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be a residential haven
for those persons who
value nature, quiet,
and privacy.**

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Lois Paritsky
Mayor of the Town of Ponce Inlet



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State of the Town Address

Mayor Lois Paritsky

Ponce Inlet Community Center - January 25th 2023

Good evening. Residents, neighbors, fellow council members, department heads and staff members, thank you for gathering with us for tonight's Town Hall Meeting. In keeping with tradition, it is an honor and a privilege to be presenting the annual State of the Town Address to you this evening.

When we look back on 2022, it will forever be remembered as a year that we came together as a community as we met the challenges we faced after two powerful hurricanes impacted our area within 48 days. The skill and perseverance exhibited by our Town Staff, combined with a remarkable display of kindness and community spirit carried us through two devastating, record-setting weather events.

The impacts of property damage, flooded roads and the erosion of our beaches and dunes, affirm the importance of continuing to build on our resiliency accomplishments, as I will outline tonight.

Our quaint and tranquil little town fought back with the courage of a lion. One compassionate gesture at a time, neighbors helping neighbors, residents supporting and encouraging our staff, made all the difference in the world.

When faced with enormous challenges, small gestures make an enormous difference.

I have heard and witnessed countless stories of simple acts of kindness. A hot cup of coffee, a meal, a place to sleep, help filling a sandbag, checking on a neighbor's property, charging a mobile device, sharing groceries and in so many other ways, our residents sought to ease the hardship their friends and neighbors faced. I am proud to live in this community and proud of the way we cared for each other as our staff worked literally around the clock to restore our services and clear our streets.



After 21 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, our storm water and drainage systems were temporarily pushed beyond their capacity. The strenuous efforts of our Public Works staff focused on pumping multiple sites for weeks, which helped mitigate the catastrophic damage we sustained.

Our Town incurred approximately eight hundred thousand dollars' worth of expenses related to the damage of Town-owned property and storm debris pickup. As of January 18th, our Building Division issued 138 Emergency repair permits related to storm damage. The Town has waived almost \$28,000 in permit fees to assist property owners with repairs.

Our Police Officers and Firefighters rescued residents from flooded homes, performed well-being checks, and assisted the Public Works Department with their pumping efforts. Many of our staff members left their own storm damaged homes to report to work, leaving behind their own family members who were left to face significant hardships of their own. The dedication and professionalism they displayed during these events serves to remind us of how fortunate we are to have them here.



You may recall during the last State of the Town Address, I addressed those residents who may have been harboring concerns over rumors spreading in the community that your Council was seeking to get rid of your Fire Department. Tonight, I am proud to announce that for the first time in 22 years, the Town has entered into a contract with Local 4140, our Ponce Inlet Firefighters Union. These dedicated men and women are cherished members of this community, and our residents can be assured that they will always be here in their time of need, no matter what time of the day or night.

Not only do we want them here, we want them to have the best equipment, facilities and training available. Tonight, I am pleased to announce that in December, your Town Council approved measures to begin exploring all available funding and grant opportunities that will result in the construction of a brand new, modern fire house, built specifically to support our professional Firefighters and Medics. They are always here for us, and we will always support them as well.

As we begin the planning stage of a new fire station, we mark another milestone and affirm our ongoing commitment toward building a resilient Ponce Inlet. Two years ago, we commissioned a comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment that identified critical community assets, such as our Fire Station.

The vulnerability assessment is a required prerequisite to apply for funding not only a new Fire Station, but eventually a new Community Center as well. Other resiliency measures include funding requests for stormwater improvements, pumps, drains and equipment to help during severe

weather events such as those we faced in 2022.

In May of last year, the Town was awarded a Resilient Florida grant and work is expected to begin on our Watershed Master Plan early this year. Once completed, the Plan will examine the impacts on our storm water drainage system from existing and expected development, various long duration rainfall events and projected sea level rise.

The Plan will also help the Town further improve its rating through the National Flood Insurance Program. This is a clear example of how our work on resiliency has already benefitted our residents in the form of substantial discounts on their flood insurance premiums.



In terms of our financial status, for the fifth straight year, the Town received another perfect, comment-free annual financial audit from our CPA firm thanks to the efforts of our Finance Director, Kim McColl and her team.

Our property taxes remain among the lowest in Volusia County. With our millage rate set at 5.3, and a composite rate of 17.84, Ponce Inlet is the 7th lowest out of the 17 primary local government services districts, many of which do not provide their own Police, Fire, and EMS services.

Our commitment to delivering quality services is evident in the progress that has been made toward the accreditation of our Fire Department. A key accreditation milestone, the Community Risk Assessment, is now 90% complete.

Ponce Inlet is well on its way to being the only municipality in Volusia County to provide its own accredited Police and Fire Departments. This is a remarkable achievement of which we should all be proud.

Led by Fire Chief Dan Scales, our paramedics and firefighters transported over 600 patients in 2022, providing a lifesaving service to our community. In a remarkable display of their skills and capabilities during Ian and Nicole, when the County EMS suspended transport operations, our staff members continued to provide service on an as needed basis when local conditions permitted.

Under the leadership of Police Chief Jeff Glazier, the Ponce Inlet Police Department's average response time for 2022 was just four minutes and thirty-nine seconds. Our residents are comforted to know that when they need help, our Police Officers respond quickly and are always there for them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For those residents who enjoy seeing our Police Officers around town, and you can count me as one of them, we can all look forward to seeing some of them on bicycle patrol in 2023. The town has purchased two new police bicycles and sent four of our officers to bicycle training. So, when you see them around town on two wheels, be sure to give them a wave, a smile, and your encouragement for all they do every day to keep us safe.



In August, our Public Works Department welcomed a new manager, Fred Griffith. In addition to Fred's credentials as an engineer, he brings decades worth of public works experience focused on water distribution and project management. Fred's arrival has heralded a new direction and new capabilities for

our Public Works Department. He oversees a staff of 9 dedicated Public Service employees who perform a wide range of services to beautify and maintain our Town.

Following Hurricanes Nicole and Ian, Public Works has been collaborating with the Town's Engineering consultants (Mead & Hunt) to conduct a thorough assessment of our drainage systems. We know how disruptive and dangerous flooded streets can be and our Public Works department is dedicated to making sure we are doing everything we possibly can to mitigate the impact of severe weather.

Completion of the Ponce de Leon Circle septic-to-sewer project will soon mark another major achievement for the Town toward its infrastructure and resiliency goals.



2022 was another productive year for your Council, passing several new ordinances and taking action on quality of life and safety issues. In January, Ordinance 2022-02, established regulations for bicycles, e-bikes, and micro-mobility devices, including a 10-mph speed limit on the Town's sidewalks.

Ordinance 2022-07 established zoning districts and regulations for food trucks, as mandated by state law. Ordinances 2022-06 and 08 waived fees and expedited emergency permitting to help our residents in the aftermath of Ian and Nicole.

In 2022, Council held two Town Hall meetings which included all five of your Councilmembers as well as Department Heads and key staff members. These events were well attended and provided a less formal setting for our residents to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the staff members who work so hard for us.

Council also responded to resident concerns over illegal short-term rentals. Two new positions were created including a rental housing inspection officer and an administrative assistant to focus on violations of our rental regulations.

The growing threats to municipal governments posed by cybersecurity and ransomware were addressed as well in 2022. Led by I.T. Director Randy Okum, we took measures to protect our data, our servers and our digital infrastructure.

In 2023, we look forward to the unveiling of the Town's new website and increased social media presence, thanks to the efforts of website administrator Becky Hugler.

Under the leadership of Jackie French, the Town's Cultural Services Department, with the invaluable assistance of community volunteers, hosted 51 special programs for residents and cosponsored 10 events during 2022. This includes lectures, programs, classes, dedications and ceremonies which were well attended. Our community values its heritage and the unique culture that distinguishes our simple way of life by the sea. The Tree Lighting Ceremony & Children's Christmas Party capped off a year of remarkable work on the part of our Cultural Services Staff.

In October our Town Manager Jeaneen Witt resigned after 12 years of dedicated service to our community. Jeaneen shepherded us through one of the most difficult periods in our history and left behind a legacy of financial strength and a team of professionals that continue to serve our residents with distinction.

Interim Town Manager Mike Disher and Public Safety Director Pro-Tem Dan Scales have both done a remarkable job since day one, as the Town continues to work with an executive search firm to assist us in hiring a new manager. At the time we began the transition, I spoke of the importance of there being no disruption in the high level of service that our residents have come to expect. I believe we have achieved this goal,

thanks to their hard work and dedication.

As we begin 2023 together, our future has never been brighter. With aggregate property values now in excess of one point one billion dollars, more people have chosen to make Ponce Inlet their home than ever before. After all the hardships that came our way last year, we have laid the foundation for making 2023 a year of continued progress and improvement.

Your entire Council, along with our dedicated staff and all of our community volunteers are ready to work to preserve, protect and insure the prosperity of our shared home, Ponce Inlet Florida.

Thank you.

Lois A. Ponce Inlet



From the Interim Town Manager, Mike Disher

Traditionally, the Winter issue of this newsletter features the Mayor's State of the Town address. In the past, the Mayor has read this address aloud at the January Town Council meeting. This year, Mayor Paritsky presented the address in a PowerPoint slide show at the January 25th Town Hall meeting at the Ponce Inlet Community Center.

The start of a New Year is when we typically take the time to reflect on the hard work and accomplishments of the prior year. While the Town had many such accomplishments in 2022, none compare with the emergency response to the unprecedented hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Hurricane Ian dropped 21 inches of rain on Ponce Inlet in 24 hours, with as much as four inches falling in one hour. The Town was hit with wind gusts up to 75–80+ mph. Almost 25% of buildings experienced some level of damage. Hurricane Nicole brought unprecedented erosion to our beach and dunes, rendering nine buildings in the north half of town temporarily unsafe, including the Racing's North Turn restaurant. Any remaining dune walkovers left after Hurricane Ian were completely removed by Hurricane Nicole.

Staff closely monitored both hurricanes prior to their arrival, staying in close contact with state and county emergency management officials and taking all appropriate precautions in preparation. Before Hurricane Ian hit, Public Works lowered retention pond levels to increase storage capacity and brought more than 40 cubic yards of sand to the Community Center. The Finance Department expedited purchase agreements so that sand delivery, debris removal, and repairs could begin immediately.



The Community Center and volunteers helped residents with sandbags before the storm and provided shelter to residents whose homes were flooded. Crews from the police, fire, and public works departments stayed overnight at their stations during both storms in order to respond to emergencies as soon as possible. Before, during, and after both storms, the Town's Public Information Team sent out updates on storm conditions, road closures, and relief assistance. During Ian alone, information was distributed via 21 emails and 120 Facebook posts covering more than 20 individual topics related to preparation, damage, and recovery. With a record amount of rain from Hurricane Ian, the Town's stormwater system was challenged far beyond its design capacity. The storm surge, high water table, and saturated soil kept the Town's stormwater ponds from draining quickly.

The herculean efforts of Public Works and the Fire Department, pumping multiple sites for weeks, helped minimize catastrophic damage to the Town. Police and firefighters successfully rescued residents from flooded homes, performed numerous well-being checks, and assisted the Public Works Department in the pumping efforts. The Police Department patrolled the town

during and after the storm to respond to requests for assistance and look for would-be looters. Police blocked roads with hazards (flooding, downed power lines, and trees) during the peak of the storm and directed traffic away from closed roads. Following both storms, the Planning & Development Department conducted damage assessments of all businesses and residences, while Public Works assessed Town-owned structures.



The impact of Hurricanes Ian and Nicole resulted in approximately \$800,000 worth of expenses related to damage to Town-owned property and storm debris pickup. Damaged public properties include the loss of the Ponce Preserve dune walkover and Timucuan Oaks pergola, damage to the roofs of the Community Center and Fire Station, and the loss of street signs. While the roof of the community center was able to be repaired, an entire new roof for the fire station will be needed. Staff is working diligently to repair all the damages quickly and to secure reimbursement from our insurance company and FEMA.

One of the Town Council's first actions following Hurricane Ian was to waive the cost of building permits for hurricane-related damage for the remainder of 2022. The Council approved the fee waiver extension through the first half of 2023.

Building Division personnel have collaborated with Volusia County and the

Florida Department of Environmental Protection to coordinate beachfront property repairs and required permits.



Staff worked over the weekends following each storm, and participated in two joint permitting workshops with state and local agencies to facilitate permit applications for beachfront property owners. As of January 18th, the Building Division has issued 138 emergency permits to repair storm-related damage and waived almost \$28,000 in permit fees to assist residents with their repairs.

It is our sincere hope that the Town will not experience anything like these two events again. However, the unparalleled impact of these storms has highlighted the need to prepare for and improve our ability to withstand such events if they ever do occur in the future. To that end, staff is in the process of evaluating the Town's existing drainage system, coordinating with County and State officials on beach improvement efforts; seeking grant funding to make Town facilities more resilient; and continuing to update the Town's plans, policies, and codes to account for future flood conditions. More information on these topics will be provided at upcoming Town Council meetings.

On behalf of all employees with the Town of Ponce Inlet, we wish you a safe, peaceful, and Happy New Year!

Planning & Development Department

Beware of Unlicensed Contractors

Unlicensed contracting has always been a problem in Florida. Handyman services may portray themselves as being licensed and insured when, in fact, they are not. They may be a legitimate business registered in Florida, but they do not have the required state licenses from the Florida Department of Business & Professional Services to perform the type of work. They may not carry liability insurance or workers' compensation or be exempt. In such cases, if someone gets hurt on the job, the property owner will be held liable. Before signing a contract or giving a deposit for proposed work, check with the Ponce Inlet Building Division to verify that they are properly licensed and insured. License verification can also be found at:

www.myfloridalicense.com.



The Town of Ponce Inlet requires a permit for most construction-related activities, such as for a new fence, roof, windows, electrical work, plumbing, driveway, A/C replacement, etc. Part of the Town's role is to ensure that once the permit has been applied for, the contractor is licensed for that type of work and is properly insured. The permit review process ensures that the work has been designed per applicable codes. Once the permit has been issued, Town staff inspect the work to ensure it is being done correctly per the approved plans and manufacturer's specifications.

Beware—at times the contractor is not who or what they say they are. When this happens, it ends up costing you more money to correct the issue than what you may have saved by hiring unlicensed contractors. Here are a few recommendations to protect yourself.



Please keep an eye out for these RED FLAGS. A licensed contractor should NEVER ask you to:

1. Apply for the permit yourself to “save you money.” This is a sign that the individual doing the work may not be licensed and/or insured for the work being performed. If the worker gets injured, the homeowner is liable. The homeowner can also face violations and fines from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Workers' Compensation Division. Licensed contractors typically handle the permitting and paperwork on your behalf. The homeowner can also face violations and fines from the State of Florida, the Department of Business and Professional Regulations, and the Workers' Compensation Division.
2. Pay half up front and half when the job is done. A reputable company will not ask for any money up front beyond the cost of purchasing materials. Every year there are articles in the paper and on the news that a person gave money up front for a certain project, and the company either never started the job or never finished the job. This is more common during the holiday season and especially after a natural disaster.

3. Make final payment before passing the final inspection. A reputable company will not ask for final payment until after their final inspection has been conducted and passed by the Town. The homeowner can contact the Town of Ponce Inlet Building Division to confirm the final inspection has passed prior to making the final payment. Proof of passing the final inspection will also be placed in writing on the building permit card, which should be retained by the homeowner.

How to best protect yourself:

1. Have the contractor secure the permit; the Town will make sure they are licensed and insured.
2. Make sure a permit is posted on your property; the Town changes the color of the inspection card each year. This allows us to monitor the project as well as determine how long the work has been ongoing.
3. Wait to make your final payment until after the final inspection has been signed off on your permit. Although some types of work require multiple inspections and signatures, the most important signature is for the “final” inspection. Once approved, this lets you know that the work has been completed according to the approved plan and meets all adopted regulations.
4. If unsure, please call the Town of Ponce Inlet and we will assist you.

Please be careful when you decide to start a project on your property. Ask questions of your contractor. Look at the Better Business Bureau and the Department of Business and Professional Regulations to see if any complaints have been filed. Be wary of contractors who demand a permit or half or all of the money up front. Lastly, if you're not sure, please call the Building Division and ask whether a permit is needed for your type of project or if a certain contractor has done prior work in the Town.

Waiver of Emergency Permit Fees Extended

The Town Council has extended waiving permit fees for emergency repairs related to hurricane damage until June 30, 2023. To claim these waivers: The property owner or permit applicant shall provide proof of storm damage with the permit application. Such proof shall include either photographs of the damage or written verification by an insurance adjuster, architect, engineer, licensed contractor, Town official, or official of Volusia County, the State of Florida, or federal emergency management agency.

Code Enforcement

Last year, the Town Council expanded enforcement efforts on illegal short-term rentals by creating new positions in the Planning & Development Department for a rental housing inspection officer and an administrative assistant. The Council also adopted a new rental property inspection ordinance and corresponding fee resolution update. The addition of new code enforcement personnel has helped us provide better service to our citizens and identify infractions more frequently than in years past. During the last year, we have found between 30 and 40 new rental properties that were not previously permitted. More importantly, we have been able to monitor rental frequencies at those properties that have been permitted. The new staff has helped improve communication with rental property owners and management companies by having an individual available to respond to any questions or concerns.



From Fire Chief Dan Scales...



Fire Department Update

Led by Fire Chief Scales and Deputy Chief Taylor, our Fire Department responded to 1,228 calls in 2022, with 477 fire incidents and 721 EMS calls. Included in the EMS numbers were 555 patient transports. Ponce Inlet provides patient transport for our residents as mandated by our agreement with Volusia County. In 2022, the fire department responded to an average of 3.4 total incidents per day, with 1.5 incidents per day being transports. Whenever our ambulance is performing a patient transport, our remaining staffing levels allow us to continue to provide advanced life support and firefighting capabilities should the need arise.

Ponce Inlet Professional Firefighters, Local 4140 and Town of Ponce Inlet Collective Bargaining Agreement Fiscal Year 2022, 2023, and 2024

Union Ratified Contract 12-12-22

Approved by Town Council 1-19-23

In 2001, the Town's fire department exercised its option to unionize with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), and since that time there have been numerous attempts at creating a contract.

Pursuant to state statute relating to labor unions, the Town's negotiation team (consisting of the Human Resources

Director, the Fire Chief, and the Town's labor attorney) has held numerous meetings over these past years with the Fire Union representatives.

An Executive Session was held on January 17, 2023, to obtain the council's input and direction on the agreement before moving to the next step for approval at its regular meeting on January 19, 2023. (*Note: The Executive Session was held in accordance with 447.605, FS, where meetings of the governing body on labor union negotiations are entirely exempt from the statutory requirements of public meetings.)

The Union ratified the contract on December 12, 2022, with improvements to current benefits in effect as follows:

Acceptance of the Town of Ponce Inlet Employee Rules, Regulations, and Benefits Handbook;

Grievance and arbitration procedures;

Increase in the rollover/annual cap amount to 672 hours;

Increase in holiday leave pay for all bargaining employees to 12 hours, with an additional 12 hours of holiday pay for actually working on the holiday;

An annual NFPA-1582 compliant medical examination;

Increase in compensatory time up to 240 hours;

Pay increase in accordance with Appendix A;

Pay for work performed as a field training officer or paramedic preceptors;

Additional pay for working as a paramedic and EMT on the rescue;

A 5% (five percent) differential pay for working out of class for one (1) full shift or more.

From Police Chief Jeff Glazier...



The Ponce Inlet Police Department is proud to announce that **Sgt. Douglas Rudd received the 2022 Town of Ponce Inlet Employee of the Year Award**. He was nominated and selected by his peers for this award. Sgt. Rudd has served the Town of Ponce Inlet Police Department for over 25 years. He is a respected supervisor who sets a great example for all town staff and is very deserving of the Employee of the Year Award.

Traffic enforcement is a critical law enforcement tool in Ponce Inlet and one of the most dangerous aspects of the profession. Most criminals will drive to Ponce Inlet to commit a crime. Sgt. Rudd is a subject matter expert in traffic enforcement. He leads the department in traffic enforcement and has written 1,646 traffic citations in the last five years. Many of these traffic stops resulted in criminal charges and vehicle impounds. Remarkably, he has not received any complaints. This is a testament to the way he performs his duties. He treats residents and visitors with dignity and respect.

Sgt. Rudd is a certified Field Training Officer and is tasked with training all new police

hires. In 2022, he trained one new officer. This involves several weeks of hands-on training and oversight, including riding along with the new officer, observing their interactions with the public, and ensuring their safety. This guarantees that each employee learns from the best and understands they will be held to a higher standard. Sgt. Rudd can often be overheard explaining traffic laws to other officers and giving them advice on their reports.

In 2022, Sgt. Rudd began training in the art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. This physically demanding training has been proven to protect not only the officers but the citizens as well by teaching officers how to control a violent suspect without the need for lethal weapons. Sgt. Rudd will soon transition from a white belt to a blue belt. In 2022, Sgt. Rudd never hesitated to work on his off days when there were staffing challenges. He never called in sick and always answered his phone on his off days when the Chief or another staff member had a question.



Sgt. Rudd is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard and a certified police boat operator. He also holds certifications as a radar operator, bicycle operator, field training officer, animal control officer, and breath test operator. Sgt. Rudd, along with his family, led the Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade this year. Ponce Inlet offers a small-town lifestyle where people feel safe because of Sgt. Douglas Rudd.

From Public Works Manager, Fred Griffith...



Hurricane Ian

The Public Works Department very much appreciates your patience and understanding during this massive “storm event of the century.” Hurricane Ian deposited over 20” of rain in our Town in a very short period of time. We are continuing our recovery to replace all damages to Town facilities, namely lights, fencing, street signs, streetlights, boat docks, and stormwater drainage systems. We are making great strides every day, and with your patience and our perseverance, we will overcome this disaster together.

Stormwater System

Following Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, Public Works has been working with the Town’s engineering consultant (Mead & Hunt) to conduct a thorough assessment of the Town’s stormwater drainage system. In addition to its regular cleaning of all stormwater drain inlets, the department will also soon begin cleaning and videoing the Town’s stormwater pipes. This will be a multi-year effort, beginning with the lowest-lying streets on the south end of town.

Fire Station & Community Center Roofs

Due to heavy winds from Hurricane Ian, the roofs of these facilities suffered significant damage. The Community Center roof is now undergoing final repairs, and the Fire Station roof is anticipated to be replaced during the month of February.

Ponce Preserve Dune Walkover Reconstruction Project

The Town’s engineering consultant, Mead & Hunt, has been tasked with preparing the construction plans and bid documents to rebuild the Ponce Preserve dune walkover that was swept away by the hurricanes. Due to state regulations from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the walkover must be rebuilt as close as possible to the new dune line rather than in its original location. It is currently anticipated that the design and survey work, permitting through several agencies, and the bidding process will take us into the next fall and winter storm period later this year. We are currently looking into the possibility of having a temporary stairwell constructed in a much shorter time frame.

Town Parks Restoration Efforts

Several of our Town parks are currently undergoing restoration and recovery efforts. Please be observant when visiting our parks at this time and abide by any yellow caution ribbons, cones, and highway barricades that may be placed there to ensure your safety.

Ponce de Leon Sewer Project

The septic-to-sewer project on Ponce de Leon Circle is currently at approximately 99% completion. The contractor is now attempting to obtain final approval for the newly installed lift station from the City of Port Orange. The completion of this project is currently anticipated in the next few weeks.

Town-Wide Septic-to-Sewer Project

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 consultants to gather data for future sewer projects. These projects are currently in the design stage and at 60% completion. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these projects, Fred W. Griffith, General Manager of Public Works, can be reached at the email address below or via phone at 386-566-2702.

Tina Maria Retaining Wall Replacement

Saboungi Construction has been contracted to perform the retaining wall replacements located at Tina Maria Circle and South Peninsula Drive. This project is nearing completion in the next month. Please exercise due caution in this area, as workers will be active and may implement traffic control measures to ensure the safety of the job site. This project is nearly complete. Decorative rock will soon be placed on both walls, with replacement sidewalks and full restoration work to follow immediately afterwards.

Stormwater Tips

We can all be good stewards of the environment by reducing the amount of pollution entering our waterways through the stormwater system:

- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Use Florida-friendly landscaping
- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Control soil erosion by planting over bare spots in the landscape
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads instead of using a hose
- Properly dispose of hazardous household chemicals
- Avoid pesticides

Additional educational literature on stormwater systems is available in the main office at Town Hall.

Water Quality

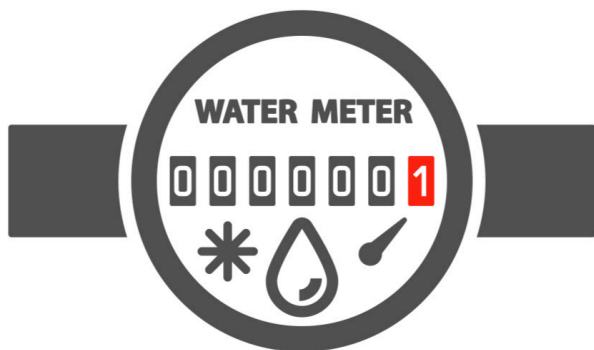
Over the past few months, Public Works has worked to flush drinking water lines by opening fire hydrants townwide. This has been conducted as part of an intensive water-flushing program in conjunction with the City of Port Orange. Most recently, crews installed automatic flushers on two fire hydrants. These flushers are set on timers and monitored by our Water Distribution Operator technicians to ensure proper use and operation. Public Works recently passed its sanitary survey inspection with the Volusia County Health Department with flying colors. In the spring, we will begin preparing for the completion of our lead and copper surveys during the summer months. Several residential properties will be asked to take water samples within their homes during the early morning hours to have tested at a special lab in order to comply with this state requirement.



Water Meters

Please take care to keep your water meter box clear of overgrowth from surrounding vegetation. Please do not place plants, décor, or landscaping products over these boxes, as it makes them inaccessible for our technicians to read the meters. When meter boxes are obstructed, we 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. A technician will be happy 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.

How to Reach Us:

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HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm

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From Cultural Services Manager, Jackie French...



Excitement Is In The Air!

As we look forward to the new year, I would like to highlight a few of the Cultural Services Department accomplishments for 2022.

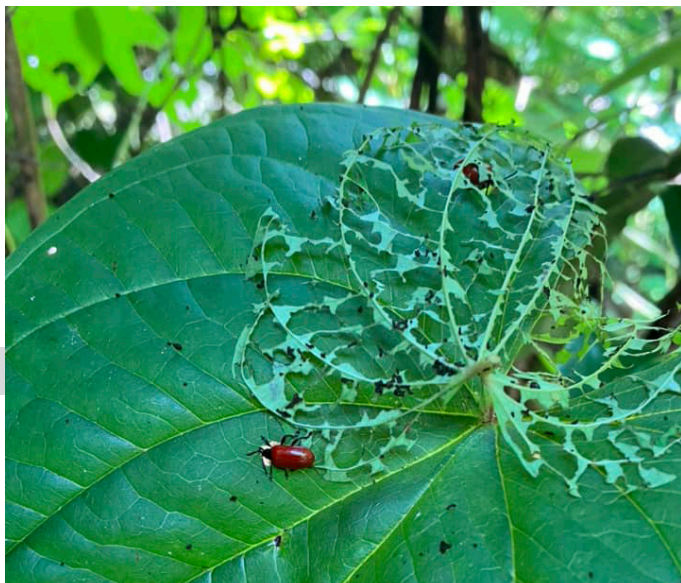
Accomplishing a Town Council goal, the Department was able to design and distribute a new resident Welcome Packet. This packet supports the Town's website with concise, pertinent information for new residents, such as water and sewer rates, how to pay utilities, contacts for Council and Town departments, frequent code violations, work that requires a permit, park locations, and more. It was distributed this year to all current residents and continues to be provided at Town Hall to new residents as well.

The Department was able to accomplish several additional Town Council goals by initiating two park improvement projects. The first project is the replacement of the rip-rap revetment at Elber's Sunset Park. Once complete, this project will stabilize the park's shoreline and protect it from further erosion. State and federal permits have been issued and the Department works closely with the Town's Public Works

Department on the project, which is expected to be finished in the first quarter of 2023.

The second project is to provide shade structures for the pickleball courts at Timothy Pollard Memorial Park, as requested by residents. Staff is working closely with the awarded contractor to install four shade structures along the east side of the pickleball courts before the heat of Florida summer.

Upon the request of the Department, the Florida Department of Agriculture (FDACS) provided the Town with a free shipment of Air Potato Beetles this summer as part of their biological control program. The air potato vine is an aggressive invasive species that takes over an ecosystem and displaces native species. The Air Potato Beetle feeds exclusively on air potatoes and it has been proven to be the most promising management strategy for this invasive species. This is one of many steps in the Town's multi-year, labor intensive procedure to address this issue.



Among many of the special events the Department developed and hosted, one was the centennial celebration of the Meyer-Davis House. The celebration gathered members of the Davis House Historic Preservation Board as well as staff

and community members that were all instrumental in its continued protection and educational resource as the Ponce Inlet Historical Museum. Paired with this celebration was a youth art contest to depict life as a kid living in Ponce Inlet in the 1920s. Two winners were selected to showcase their art at the event: Marissa Messick and Lexi Carr.



Marissa Messick, a 4th grader

“Back in 1922”

Colored pencils on canvas

Lexi Carr, a 6th grader

“1920’s Fun Being a Kid”

3D art with working light for Lighthouse

Last, but certainly not least, the Department is excited to bring Jennifer LaGreca on full-time as Museum Educator and Program Coordinator. She has served as the part-time Museum Educator for almost two years. When she's not working at the Museum, she helps with developing and hosting programs all year-long. With the growing expressed needs of the community, expanding her programming duties are a welcomed addition to the Department! We can't wait to see what 2023 brings to connect our community to the beautiful resources around them!

Special Events

The Town's Cultural Services Department, with the invaluable assistance of community volunteers, hosted 51 special events and programs for residents and cosponsored 10 events during 2022. This included lecture series, programs in the park, painting/art classes, ECHO Ranger programs, and additional events such as the Jesse Linzy Boat Ramp Dedication Ceremony and Ponce Preserves the Planet. Particularly well attended were the Children's Easter Party, Children's Halloween Event, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony & Children's Christmas Party. Additionally, the Ponce Inlet Historical Museum, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, welcomed 963 visitors in 2022.

Below is a list of the Town's upcoming events. Please continue to visit the Town of Ponce Inlet website and Facebook page for additional details!

February:

Lecture Series-Delancey of Music

Join Bill Lazarus for his lecture on how American musical history has changed throughout the ages. From the introduction of music from outside the country to opera, traveling shows, vaudeville, Broadway, then radio and TV, learn how modern-day music has been affected by our ever-changing society.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

Town Council Chambers at Ponce Inlet Town Hall

4300 S. Atlantic Ave.

Free; RSVP by 1/31 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408

Lecture Series-NASCAR Hall of Fame

"Beach Racing History," presented by Buz McKim, the former Historian for the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte. There will be racing memorabilia and Bob "Cannonball" Baker's '44 Coupe on display after the presentation.

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

Town Council Chambers at Ponce Inlet Town Hall, 4300 South Atlantic Avenue.

Free; RSVP by 2/1 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408

Scavenger Hunt @ the Park

Come look for natural treasure and make a memory with your little one on a tiny tot park adventure craft project! Parents and children 2 and up.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Dr. , outside under the pavilion.

Free; RSVP by 2/10 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408

Kathy Griscom Park Dedication Ceremony

Join us as we unveil the new plaque naming this new Town Park in dedication to the life of a dedicated resident, Kathy Griscom.

Thursday, February 16, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Kathy Griscom Park
4790 S. Peninsula Drive

Free; Jackie; jfrench@ponce-inlet.org or
386-322-6703

Painting at the Museum-Vintage Racing

Acrylic canvas class for ages 7 and up.

No experience necessary, instructor will guide you step by step.

Saturday, February 18, 2023 @ 9:30 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 required at Town Hall by 2/10.

Lecture Series-Birds of Florida

Do you have trouble identifying the birds you see in the river or neighborhood ponds? This informative presentation by David Hartgrove will have you naming them off like a pro. You'll learn to tell an immature Little Blue Heron from a Snowy Egret and an Anhinga from a Double-crested Cormorant. We'll even have a short quiz at the end.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

Town Council Chambers at Ponce Inlet
Town Hall, 4300 South Atlantic Avenue.

Free; RSVP by 2/14 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or
(386)761-2408

Program in the Park- Plant Walk

Join us for a plant identification walk led by members of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida National Plant Society.

Thursday, February 23, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Timucuan Oaks Park

4550 S. Peninsula Dr.

Free; RSVP by 2/17 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or
(386)761-2408

March:

Lecture Series-Florida Heritage Extravaganza

This presentation is a potpourri of Florida history stories from Spanish Florida to the 1970's. Florida has an immense history with so many interesting characters, places, natural wonders, and a vast unique culture. Join Senior Curator of Education and History, J. Zach Zacharias, as he creates his own Florida Heritage Trail through the centuries giving a sense of place and fascination with our history.

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

Town Council Chambers at Ponce Inlet Town Hall

4300 S. Atlantic Ave.

Free; RSVP by 2/23 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or
(386)761-2408

Ponce Preserves the Planet

Family fun, food, crafts, art vendors celebrating Earth Day. Free. Event and parking will be at Ponce Preserve.

Saturday, March 18, 2023 @ 10:00 AM-1:00pm

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or
(386)761-2408



Scavenger Hunt @ the Park

Come look for natural treasure and make a memory with your little one on a tiny tot park adventure craft project! Parents and children 2 and up.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Dr., outside under the pavilion.

Free; RSVP by 3/15 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408

Painting at the Museum-Beach Theme Pour Art

Acrylic canvas class for ages 12 and up.

No experience necessary, instructor will guide you step by step.

Saturday, March 25, 2023 @ 9:30 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 required at Town Hall by 3/17

April:

Children's Easter Egg Hunt Party

Saturday, April 8, 2023 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kay & Ayres Davies Lighthouse Park

4931 S. Peninsula Drive

Free

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408



Painting at the Museum-Lighthouse

Acrylic canvas class for ages 10 and up.

No experience necessary, instructor will guide you step by step.

Saturday, April 15, 2023 @ 9:30 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 required at Town Hall by 4/7.

Scavenger Hunt @ the Park

Come look for natural treasure and make a memory with your little one on a tiny tot park adventure craft project! Parents and children 2 and up.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Dr., outside under the pavilion.

Free; RSVP by 4/12 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408

Alligators Alive in April

Echo Ranger Event; come tour the museum, meet an ambassador animal visiting from the Alligator Farm, participate in a fun alligator craft and game that reflects the local history and environment that surrounds us!

Saturday, April 22, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Ponce Inlet Historical Museum

143 Beach Street., outside on the lawn.

Free; RSVP by 4/14 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408

Lecture Series-Spirit of '45

Join John Mann, Lead Docent of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum in his presentation of "The Spirit of '45 – A Tribute to the Greatest Generation." With great character and humor that generation faced and overcame more societal changes than any other.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

Town Council Chambers at Ponce Inlet Town Hall

4300 S. Atlantic Ave.

Free; RSVP by 4/18 required:

Jennifer; Jlagreca@ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408



The Art Guild of Ponce Inlet

Fine Art Show & Sale

Feb 18 & 19
10 am till 4 pm

The annual Art Guild of Ponce Inlet Fine Art Show features original works by local artists.

The show takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19 at the Ponce Inlet Community, 4670 South Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet, FL.

Admission and parking are free.

We hope you will join us!

Save our State Tree

Stop the Sabal Palm Massacre

Harmful, unnecessary and wasteful landscape practices have become widespread in the last 25-30 years; trimming Sabal Palms. Sabal Palm leaves do not require pruning unless the leaves interfere with traffic, power lines, or building maintenance. The leaves fall off when finished and the brown leaves are environmentally valuable. The practice has spread throughout the state, damaging palm trees. Save money, protect your palms and say no to palm pruning.

Green fronds are the palm's source of nutrients. Cutting green fronds stunts growth, invites disease, and reduces the palm's natural resilience to high winds. Harsh pruning takes away food and shelter from native and migratory songbirds, woodpeckers, butterflies, honey bees, tree frogs, bats, anoles, squirrels, and other wildlife. Over-pruned palms may develop weakened trunks, which can eventually cause them to break off and die. Work boots with climbing spikes incur wounds in the trunk, leaving the palm prone to disease.

Palm fronds, berries, and boots: Brown fronds provide unique habitat for tree frogs and bats (chemical-free mosquito control). In nature, there is no waste. Recycle fallen palm fronds as mulch or a brush pile for wildlife. Palm berries are critical sources of highly nutritious food for many birds and other wildlife. Plant palms where berries and sprouts won't be a problem. Palm "boots" (the leaf bases) are important habitat for other plants, including many beautiful rare and endangered ferns. Perhaps a better understanding of the palm's use by other creatures will enable us to see black fruits, brown fronds, and boots on the trunks as things of great value, if not beauty.

This is the way our Sabal Palm should look, with a nice rounded crown, all of its fronds including green and brown, and flower stalks in tact. The particular palm lacks boots, but if your palm has boots, rejoice and plant vines in them. Boots are good and need not be removed. They may drop off naturally as the palm ages. Trimming our palms is an trend that needs to end.



PlantRealFlorida.org

About Sabal Palms

THE STATE TREE OF FLORIDA

DO NOT DO THIS!

BAD!

**This trim
is harmful
to the tree,
birds, bees,
butterflies.**

Summary information from the University of Florida Extension Service; *Betrock's Guide to Landscape Palms* by Alan Meerow; *An Illustrated Guide to Pruning* by Delmar Publishers; *The Sabal Palm: A Native Monarch* by Barbara Oehlbeck.
DOWNLOAD: PlantRealFlorida.org



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to be
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like this.**

Green fronds are the palm's source of nutrients! Cutting green fronds stunts growth, invites disease, and reduces the palm's natural resilience to high winds. Removing branches with flowers and berries takes important food away from birds and pollinators.



PONCE INLET FARMER'S MARKET

Ponce Inlet Farmers Market was a labor of love by many in the community for several years and finally on September 4, 2022, the first Sunday market opened and was a great success.

Nicole Carr and Jair Kessler spent several months visiting a variety of farmers markets and local farms searching for the best vendors with the highest quality and best selection.

Market is every Sunday, 8:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 4600 S. Atlantic Ave, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127 and a great place to support local businesses, get the best of the best, and visit with others in the community. And for fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, nuts, sauces, honey, jellies, plants, flowers, dog treats and more, you won't want to miss the Ponce Inlet farmers market. Pet friendly.

Excellent location in the center of town with plenty of parking for cars, golf carts and bikes around the market. Foot traffic only within market area please.

Like our Facebook page @ Ponce Inlet Farmers Market and get updates and weekly vendor information.

See you at the market!





Building a Resilient Ponce Inlet by Lois Paritsky, Mayor of Ponce Inlet, FL



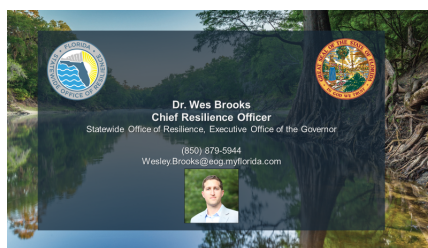
As the topic of resilience rises to the top of our community's concerns, I thought it would be a good time to assess our progress to date, where we stand now, and, most importantly, what the future holds. The threats posed by severe weather, storm surges, and coastal flooding are formidable and enduring. The science of resilience has now been recognized and is being addressed at the state and federal levels. The challenges we face in dealing with these risks are substantial and complex. Fortunately, increasing amounts of state and federal grant money are now available to help us meet our goals. I will explain more about that later in my presentation. To start with, I would like to cover a little history and touch upon what we have achieved so far.

Statewide Office of Resilience – Est. 2019

November 2019
Dr. Julia Neshiwat

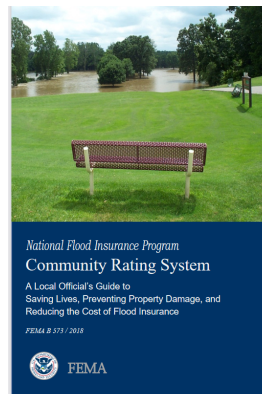


November 2021
Dr. Wes Brooks



On August 1st, 2019, Governor DeSantis appointed Dr. Julia Neshiwat as Florida's first Chief Resilience Officer. I first met Julia at the American Flood Coalition meeting held in Washington, DC, in 2019. With her extensive background in post-disaster

reconstruction and coastal resilience, she was a perfect choice for the appointment. I learned a great deal from her during the time we spent together. This position is currently held by Dr. Wes Brooks, who was appointed in November 2021. We can all take pride in the fact that our own efforts as a municipality predate these state government appointments. Our Council and Staff recognized the severity of the risk we face and began taking action as early as March 2006, when Council adopted Resolution 2006-06, titled Developing a Community Forestry Program, which reduces stormwater flow and increases groundwater recharge.



**Our efforts are already
paying off for our residents.**

Table 1.
How much discount property owners in your community can get

Rate Class	Discount for SFHA**	Discount for Non-SFHA**	Credit Points Required
1	45%	10%	4,500 +
2	40%	10%	4,000-4,499
3	35%	10%	3,500-3,999
4	30%	10%	3,000-3,499
5	25%	10%	2,500-2,999
6	20%	10%	2,000-2,499
7	15%	5%	1,500-1,999
8	10%	5%	1,000-1,499
9	5%	5%	500-999
10	0	0	0-499

Let's start with the good news about how our efforts are providing significant financial benefits for our community right now. FEMA provides a voluntary program, known as the Community Rating System, that incentivizes municipalities and encourages communities to take action to reduce their flood risks. Actions and policies we have already implemented have earned us a Class 5 rating, which translates to a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums for our residents who are in designated flood zones. To put this in perspective, per FEMA's website, of the 1500 communities enrolled in the Community Rating System, only 170 of them have achieved Level 5 status. Only 25 have achieved Level 1-4 status. As a small municipality that must rely primarily on its own funding and grant accessibility efforts,

we have done remarkably well. We will continue to pursue additional opportunities that could further lower our classification.



In December 2018, Council adopted Resolution 2018-18 authorizing the Town to join as a member of the American Flood Coalition, or AFC. This non-governmental and non-partisan agency has emerged as a preeminent organization that is leading the way in educating our elected officials, providing scientific and practical guidance, and assisting municipalities in making the most of available grant opportunities.

October 2019

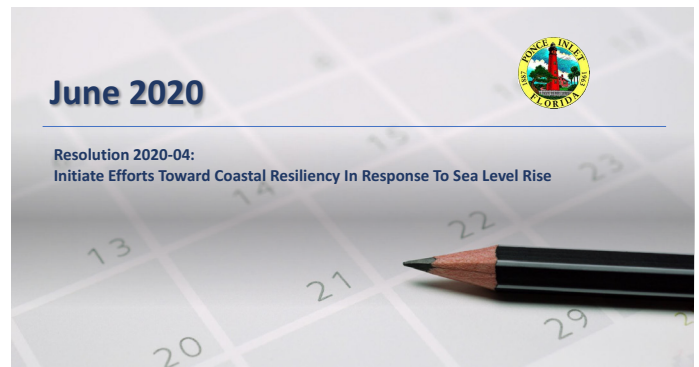


- **Representative Michael Waltz**
Member, American Flood Coalition
- **Senator Rick Scott**

The AFC held its first Mayor's Summit in October of 2019. Now more than 300 members strong and including 66 municipalities, I am honored to serve on their executive committee. The annual Mayor's Summit is an opportunity for elected officials to learn from scientists, engineers, and planners, as well as meet with our Senators and Congressmen to share our concerns and learn more about various grant opportunities and how we can qualify. Ponce Inlet has a very good track record when it comes to obtaining grants. One very good example is the septic, sewer, and roadway improvements soon to be completed on Ponce DeLeon Circle, which cost our taxpayers approximately ten cents on the dollar.



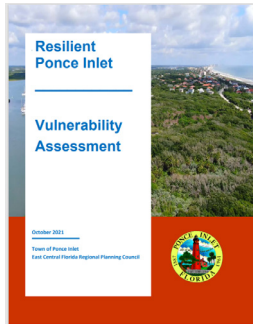
During the March 2020 Town Council Meeting, representatives from the AFC and East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (or ECFRP) provided us with a presentation entitled "Understanding and Planning for and Funding Sea Level Rise Resilience." The ECFRP is a quasi-governmental agency that collaborates with local governments on emergency management, resilience, economic development, community planning, and other issues.



In June 2020, Council adopted Resolution 2020-04 to initiate efforts toward coastal resiliency in response to sea level rise. This was a landmark decision on the part of the Council, which set in motion several future initiatives that established Ponce Inlet as a community dedicated to acting on this important issue.



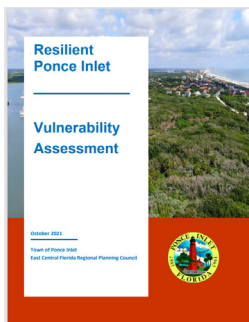
During the fiscal year 2020–21 budget meeting, Council allocated the funds for our “Vulnerability Assessment.” This was performed in conjunction with the ECFRP with the goal of providing guidance for our decision-making process, future development, and the protection of critical community assets.



- Identification of **Coastal High Hazard Areas**
- Areas subject to **Storm Surge** by hurricane category
- Impacts zones for **Shallow Coastal Flooding**
- **Sea Level Rise** projections
- **Fiscal Damage** projections by building type
- An inventory of our **Critical Infrastructure** and vulnerability by category

In February 2022, the ECFRP provided the Town with the completed Vulnerability Assessment. Among the important items contained in the report are:

- * Identification of Coastal High Hazard Areas
- * Areas subject to storm surge by hurricane category
- * Impact zones for shallow coastal flooding
- * Sea level rise projections
- * Fiscal damage projections by building type
- * An inventory of our critical infrastructure and vulnerability by category



**The Study Was Also a Prerequisite
For the Adaptation Action Plan Grant**
(Submitted June 2022)



The Vulnerability Assessment demonstrates our needs and allows us to meet a prerequisite for grant applications recently filed by our town. One such application was filed under the Resilient Florida program for an “Adaptation Action Plan.” The plan identifies the steps we must take as a community to harden critical infrastructure.



Additional Resources



Fund Flooding Finder Software

Another valuable resource available to us is the proprietary Fund Flooding Finder software provided by the AFC. Although grant opportunities become available from a range of state and federal sources, applications often exceed available funding limitations. The software alerts us as soon as grants that are compatible with our requirements become available. This will allow us to act quickly in order to maximize our chances of obtaining funding assistance.

May 2022

State Grant Funding Approval For Our Watershed Master Plan



In May of this year, our Planning Department received state grant funding approval through the Resilient Florida Program, administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, for the preparation of a Watershed Master Plan. Once completed, the plan will allow the Town to further improve its flood rating, potentially leading to even greater discounts for our residents on their flood insurance premiums.

Septic To Sewer Grant Funding Ponce DeLeon Circle



St. Johns River
Water Management District

In addition to issues relating to stormwater drainage systems, septic systems may also be adversely impacted by flooding. Elevated groundwater levels may cause these systems to completely fail due to soil saturation. The result may be sewage backing up into homes or flowing into adjacent waterways. Since February 2018, the Town pursued grant assistance for a septic-to-sewer project on Ponce de Leon Circle as part of our Septic-to-Sewer Master Plan. The Town received approval from the St. Johns River Water Management District Board for a 75% grant for this project. The remaining 25% is being split between Port Orange and the Town via a cost-sharing agreement. This project is almost complete and has provided not only a state-of-the-art gravity sewer system but stormwater improvements, new street pavement, and a new water supply line for Ponce de Leon Circle.

June 2022



The second Mayor's Summit on Flooding and Sea Level Rise was held in Washington, DC, in June of this year. The event provided another opportunity to explore available options for grant funding, speak with and learn from other elected officials in coastal communities, and meet with our Congressional leaders. This year, I had the opportunity to meet personally with Senator Marco Rubio as well as aides for Senator Rick Scott. With all the partisanship and conflict we have come to expect from Washington, resilience remains one of the rare issues where there is bipartisan agreement. FEMA estimates that every dollar spent on resilience can potentially save almost four dollars in disaster relief.



Ponce Inlet should continue to focus on leveraging all of the grant funding and opportunities that become available at the state and federal levels. We should continue to build upon our established track record of obtaining funding, completing critical projects, and working toward these important goals. Contract grant writers are available to assist us, and quite often, their skill and experience make all the difference between qualifying and being passed by.

The flooding, devastation to our property, and erosion of our dunes and beaches occurring during and in the aftermath of Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, underscore the necessity of our diligence as we work toward a resilient Ponce Inlet. We are able to not only anticipate where flooding may occur, we all experienced where it in fact occurred. The continuing support and efforts of our residents as staff and Council work toward creating a resilient Ponce Inlet that will protect our residents and critical assets from flooding and sea level rise, and our need for funding and action remain top priorities to enable the goal of a resilient Ponce Inlet to come to fruition.

I hope that my presentation provided you with an overview of our efforts to date, the current programs we are undertaking, and where we are headed as we work together toward the critical goal of building a resilient Ponce Inlet.

Garden Club of Ponce Inlet

by Patricia Morris



Club Flower: Gaillardia

First of all, the Garden Club of Ponce Inlet would like to wish a very happy, healthy, and safe New Year to all.

The Garden Club of Ponce Inlet held its monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, November 16th, and welcomed guest speaker Ms. Arlene Weirshim. Arlene is a local Ponce Inlet resident and a Master Gardener. Arlene spoke to our club about beachside vegetable gardening. Arlene gave a wonderful and informative presentation to our members, demonstrating techniques and dos and don'ts for planting and caring for beachside vegetable gardens. Our members clearly enjoyed Arlene's presentation and learning that, yes, you can have a successful beachside vegetable garden.



At our November meeting, we also welcomed and inducted five new Garden Club members: Cindy Davin, Mallory Hilvitz,

Shirley Nall, Shirley Schlemmer and Karen Stephens. Welcome to the club, ladies!



December was a very fun and festive month for our club. The month began with the Garden Club participating in the 1st Annual Marine Science Center Christmas Tree Festival, which was held on December 2nd and 3rd. A special thanks goes to our members, Lorene Mattei and Dale Meagley, for their setup and vision for decorating and displaying our tree. Because of their hard work, the Garden Club placed second in this festival. From the photos below, you can see just how beautiful our tree was this year.



Our club also participated in the 12th Annual Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade on December 3. Our theme was “Grandma got run over by a reindeer.” Several of our members participated in this holiday event. We had our Garden Club Prancers singing and dancing their way along the parade route. We also had our walkers, who walked the parade route, distributing candy and dog treats to all who came out to see the parade. And last, but not least, we had “Grandma” sitting in the truck nursing all of her wounds from getting run over by the reindeer! There are many members to thank, but they are too numerous to name them all. A special thanks goes to Portia Mallack for organizing and guiding our club to its win for the most original theme. On December 15, Portia was invited to the Town Council meeting to accept our award for the most original theme on behalf of the Garden Club. I hope you all got out to view the parade and thoroughly enjoyed our Garden Club members strutting their stuff.



And finally, on December 14, we had our annual holiday party. Club members brought their favorite appetizers, sandwiches, and desserts for all to share. Everyone so enjoyed this meeting where we were able to really sit back, enjoy, and just have some fun. Members participated in some mild competition, playing several games with prizes awarded to the winners. We also had the pleasure of selecting and awarding the Garden Club of Ponce Inlet's Holiday Lighting Contest winner. This award is presented annually to a Ponce Inlet residential home. Judging took place on December 9th and 10th by our Beautification Committee, Rosemary Volz and Heather Pettit-Johnson. Matt and Lorie Kushner of 111 Anchor Drive received the Residential Award this year. We hope you all had a chance to drive by and see the beautiful display presented by the Kushners, but if you did not, please take pleasure in the photos on the next page.

One other special thanks from our December meeting goes to Linda Spicher, who led our food drive once again this year. Thanks to all of our members, RJ Longstreet Elementary School was the recipient of all of the food collected by our club. RJ Longstreet continues to be grateful for our food donations, which helped make the holidays just a little better for families in need.



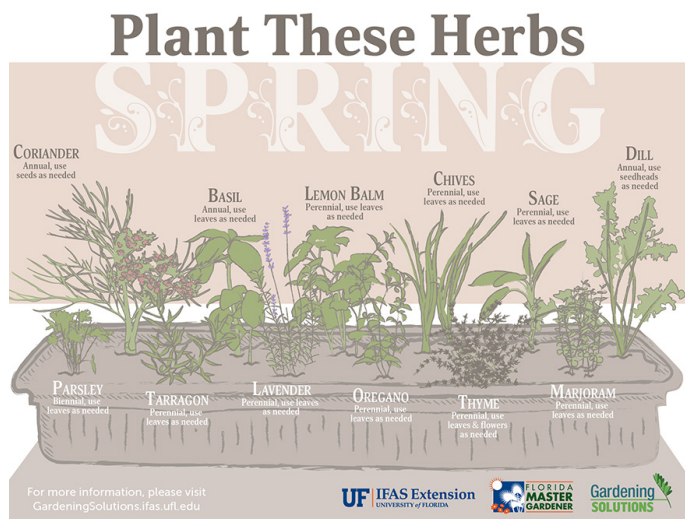
Following all of the events of the past few months, we will resume our regular meetings in January with a special guest speaker, Jenna Workman, founder of Fairy Tale Gardens. Jenna will be demonstrating to our members how to create beautiful container gardens using succulents. February's speaker will be Jenni Pell, from Lindley's Nursery and Garden Center, who will talk to us about the Live Oaks, a subject near and dear to all in our Town. In

March, we will be offering a field trip for our members and guests. We will be boarding the Lady Dolphin of Daytona for a wonderful dinner cruise on March 29. April will feature our annual Arbor Day celebration, followed in May by our Ice Cream Social.

In November, thanks to Garden Club Member Deb Smith, we also updated the Garden Club's Facebook page. For all of those wondering who we are and what we are about, please take a look at our new and updated Facebook page. If interested, please join our group on Facebook. Our Facebook page is a wonderful way to promote our members, what they do, and other fun stuff.

Finally, anyone interested in joining our club is welcome to pick up an application at the Community Center. Our membership meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Community Center at 10:30 a.m. Throughout the year, our club has continued to grow, with 99 members and counting. 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 Lions Club

By Nancy Epps, President



Our hearts are with the many residents who have suffered major damage from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. As you know, many homes in Ponce Inlet were severely impacted, and parts of Wilbur-by-the-Sea, Port Orange, New Smyrna Beach, Daytona Beach, Edgewater and Deltona were even worse. One of the many benefits of a worldwide organization like Lions Clubs International is the cumulative effect of our donations to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The Foundation is the charitable arm of Lionism worldwide, and is funded by donations from individual clubs. It is a 501c3 organization. When disasters occur such as we have just experienced with Hurricane Ian, disaster grant applications are immediately made available. LCIF is in the process of authorizing a \$100,000 grant for the state for Ian relief. Additionally, all of the various districts in the state, of which there are four, make grant applications available. District 35-O, in which we are located, has already issued permission to spend \$10,000 on emergency relief. We are currently assessing the areas of greatest need and determining the best way to spend the funds for the greatest impact. These are examples of “We Serve”, and “Where there is a need, there is a Lion”. I will report some details of how we served the people in the next newsletter edition.

As I have mentioned before, all funds raised at our events are spent on our charities; nothing is spent on administration. Lions raise those funds among themselves at club meetings via 50-50 drawings, fun games, etc.

Lions often hear at various events in the community something like “the Lions gave me my first pair of glasses”, and it’s always touching to hear. However, while watching a tribute to 9/11 and hearing some of the stories about that day, I learned about one of the most inspiring stories I have ever heard about the Lions giving glasses to a child. As you know, all US planes were grounded that day. Many of them landed in Gander, Newfoundland, because it was the closest airport of any size. This story is told by one of the passengers, Shirley Brooks-Jones, who was helped by the townspeople, including the Lewisporte Lions. In her story, Shirley describes how she was overwhelmed by emotion when she realized it was Lions who were still helping her after giving her an eye exam and her first pair of glasses when she was a child. Shirley has since become a dedicated Lion in her hometown, Columbus, OH. It’s a great story of Lions living our motto “We Serve”. Here is the link to the whole story.

<https://www.cityscenecolumbus.com/communities/tri-village/the-lions-of-lewisporte/>

The Lions offered hotdogs, chips, and drinks following the 2022 Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade again this year. New Lion Charlie Burge and his wife, Anna, jumped right in to provide the grill services. One of our great Lions, Jim Hinson, and wife Mary Lou, created and have dedicated themselves to organizing the parade since 2008, and we thank them!

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. Information about becoming a Lion can be found on our website www.pilions.org, or you can contact me by email at nancyepps@cfl.rr.com, call me at (386) 795-2310, or speak to any Lion you know. We meet at 6pm on the first Wednesday of most months, although our January meeting will take place in South Daytona due to a special event. Lionism is a great way to meet wonderful people and serve your community while having fun!

Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association

by Bill Wester



Recent Veterans Day Ceremony

The Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association commemorated Veterans Day with a ceremony at Davies Lighthouse Park on November 11, 2022. We want to thank all who joined us to pay tribute to those who serve or have served in the armed forces of the United States.

Veterans Information

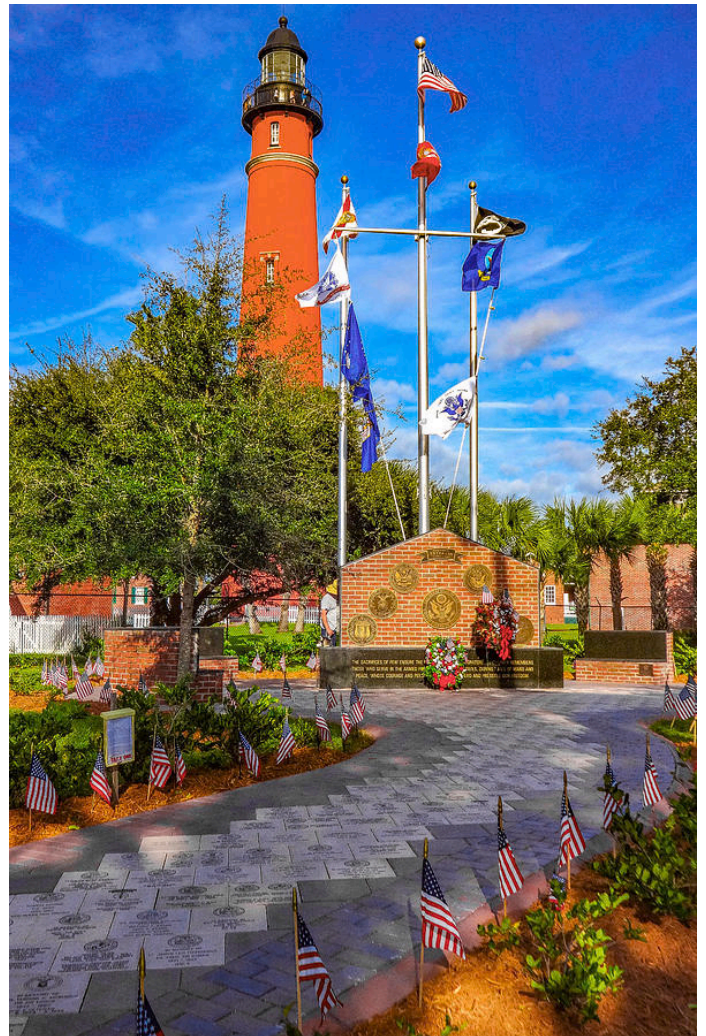
Congratulations are in order for two PIVMA members for their numerous and lasting volunteer contributions to our community. Mark Oebbecke was awarded the 2022 Ponce Inlet Citizen of the Year award for his many contributions, and Deke DiCostanzo was granted a Lifetime Achievement Award for his long and continuous volunteer efforts. Also, the veterans participated in the annual Ponce Inlet Christmas parade, with all branches of service represented by displaying their service colors. Finally, the veterans placed third in the first annual Christmas Tree Festival with our very patriotic festooned tree.

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 veteran's activities in our community. Dues are \$20 per year, and meetings are held at the Ponce Inlet Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer. Contact Mark Oebbecke at 610-716-0041 for additional information or to obtain a membership form.

Memorial Day Ceremony

We are planning to have a ceremony on Memorial Day at the Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial at Davies Lighthouse Park. As a result, we would like to extend an invitation to all to join us on Monday, May 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., when we will commemorate Memorial Day and honor those men and women who gave everything while serving our country.



Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum

by Zach Hopple



Ponce Inlet Programming Lights the Way

At the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, a busy fall season brought wonder and learning to both our local students as well as adult visitors from across the world.

The fall is always one of the most active seasons at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. School groups, adult tours, history buffs, and tourists continue to frequent the events and programs put in place by the volunteers of the programs department.

Fall Homeschool Day

The most popular educational event of the year, Fall Homeschool Day, was held on October 27th, 2022. Families from across the state of Florida participated, learning all about the simple machines that built the lighthouse. The event was so highly anticipated that the tickets sold out in only 24 hours. Participating families engaged with the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse volunteers in over three hours of learning, participating in six educational workshops, including all aspects of simple machines. This hands-on event is always a favorite for guests of all ages.

Spring Homeschool Day will be held on Thursday, April 13th. The theme of this event will be navigation. Tickets will go on sale for this program at noon on Monday, March 13th. Mark that date if

you or someone you know is interested in attending Spring Homeschool Day since tickets run out quickly.

Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Day

The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum celebrated Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month with Indigenous Peoples Heritage Day, a fantastic day of programs and activities on November 19, 2022. Museums and cultural centers from all over Florida came to be a part of the event.

High-quality lectures from esteemed experts in the fields of research on Florida's native peoples dazzled guests throughout the day. State and county parks gave out information about their local indigenous people and what can be seen throughout Volusia County. The AH TAH THI KI Museum, run by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, demonstrated the craft of canoe carving. Re-enactor Jim Sawgrass amazed packed crowds with his story-telling and demonstrations from a recreation of a Seminole village.

Here at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, we look forward to our next cultural heritage day as we will celebrate Florida Heritage Day on March 25th, 2023. Museums and cultural centers from across the state are lining up to confirm their participation in the event. Entrance to the day of educational offerings is included with general admission. Be on the lookout for a full list of participating organizations and the day's schedule of events at www.ponceinlet.org.

Fall Outreach

The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is known nationally as the Education Lighthouse, and that has been proven over and over again in the past year. A packed fall season of lectures across Volusia County engaged hundreds of eager history and lighthouse admirers. Focused on promoting the lighthouse and the onsite events, enthralled audiences learned about the story of Volusia County's first people, the Timucua, as well as the history of the three lighthouses that have called Volusia County home. Lead

Docent John Mann will be presenting a riveting WWII-era retelling of the lives most affected on the home front entitled “Spirit of the Greatest Generation” on April 25th at 10:30am in the Ponce Inlet Town Council Chambers. For more information on registration, contact education@ponceinlet.org. More dates are being added throughout the spring, and new presentations are being done both on and off the light station grounds.

Evening at the Museum

One of the most anticipated events returning to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is “Museum at Night.” Following a hiatus, the renewal of the partnership with the Museum of Arts and Sciences Curator of Astronomy, Seth Mayo, will bring a different style of learning and fun to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. For one night only, the lighthouse hours will be extended to 8:00pm. Guests will explore the stars using MOAS Cassegrain reflectors, learn about the harnessing of light through our award-winning Science of Light demonstrations, climb 213 feet up Florida’s tallest lighthouse to gain access to the normally restricted Lantern Room at the top of the lighthouse tower, as well as many more offerings throughout the museum grounds.

To make the night even more special, all Volusia County teachers and students will be admitted free of charge with a valid I.D. For more information on this one-night event, please contact the Ponce Inlet Programs Department at education@ponceinlet.org or via telephone at 386-761-1821, ext. 18.

Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Tower

Special onsite programming takes place twice a month at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. Presentations and guided tours are held regularly and are included with admission to the museum. For a complete list of upcoming onsite presentations, please keep up-to-date with the events calendar at www.ponceinlet.org. The next offerings include The First Train to

Daytona with Port Orange Historic Train Depot founding member Larry Powers on January 24th, as well as a viewing of the documentary produced by the Florida Historical Society and Florida Frontiers on the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse on February 9th. A few seats still remain for each presentation, so make sure to register at your earliest convenience. All special presentations take place at 11:00a.m. and require pre-registration, as seating is limited. For registration or more information, please contact Programs Manager Zach Hopple at 386-761-1821, ext. 18 or by email at education@ponceinlet.org.

Become a Member

Purchasing an Annual Membership is one of the most popular and affordable ways to support the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association in its mission to preserve and disseminate the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. Benefits of membership include free admission to the museum and lighthouse during normal hours of operation, a 10% discount on all regular-priced merchandise in the gift shop, an annual subscription to the association’s quarterly journal *Illuminations*, as well as invitations to special events.

For more information about membership, please visit www.ponceinlet.org or via phone at 386-761-1821.



PONCE INLET ANIMAL WELFARE BY NANCY EPPS, PRESIDENT



Our little colony survived the two tropical storms and the freezing weather, and our loyal volunteers are there every day making sure they have what they need to be fed, watered, and comfortable, and I am so grateful for them. We appreciate the continued support of the property owner, too.

The original purpose of the colony when it was established in 2009 was to help control the feral cat population by utilizing the trap, neuter, and return (TNR) method of animal control. The method has worked because most of the original cats have died, although we still have one of them, Ruthie, who is at least 13 years old now and is looking good.

I frequently get calls from people in the community who are concerned about stray kittens and cats, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to help. If you need assistance, please call me, and I will be happy to help. I can arrange for discounted spay/neuter services at the HHS/Redinger Clinic, too.

My recently rehomed cat, Callie, is a sweet girl who has adjusted well to her new home and the other cats, although she and one of the females are both alpha females and have little conflicts periodically. Life with cats is never dull!

Please contact me if you would like to learn more about PAW, donate time or food, or need our help: nancyepps@cfl.rr.com, (386) 795-2310. We will also help if you have a cat that needs to be trapped and taken care of. Have a great winter!



Ponce Inlet Corvette Club

Ponce Inlet Corvette Club Selects Member of the Year, Paul Thompson

The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club recently held its annual Christmas party at the beautiful Sugar Mill Country Club in New Smyrna Beach. The festive affair was attended by over 90 members.

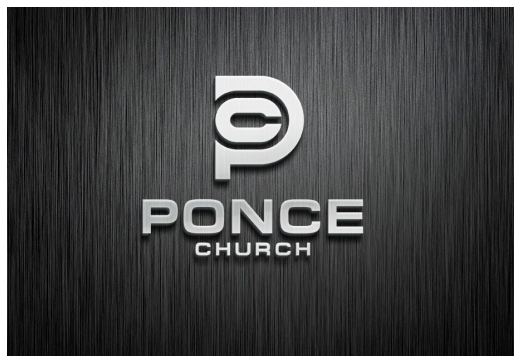
President Dave Tyree used the annual party to present deserving members with appreciation plaques for work done over his first year in office. He also presented members with certificates for five-, ten-, and fifteen-year club membership.

The final award of the evening was the annual “Member of the Year,” chosen by the club president. This year’s “Member of the Year” is Paul Thompson. Paul has been a member of the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club for over fifteen years. This makes Paul and his wife Mary two of the club’s longest-standing members. Over the years, Paul has been the one responsible for creating and building the elaborate winner’s trophies at the annual car show, dating back many years. Paul and Mary have both been active in the club, serving on many different committees, and they have also been officers of the club, serving as club treasurer for many years.

Congratulations Paul!



PONCE CHURCH



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

Twenty years ago, the Lord led our family to the beautiful town of Ponce Inlet. One day while Pastor Rick 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. Ponce Church is a Christian, non-denominational church that is active in obeying the words of Jesus by caring for the orphans, widows, giving food to the hungry, water for the thirsty, clothing, healing the sick, visiting those in prison, and providing shelter for the homeless, as Jesus said, “If you’ve done it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me.” Matthew 25:31-46.

At Ponce Church, we teach the importance of obeying the words of Jesus.

Visit PonceChurch.com for more information. 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.



Legacy Housing Ranch

The Legacy Housing Project is also working to provide housing for boys aging out of the foster care system. To learn more and how you can help, visit LegacyHousingProject.org. Thank you.

Join us Sundays at 10 a.m. at Ponce Church, 4670 S. Peninsula in Ponce Inlet (386-308-1533). Thank you.





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 40 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 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 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 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, 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 for more information about our Organization.

Volunteers are always needed.

If you can help, please email: info@c4pi.org or contact C4Pi on the bottom of our Home Page.

Citizens for Ponce Inlet is an all-volunteer Organization.

Board of Directors:

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Citizens For PONCE INLET

2023 Citizen of the Year and 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award

Since 1987 the Citizens for Ponce Inlet Organization has selected, honored, and acknowledged a resident of Ponce Inlet or a Ponce Inlet employee for both the Citizen of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Awards. The award is to acknowledge those individuals involved in volunteer work who have made an outstanding contribution to our community.

In 2022, the CFPI Board voted again to honor husbands and wives in the same year if their volunteer work is deserving of joint honors. This year, it will be possible to nominate couples or individuals for the 2023 award. Past winners cannot be nominated.

The CFPI Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed on a former Citizen of the Year. However, it doesn't have to be a past COTY winner for her. Anyone who has volunteered in our community for over 20 years is eligible for nomination for this prestigious award.

Nomination forms for both awards can be found in this 2023 CFPI Winter Newsletter, online at www.c4pi.org, picked up at the Community Center Office, or requested by emailing: admin@c4pi.org.

Completed Nomination Forms must be received by March 1st, at 12 pm to be considered and can be returned by U.S. Mail to Judy DiCarlo, 32 Caribbean Way, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127-7319, emailed to judy.dicarlo@c4pi.org, or hand-delivered to the Ponce Inlet Community Center CFPI auxiliary mailbox in a sealed envelope.

All nomination forms will be held until the selection meeting on Saturday, March 4th, 2023, at which time they will be reviewed by former winners of the Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards and CFPI Board Members. We look forward to your recommendations for individuals worthy of receiving these awards.

The Annual Awards Ceremony Dinner is scheduled to take place on March 30th, 2023, at the Community Center from 5 pm – 9:30 pm.





2023 Citizen of the Year Award Nomination Form

Who will be Ponce Inlet's next Citizen of the Year?

Qualifications for the Award are as follows:

- A resident of Ponce Inlet **or** a Ponce Inlet employee involved in volunteer work who has made an outstanding contribution to our community in 2023.
- Previous winners of this award are not eligible to be nominated. For a list of prior recipients, please visit the C4Pi website [Awards page](#).
- Nominations are limited to two pages citing the nominee's accomplishments and contributions in Ponce Inlet. Only one person will receive this award.

Nominations must be received no later than March 1, 2023 at noon.

Name of Nominee:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Explain briefly your reason for nominating this individual. Please list past and present community-service involvement.

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We look forward to receiving your recommendations for individuals worthy of the 2023 Ponce Inlet Citizen of the Year Award.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Date:	

- U.S. mail to **Judy DiCarlo, 32 Caribbean Way, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127-7319**
- Email to **judy.dicarlo@c4pi.org**
- Hand delivered, in a sealed envelope, to the CFPI Auxiliary Mailbox at the Ponce Inlet Community Center office, at 4670 S Peninsula Drive.

www.c4pi.org



2023 Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form

Qualifications for the Award are as follows:

- A resident of Ponce Inlet or a Ponce Inlet employee who has volunteered in our community for over twenty years.
- Previous winners of this award are not eligible to be nominated. For a list of prior recipients, please visit the C4Pi website [Awards page](#).
- Nominations are limited to two pages citing the nominee's accomplishments and contributions in Ponce Inlet. This honor may be and often is awarded to a former Citizen of the Year recipient. More than one person may receive this award.

Nominations must be received no later than March 1, 2023 at noon.

Name of Nominee:	
Address:	
Phone:	
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Explain briefly your reason for nominating this individual. Please list past and present community-service involvement.

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We look forward to receiving your recommendations for individuals worthy of the 2023 Ponce Lifetime Achievement Award.

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- Campaign Reports
- Quarterly Newsletters

Ponce Inlet's most informed citizens turn to C4Pi.org to obtain the information they need to be informed on town business, town events and town department activity.

Membership is free. Get informed. Join today.

Promoting and Improving the Quality of Life in the Town of Ponce Inlet

info@C4Pi.org

www.C4Pi.org

If enjoyed this newsletter, please consider supporting our efforts by making a donation and subscribe to our online quarterly newsletter by completing the form below:

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Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Email Address: _____

Please make checks payable to Citizens for Ponce Inlet, Inc.

Detach and mail to:

CFPI c/o Ponce Inlet Community Center, 4670 S. Peninsula, Ponce Inlet, FL, 32127
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