, Ponce Inlet Community Days, and New Smyrna Museum Heritage Day, the dedicated volunteers of Ponce Inlet Lighthouse were able to dispense maritime and lighthouse education to hundreds of participants. Keep up-to-date with the Events Page on the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse website, as you never know where we will be in the future.

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is proud to offer a variety of onsite events throughout the Spring and Summer months. On April 23rd, 2022, the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse will be hosting Florida Lighthouse Day from 10:30am until 2:30pm. This fun-filled day of

learning will feature a special presentation on "What is a Lighthouse?" as well as the ability to get up close and personal with artifacts from over 100 years ago, guided tours throughout the day, children's activities, and much more. Entrance to this special event is included with regular admission rates.

During the first quarter of 2022, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse hosted two major cultural events on its grounds. On Sunday, February 13th, crowds flocked to the lighthouse to participate in the first annual Indigenous Peoples Heritage Day. The groundbreaking event, which will be held annually in November, included participation from historical groups from across the state of Florida. The Seminole tribe, through the AH TAH THI KI Museum, displayed a canoe carving demonstration. Andrew Foster, a historical reenactor, wowed the audience with his portrayal of local newspaperman and Native lobbyist Charles Coe. The Friends of Tomoka Basin State Parks demonstrated weapons from the Second Seminole War.



The New Smyrna Museum of History allowed guests to see their vast Sweett collection of local indigenous artifacts. DeLeon Springs explained the Mayaca in great detail and what life was like for thousands of years prior to the European exploration of Florida. The day was rounded

out with historical presentations enjoyed by hundreds, given by many of the previously listed participants, as well as Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Lead Docent John Mann discussing the 1835 Lighthouse and Registrar and Assistant Curator Felipe De Paula explaining the Timucua as researched and written about in the January edition of Illuminations quarterly.

To continue with the collaborative spirit, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse hosted Florida Heritage Day on March 26, 2022. Familiar groups, such as New Smyrna Museum of History and Friends of Tomoka Basin State Parks, returned to participate, while adding a number of new organizations to the ever-growing list of pooled historical centers. The Halifax Historical Society, the Botanical Gardens of Volusia County, DeBary Hall, and historical interpreter John Higgins were on hand for a wonderful day of learning for families. The Firm Foundation Elementary Choir entertained the crowd with lighthouse, Florida, and American songs. Once again, the day was punctuated with historical presentations by Lead Docent John Mann, taking the audience through the development of Florida's lighthouses, and Registrar and Assistant Curator Felipe De Paula, speaking about the heritage of fishing and tourism to Volusia County. The founder of the Jackie Robinson Statue Committee at Jackie Robinson Ballpark, Bill Schumann, gave an amazing presentation on Mary McCleod Bethune and Jackie Robinson: How the Color Barrier was Broken in Daytona.

In addition, school-aged children are once again visiting the lighthouse in droves. Homeschool co-op groups, public school classes, and private schools are lining up for dates to tour the museum or have our costumed docents in their classrooms. Educational workshops are provided free to all Volusia public schools and with a nominal charge to homeschool groups. For more information about group and school tours, please contact Programs Manager Zach Hopple at [zhopple@ponceinlet.org](mailto:zhopple@ponceinlet.org).

On May 5th, 2022, the Programs Department will host homeschool students from across the state for the annual Spring Homeschool Day. Building off of the success of the homeschool day in the fall of 2021, school-age students will receive high-quality, standards-based learning focusing on the topic "What is a Lighthouse?" All lessons for the day will be delivered through the STEAM lens, including workshops on why the lighthouse is so tall, the science behind harnessing light, families and artifacts of the lighthouse, and the function of lighthouses. This day will include hands-on activities and take-home crafts as well as educational activities to continue the learning long after the day has concluded. All programming will be given by the fabulous volunteers of the lighthouse and the partnership with Daytona State College student teachers.

Adult education continues to be a key component of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Programs Department. Delivering high-quality historical presentations, presenters from the lighthouse have engaged with over 500 people across Volusia County. Maritime, lighthouse, and social history topics have captivated spectators, with many more speaking dates having already been announced. For more information, refer to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse website Events Page or email [education@ponceinlet.org](mailto:education@ponceinlet.org).



One of the most popular onsite offerings here at the lighthouse is our monthly Climb to the Moon event. This event offers guests the opportunity to toast the setting of the sun and the rise of the full moon with a spectacular view unlike anywhere else. If you'd like to book a date for Climb to the Moon in 2022, please call the lighthouse at **386-761-1821 ext. 10**. We encourage you to make early reservations, as these dates fill up months in advance.

The success of all of the programs provided by the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse relies on the dedication and hard work of our amazing volunteer corps. They are the backbone of the programs department, and we appreciate everything that they do for us. The Preservation Association is always looking for more individuals interested in volunteering as well. Monthly meetings and training will be provided for all volunteers, as well as the opportunity to preserve and interpret the history of a National Historic Landmark. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact **Programs Manager Zach Hopple** via email at [zhopple@ponceinlet.org](mailto:zhopple@ponceinlet.org) or by phone at **386-761-1821 ext. 18**.



## PONCE INLET ANIMAL WELFARE BY NANCY EPPS, PRESIDENT



Spring has brought no significant changes to the colony. We still have not been able to trap Tiki, the mama cat, again after we had her spayed and got her shots last December. Whenever we are able to get her, the sweet, pretty girl will need a forever home as an only cat. Please let me know if you are interested and I will let you know when we catch her.

Ruthie Grace, the nice little calico, was one of the original cats when the colony was established in 2009. She has disappeared for a week or two a couple of times, but she has reappeared and is looking good. We are always happy to see her again when we feed.

I noted some talk on the NextDoor app about feeding feral cats at the county park. That is not the town's authorized colony that PAW oversees. However, there have been a sizable number of feral cats in the vicinity of the jetty for years, and there is at least one kindhearted person who currently cares for them. Although there is no perfect solution to cat overbreeding, the single best solution is for all cats to be sterilized unless they are specifically intended to be bred. Feral cats are simply the result

of irresponsible humans not getting their cats fixed, dropping them off unattended, and leaving them to be a problem for the well-meaning volunteers who care for them with their volunteer time and dollars, as one writer noted. Thankfully, our authorized colony in the middle of town is working as designed, and we now only have two residents. I am aware of some stray cats that occasionally appear at various locations in town, but they have not taken up residence at the colony.

I want to again thank the generous residents who have donated food and money. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about PAW, donate time or food, or need our help: [nancyepps@cfl.rr.com](mailto:nancyepps@cfl.rr.com), (386) 795-2310. PAW, or the Ponce Inlet police department, can help if you have a cat that needs to be trapped and safeguarded.



# Ponce Inlet Corvette Club

## Vettes at One Daytona Saturday May 15th by Reed Miller

The premier entertainment facility in Daytona, One Daytona, across the street from Daytona International Speedway, will be the setting for Corvette owners to display their iconic sports cars. On Saturday, May 14th, the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club will host “Vettes at One Daytona”. Over one hundred fifty Corvettes from across all eight generations will be on display, making it one of the largest Corvette shows in central Florida. The event is open to the public and is free of charge from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The annual event will feature music, food, a silent auction, and a Chinese Basket Raffle. Club members have been working hard all year to make this event something very special for Corvette enthusiasts and car lovers of all kinds. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the many charities that the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club works with throughout the year. Charities that the club annually supports include the Volusia Humane Society, the Salvation Army of Volusia County, and others.



Participating car owners will have their cars judged during the show. Awards will be presented to the top cars in the various

divisions. There will be a Best of Show Award, the Daytona Beach Mayor’s Award, and the top ten People’s Choice Awards. A Corvette Club Participation Award will be presented to the Corvette Club with the most cars entered.



The “Vettes at One Daytona” Corvette show opens on Saturday, May 14th at 10:00 am and runs through 3:00 pm, with awards presented at 2:30. The show is open to the public. Parking is available at One Daytona. The annual event is sponsored in part by Jon Hall Chevrolet, Christopher Bean Coffee, and Reilly Auto Repair.

For more information about “Vettes One Daytona”, please contact Club President, Dave Tyree, at 386-290-7674, Reed Miller at 570-499-2595, or Larry Dumais at 386-295-

# Ponce Church

by Pastor Nina Tidwell



Ponce Church meets Sundays at 10:00 AM at the PI Community Center: 4670 S. Peninsula next to the fire station. Everyone is welcome at Ponce Church.

## Established 2003

Nineteen years ago, the Lord led our family to the beautiful town of Ponce Inlet. One day, while my husband was walking on the beach, the Lord spoke to him and said, "There is no church in this town-I want you to start one." In January of 2003, the Tidwell Family launched the first church in the history of Ponce Inlet.

Over the years, we have ministered to hundreds of residents and visitors. We are a Christian non-denominational church that is active in obeying the words of Jesus by caring for the orphans, widows, and poor and healing the sick, as Jesus said in Luke 10:9, "Heal the sick who are there and tell them, the Kingdom of God has come near to you." At Ponce Church, we teach the importance of obeying the words of Jesus through loving our neighbor.

Matthew 25:31-46.

## Tabitha's House of Ponce Village Homeless Women Housing

Since 2014, we have served over 30,000 meals to the homeless in Daytona Beach. There are over 200 homeless women in the Daytona Beach area. There are an estimated 565,000 homeless people in the

USA on any given night--40% of whom are women. Tabitha's Housing is a ministry of Ponce Church where we provide love, care, mentoring, and a life of renewed hope for adult homeless women.

For more information, visit [PonceVillage.com](http://PonceVillage.com). Thank you.



## Legacy Housing for Age Out Foster Youth

At Legacy House, we prevent youth homelessness and trafficking by providing safe housing for girls aging out of the foster care system. The Legacy Housing Project provides a safe support system that allows our youth to graduate high school, enroll in a local college, and obtain employment. The Legacy Housing Project is also working to provide housing for boys aging out of the foster care system.

To learn more about Legacy Housing, visit [LegacyHousingProject.org](http://LegacyHousingProject.org). Thank you.

Join Us Sundays 10 AM at Ponce Church  
4670 S. Peninsula in Ponce Inlet. 386-308-1533. Thank you, Pastor Nina Tidwell.



**LEGACY**  
HOUSING

# Ponce Inlet Community Center

by Teri Crumley

## Stay current with what is happening at the Community Center

Stay in touch with the events that are happening at the Community Center by following the sign in front of the center, the town website, Town Facebook, and the C4PI Website. **The office is open Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–12 noon.** Please check with the community center for updates.

## Library

There is a library located in the community center. We have a selection of donated books. Feel free to stop by and borrow a book to read. Please return it when you are finished.

## Soup and Salad Night

What a treat! We had 22 different soups donated for everyone to taste. Thank you to everyone who made the delicious soups. They were out of this world. What better way to spend the evening with good food and good friends?



## Flea Market

A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help with the March flea market. Without you, we would not have had such a successful day. The generous donations we receive from the residents of Ponce are truly appreciated. Mark your calendar for October 7th and 8th. Drop all donations in the large plastic bin to the left of the Community Center. Keep in mind that items need to be free from stains, tears, missing or broken pieces. Sorry, we do not accept chemicals, printers, monitors, or computers. Due to space, PLEASE HOLD ON TO LARGE ITEMS UNTIL October 6th at 12:00. The PICCI Board sincerely appreciates your support.



## Irish Night

The food was fabulous! The meal was cooked by our very own PICCI Board. The Irish soda bread was out of this world thanks to a family recipe from Maureen Day. There was a special treat to top off your dinner with an Irish coffee for a donation. After dinner, we put on our dancing shoes and had a great time with a fun DJ. Everyone is looking forward to next year's celebration.

## Food Truck Night

If you haven't had a chance to visit our food trucks yet, the next time is Monday, May 2. Join us at the Center for Cinco de Mayo food. The Community Center also has our famous Positively Ponce T-shirts for sale, as well as the Tales of Ponce Inlet Books.



## Community Day

A special thank you to all the exhibitors at the Community Center:

- Adams Cameron
- Ponce Inlet Community Center
- Art Club
- Planning and Development
- Citizens for Ponce Inlet
- Ponce Inlet Lighthouse
- Cultural Services
- PI Historical Museum
- Ponce Inlet Realty Deputy Clerk
- Public Works and Utility Billing
- Down the Hatch
- Sea Love Exercise with Joanne
- Vita River to Sea Transportation
- Garden Club
- Veterans Club
- Lighthouse Ice Cream
- Waste Management
- Lions Club
- Women’s Club
- North Turn

Please support these local businesses. Visitors enjoyed North Turns’ famous Clam Chowder; Down the Hatch had their fabulous fish dip and you could sample ice cream from the Lighthouse Ice Cream Shop. Thank you for those special treats. Entertainment was provided as you walked around the center by Angelo.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn’t the best, but we had a great time challenging each other to sink baskets, a corn hole competition, and don’t forget the frisbee challenge. I loved watching the little ones’ eyes as they participated in some parachute activities. Congratulations to Charlie Burge, who won the 36+ age group for Shoot the Hoops. A special thank you to Dunkin’ Donuts on Ridgewood in Port Orange for their donation of donuts.



# SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON

Bright lights can disorient and confuse sea turtles on the beach. On a natural beach, females choose dark beaches lit only by the moonlight to lay their nests. As hatchlings emerge from their nests, they orient themselves toward the water using the dark silhouette of the natural sand dunes behind them and the openness of the lighter horizon over the water in front of them.



To help protect turtles from bright lights, Volusia County adopted a Lighting Ordinance and developed a Beach Lighting Management Plan. The county is actively working with oceanfront property owners to reduce lighting problems along our beaches. The lighting ordinance applies during the sea turtle nesting season, which runs from **May 1 to October 31**.

Please help us protect endangered sea turtles that frequent our beaches. Follow these tips to help nesting sea turtles, other animals, and people safely use the beach.

- Remove tents, volleyball nets and other beach furniture and fill large holes before you leave the beach.
- Don't disturb a turtle that is crawling to or from the ocean or laying eggs. Watch from a distance of at least 30 feet away, keep lights and flash photography off and speak quietly.

- Never shine lights on sea turtle nests, hatchlings, or adult turtles. Flashlight and lantern use is discouraged; however, a flashlight with a red LED bulb or a light covered with a red filter is less disruptive to sea turtles.
- Avoid flash photography on the beach at night, and never discharge fireworks, which are prohibited on the beach.
- Ensure lights from your property or rental space are not visible from the beach by turning them off or shutting your curtains at night. Lights can discourage nesting adults and disorient hatchlings ability to find the sea.
- Avoid walking or cycling over marked nests or unmarked turtle tracks.
- Do not disturb markers or protective screening over turtle nests. These nests are being studied and protected.
- Avoid walking on vegetated beach dunes by using designated beach access points.
- Don't disturb nesting and resting shore birds.
- Don't litter. Cigarette butts, fishing line and other trash can harm the animals and birds along the beach and is unsightly for beach visitors.
- Please recycle paper and plastics in the yellow recycling bins.



If you see a sick, injured, or dead sea turtle or other animal that needs help, DO NOT attempt to put it in the water or capture it. Please contact the nearest Beach Safety officer or lifeguard or call 1-888-404-FWCC.

To report stranded sea turtles or any other stranding call Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at 1-888-404-3922.

Information provided by:

[volusiaseaturtles.org](http://volusiaseaturtles.org)

Visit this page for more links to learn about sea turtles, habitat conservation, beachfront lighting, and wildlife educational materials.



## **SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON MAY 1 – OCTOBER 31**

**It is unlawful to disturb sea turtles or their nests.**

*16 U.S.C § 1538 FLA. STAT. ch. 370.12*

**It is unlawful to disturb dunes or vegetation.**

*FLA. STAT ch. 161.053*

**Lighting restrictions are effective  
May 1 – October 31 yearly.**

**Lights shall not directly or indirectly illuminate  
The beach or be visible from the beach  
During the sea turtle nesting season.**

*VC LAND Dev. CODE art. XII, §§ 1201-1209*



# Citizens For PONCE INLET

## TOWN OF PONCE INLET

The purpose of the Town's section of this Newsletter is to provide information to its citizens and businesses that concern the workings of the Town government. Articles feature the various departments of the Town and include pertinent information to educate and inform individuals on issues of interest to them.

To avoid the appearance of political favoritism or viewpoints on public issues, the Town cannot accept political or public issue ads or ads from non-profit associations for publication.

## CITIZENS FOR PONCE INLET (C4Pi)

The Citizens for Ponce Inlet Newsletter is published quarterly throughout the year 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.

For 35 years the Citizens for Ponce Inlet Newsletter has been distributed in paper form. Volunteers on foot and sometimes roller skates faithfully delivered the letter to the households. As the years passed, the publication was mailed directly to all residents and property owners.

In 2020, the Citizens for Ponce Inlet (CFPI) created the website [www.C4Pi.org](http://www.C4Pi.org) and posted the first digital edition of the CFPI Newsletter with the Winter 2021 issue. The new digital version is emailed to all CFPI Members and to the Town's email list.

If you would like to be placed on the email list please go to [www.C4Pi.org](http://www.C4Pi.org) and JOIN – it's free -you will automatically be enrolled to receive the Newsletter and important notifications while enjoying other C4Pi benefits.

The Citizens for Ponce Inlet is an independent organization and not part of the Town government. Read the Citizens for Ponce Inlet agreement with the Town on our website.

The Town's financial contribution relates solely to the CFPI/C4Pi Newsletter and insures all citizens in Ponce Inlet have access to this information and to the Newsletters provided on the [www.C4Pi.org](http://www.C4Pi.org) website. The newsletter does not accept paid advertisements and is distributed free of charge. We hope you find this information valuable.

Donations are welcomed and appreciated to help defray the costs of the many activities of Citizens for Ponce Inlet. These include the C4Pi website, [www.C4Pi.org](http://www.C4Pi.org), the Annual Town Council Candidates Forum, and the Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards events.

Donations may be made directly on the C4Pi.org website or by mailing a check made to:

**Citizens for Ponce Inlet, Inc.**  
**4670 S. Peninsula Drive**  
**Ponce Inlet, FL 32127**

Please visit [www.c4pi.org](http://www.c4pi.org) for more information about our Organization.

Volunteers are always needed.

If you can help, please email:

[info@c4pi.org](mailto:info@c4pi.org) or contact C4Pi on the bottom of our Home Page.

Citizens for Ponce Inlet is an all-volunteer Organization.

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## **Newsletter Content and Publication Requirements**

The Quarterly CFPI Newsletters are finalized around the end of January, April, July, and October. Deadlines for submitting content are as follows:

<b>January 15th</b>	<b>Winter Edition</b>
<b>April 15th</b>	<b>Spring Edition</b>
<b>July 15th</b>	<b>Summer Edition</b>
<b>October 15th</b>	<b>Fall Edition</b>

Upload your submissions:

<https://www.c4pi.org/newsletter-content-portal/>

This portal is intended to simplify the process of submitting content for the CFPI Newsletter. Your content has two elements: text and photos (optional).

For assistance, directions to upload the information can be found on the webpage. Thank you for your continued contributions and support of the CFPI Newsletter.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about an upcoming issue of the newsletter or need assistance in submitting information via the portal.

Please email [admin@c4pi.org](mailto:admin@c4pi.org) with your contact information and questions.

# Children's Easter Party





## *"Our Mission is to Educate and Preserve"*

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