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JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION

To honor our 2025 Citizen of the Year & Lifetime Achievement awards recipients on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 at the Ponce Inlet Community Center

Congratulations to
Terry Revak, Citizen of the Year
& Lifetime Achievement Recipients
Ed Davis, Joe DiCarlo, Judy DiCarlo,
and Mary Lou Fillingame

Festivities begin at 5:00 PM (happy hour/ BYOB)
Presentations at 6:00 PM with dinner to follow

Tickets on Sale at the Community Center through April 16th \$40.00 each

Community Center is open Monday-Friday 9AM-noon Cash or Checks payable to C4Pi

A Moment with the Mayor

This spring, I had the privilege of representing our Town in Tallahassee at the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days, held on March 24-25, 2025.



This event served as a crucial platform for advocating on behalf of our community regarding the financial and quality-of-life impacts of proposed legislation. I engaged directly with state senators and representatives through in-person meetings, phone calls, and written correspondence, presenting data that highlighted how specific laws might benefit or challenge our Town.

My efforts in opposition to HB 301 and HB 943 were essential in protecting local governance and fiscal responsibility. HB 301 proposed raising liability caps for lawsuits against government entities from \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident to \$1 million per person and \$3 million per incident. This increase would significantly elevate Ponce Inlet's exposure to costly lawsuits, burdening our taxpayers and straining our budget.

Another bill I advocated against was HB 943, which sought to override local zoning laws by mandating cities to allow multifamily and mixed-use residential developments on various sites, including municipal, school district, and religious institution properties. It also required approval of such projects



Lois Paritsky

at the staff level without public hearings, bypassing community input. The bill further mandated accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single-family zones, preempting comprehensive local plans and zoning ordinances. If passed, this legislation could lead to unmanaged growth, traffic congestion, strained infrastructure, and diminished local control over development in our community.

During the legislative session, lawmakers debated and voted on various other bills addressing critical issues such as property insurance, education, healthcare, housing, public safety, and the economy. Governor DeSantis' budget proposals were a key focus, influencing funding for essential programs like disaster relief and education. The session runs from March 4 to May 2, 2025, marking an important period for shaping Florida's future through collaboration and engagement. Residents are encouraged to participate by expressing their views on proposed legislation through public hearings and direct communication with their elected officials.

As part of Legislative Action Days, I was honored to be appointed as a Director for Volusia County with the Florida League of Mayors. This role has provided opportunities to collaborate with fellow mayors and exchange best practices that benefit our communities.



At the county level, my role as Chair of the Volusia Roundtable of Elected Officials continues to promote collaboration among municipalities that benefit all of us.

The Roundtable's Subcommittee on Stormwater Management and Flooding has been actively working on the development of strategies to address flooding challenges, including advocating for policies like low-impact development standards to enhance resilience against severe weather. With coastal flooding and the erosion of our beaches being primary concerns for Ponce Inlet, I am grateful for the opportunity to work toward solutions for these everpresent challenges.

Locally, the Town Council of Ponce Inlet remains a vital forum for decision-making

on laws, budgets, and community concerns. Public engagement at these monthly meetings ensures that residents' voices are heard and considered in shaping our Town's future. If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to sign up for the Town's email list, where you can receive our agendas, meeting packets, and scheduling information.

Your involvement—whether at the state, county, or local level—has been instrumental in fostering responsive governance. As always, I am here to assist with any questions or concerns regarding our local government.

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COUNTY CORNER

First, I'm excited to update you on the significant coastal projects that will enhance resilience, accessibility, and sustainability in the years ahead. One of the most impactful projects launching in 2025 is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Inlet and Intracoastal Waterway Dredging Project. On March 10th, in partnership with Volusia County and the Florida Inland Navigational District, contractors with the USACE started mobilizing at Lighthouse Point Park, with dredge pipe installation along the beach. While there will be intermittent closures for beach driving during installation, I can assure you the long-term benefits will far outweigh the temporary inconvenience.

Over the next year, more than 900,000 cubic yards of high-quality sand will be dredged from the inlet and channels and placed on beaches in designated areas. If you remember in my previous updates, it was originally thought it would be approximately 770,000 cubic yards. This project will not only improve the navigational channels of the Intracoastal Waterway but will also obviously provide a much-needed boost to our shoreline.

Private property owners who have provided easements to the County will receive sand placement on their properties, and residents can check their easement status at www.volusia.org/sandprojects.

To really add excitement to this project, Volusia County is completing a separate beach sand investigation in non-vegetated shoaling areas outside the Corps' dredging scope. So far, an additional 1.7 to 2.2 million cubic yards of sand have been identified for potential beach placement. Permitting for this effort is expected to begin later this



year, with placement anticipated to start in 2026. To further enhance our coastal resilience, all areas receiving sand will be vegetated to help stabilize the dunes, restore habitats, and protect against future erosion.

Lighthouse Point Park will also see significant improvements over the next two years, beginning with a complete boardwalk rebuilding. Last month, the County kicked off the design phase for this project, which will replace and upgrade the existing timber walkways to meet modern ADA standards. But we're not just replacing what's already there; we're making it better! Additional walkways will be installed to create a connected walking loop, ensuring that all four beach access points are linked in a way that is safe, accessible, and user-friendly. Natural paths through the maritime forest will also be converted into ADA-compliant structures, allowing more people to explore and enjoy the park's natural beauty. During the early stages of design, environmental surveys have been conducted to identify protected species and significant trees. ensuring that construction is carried out with the utmost care for our ecosystem. You will start to see survey markers begin to appear in the coming weeks as ground elevations and environmental benchmarks are confirmed. Funding for this project comes in part from park entrance fees, as well as an ECHO Direct County Expenditure Grant.

Next will be the rebuilding of the Jetty Deck Extension that is closely tied to the boardwalk rebuild. This part of the project is currently in the federal permitting phase. This project will extend the concrete fishing deck by 400 feet to the west while also improving ADA accessibility. As part of this work, the timber jetty connector leading from the lifeguard tower to the concrete jetty will be replaced with an on-grade ADAaccessible sidewalk further west out of a coastal impact zone. Access to the beach at the lifeguard tower will also be upgraded to meet ADA accessibility requirements. This major modification will ensure safe and consistent access to our very popular jetty deck.

All these projects, whether it's dredging and sand placement, boardwalk and jetty enhancements, habitat restoration, or marine science education, reflect Volusia County's unwavering commitment to preserving our coastline, protecting our communities, and ensuring accessibility for all. These efforts don't just benefit us today—they lay the foundation for a more sustainable, resilient, and thriving coastal future.

One last thing I would like to discuss, and that is my "Second Chance Initiative." I have talked extensively about the inmate training programs and job fairs as part of the initiative, and that work continues. However, in the past two years, I have talked about the possibility of starting an inmate farm. At the February 8, 2025, County Council meeting, I made a motion to officially start this program. Within the next 90 days, staff will return with options for the Council to vote on that will bring the farm to fruition. The main reason for waiting this long is due to staffing levels at the jail being extremely low. In fact, two years ago, the Volusia County Division of Corrections had approximately 70-80 vacancies. I am happy to report that we are now at 11 vacancies. Therefore, I believe we are in a better position to initiate the Inmate Farm project. We will probably start with egglaying chickens and more tower gardens that produce more vegetables.

So, as you can see, Volusia County has some exciting things happening. As always, stay involved and stay informed. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Thank you and God bless!

Matt Reinhart Volusia County Council District 2 mreinhart@volusia.org

THE TALK OF TALLAHASSEE



Dear Ponce Inlet Residents,

I am proud to share some exciting news regarding a critical project that will have a lasting impact on the health of our waterways and the overall environment in Ponce Inlet. The Town of Ponce Inlet is undertaking a \$10.4 million septic-to-sewer conversion project aimed at protecting our water quality and preserving the natural beauty that makes our community so special.

While the infrastructure for this project is fully funded, there's still an important step that requires our attention. Approximately 390 homes need to connect to the new system, at an estimated cost of \$5,000 per home. For many families, covering these costs presents a significant financial challenge — and that's where our office has stepped in to help.

I've introduced a budget request on behalf of the Town of Ponce Inlet to secure additional funding that will ensure full participation in the project. This funding will help cover the costs for residents to connect to the new sewer system, minimizing the financial burden on homeowners while maximizing the environmental benefits of the project.

Securing state funding is never easy, especially now with the Speaker of the House's goal to return to pre-COVID spending levels. In this tighter budget environment, every dollar allocated is highly scrutinized, and competition for funding is intense. However, that will not deter me or my office from working tirelessly to bring this funding home to Ponce Inlet. We understand the importance of this project for both the community and the environment, and we are prepared to fight for it as long as it takes. It may require multiple legislative sessions to secure the necessary funding, but rest assured — we will never stop fighting to make this happen.

By making it easier for residents to transition from septic to sewer, we can significantly reduce nutrient pollution, protect our waterways from harmful runoff, and improve the overall health of our marine ecosystems. This project represents an important investment not only in our environment but also in the long-term resilience and quality of life for Ponce Inlet residents.

I want to thank the town leadership and all the residents of Ponce Inlet for their dedication to preserving our community's natural resources. As always, I am here to support you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office. Together, we can make a lasting difference for Ponce Inlet and the generations to come.

Sincerely,

Representative Chase Tramont Florida House of Representatives, District 30 (386) 944-1010

Reg. Chase Toming



As we embark on the 2025 Florida Legislative Session, which commenced on March 4th, I am deeply committed to addressing the needs and aspirations of our community. The initial weeks have been both demanding and rewarding, marked by significant events and legislative initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of our residents.

I have been busy advancing various legislation, including one of my top legislative priorities, which is strengthening DUI laws to ensure justice for victims and prevent repeat offenders from claiming more innocent lives. I was proud to present Senate Bill 138 in its second committee stop, where it passed favorably.

This bill will be known as "Trenton's Law," in memory of Trenton Stuart, an 18-year-old aspiring football player and cybersecurity major at Stetson University, who was tragically killed by a repeat DUI offender.

Simply put, I am sick and tired of turning on the news and hearing about another family losing a loved one too soon because of the reckless actions of one irresponsible individual. It's heartbreaking and avoidable. I firmly believe we must strengthen the penalties for repeat DUI offenders and put a stop to these preventable tragedies. Too often, we see the same individuals making the same poor decisions, with devastating consequences for innocent people.

This bill increases penalties, especially for repeat offenders. One example of this is that the bill would turn a DUI resulting in death into a first-degree felony from a second-degree felony if the person has a prior conviction for DUI manslaughter or vehicular homicide. These stricter penalties ensure that habitual offenders face stronger consequences, helping to prevent more senseless tragedies.

I am especially grateful to Trenton's parents and law enforcement officers from Volusia, Brevard, and Orange Counties who traveled to Tallahassee to advocate for this critical bill. Their courage and determination are driving change, and I will keep fighting to ensure this legislation moves forward.

When it comes to this year's budget, I am hard at work fighting to bring back critical funding for important local projects affecting the safety and resiliency of our communities. One of my top budget priorities this legislative session is \$500,000 to complete the design phase for a new fire station in Ponce Inlet.

I encourage all constituents to stay engaged and share their perspectives on these and other issues. Your input is invaluable in shaping policies that reflect the collective aspirations of our community. Together, we can navigate the challenges ahead and work towards a prosperous and equitable future for all.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 386-304-7630 or email me at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. It is an honor to serve District 8, and I will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of the great people of Florida.

State Senator Tom Wright, District 08

From the Town Manager, Mike Disher

This season of growth and new beginnings is the perfect time to reflect on our community's progress and to share updates on the many initiatives underway to enhance our Town's livability and charm. From the launch of new public safety programs to updates on infrastructure improvements and community events, there is much to look forward to in the coming months. Our dedicated Town staff has been working tirelessly to ensure that these projects meet the highest standards and serve the many needs of our residents.

Spring is a time for rejuvenation and active participation. I encourage you to explore the many programs and services available to you. Your participation and feedback are crucial to our collective success, and we value your input as we endeavor to make Ponce Inlet a place where everyone can thrive. Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Wishing you a very happy spring.

Budget Preparation

The Town's budget preparation process for fiscal year 25/26 began in January and will continue through September. There are numerous opportunities for the public to participate in this process. Already to date, budget requests from Town staff and the public have been presented at two meetings of the Essential Services Advisory Board and the Cultural Services Board (January and March). The remaining workshops and hearings will be with the Town Council.

The tentative meeting dates for the remainder of the fiscal year are as follows:

- June 10th: Preliminary budget workshop
- July 15th: Draft budget workshop
- July 17th: Proposed Millage Rate hearing



- September 3rd: Tentative Millage Rate hearing and 1st reading of Budget Ordinance
- September 18th: Final Millage Rate hearing and 2nd reading of Budget Ordinance

Please note that these dates are subject to change, so be sure to check for updates periodically. As always, your input is necessary in order to create a budget that balances the Town's operational needs, level-of-service expectations, and quality of life of the community. We welcome your questions, suggestions, and participation throughout this process.



Town Regular Election August 19th, 2025

Ponce Inlet's upcoming Town Council election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 19th. Three seats will be up for two-year terms: Mayor/Seat #1, Seat #3, and Seat #5. Qualified candidates must be a resident of the Town for at least 12 months and be a registered voter in Volusia County for 12 months prior to the qualifying period. The qualifying period will begin on Monday, June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. and end on Friday, June 13th at noon. If you are interested in

serving your Town in this manner, please contact Town Clerk Kim Cherbano at 386-236-2150, kcherbano@ponce-inlet.org, or stop by Town Hall for more information.

Town Holiday Closings

Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day and on Friday, July 4, 2025, in observance of Independence Day.

Keep up with what's happening in your Town

The Town seeks to inform and engage residents on many subjects and in a number of ways. We host meet & greets and Town Hall meetings, and we provide a substantial amount of information on the town's website www.ponce-inlet.org and social media accounts. You can also contact us directly for specific information you may seek, and we'll be happy to assist.

Please visit our website—www.ponce-inlet.org—for all public meeting notices and minutes, general information, and the status of current or upcoming projects. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for our "Notify Me" email list through the website. If you have a Facebook account, please be sure to "like" the Town of Ponce Inlet government Facebook page so you'll receive information regularly on the Facebook newsfeed. We also maintain government accounts on Nextdoor and Instagram. Please also be sure to read the back of your utility bills for special announcements and important information.

Finally, please sign up for the Town's Code Red emergency phone call alert system by texting "PonceAlerts" to 99411 or by calling the fire department at 386-322-6720. We use this phone alert system very sparingly, as it is meant to be only for emergency notifications and will not burden you with unwanted calls.



From Police Chief Jeff Glazier...



About the Department:

The Ponce Inlet Police Department operates 24/7 with 14 full-time officers, 4 part-time officers, and 2 civilian administrative staff. There are always a minimum of 2 officers patrolling the Town at all times. The Police Department currently has 1 vacancy left to fill. The Police Department only hires officers with previous law enforcement experience and exceptional records.

Bike Week:

Bike Week 2025 roared into Ponce Inlet! Between Saturday, March 1st and Sunday, March 9th, over 75,000 vehicles entered and exited Ponce Inlet. Additional officers were scheduled for traffic enforcement and to handle calls for service. Officers conducted numerous traffic stops and kept a constant presence on our streets to slow traffic speed and maintain order. Thankfully, there were no serious accidents or incidents during the week-long event.

Training:

The State of Florida mandates that each sworn officer be proficient in the use of

their handgun and patrol rifle. Every spring, Ponce Inlet Police Officers must shoot a qualifying score from the 3-, 7-, 15-, and 50-yard lines with their handguns and rifles. Each officer will shoot a total of 73 rounds over two courses of fire. The Edgewater Police Department allows the PIPD to use its outdoor shooting range for annual qualifications and quarterly training.



Ponce Partners:

The Ponce Inlet Police Department is always looking for more "Ponce Partners." This program is designed to be a safety net for those who have severe health problems, live alone, or may be in the early stages of cognitive decline. Any resident can become a member by completing a short request form. When you become a Ponce Partner, you simply agree to contact the Police Department by phone each day before noon. If we do not hear from you, we will call you to ensure you are ok. If we are unable to reach you by phone, we send an officer out to check on your wellbeing. This program is set up to ensure our most vulnerable citizens have some form of communication each day. This program has been successful in rescuing several residents who had fallen and were unable to contact anyone for help. We have a great relationship with our "Ponce Partners" and look forward to their morning calls. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining this program, please contact the Police Department at 386-236-2160 or download the online application (PDF) from our website.

From Public Safety Director and Fire Chief Dan Scales...



Hurricane Preparedness: Are You Ready?

As we approach another hurricane season, the Ponce Inlet Fire Department urges all residents to remain vigilant and prepared. While last year's Hurricane Milton served as a reminder of the power of even lower-category storms, we must be ready for any potential threats in the coming months.

Preparedness is key to ensuring the safety of your family, home, and community. Here are some essential tips to keep in mind:

Make a Plan: Establish a family emergency plan that includes evacuation routes, communication strategies, and designated meeting places.

Assemble an Emergency Kit: Stock up on non-perishable food, water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days), medications, flashlights, batteries, first aid supplies, and important documents in a waterproof container.

Know Your Evacuation Zone: Stay informed about local evacuation routes and be ready to leave if authorities issue an order.

Prepare Your Property: Trim trees, secure outdoor furniture, and reinforce windows and doors to minimize storm damage.

Stay Informed: Monitor trusted sources like the National Weather Service and the Ponce Inlet Emergency Alert system for real-time updates.

By taking these steps now, you can help minimize risks and ensure a swift recovery should a storm impact our area.

Introducing Our New 75-Foot Quint Apparatus

The Ponce Inlet Fire Department is pleased to announce a major enhancement to our emergency response capabilities. This year, we are deploying our new 75-foot Quint apparatus, which will play a critical role in improving fire suppression and rescue operations.

The Quint, a multifunctional firefighting vehicle, combines a pump, water tank, hose, ground ladders, and an aerial ladder into one apparatus. With its 75-foot aerial reach, this unit will enhance our ability to respond to fires in multi-story buildings, conduct elevated rescues, and provide a safer working environment for our firefighters.

Some key features of our new Quint include:

- Increased Firefighting Capability: A
 powerful pump and onboard water supply
 allow for rapid deployment and suppression
 of fires.
- Enhanced Rescue Operations: The aerial ladder provides improved access to upper floors and rooftops.
- Greater Versatility: As an all-in-one unit, the Quint eliminates the need for multiple vehicles, increasing efficiency in emergency situations.

This investment in public safety will ensure that the Ponce Inlet Fire Department remains equipped to handle a wide range of emergencies, including fire incidents exacerbated by severe weather.







Hometown Hero

I am pleased to share that Firefighter Crystal Austell was selected for recognition at the February 26, 2025, Chamber of Commerce Mayors and Hometown Heroes Dinner. This honor highlights her unwavering dedication to our community, her professionalism, and the genuine compassion she demonstrates in every interaction.



While Crystal was recognized on this occasion, I want to emphasize that every member of the fire department deserves such an honor. The dedication, sacrifice, and commitment they all bring to this job every day do not go unnoticed. Our department may be small, but the impact we make is immeasurable.

Please congratulate Firefighter Austell on this well-deserved recognition and take a moment to recognize the outstanding work all of our firefighters do to serve our community.

From Planning and Development Director Darren Lear...



Top 5 Code Violations and How to Avoid a Visit from Code Enforcement

The Town's Code Enforcement Division conducts regular inspections to ensure that community standards are maintained. Below are the five most common code violations, along with helpful tips on how to avoid potential enforcement issues.

- 1. Recreational Vehicles. Recreational vehicles (RVs), including campers, boats, trailers, and jet skis, are permitted to be parked on your property for up to 72 consecutive hours for purposes such as loading, unloading, or cleaning. After this period, the vehicles must be parked behind the front-most part of the home, enclosed in a garage, or removed from the property entirely.
- 2. Work Without Permits. Undocumented construction projects are a frequent violation. Most home improvement projects—such as replacing windows or roofs, installing exterior doors or A/C units, adding new siding, and building porches—require permits. If you're unsure whether

your project needs a permit, contact the Building Division before starting any work to avoid delays or fines.

- 3. Watering Violations. Lawn watering is strictly regulated based on property address. During the fall and winter, watering is allowed only on weekends. In spring and summer, watering is permitted twice per week on designated days. For your specific watering schedule, visit the Town's website.
- **4. Sidewalk Obstructions.** Homeowners are responsible for ensuring that sidewalks in front of their property are clear of obstacles. Vegetation, including tree limbs (should be trimmed up to six feet above sidewalks) and palm fronds, must be kept trimmed to ensure unobstructed pedestrian access.
- **5. Outdoor Storage of Personal Property.** Personal items like trash cans, LP tanks, ladders, and buckets cannot be stored in front yards. To comply with town regulations, these items must be stored indoors or in the rear yard.

For more information or assistance, please reach out to Code Enforcement Division staff. Together, we can keep our community safe, clean, and compliant.

Light Trespass

Light trespass happens when artificial light from one property spills over into another property, where it is unwanted or unnecessary. This can cause significant nuisances for homeowners, businesses, and the natural environment. Common sources of light trespass include streetlights and poorly shielded exterior lights on buildings. When light extends beyond its intended area, it can interfere with sleep, decrease privacy, and contribute to light pollution.

Light Trespass and Glare

Light trespass happens when unwanted light spills onto neighboring properties, while glare creates excessive brightness that leads to visual discomfort.

Shielding: Direct lights downward or use shields to keep beams focused on the intended area. Opt for fully shielded fixtures—ones where you can't see the bulb from the side or above.

Aiming: Position fixtures carefully to prevent light from crossing property lines. For example, a floodlight shining into a neighbor's window or onto the street breaks this rule.

Improved Visibility

 Reducing glare and light trespass enhances visibility for pedestrians and drivers, especially after dark.

Enhanced Aesthetics

• Thoughtfully designed lighting highlights a landscape's beauty without contributing to light pollution.

Dark Sky-Friendly Lighting

• Select lighting products that minimize light pollution by directing light downward, where it's most useful.

Choose Warmer Light Colors

• Opt for warmer tones (with less blue light) to lessen light pollution's effects on human health and wildlife.

Minimize Blue-Toned Light

• Blue light can interfere with sleep and other biological processes, so switch to warmer colors whenever possible.

(Ord. No. 2021-05, § 2, 2-18-2021)

https://library.municode.com/fl/ ponce_inlet/ordinances/code_of_ ordinances?nodeId=1069261_



WATERING RESTRICTIONS - KNOW YOUR DAYS

The St. John's River Water Management District enforces year-round watering restrictions across its entire 18-county region to promote efficient water use for lawn and landscape irrigation.

During Daylight Savings Time the following rules apply:

- Daylight Saving Time begins the second Sunday in March and ends the first Sunday in November.
- Watering is allowed ONLY TWICE a week

During Standard Time the following rules apply:

- Standard time is from November to March
- Watering is allowed ONLY ONCE a week

OVERWATERING

Overwatering your beachside landscape comes with these specific drawbacks:

- **Shallow Root Systems:** Excess water keeps roots near the surface, making plants less resilient to drought or storms, which Florida gets plenty of.
- **Fungal Growth:** High humidity plus overwatering breeds fungi like root rot or leaf spot, thriving in Florida's warm, wet conditions.
- **Nutrient Leaching:** Sandy coastal soils already drain fast—too much water washes away nutrients before plants can use them.
- **Saltwater Intrusion Risk:** Overwatering near the coast can pull salty groundwater up, stressing plants not built for salinity.

- **Mosquito Breeding:** Standing water from over-irrigation creates perfect spots for mosquitoes, a big deal in Florida.
- **Wasted Water:** Florida's frequent rain often makes extra watering unnecessary, especially with water restrictions in some areas.
- **Soil Erosion:** Sandy beachside soils erode easily with excess runoff, destabilizing your landscape.
- **Weed Explosion:** Wet conditions favor aggressive weeds like crabgrass or dollarweed, common in Florida.
- **Plant Stress:** Native or salt-tolerant species (like sea oats) hate soggy roots and can drown, ruining your coastal vibe.

Beachside Florida's heat, sand, and humidity amplify these issues—less is often more for a healthy landscape.



Volusia County FLORIDA	Know your watering days		
	Homes with odd-numbered or no addresses	Homes with even-numbered or no addresses	Nonresidential properties
Daylight Saving Time	Wednesday and Saturday	Thursday and Sunday	Tuesday and Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

These guidelines apply to all areas in Volusia County, including cities:

- Water only when needed, and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone, and no more than ¾ inch per zone.
- Restrictions apply to all water sources, including private wells and pumps, ground and surface water, and water from public and private utilities.



SPRINKLER HEADS

Sprinkler heads should be aimed to avoid spraying streets, storm drains, or neighboring properties. Misaimed sprinklers spray pavement instead of plants, wasting water and sending it straight to storm drains—useless for your lawn and against conservation goals.

Excess runoff into drains can carry fertilizers or debris, polluting Florida's coastal waterways and feeding algae blooms.



From Public Works Director Steven Wargo...



Spring Cleaning

Spring is the perfect time to declutter and dispose of items safely, and Public Works is here to help! On Saturday, April 19th, we will be hosting a Hazardous Waste and Shredding Event at the Ponce Inlet Community Center from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is an excellent opportunity for residents to safely dispose of household hazardous materials such as paints, pesticides, flammable aerosols, and liquids. Additionally, we will be providing shredding services for sensitive documents to help protect your personal information.

To participate, please remember that proof of residency is required, so make sure to bring a valid ID or utility bill. This event is free of charge and a great way to safely get rid of items that might otherwise pose a risk to the environment or your home.

While you're in the spirit of spring cleaning, it's also a good time to tend to your property. Consider clearing gutters, checking irrigation systems, and planting native plants. These small efforts can help maintain the health and beauty of

your home and contribute to the overall sustainability of our community.

Swale Projects & Stormwater Maintenance

Public Works has been hard at work this year, completing a number of stormwater improvement projects aimed at enhancing drainage throughout Ponce Inlet. These efforts are crucial to prevent flooding and keep our streets safe during heavy rains.

Next up, our staff will be performing swale maintenance along South Peninsula Drive. Swales are essential for managing stormwater and helping to direct rainwater off the roads into the ground, reducing the risk of flooding. Proper maintenance of these areas ensures that stormwater flows efficiently, keeping our streets dry and safe.

To support these efforts, we ask that residents and contractors refrain from depositing leaves, branches, or other debris near swales and storm drains. By keeping these areas clear, you are helping us maintain the integrity of the drainage system and improve the flow of stormwater. Together, we can ensure that Ponce Inlet remains a beautiful and safe community for everyone.



Ponce Inlet Spring Cleaning

Hazardous Waste & Shredding Event

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 10AM - 2PM

Ponce Inlet Community Center 4670 S. Peninsula Drive



Advanced Hazmat Solutions

Safe Disposal:

- Paint
- Waste Pesticides
- Acidic Liquids
- Flammable Aerosols & Liquids
- 4ft Lightbulbs

Safe Disposal: Sensitive Documents





Help us keep Ponce Inlet Beautiful!







For more information please contact Lindsay Gatrost, Public Works Lgatrost@ponce-inlet.org | (386) 322-6729

Garbage & Yard Waste Guidelines for Ponce Inlet Residents

Pickup Schedule:

- **Garbage:** Collected twice a week on Monday and Thursday.
- **Recycling:** Collected once a week on Tuesday.
- Yard Waste: Collected once a week on Wednesday.

Garbage Container Rules

- Place All Garbage in Containers: Put both moist and dry garbage into garbage cans or containers for pickup. Please no loose bags at the curbside.
- **Clean Up Spills:** Pick up and place any spilled garbage—caused by dogs, cats, raccoons, wind, or people—back into cans or containers.
- Position Containers for Easy Access: Set garbage cans and containers where collection crews can easily reach them.



Yard Waste Disposal Tips

- **Pile Yard Waste Neatly:** Stack grass, leaves, small twigs, branches, and yard trimmings on the pavement or next to the street line for easy handling.
- **Keep Streets and Gutters Clear:** Avoid piling yard waste in the street or gutter to prevent it from washing away.

- **Protect Stormwater Drains:** Do not block stormwater drains with yard waste.
- **Cut Large Branches:** Trim large branches into pieces no longer than 4 feet and weighing no more than 40 pounds.

Yard Waste does NOT include:

- Treated Lumber
- Rocks
- Soil
- Waste generated by tree surgeons or arborist services

Yard debris co-mingled with non-organic material will not be collected.

Contractor Responsibility: If a contractor is hired for vegetation trimming or removal, they are responsible for removing and disposing of the waste, not the town's waste service.

Waste Pro handles all garbage, yard waste, and recycling removal for single-family residences in Ponce Inlet.

• **Customer Service:** Residents can contact Waste Pro for inquiries, comments, or to report issues with trash services at 386-788-8890 or visit the website at https://www.wasteprousa.com/office/daytona-beach/

Special Note for Condo/Multi-Family Residents

Residents in condos or multi-family units need to contact their condo association for specific pickup details, as Waste Pro's services outlined here apply only to single-family homes.

Town Ordinance: Click Here



A Heartfelt Thank You to Fred and Cooper at Waste Pro

We want to give a huge shout-out to our incredible refuse collectors, Fred and Cooper, at Waste Pro! Rain or shine, they tackle their routes with unwavering dedication, ensuring Ponce Inlet stays clean and beautiful. Whether they're braving the heat or navigating tricky curbside pickups, Fred and Cooper always greet residents with a warm smile and a friendly wave. Their hard work and positive attitude make a big difference in our community, and we're so lucky to have them serving our town. Thank you, Fred and Cooper, for all you do!



From Cultural Services Manager, Jackie Alex...



Preserve. Unlike the beetles released in 2022, which fed on the plant's leaves, these new beetles target the air potato bulbils at the base of the vine, stopping the spread at its source.

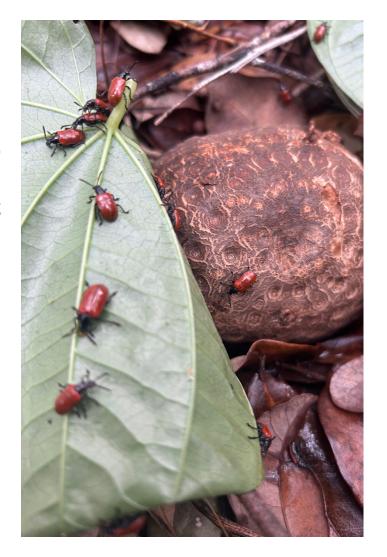
The Town of Ponce Inlet is fully committed to supporting native plants and maintaining a balanced, thriving ecosystem. By reducing invasive species such as the air potato plant, we are protecting local wildlife and safeguarding the natural beauty of Ponce Preserve, ensuring that this beloved park can be enjoyed for generations to come. Next time you find yourself out on the trails, be sure to say hello to our favorite beetle!

Our Favorite Beetle

Ponce Preserve is cherished by our community for its scenic trails, historic landmarks, and rich variety of native plants. While exploring the park's trails, however, you may come across the invasive air potato plant. This vine is found in nearly every county in Florida, and its rapid spread threatens our state's ecosystems by choking out native growth. It is easily recognizable by its brown bulbils, which resemble potatoes.

To mitigate this issue, the Florida Department of Agriculture (FDACS) has introduced a natural and sustainable method of biological control. Air potato beetles, which feed on the invasive plant, can be introduced to hinder the vine's growth. These small, unassuming insects serve as an effective defense against invasive species in our ecosystems.

On February 25th, the Cultural Services Department and resident Barbara Davis (lead volunteer of the "Ponce Preservers") released new air potato beetles into Ponce



Special Events

There are numerous special events taking place in Ponce Inlet throughout the year. To determine if your event requires a Special Event permit, please review the Special Event regulations in <u>Chapter 51</u> of the Town's Code of Ordinances. All questions can be directed to Jackie Alex, <u>jalex@ponce-inlet.org</u>, or (386) 322-6703.

Upcoming Events and Programs

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. For all events, please contact Jackie with any questions at jalex@ponce-inlet.org or (386) 322-6703.

Events for April:

Scavenger Hunt @ the Park

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

Saturday, April 12, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Ponce Preserve

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

Free; RSVP by 4/5 required: Julie: <u>jcotton@</u> ponce-inlet.org or (386)761-2408

Children's Easter Egg Hunt Party

The egg hunt begins promptly at 10:00am. Ages will be divided into groups. After the egg hunt, get your picture with the Bunny and check out the petting zoo. Be sure to bring your basket!

Saturday, April 19, 2025 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kay & Ayres Davies Lighthouse Park 4931 S. Peninsula Drive

Free.

Jackie: jalex@ponce-inlet.org or (386) 322-6703

Flutter by the Park

Learn all about host and nectar plants for butterflies, then join us for a craft and bring home native wildflower seeds to start your very own butterfly garden.

Saturday, April 26, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Dr., under the gazebo by the playground.

Free; space is limited to 18 people. RSVP by 4/19 required. Julie: <u>jcotton@ponce-inlet.</u> org or (386)761-2408

Events for May:

What's the Buzz? Bee Encounter

Come meet bee expert Marlin Athearn and his talented honey-making bees! Honey and beeswax candles are for purchase at the event.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Dr., under the gazebo by the playground.

Free; space is limited to 18 people. RSVP by 4/30 required: Julie: jcotton@ponce-inlet. org or (386)761-2408



Mermaids and Manatees in May

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

Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Timucuan Oaks Garden

4550 S. Peninsula Dr., outside on the lawn.

Free; RSVP by 5/3 required: Julie: jcotton@ponce-inlet.org or (386) 761-2408



Pet Rock Painting

Fun for all ages! Join us in the park any time between 9:00 and 11:00 AM to paint and decorate a few rocks to take home.

Saturday, May 17, 2025 @ 9:00-11:00 AM

Ponce Preserve

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

Free; RSVP by 5/10 required: Julie: <u>jcotton@</u> 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, then join us for a craft project! Parents and children 2 and up.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Ponce Preserve

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

Free; RSVP by 5/21 required: Julie: jcotton@ponce-inlet.org or (386) 761-2408

Events for June:

Shell-A-Bration

Come shell-a-brate at the park! Create a frame accented with shells and learn the names of some of the more common seashells found in our area. All supplies included.

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 @ 9:30 AM

Ponce Preserve

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

Free; space is limited to 18 people. RSVP by 6/4 required: Julie: <u>jcotton@ponce-inlet.org</u> or (386) 761-2408

Watermelon Day

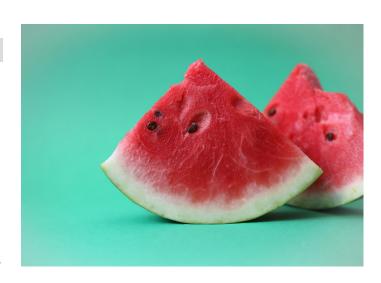
Join us to paint a watermelon-themed pot and plant watermelon seeds; play a game and enjoy nice, cool watermelon on a hot summer day!

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 @ 9:30 AM

Ponce Preserve

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

\$5 per participant; space is limited to 12 people. Pre-payment is required at Town Hall by 6/18. Julie: <u>jcotton@ponce-inlet.org</u> or (386) 761-2408



Events for July:

Shark Exploration Day

Participate in a fun shark craft and a game that reflects the local history and environment that surrounds us!

Friday, July 18, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Town Hall Council Chambers 4300 S. Atlantic Ave.

Free; RSVP by 7/11 required: Julie: jcotton@ponce-inlet.org or (386) 761-2408



Events for August:

Grandparents Day Celebration

ECHO Ranger Event: Celebrate your family's history and create a keepsake with your grandchild.

Saturday, August 2, 2025 @ 9:30 AM

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Drive

Free; space is limited to 18 people. RSVP by 7/25 required: Julie: jcotton@ponce-inlet. org or (386) 761-2408

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Cultural Services Department is currently seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to volunteer during programs and special events throughout the year! Volunteering is a wonderful way to contribute your skills, knowledge, and time to help shape the future of our community. If you would like to join us as a volunteer for any of the programs above, please contact our Cultural Services Coordinator at (386) 761-2408 or email jcotton@ponce-inlet.org.

Invasive Plant Removal

Do you want to help protect our Town's native ecosystem? Join volunteers to learn about invasive plants. They will teach you proper removal techniques to then apply within Ponce Preserve. Volunteers should bring sunscreen, bug repellent, garden gloves, a hat, and closed-toe shoes.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer, please contact our Cultural Services Coordinator at (386) 761-2408 or email icotton@ponce-inlet.org.

Age: 18+ Volunteer Application is required.

Tuesdays

8:00-10:00 am

Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Dr.





The Community Center has buzzed with activity over the past few months, and we're thrilled to share everything we've been up to. Before we dive into the whirlwind of events, we need your help with something special.

We're actively recruiting new Board of Trustees members! These volunteers power our mission, meeting once a month and pitching in to make our special events a hit. As we ramp up activities at the Center, we'll call on Board members from time to time to lend a hand and ensure every event succeeds. If this sparks your interest, swing by the Community Center and complete an application.

Now, let's dive into the excitement of the last few months! Our calendar has brimmed with events, including a concert by world-renowned violinist Dixon, weddings, a Town Hall meeting, a celebration of life, baby showers, a Quinceanera, and various birthday parties. We also partner with 'Big Red' to host regular blood drives, where our residents generously donate 'the gift of life.'

Here's a big update: we now host a weekly farmers market every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM! Launched the second week of January, this market features amazing vendors. Our community loves the steady schedule, convenient location, and ideal

timing. Swing by to enjoy tasty food, fresh veggies, sweets, and more—we'll see you there! Please visit our website <u>here.</u>

PICCI PROGRESS! We're transforming the facility, and it's looking fantastic! Here's what we've accomplished:

- Painted the interior to give it a fresh, modern vibe.
- Replaced outdated flatware and dishes with brand-new ceramic sets.
- Added two large picnic tables to the southern pavilion for outdoor fun.
- Enhanced our website to promote the Center, its various clubs, the Ponce Church, the Farmers Market, and its availability as a venue for all kinds of celebrations.
- Joined <u>Eventective.com</u> to market the Center to anyone searching for the perfect event space.
- Bought a tabletop projector for renters using the boardroom for meetings.
- Installed eye-catching signage to boost the weekly farmers market.
- Added a second portable arch to decorate for weddings and events.
- Set up stylish stanchions to mark event entrances with flair.
- Painted the pathway to the wedding/ ceremony platform on the west side—we'll tackle the remaining sidewalks around the building once landscaping wraps up.

Thank you for supporting the PICCI! We're excited to welcome you to our upcoming event.









Ponce Inlet Corvette Club

by Kevin Kirsch

Welcome to spring and the start of a new and exciting year of events with yet a fond farewell to an amazing 2024 quarter. But before I share with you all the events we, as a club, did and are planning, let me share more about our club's charitable purpose. The PICC elects members to join in our Charitable Committee each year. The committee meets monthly to determine groups that could use our attention for funding to be approved by the club members with an appropriate amount of money to donate. Once a group or groups have been determined, the leadership of that group is invited to come and speak at our club meeting and receive the donation and a gratis meal. This year we will look at donating to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and the Turtle Patrol, overwhelmingly approved by the membership. How could we not help support these fine organizations that mean so much to our community? There are also several other charities below that we currently support through our club events and annual car show revenues. Read more about them and their great missions.

The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club currently supports the following charities:

Halifax Urban Ministries

Halifax Urban Ministries helps the poor & homeless with shelter, housing, food, case management, support programs & emergency assistance. Their mission is preventing homelessness through emergency assistance & intervening on behalf of homeless people.

Visit Halifax Urban Ministries.

Relay for Life

Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 20 countries.

Relay is a team fundraising event where team members take turns walking around a track or designated path. Each event is 6-24 hours in length, and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps. Cancer patients don't stop because they're tired, and for one night, neither do we.

Each team sets up a themed campsite at the event and continues their fundraising efforts by collecting donations for food, goods, games, and activities. This money will count towards their overall team fundraising goal.

Visit Relay for Life.

Paws for War

Our top mission is to train and place shelter dogs to serve and provide independence to our U.S. military veterans that suffer from the emotional effects of war.

Visit Paws for War.

Now for a moment, if you are a PI Corvette owner, please consider lending your time and talent to help grow our club, enjoy wonderful camaraderie, and support our Charitable Committee and the amazing charities they look for each month!

We are currently planning for our next annual One Daytona Ponce Inlet Corvette Show that draws thousands in attendance from multiple states in the beautiful One Daytona show space. More information on the next show below, as well as where and when to attend a club meeting!

REGISTER FOR THE SHOW:

Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the 17th Annual Corvette Show. Registration is now open.

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY

- -185 CAR LIMIT
- -Flier Click here.
- -Registration Form (Download, Print, Mail) Click here.

Contact Information:

-Jeff Bernatovich: 315-436-1500

apexvette@aol.com

-Mike Wasson: 573-418-1216

mwasson@michaelswasson.com

NO CREDIT CARDS, please.

The AWARDS are amazing and plentiful, including:

- -BEST OF SHOW
- -PRESIDENT'S CHOICE
- -TOP 11 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd AWARDS FOR JUDGED CLASSES

-\$200 PARTICIPATING CLUB DRAWING 8 CARS REGISTERED TO BE ELIGIBLE

FOR PI CORVETTE OWNERS WISHING TO JOIN THE PICC, MEETING INFO:

General Meeting Every Third Thursday of the Month The next meeting is on Apr. 17, 2025.

HIDDEN LAKES CLUBHOUSE

35 FAIRGREEN AVE

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL

Social @ 5:00PM, Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Please consider joining us for a meeting and a meet and greet.

You will not regret the evening nor attending the events on tap!

Last quarter's events recap:

Saturday, Dec 14th: PICC Christmas Party at the Spruce Creek Country Club

Saturday, Jan 18th: Drive Out. Exotic Animal Rescue. 9:00 am

Tuesday, Feb 4th: Board Meeting Louie's Pizza House 5:30 pm

Thursday, Feb 6th: Charity Committee McKenna's Port Orange 11:30 am

Saturday, Feb 8th: The North Turns NASCAR Living Legends Parade

Monday, Feb 10th: Ladies Luncheon Outrigger's Tiki Bar 11:30 am

Thursday, Feb 13th: Men's Luncheon Eagles in Port Orange 12:45 pm

Tuesday, Feb 18th: Drive out to Crescent City for lunch at 3 Bananas Restaurant.

Thursday, Feb 20th: Monthly Meeting Hidden Lakes 5:00 pm

Saturday, Feb 22nd: Club Drive out and Car Show at the Paradise Point Assisted Living Facility in Ormond Beach.

Upcoming quarter's events:

Saturday, May 3rd—Vettes at One Daytona. 9:00 a.m.



Tight lines and Phins Up, Ponce Inlet Catch you next quarter, or at a meeting. Best to you, Kevin Kirsch

Garden Club of Ponce Inlet

by Patricia Morris



Spring has finally sprung, and before we know it, spring flowers will be blooming all around our beautiful town. The upcoming months will be busy for our club, starting with our membership meetings, which resumed after the holiday season.

Our January Membership Meeting was held on January 22, welcoming all of our members to our 1st meeting of the New Year. At this meeting we welcomed our 1st speaker for the year. Joining us was Donna Athearn from Marlins Bees. Donna's topic was Pollination: How important is it? The program was very educational for all of our members.

We also resumed collecting non-perishable food for the RJ Longstreet Pantry, which we will continue through April. However, we did take the time to award our January Beautification Award to a local resident. Our January Award went to Gary and Alicia Phillips of 115 Anchor Drive. While Gary and Alicia could not join us at our meeting, our beautification sign was placed on their lawn, and they received their Beautification Certificate and plant recognizing their beautiful landscaping. If you did not get a chance to see their property in January, we hope you enjoy the below photos of their eye-catching landscape.







In February, we welcomed Katie Tripp as a guest speaker at our monthly membership meeting. Katie, who has her PhD, is the proud owner of Natural Beauty Native Florida Landscapes LLC. Katie spoke to our members about preserving native plants and water management. It was a very informative talk, and Katie stayed around to answer many questions from our members. Katie also brought many non-invasive native Florida plants to share with our members to fill their landscaping needs just in time for spring plantings. If you know our town, you will understand what a valuable and timely topic this is for our town.



In February, we also continued planning for our Annual Field Trip and our Arts, Plants, and Craft Show. This year our Annual Field Trip will be to Winter Park. While there, our members will enjoy a docent-guided tour of the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum, which will also feature an exhibit of mosaic and glass masterpieces from Tiffany & Company. After our tour, members will have lunch at a restaurant of their choice, followed by shopping at some of the many beautiful shops that can be found in Winter Park. We look forward to sharing with you all many pictures from this fun day in our next newsletter.

Finally, our Arts, Crafts, and Plant Show was held on March 7 and 8, following months of planning by our members. We were very pleased to have a sold-out show and excited to welcome 42 vendors, many of whom have been participating in our show for many years, and several new vendors participating for the 1st time. Highlights of our show included both indoor and outdoor vendors, displaying and selling their unique and varied handmade arts and crafts. Our vendors were joined by our Garden Club Crafters, JJ's Jewelry, and our very special plant sale just in time for spring. And of course, we can't forget our popular Bake Sale, which featured home-baked offerings donated by our members. In addition, we had seven beautiful raffle baskets, which, as always, included our ever-popular Lottery Wheel. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words, so we hope you enjoy just some of the photos of our vendors who happily participated in our show. We can't thank our members enough for all of their hard work in once again making our show such a wonderful and successful event.





In March our club also holds its Annual Business Meeting. At this meeting we begin our planning for the upcoming year. While our 1st meeting of the new year will not begin until September 2025, a lot of planning takes place starting this month. Our members are able to select which of our 16 committees they may be interested in participating in. These committees range from chairing or volunteering for one of our two major fundraising events—our Arts, Crafts, and Plant Show and our Ice Cream Social—to volunteering to be our monthly devotional speaker, organizing our ongoing Food Drive and scholarship programs, maintaining club history, or serving as our Hospitality or Beautification Monthly Awards volunteers for the upcoming year. These are just a few of the committees our members can participate in. All of these committees demonstrate just how committed our club is to our club, our town, and its residents.

Our Beautification Committee also selected our March Beautification Award winners. This month's award went to the Werts' of 2 Marsh Court. If you have a chance, please feel free to drive by the Wert's beautiful landscape display. If not, please enjoy the pictures below.



Coming up on April 23rd, we will be hosting our Annual Arbor Day Celebration. This year will mark the 53rd anniversary of the national celebration of Arbor Day and the 31st anniversary of Ponce Inlet being declared a Tree City. Arbor Day is traditionally marked by the planting of trees and emphasizing care for trees as a way to sustainably protect our planet's natural resources. Our guests for the day included several town officials, including Mayor Lois Paritsky, Chief of Police Jeff Glazier, and Fire Chief Dan Scales, along with several other town representatives. Our program for the day will include our guest speaker, Jessica Fentress, Coastal Director for Volusia County. Jessica will be giving a very informative presentation regarding dune restoration in Ponce Inlet, which is certainly a topic generating great interest in Ponce Inlet.

At this annual celebration, the Garden Club will be awarding its Charitable Donations for the year to 3 very deserving charities. This year's charitable awards, as submitted by our members and approved by our board and general membership, are: "In this Corner, Inc."—a non-profit neurological

gym and fitness center offering programs designed to target symptoms of Parkinson's and other neurological issues; "Carson's Crew"—a" non-profit organization with a mission to improve physical and mental health outcomes through the power of innovation, advocacy, and education for young adults; and "Dogs, Inc."—formerly known as Southeastern Guide Dogs— a non-profit organization using guide dogs and service dogs to transform lives and form unbreakable bonds with their human partners. Our donation will be earmarked for Veterans Service Dogs.

Finally, our club will be announcing our Honorary Gardener and Gardener of the Year awards. The Honorary Gardener of the Year is an individual who has made a substantial contribution to our club over the past year, who is not a member of the Garden Club. The Gardener of the Year is a member of our club who has made a significant contribution during the past year. We will be happy to share our award winners in our next newsletter.

On Sunday, May 4, the Garden Club will host its annual Ice Cream Social. This year's theme will again be "Cinco De Mayo." Our Kid's Zone with crafts and gifts, as well as our wonderful Raffle prizes, which will include our perennial favorite Lottery Wheel, will also be included this year. Capping this all off, Lighthouse Ice Cream will again generously contribute lots of ice cream for all to enjoy. We can't thank Lighthouse Ice Cream enough for their generous donation and look forward to hosting this wonderful event for all of our local residents, family, and friends to enjoy. Look for some photos of happy faces enjoying this annual event in the next newsletter.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF PONCE INLET PRESENTS



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

RAFFLES...KIDS ZONE...CUPCAKES...ICE CREAM

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH FROM 1PM-4PM

ADMISSION \$5.00

PONCE INLET COMMUNITY CENTER 4670 PENINSULA DRIVE

Finally, at our May Membership meeting, we will close out our year with a wrap-up of our activities and the installation of our new Board Officers elected to serve for the next two years. I would like to take this opportunity to extend thanks to all of our Board and Club members, who work tirelessly and diligently to ensure that we accomplish all of the goals set forth for our Club.

As you can see from this and previous newsletters, our club continues to work 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. We thank all of our members for their continued support and beautification of the town we all call 'home.'

As always, anyone interested in joining our club is welcome to pick up an application at the Community Center. Our membership meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Community Center at 10:30 AM. Our 1st meeting of the year is on Wednesday, September 27th.

Ponce Inlet Lions Club By Nancy Epps, President



The Ponce Inlet Lions Club started the new year by hosting the Zones 6 and 7 Lions meeting on February 3 at the Community Center. Seven clubs attended from all over the east coast, ranging from Palm Coast to New Smyrna Beach. Special guests included District Governor Bob Armstrong and featured speaker Mamie Otis, Executive Director of Food Brings Hope. A highlight of the evening for our club was awarding the 2024-25 Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) to town resident Margo Whalen. The MJF is the highest form of recognition in Lionism, and it embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. Margo has been an invaluable support to one of our Florida Lions endorsed entities, Dogs Inc., formerly Southeastern Guide Dogs. Due to her very generous donations since 2012, thirteen veterans' assistance dogs have been paired with a veteran suffering from PTSD, and their lives have been immeasurably improved. The record of success is proven in that no veteran who has received a dog has committed suicide compared to up to 35 per day who do not have the benefit of a trained dog. Thank you again for your support, Margo!





At our March meeting, our speaker was Steve Cameron, District Manager of Waste Pro. He talked about recycling, the lingering staffing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the hazards faced by the collection crews. He explained that there is no longer a market for recycled glass, and only plastics numbered 1–5 are recyclable. Recycling is significantly more expensive than taking garbage to the landfill—about four times more. He said that people who mix garbage in the recycling cause an entire truck of recyclable items to be wasted because they become contaminated and must be taken to the landfill. Things that should never go in the recycling bins: food, including things like pizza boxes (because of the grease) and any cardboard that has a waxy coating like a milk container. Hazards in the regular trash: biohazardous material like needles; any hazardous materials or paint; fire extinguishers; flammable material such as propane. The trucks have cameras, and they will hold liable anyone who trashes an inappropriate item that causes injury or death.

Speakers planned for our meetings this spring include State Representative Chase Tramont on June 4th. He will share with us a summary of the spring 2025 Florida legislative session. The meeting will be open to the public.

We meet at the community center at 6 PM on the first Wednesday of the month, and we have dinner for \$10 if you are interested. Please RSVP to me if you plan to attend: nancyepps@cfl.rr.com.

We Lions in Florida are getting excited about the International Lions Convention coming to Orlando in July! Lions from all over the globe will be coming to central Florida, and many of us will be participating. I was lucky to attend the 2017 international convention in Chicago, which marked the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs. It was really special to see hundreds of Lions from many nations, many dressed in special Lions fabrics from their countries, etc.

To assist with your spring cleaning, the clothing and fabrics recycling collection box is back at the community center. Items accepted by Phill the Box:

Clothing Apparel & Shoes: Items should be clean and placed in plastic bags—we accept gently used women's, children's, baby's, and men's clothing.

Accessories: Purses, Backpacks, Handbags, Clutches, Tote Bags, Shoulder Bags, Laptop Bags, Hats, Gloves, Ties, Scarves, Belts, and Wallets.

Please do <u>not</u> place those items in the smaller box bearing the Lions logo that is closer to South Peninsula. That box is for your old eyeglasses and hearing aids, and we recycle them through a different pathway.



We are still working on our plans for bingo, and we plan to reprise Barktoberfest on October 18. This was one of the best-attended dinner dances every year until the pandemic. Barktoberfest is primarily dedicated to raising funds for a veteran's service dog. Please plan to support both so we can support our charities, including eye exams, eyeglasses, eye surgeries, vision testing, retina screening, diabetes screening, the Florida Lions Eye Bank, the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired, etc.

Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association



Memorial Day

We want to extend an invitation for all to join us on Monday, May 26, 2025, at 9:00 AM when we celebrate Memorial Day with a ceremony at the Memorial at Davies Lighthouse Park. Please note the earlier start time so it will be cooler for the attendees and participants. Our Ponce Inlet ceremony will include a guest speaker, a dedication and wreath laying, a firing squad, and taps. And finally, and most importantly, help us observe a moment of remembrance and respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. A special visual part of the ceremony is always the flyover by the Spruce Creek Gaggle—a group of pilots who have participated with their planes for years.

The Association continues to move forward with the plans to expand the Memorial with two "Walls of Remembrance" which will allow more people to honor those that served either with a paver or a stainless-steel plaque. In May we hope to launch a

marketing campaign to solicit donors and start taking preorders for pavers and the stainless-steel plaques for the walls. Should you like to be on our mailing list, please drop us a note at piveterans@yahoo.com.





And of course, we are already working on this year's Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Parade, which were such a success last year. This year we hope for even more people to join us for breakfast and many more participants in the parade.

We would like all local veterans and those who are still serving on active duty to join us. The Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial Association is a non-profit 501c(19) organization, and our mission is to maintain our memorial and promote veterans' activities in our community. Dues are \$20 per year, and meetings are held at the Ponce Inlet Community Center at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer. Contact Mark Oebbecke at 610-716-0041 for additional information or to obtain a membership form.

PONCE INLET ANIMAL WELFARE "PAW" BY NANCY EPPS, PRESIDENT

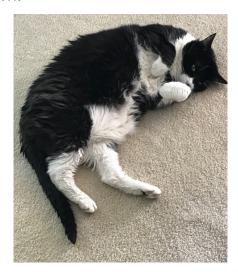
Spring is on the way! Ruthie and Tiki/Lilly, our two resident colony cats, survived the winter well. They have several places stuffed with straw where they can get out of the wind, rain, and cold, and the little beds they make in the straw make it clear they are using them. Our wonderful volunteers treat them daily with love and care as they clean their bowls, feed them, give them fresh water, and generally check them out for any visible problems. We are pretty sure Ruthie is at least sixteen, as evidenced by a picture of the colony taken in 2009 when PAW was formed and authorized by the town to manage the stray cat population in town with a trap, neuter, and return to field (TNR) program. Working with the Redinger Clinic, run by Halifax Humane Society, and Concerned Citizens for Animal Welfare (CCFAW), we have trapped and neutered dozens of cats over the years to limit reproduction.

Please get your pets microchipped. When we find a stray animal that clearly has been living in a home (they have a collar, etc.), we and the police really want to reunite you.

If you would like to be alerted when someone in our area either loses a pet or finds a stray animal, you can sign up for free notices from Paw Boost Lost and Found at www.pawboost.com. They will also post to their Facebook page, and sometimes the town will, and don't forget Nextdoor.

Some folks have asked for an update on Coco, the calico cat who lived in Lighthouse Point Park for fifteen years. As you might remember, someone in the county decided that Coco needed to go, along with the other two cats who have lived there all their lives, and they were all trapped with the intent of taking them to the Halifax Humane Society. Fortunately, one of the volunteer

feeders arrived to feed and found them in cages, and all three were rescued before they were taken away. Coco has now been living with her daughter, Pookie, and Julie Davis. Julie loves her dearly, and Coco has adjusted well. The other two cats, Tigger and Parker, are also in a private home here in town.

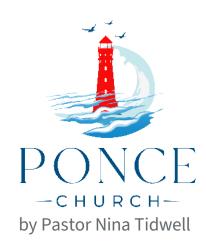


This is Cheeto. He has been living at Southern Paint for about a year, but he needs a real home. He will be getting neutered before this edition comes out, and as most orange kitties are, he is a very nice boy, as you can see. He is about 2-3 years old.



Please let me know if you are interested in giving this sweet guy a furever home. I wish I could take them all!

Our little organization, Ponce Inlet Animal Welfare (PAW), can assist with trapping a cat, getting one sterilized to prevent more unwanted kittens, etc. If you would like to know more about what we do or how you can help, please call me, Nancy Epps, at 386-795-2310.



Ponce Church meets Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the PI Community Center, 4670 S. Peninsula, next to the fire station. Everyone is welcome at Ponce Church.

ESTABLISHED 2003

Twenty-three 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 to teach others what it means to Live by Faith, Love for neighbor by Caring for the orphan, providing food for 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 have done it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me..." Matthew 25:31-46, Matthew 10:8

Visit <u>PonceChurch.com</u> for more information. Thank you.

LEGACY HOUSING FOR GIRLS AND BOYS AGING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM:

Over twelve years ago, the Lord gave Pastor Nina Tidwell His Vision to care for age-out foster girls. In 2016 we opened our first home for girls and have rescued many of these girls and those with children, and last year opened our first home for boys. For the last nine years, we and many who support Legacy Housing have witnessed the transformation of their young lives to give them a future and a hope. Recently, Pastor Nina founded WOMEN FOR ORPHANS at WomenForOrphans.org, enlarging a legacy of housing and caring for age-out foster girls and those with children all throughout the world. WFO is a 501(c)(3) charity.

Women For Orphans and Legacy Housing prevents youth homelessness and trafficking by providing safe housing for girls and boys 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. To learn more and give, we welcome you to visit WomenForOrphans. org and LegacyHousingProject.org, where we provide more information and video testimonies of our Legacy Housing Family.



Thank you for your continued love and support.

Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Ponce Church. (386) 308-1533

4670 S. Peninsula Drive in Ponce Inlet Everyone Welcome! Thank you.

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum

by Zach Hopple



Warming Weather Brings More Opportunities at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum

Spring and summer are always busy seasons at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum. From race fans and bikers flocking to the Daytona area for pre-determined events to Spring Breakers and summer travelers enjoying the warm weather, the lively nature of the guests brings renewed life after a Florida cold snap that has been prolonged this winter.

Major events also help bring the lighthouse volunteers and staff into the new year. The first major event of the calendar year is always Museum at Night. This event, in collaboration with the Museum of Arts and Sciences, is always a favorite for members and guests. On February 3rd, the annual event was held, and, unfortunately, the weather was less than ideal. Greeting the masses that came to climb the lighthouse was a thick fog that blanketed the inlet and tower. Despite the undesirable weather, hundreds of people were able to enjoy the lighthouse, look at the moon (briefly) through the Cassegrain telescopes, and get some unforgettable photographs of the lighthouse in the fog.



The addition Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum continues to set milestones as a social history museum documenting the history of Ponce Inlet. On January 29th, the newest area museum had a grand opening. Hundreds of benefactors, town management, and long-time friends of the lighthouse came to celebrate and cut the ribbon to celebrate this momentous undertaking. Enjoying the new museum, taking in the spectacular views, and hearing wonderful speeches by Mayor Paritsky and Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Executive Director Ed Gunn gave the Pacetti Hotel the kick-off that it truly deserved. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum, we encourage you to come and take in this wonderful attraction!



Upcoming events at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and the Historic Pacetti Hotel are continuously being planned. Regular guided tours of the Pacetti Hotel are listed on the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse website at www.ponceinlet.org. These tours are open to the public and require no reservation.

Along with scheduled tours, the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse will be hosting Florida Lighthouse Day on April 26th, 2025. Joining with lighthouses across the state, the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse will celebrate the history and impact of lighthouses on maritime sailors and the communities that they impact. Please plan on joining us in this celebration from 10:30am until 2:30pm by enjoying family-oriented workshops, handson activities, guided tours, and kids' crafts included with general admission.

Another observance will be Flag Day on June 14th, 2025, from 10:30am until 2:30pm at the lighthouse. Come and learn about maritime communication with a Semaphore Flag presentation, demonstrations of turn-of-the-century life at the lighthouse, and a special flag-making activity for children. There will also be a special presentation by Lead Docent John Mann entitled Flags Over Florida at 1:00pm, highlighting the many countries that have overseen Florida during its very colorful history.

Summer Hours of Operation

With Memorial Day around the corner and summer nearly upon us, the staff of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse once again prepare for our daily hours to increase. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and the Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum will be open from 10:00am until 9:00pm. The Pacetti Hotel Museum hours of operation are subject to change based on planned private events. For more information, please contact the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse at 386-761-1821.

Climb to the Moon

Climb to the Moon at Florida's tallest lighthouse! Treat your significant other, family, friends, coworkers, or simply yourself to breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, the World's Most Famous Beach, Ponce Inlet, and surrounding inland waterways under the golden glow of the setting sun. View the full moon as it rises above the Atlantic Ocean and enjoy panoramic vistas of the Florida coast by moonlight. Join the old lighthouse keeper as he leads you on your journey into the past, and discover the unique history of this National Historic Landmark.

Open to young and old alike, Climb to the Moon is offered only once a lunar month when the moon is at its fullest. Participation is limited to 25 guests per event. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Event dates and times differ depending on the time of the year. Please refer to the Climb to the Moon schedule on the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse website for specific event dates and times.

Climb to the Moon admission prices are \$35 for non-members and \$30 for Preservation Association Members. Memberships may be purchased online. Climb to the Moon tickets

may be purchased in advance by contacting the museum's administrative assistant Amanda Pratt via email at admin@ ponceinlet.org or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 10. Online ticketing can now be done by visiting www.lighthouselocker.org.

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CLIVES TO
JOIN US ON THE EVENING OF THE FULL MOON FOR A PRIVATE TOUR OF THE LIGHT
STATION! ENJOY SPARKLING DRINKS AND TASTY TREATS BEFORE CLIMBING TO THE
TOP OF FLORIDA'S TALLEST LIGHTHOUSE TO MARVEL AT THE BREATHTAKING VIEWS
OF THE SUNSET AND MOONRISE. GUESTS WILL EXPERIENCE A VISIT TO THE TOWER'S
LANTERN ROOM, WHICH HOUSES IT'S STUNNING 3RD ORDER ROTATING FRESNEL LENS.
\$30 MEMBERS / \$35 NON-MEMBERS
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE CALL 386-761-1821 TO BOOK.

Monday, January 13th 4:45 PM - 6:15 PM
Wednesday, February 12th 5:30 PM -7:00 PM
Thursday, March 13th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Monday, April 12th 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Monday, May 12th 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, June 10th 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Thursday, July 10th 7:45 PM - 9:15 PM
Friday, August 8th 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Sunday, September 7th 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Monday, October 6th 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM
Wednesday, November 5th 4:45 PM - 6:15 PM
Thursday, December 4th 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Become a Member

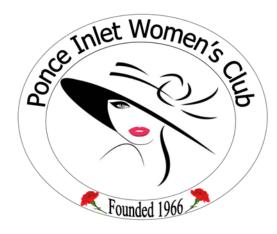
Purchasing an annual membership is one of the most popular and affordable ways to support the Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association in its mission to preserve and disseminate the maritime and social history of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. Benefits of membership include free admission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

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

Volunteerism at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Historic Pacetti Hotel

The Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association is always looking for passionate volunteers to serve at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Historic Pacetti Hotel. No prior volunteer experience is necessary, and training will be provided for all volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Programs Manager Zach Hopple at education@ponceinlet.org, via telephone at (386) 761-1821, or stop by the gift giftshop for more details.





by Rene' Joy Rodriguez

As spring blooms in the coastal Town of Ponce Inlet, the Women's Club is thriving with a renewed sense of community and purpose. With 88 members and growing, the club continues to foster connections among women, empower each other through service, and enhance the quality of life in Ponce Inlet and its surrounding areas.

In this edition, you'll find a recap of past meetings and events as well as details about upcoming meetings, fundraisers, and special projects that showcase our commitment to community improvement.

We kicked off the year hearing from special guest speaker and local author Derek Catron at our January meeting, followed by our new member welcome luncheon in February. The room was full of new faces, and it was lovely getting to know each other.



















In March, the Women's Club annual fashion show themed "Springtime in Paris" featured fashions by Clara of Em'z on Fifth. The event was SOLD OUT, and the 110 ladies in attendance felt the sense of elegance and charm, reminiscent of the city's beauty during spring. Members were encouraged to wear hats and fascinators. Congratulations to the winners of best hat, Anne Peacock-Jacobs and Jill Butte, for best fascinator. A special thank you to all of our sponsors and those who donated and attended! You don't want to miss out on next year's event!!











It has been a great start to the year, and with funds raised, the club was able to make a generous \$1,000 donation to the Domestic Abuse Council of Volusia County. Additionally, two Daytona State College students will receive \$2,000 scholarships, highlighting the club's commitment to education.

The Ponce Inlet Women's Club has a lot in store for the upcoming months. Special guest speaker and member Betsy Lindley will discuss the mind-body connection at our April meeting. Felipe De Paula, the curator at Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, will be the guest speaker, followed by lunch in May to discuss the Constance D. Hunter Historic Pacetti Hotel Museum.

The club's annual day trip will take place on April 15th. Members and guests will embark on a luxury motor coach trip to historic St. Augustine for a day of sightseeing, dining, and shopping.

As the club continues to grow and make a difference in the community, it welcomes everyone to be part of its journey and join its Facebook page for updates on upcoming events: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1127601197386115/?ref=share_group_link.

Enjoy your break in June and have a wonderful summer. We look forward to catching up again when we resume our meetings in September.

If you are interested in new friendships, opportunities to serve the community, and FUN... The Ponce Inlet Women's Club would love for you to join! Please reach out to Urszula Zumwalt at uzumwalt@yahoo.com to get started. The club meets from September to May at 10:30 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Residents of Ponce Inlet and surrounding areas are welcome... Join us as we continue to grow together, support one another, and make a difference in our beloved town. Thank you for being a part of our journey. Please enjoy these photos from past events, showcasing the camaraderie and spirit of our members.































































































TOWN OF PONCE INLET

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

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

CITIZENS FOR PONCE INLET (C4Pi)

The Citizens for Ponce Inlet Newsletter is published quarterly throughout the year to inform the citizens and businesses of Ponce Inlet about matters which may be of interest or have an impact on them. The Newsletter is not a public forum and no editorial articles or letters will be accepted for publication.

For 35 years the Citizens for Ponce Inlet Newsletter has been distributed in paper form. Volunteers on foot and sometimes roller skates faithfully delivered the letter to the households. As the years passed, the publication was mailed directly to all residents and property owners. In 2020, the Citizens for Ponce Inlet (CFPI) created the website www.C4Pi.org 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.

Newsletter Content and Publication Requirements

The Quarterly CFPI Newsletters are finalized around the end of December, March, June, and September. Deadlines for submitting content are as follows:

December 15th Winter Edition

March 15th Spring Edition

June 15th Summer Edition

September 15th Fall Edition

Upload your submissions:

https://www.c4pi.org/newsletter-contentportal/

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

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

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

Please email <u>admin@c4pi.org</u> with your contact information and questions.

Donations may be made directly on the <u>C4Pi.org website</u> 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.



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Citizens for Ponce Inlet, Inc. has achieved 501(c)(3) status, marking a significant milestone in its more than 40-year history as an entirely volunteer-driven organization dedicated to serving the residents of Ponce Inlet. The organization's roots trace back over four decades, when it first embarked on a mission to conduct research, investigate various issues, and propose initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life in Ponce Inlet. Its primary objective was to collaborate with the Town Council in shaping a community that would be a source of pride for all. Today, this dedicated organization not only persists in pursuing these objectives but also annually recognizes and celebrates exceptional citizen volunteers through its Annual Awards Banquet. Among the accolades bestowed are the Citizen of the Year Award as well as various Lifetime Achievement Awards, reserved for residents who have generously volunteered for more than two decades.

Furthermore, CFPI, Inc./C4Pi hosts an annual Election Forum, providing residents with a valuable platform to engage with town council candidates. In a recent development, the organization introduced an Election Edition Newsletter, distributed via email to its C4Pi membership. This newsletter serves as a medium for candidates to address crucial community

concerns and questions. In an effort to conserve funds, offer more information, and adapt to the digital age, CFPI established the C4Pi.org website in 2019. This platform grants members the opportunity to access a digital quarterly newsletter, along with an extensive archive spanning over 40 years of past newsletters.

In addition to the services mentioned earlier, the C4Pi.org website also provides users to access live streaming of town council meetings and other special town council meetings or conveniently view stored videos at their leisure.

For those seeking even more information and ways to get involved, the website offers an extensive assortment of resources and details. Please visit www.C4Pi.org

Citizens for Ponce Inlet is constantly on the lookout for dedicated volunteers who possess website and computer skills, expertise in newsletter publication, and strong writing talent. If you are interested in contributing your skills and making a positive impact, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact Lynn Albinson, President, at lynn.albinson@c4pi.org to express your interest and learn more about how you can be a valuable part of this community-driven organization.

We are also grateful for any tax-deductible donations you may make to help us continue these valuable community services. Thank you.



Join Today!

"Our Mission is to Educate and Preserve"

The Citizens For Ponce Inlet Website compiles and organizes all of the relevant and critical information you need into one single, easy to navigate information portal. It's like having the entire town at your fingertips. With just 1-2 clicks on your smartphone or desktop, you can access:

- Live Streaming
- News Alerts
- Town News & Events
- Campaign Reports
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Monthly Police & Fire Activity Reports
- Agendas & Minutes for All Meetings
- Extensive Library of Past Meetings
- Participate in our Surveys

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

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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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