

# SPRING 2017

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## – YOUR TRUSTEES –

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	John Cellucci
	Kitty Switkes
	Brad Wester
MSD Attorney	Wayne Flowers

## – CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE – GARY JURENOVICH

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your MSD Chairman this past year. I believe we all realize what a special community we live in and every Trustee that serves on your MSD Board works hard to keep it that way. However, this was not a “normal” year for us here in the MSD as we had a very close call with a passing hurricane. I sincerely hope that in the 24 hours before the storm shifted track to the North, that every resident in the MSD realized how powerful and devastating a hurricane can be. MSD Trustees worked closely with county emergency operations to keep residents informed as we had a Trustee stationed within the County Emergency Operations Center during the storm. Numerous email alerts, warnings and updates were sent to residents in real time as they were issued. Updates and information received from the St. Johns County Sherriff’s Office were passed along as well. Although the overall feeling is that we truly did “dodge a bullet with this one” I hope that we all learned how to better prepare and plan for a storm of this magnitude. It comes with living near the ocean.



Our beach did a good job of protecting us but now it needs our help to get it back to where it once was. Your MSD Board has been working with residents and officials to help move this process along. We have built a strong relationship with St. Johns County officials and strive to maintain that relationship to benefit every homeowner and resident here in the MSD. The MSD borders eleven miles of the prettiest beach in the entire State of Florida and we are going to work daily to keep it clean and easily accessible for everyone to enjoy.

Other projects within the past year have moved forward as well, and by the time you are reading this, our new street signs and poles should be installed. We have had significant improvements in drainage along Ponte Vedra Boulevard. We also have three new MSD Trustees elected to serve on your board this year and I look forward to working with each of them in the upcoming year. It is your community and MSD Trustees work hard to represent your interests. Become involved in your community and attend an MSD meeting. Please let us know how we can serve you.

## – 2016 – BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- New street signs & poles throughout MSD.
- Coordinated Emergency Communication and Recovery before, during and after Hurricane Matthew.
- Installed additional 29 streetlights along A1A between Mickler Rd. and the Guana Preserve.
- Upgraded the sewer and water lines between the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club and San Juan Boulevard. Rebuilt storm drains at Ponte Vedra Boulevard and San Diego Road.
- Participated in Traffic Task Force efforts to study the traffic problems in Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley resulting in County and Regional funding of a traffic study to be completed in June 2017.
- Worked with residents to get Florida DOT to remove rumble stripes along A1A between Mickler Road and Villano Beach. Rumble stripes scheduled to be removed by March 2017.
- Repaved Solana Road and repainted traffic stop sign bars throughout MSD.
- JEA continued installing new air intakes to improve sewer system performance.



## VICE CHAIRMAN – JOHN WEGL

As the MSD Board concludes another year, we highlight some of the major accomplishments of this past year. The installation of rumble stripes along A1A from Mickler's to Villano resulted in a major disruption of lifestyle to our residents in that area. Working with residents and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) staff, we succeeded in having FDOT decide to remove the stripes, and they should be gone in the first quarter of 2017. Old water and sewer lines were replaced along the northern end of San Juan. After two years of working with FDOT, an additional 29 streetlights were installed along A1A between Mickler and the Guana Preserve. Additional streetlights were also installed in Avalon South after the expansion of that subdivision. JEA has been replacing air intakes for the sewer system to improve the reliability of that system.

We are participating with other Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley organizations to study and develop solutions to our ever increasing traffic problems succeeding in getting the county and North Florida Transportation Planning Organization to fund a study of the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley traffic with a final report due in June 2017.

Please, if you notice any streetlights that are out or malfunctioning, call Beaches Energy at 904.247.6171 to report the problem. As always, your Board welcomes your attendance at our meetings and your participation in improving the MSD.



## TRUSTEE – GREG WONG

Hurricane Matthew had the potential to radically change our quality of life in the MSD. Luckily, for most of us in Ponte Vedra, it just resulted in storm damage repair and debris clean up. I want to again thank all of you who heeded the evacuation order and sought shelter in safer locations. Your MSD Board of Trustees did our very best to keep you informed before, during, and after the hurricane emergency. We cannot stress how important it is for each of the MSD residents to sign up for our e-mail distributions – this is our primary communication tool with each of you during MSD emergencies. The sign-up box can be found in the upper right corner on the homepage of our website at [www.pvmsd.org](http://www.pvmsd.org).

We all have a debt of gratitude to our County's Government Officials and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel. In particular, I would like to thank County Administrator Michael Wanchick, St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar, and EOC management for their especially effective leadership during Hurricane Matthew. Even more importantly, we should all look to thank the First Responders that kept us, our families, and our homes safe during the storm. Commander Harrington, Sergeant Lawing, Corporal Garns, MSD Deputies Tedder, Datsko, Cieslik, Schoenfeld and Johnson, and the firefighters at Station 10 were exemplary in protecting us from harm. We are very lucky to have them in our community.

Beach restoration is a top priority for residents along the water, those living nearby, and the entire MSD community. We all recognize that the dunes are the primary line of defense to protect us from future hurricanes and Nor'easters. One of my colleagues, Trustee Kitty Switkes has been assigned as the lead Trustee to coordinate efforts amongst affected MSD residents, and as the MSD representative, interact with the appropriate government officials. I would encourage you to reach out to her, incoming Chairman John Wegl and/or incoming Vice Chairman Gary Jurenovich for additional background, contacts and status of ongoing efforts.

TREASURER'S  
REPORT  
MURLE HARRISON



The new construction and home improvements in the MSD in 2015 saw an increase in the taxable value of \$78,085,431 from \$1,655,396,264 to \$1,733,481,695. The MSD Board elected to keep the same millage rate of .375 mills with a net increase of \$35,349 in tax revenue after taxpayers take advantage of the discounts for early payment and the County tax collector office deducts its commission.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT OF  
PONTE VEDRA BEACH  
2016 - 2017 BUDGET

<b>CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 221,651</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Ad Valorem (Millage .375 Mills)	\$ 624,320
Interest Income	\$ 1,400
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 625,720</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 847,371</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b>	
<b>Administrative</b>	
Advertising	\$ 1,500
Audit	\$ 5,000
Newsletter	\$ 3,000
Website	\$ 1,250
MSD Office Supplies	\$ 1,000
Telephone	\$ 1,100
Rent, MSD Office	\$ 3,000
MSD Secretary/Bookkeeper	\$ 7,500
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000
Payroll Taxes	\$ 550
<b>Support Services</b>	
Legal	\$ 10,000
Tax Collector	\$ 12,586
Property Appraiser	\$ 10,000
Insurance	\$ 11,500
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 68,986</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
Law Enforcement	\$ 304,400
Street Lighting	\$ 35,016
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$ 339,416</b>
<b>PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>Sanitation</b>	\$ 153,300
<b>Right of Way Services</b>	
Street Signs/Poles	\$ 400
Utilities--Electric	\$ 500
Utilities--Water	\$ 2,500
Landscape Services	\$ 7,200
Beautification	\$ 10,000
New MSD Street Signs	\$ 104,000
<b>TOTAL PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>\$ 277,900</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 686,302</b>
<b>Other</b>	
Current Yr Contingency Res	\$ 57,762
Reserves for Oct - Nov	\$ 103,307
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES</b>	<b>\$ 847,371</b>



## INCOMING TRUSTEE – JOHN CELLUCCI

My name is John Cellucci. I was recently elected to a four year term as a Trustee of the Ponte Vedra MSD Board and I was sworn in on December 12, 2016.

After forty years in the insurance industry, I retired five years ago. During my career, I earned a number of professional insurance designations, an MBA, and I am a Vietnam Era Veteran who served in the U.S. Navy.

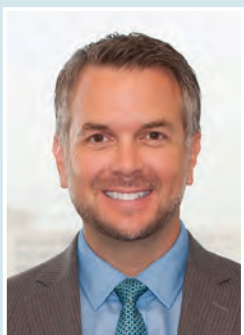
I have been happy and proud to have made Ponte Vedra Beach my home, with my wife MJ, for the last thirty years. This is one of the most beautiful places on Earth and I am blessed to live here. I wanted to give back to the community that has given so much to me and my family. I first started to get involved by attending the PVB MSD meetings. Then I served on the Ponte Vedra Sidewalk Connection Committee. The Committee worked with the MSD Board and the County Commissioners to complete 2.7 miles of sidewalks connecting the community. From there I served on the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board just prior to running for election to the PVB MSD Board.

As part of my responsibilities on the MSD board I will be the liaison between the MSD Board and Republic Services, who provides trash, garbage and recycling services to the MSD. I have visited Republic Services office and have met with the office staff and supervisors. They provided me with an update on their services and the procedures to be followed according to our contact with them. I also attended a meeting to negotiate a new contract with Republic Services since the current contract expires in 2017.

I look forward to working with the MSD Board and the community to keep the MSD both safe and beautiful. I can be reached at [jaccnslt@aol.com](mailto:jaccnslt@aol.com) by email and 904-285-8963 by phone.

## INCOMING TRUSTEE – KITTY SWITKES

As a newly elected MSD trustee, I appreciate the support I received from the community. I look forward to being involved in numerous short term and long term projects within the MSD community. My past experience with the Ponte Vedra Community Association has prepared me for reaching out to the residents and getting things done for our residents. I encourage all residents to become engaged in our community by attending the monthly MSD meetings and bringing ideas, concerns, or comments to our attention



## INCOMING TRUSTEE – BRAD WESTER

Everyone has a story and a reason for living in Ponte Vedra Beach. I was fortunate to be able to hear many of the residents' stories as I campaigned for a position on the MSD Board of Trustees this past fall. I am honored to have been elected to the MSD Board and I want to thank all that participated in the voting process, meetings and forums. I also want to thank Adam Hammer for his past service on the MSD Board, seat 6, which I now hold.

I am currently Vice President of Land Use, Zoning and Municipal planning for Driver McAfee Peek and Hawthorne Law Firm. I served as a Marine Reservist while attending FSU and continued after graduation. Ponte Vedra Beach has been my home since 2004 and I am dedicated to maintaining the quality of life in our community. The Board of County Commissioners appointed me to serve on the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley Overlay District Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and subsequently I was elected Chairman twice.

I am looking forward to providing leadership and direction for the residents of our community. Taking the MSD to the next level in terms of representing and delivering the highest quality standards, safety and lifestyle for our residents is one of my top priorities.





## JAY MORRIS

ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Jay Morris is your St. Johns County Commissioner representing the MSD within District 4. Jay and his wife Sue reside in Ponte Vedra where they have owned a house since 1978, living here permanently since 2000. They have two sons and six grandchildren, two of whom also live in Ponte Vedra. Jay has been the County Commissioner of District 4 since November of 2010 and was your Board Chairman in 2013 and was again elected Board Chairman for 2014. Commissioner Morris' daytime office number is (904) 209-0304 and he can also be reached by email at [bccd4@sjcfl.us](mailto:bccd4@sjcfl.us).

## OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW



MSD Trustees recently completed a multi-year project to evaluate, procure and install new street signs, stop signs and speed limit signs throughout the MSD. Our old signs served us well for the past 35 years, and we feel the new signs will do the same. The pole design that was chosen combines the street sign with the stop sign at many locations as this will lead to less overall sign poles in our community.



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## PONTE VEDRA BEACH MSD TRASH & COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

### COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

1. The parking of recreational vehicles, boats and commercial vehicles are prohibited unless enclosed or fully screened from view.
2. Real Estate signs: only one per house, no more than 80 square inches in size; made of metal, plastic or wood; professionally lettered; fastened to a supporting 1x1 inch iron or 4x4 inch wood post four feet high. No off-site signs.
3. Garage sale signs: one per house, one square foot and not to exceed 48 hours to be put out 24 hours prior to sale.
4. Signs advertising products for sale (including cars) are PROHIBITED.

### RECYCLING & TRASH

Refuse containers (trash cans, recycling bins, trash bags) and trash not concealed from view of any person upon any street or public sidewalk except days of pick-up is prohibited. Exceptions are yard trash may be placed at curb 24 hours before pick-up and recycling may be at curb NO EARLIER than the evening before pick-up.

**DO NOT PUT** trash by curb. The MSD has side yard trash pick-up.

### MATERIALS NOT PICKED UP AT CURBSIDE INCLUDE:

Household hazardous waste (can be dropped off free of charge at Tillman Ridge or Stratton Rd. Transfer Station), Waste tires (for a fee, can be taken to Stratton Rd. or Tillman Ridge Transfer Station). Construction and demolition debris (for a fee can be taken to Nine Mile Rd. Landfill at 445A Republic Dr. or Waste Pro Transfer Station off of SR207).

### YARD WASTE

1. Grass clippings and leaves in no larger than 32 gallon cans or up to 50 pounds sealed in a plastic bag.
2. Palm fronds should be bundled.
3. Shrubs and tree limbs no larger than 6' or 50 pounds.
4. Lawn debris and tree cuttings are not to be placed at the curb more than 24 hours before day of pick-up.
5. Yard debris shall not be placed in the street or on the sidewalk.
6. Yard debris is to be placed on your property, not on vacant lots next door or across the street.

### WHITE GOODS

You **MUST** schedule a pickup by **calling 825-0991**. White Goods include, but are not limited to the following:

### DROP OFF LOCATIONS

All household garbage, hazardous waste and white goods may be brought to either station for disposal during operating hours. (Recyclables only accepted at Tillman Ridge).

**Stratton Road Transfer Station**  
250 North Stratton Rd.  
St. Augustine, FL 32095

**Tillman Ridge Transfer Station**  
3005 Allen Nease Rd.  
Elkton, FL 32033

**Hours of Operation**  
M-F 7am-6pm or Sat. 7am-4pm

- Refrigerators
- Washers and Dryers
- Window Air Conditioners
- Freezers
- Microwaves

## JOIN THE PVCA

The Ponte Vedra Community Association was established in 1946 and serves as a vital resource for its members. The PVCA advocates for its members with the MSD and the County, works to ensure the continued safety and beauty of the community and sponsors events such as the annual Christmas Tree launch party and Valentine's Day Party. Annual membership dues are \$75. Contact Michael Switkes at [switty111@gmail.com](mailto:switty111@gmail.com) for information about membership.