



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

Employee Highlight—During July, we are highlighting **Patrick Pina**, a **PPLLC Surveyor**. Patrick has been employed with Pontchartrain Partners, LLC since August 2019. Let's learn a little more about Patrick:

How did you first learn about PPLLC? I was recruited by Doug Bryan, whom I had previously worked with at another company. I was excited about the opportunity to work at a company that he was enthusiastic about, and given our work history, I felt it would be a good fit for me.

What do you find most challenging at PPLLC? I find balancing my time between numerous jobs the most challenging thing about working at PPLLC. It is exciting to have a hand in numerous projects. I also enjoy contributing to the development of the surveying department and watching it grow.

What advice would you have for a prospective PPLLC candidate? I would tell a perspective candidate to buckle up because we are going places! Be prepared to work and learn every day! If you can put your full effort into those things you will do well here at PPLLC.

Before working at PPLLC, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? Growing up in a small Texas town I worked my summers throughout high school as a ranch/farm hand. I worked cattle and helped work the land. I spent most of my time on a horse or on a tractor. I feel like those summers helped me develop the work ethic I have today.

What do you like most about PPLLC? I like the freedom to help manage and develop the surveying department the way Kyle and I feel it should be done. Most often times we have the full support of the ownership and upper management team. If we feel like we need more training or better equipment we are given the opportunity to do so.

What has been the most important innovation you have witnessed in your lifetime? The cellphone is by far the most important innovation I have witnessed in my lifetime. Having the power of a small laptop in the palm of your hand is pretty amazing.

What is the first concert you attended? I saw Aerosmith in Austin TX in the summer of 1993.



Where would you like to travel to? I would love to travel to Europe. I would most like to see Spain, Germany, and Italy.

What is the first thing that you would buy if you won the lottery? The first thing I would buy if I won the lottery is a big house on a golf course. Someplace that the entire family could come for Christmas, but big enough that we could get away from each other when we needed to.

What is your favorite meal? My favorite meal would have to be a big ribeye mid-rare with a salad and baked potato. A close second is al pastor tacos.

What is your favorite sport? College football is my favorite sport to watch, HOOK'EM HORNS. Golf is my favorite sport to play.



Any random facts you want to share with us? I broke my neck playing high school football. I finished the game and even scored a touchdown after the injury. It wasn't until after the game that the injury was discovered. Also if you look closely at the picture of me above you will see that my boots are on the wrong feet. Real cowboy style!

What is the most important thing you have learned in the last 5 years? I think the most important thing I have learned in the last 5 years, is to work hard and be proud of the hard work you have put in. Fortune and fame may be great, but a sense of accomplishment will keep you happy.

Patrick, thank you for sharing and allowing us to get to know you a little better!



Patrick Pina

What is your favorite part about working for PPLLC?

My favorite part of working for PPLLC is being involved with the development of the surveying department. We are expanding our capabilities every day and developing new techniques to help make every project as profitable as possible.

What is your role at PPLLC?

Kyle Wise and I head the surveying department. We develop the 3D models to get jobs started, and manage the information that comes in from the field for monthly payment applications. We are also responsible for managing the field surveying crews and their equipment.

What else do you do for fun?

I have several hobbies I enjoy outside of work. I love to play golf, and someday I



hope to be good enough to be consid-



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WELCOME NEW HIRES

06/01 Aaron Lee
Chase Kitchens
Brett Sanchez

06/02 Christopher Cook

06/04 Tiffany Dalmado

06/08 Ashlei Williams

06/09 Jerald Brown

06/15 Maura Thompson
Steven Stewart
Ranny Fitch

06/17 Branden Burke

06/18 Glynn Smiley

06/22 Tiffany Desselles
Chris Douglas
Grant Cooley

06/23 Mark Webster

06/24 Jacob Noriega

06/25 Bryar Wine



Thank you all for your service and dedication. PPLLC appreciates you!

1 Year

07/01 Sean Pons
07/08 David Reulet

2 Years

07/02 Derryl Lee
07/30 Nicky Dufrene
Jason Eaton

6 Years

07/21 Chelsea Castillo
Kent Gravois

14 Years

07/31 Sheila Marigny

18 Years

07/30 Shantell Harris



07/04 Aarian Juzang

07/05 Eric Robinson

07/13 Andre Simmons

07/14 Guillermo Perez

07/18 Jodie Reynolds

07/20 Darby Loggins
Christine Villeneuve

07/21 Roland Clement

07/24 Pauline Pellissier

07/28 Barry Keegan

07/29 Carlos Montes De
Hoyos
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Happy 4th of July

**PPLLC would like to wish all employees a
safe and happy 4th of July!**

****PPLLC offices will be closed Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Anyone working at a project site must refer to their Project Manager for their schedule.**



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It's a Boy

Enzo Simoneaux

Born:

June 2, 2020

8:15 AM

9lbs 3oz

21" long

Maite Pinto and her Husband welcomed Baby Enzo on June 2, 2020. Big sister Sophia is in love, as well as Mom & Dad. Congratulations, Maite on your new addition! We can't wait to meet him!



Phase Two: Safer at Home

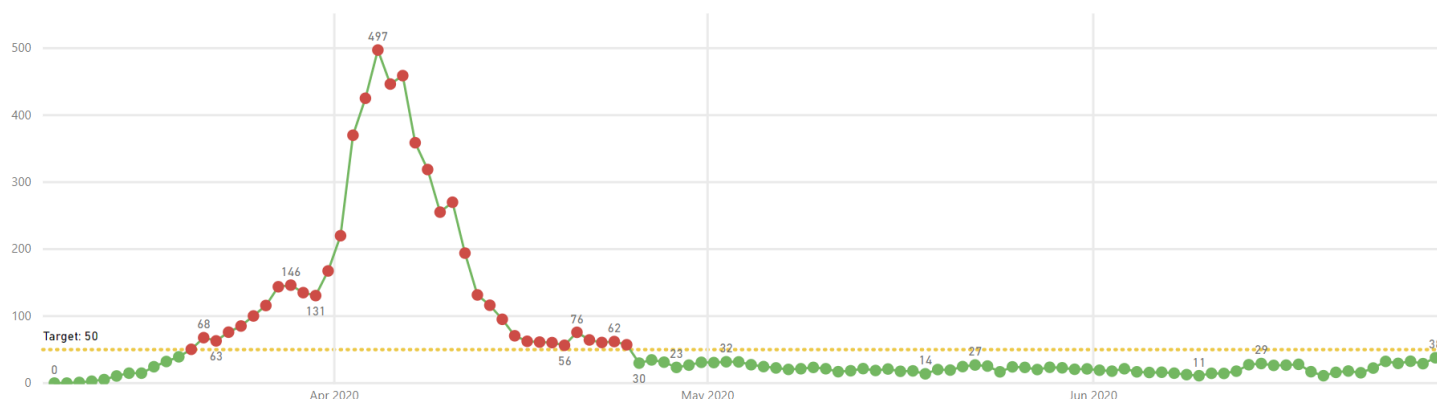
- Continue to stay home except for essential needs and other permitted activities on a limited basis.
- Everyone must wear a mask or face covering when performing activities in public.
- Practice social distancing, wash hands often, and frequently disinfect surfaces.



STAY HOME ORDER	PHASE ONE	PHASE TWO	PHASE THREE	PHASE FOUR
Residents are mandated to stay home except for essential needs.	Restrictions on some low-risk operations will be eased.	Restrictions on some medium-risk operations will be eased.	Restrictions on some higher-risk operations will be eased.	Most restrictions will be eased, although some may remain necessary.
March 21 - May 15	May 16 - June 12	June 13		

NEW ORLEANS FLATTENED THE CURVE! #StayTheCourse #MaskUpNOLA

New Cases 5-Day Rolling Average



Protect yourself from coronavirus scams

✓ Scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the Coronavirus

- FCC: [COVID-19 Consumer Warnings and Safety Tips](#)
- FTC: [Coronavirus Scams](#)
- FTC: [Scam Alerts](#)

✓ Fake emails, texts and phishing

Scammers use fake emails or texts to get you to share valuable personal information — like account numbers, Social Security numbers, or your login IDs and passwords. They use your information to steal your money, your **identity**, or both. They also use **phishing emails** to get access to your computer or network. If you click on a link, they can install **ransomware** or other programs that can lock you out of your data. Scammers often use familiar company names or pretend to be someone you know.

✓ Robocalls

Scammers are using **illegal robocalls** to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes.

✓ Undelivered goods

Online sellers claim they have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies. You place an order, but **you never get your shipment**. Anyone can set up shop online under almost any name — including scammers.

✓ Fake charities

When a major health event — like the Coronavirus — happens, you might be looking for ways to help. Scammers use the same events to take advantage of your generosity. Some scammers use names that sound a lot like the names of real charities. This is one reason it pays to do some research before giving. Money lost to bogus charities means less donations to help those in need.

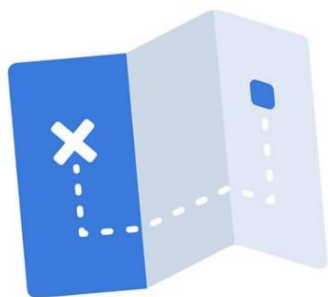
We are officially in the **2020 HURRICANE SEASON**, which is expected to be more active than normal. On top of that, the ongoing **COVID-19** pandemic brings some complexities. Take time now to make sure your family is **READY**.

HURRICANE SEASON + COVID-19

MAKE AN EVACUATION PLAN

The immediate threat to life from a major hurricane is more severe than the potential of virus exposure.

Evacuate if a mandatory evacuation is issued.



HURRICANE SEASON + COVID-19

Prepare for a storm

- ✓ Understand your flood risk
- ✓ Insure your property
- ✓ Secure your home
- ✓ Clean your property and street

GATHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Include face coverings, hand sanitizer & disinfectants in your hurricane kits this year to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



MOST IMPORTANTLY, STAY SAFE AND INFORMED!!



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Propane Gas Grill Safety

Introduction

This is about the basic properties of propane gas and how to safely operate your propane-fueled gas grill. Outdoor propane gas grills are popular items. Thousands of people each day light up the grill to enjoy their favorite recipes. This activity is safe, but there are a few precautions we all should consider.

Topical Information

Properties of Propane Gas:

- Propane is non-toxic, but it is extremely flammable.
- Propane is heavier than air.
- Propane is odorized with a foul-smelling odorant to warn people of its presence.
- Propane vapor is colorless; you won't see it if it is released!

Gas Grill Safety Tips:

- Always read the owner's manual of your grill before use.
- NEVER operate your grill inside your home or garage.
- Always open the cover of your grill before lighting.
- Keep your head out of the grill/burner area when lighting.
- Ignite the gas immediately after turning the gas on; never allow unburned gas to flow for extended periods of time.
- NEVER store extra cylinders under the gas grill as they could overheat and discharge gas.
- NEVER store extra cylinders inside your home or garage.
- When transporting cylinders, always ensure they are secured properly so they won't move during transport. When possible, transport in an open-bodied vehicle such as a pickup bed.
- Always check the hose/cylinder connection to ensure the connection is leak-free.
- Always tightly close the cylinder service valve when the grill is not in use.
- When gas cylinders are not attached to the grill, install a plug in the service valve outlet just in case the valve accidentally opens.
- Allow only qualified technicians to service your grill.
- NEVER allow children to operate your grill.
- Keep an A:B:C rated fire extinguisher available in case of an emergency.

Closing

Gas grills are fun and safe when used properly. However, they can be deadly if just a few simple safety rules are not followed. Pay attention to the tips listed above and review them with your family. You'll be glad you did.



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Water Safety

Introduction

Listed below is some general information regarding hazards in the aquatic environment and safety precautions you can take. Regarding personal safety, the first safety precaution a person should take before ever stepping into the water is to learn to swim and to swim well. This in itself can prevent many injuries and accidental drownings.

Topical Information

Water Hazards:

Panic - sudden unreasonable and overwhelming terror that destroys a person's capacity for self-help. Panic can be brought on by the fear of drowning and may be precipitated by such conditions as exhaustion, cramps, currents and injuries from marine life. It most commonly attacks the non-swimmer and the novice. People who have learned to swim well and have prepared themselves for the hazards of the aquatic environment seldom panic.

- *In a stressful situation, try to relax and focus on the job at hand. Imagine yourself as being in control of the situation and try to think pleasant thoughts.*

Exhaustion - loss of energy and the resultant inability to make the necessary movements to keep afloat in the water.

- *Do not attempt to swim distances in deep water if safety is not within close reach. A swimmer can conserve energy and achieve relaxation by turning on the back and continuing to safety using a slow, relaxed, elementary back-stroke.*

Cramps - occur in the muscles and are usually caused by fatigue, cold or overexertion. They occur mostly in the foot, calf of the leg or in the hands. Cramps can greatly inhibit or incapacitate the movement of that muscle.

- *Changing the stroke or relaxing can often bring relief. Other methods include: stretching the muscle while applying pressure with your hands; knead or massage the affected area. If the cramp is in the leg or foot, the swimmer needs to roll in to a face down position in the water with the lungs fully inflated to extend and massage the affected muscle. When the cramp is relieved, the swimmer should swim to safety using a different movement of the affected part.*

Waves - People swimming against an offshore breeze are often caught in the illusion that the waves are running against them -- while wave motion travels, the water does not. Large steep waves breaking close to shore are particularly dangerous to young children and the elderly, since the water can knock them from their feet and "suck" them under the surface.

- *Swimmers should fix their gaze on a stationary object to convince themselves that they are making progress as they swim.*

Currents - flowing movement of a large volume of water seeking its own level, are an ever-present source of danger to river and open-water swimmers, since they tend to carry swimmers away from shore, often before they are aware of what is taking place.

- *Swimmers should always swim with the current or diagonally across, even though they may come to shore some distance from their entry point.*

Closing

Although swimming and boating are pleasant and enjoyable experiences, you must be constantly alert to the hazards of the aquatic environment. Many of these dangers are inherent to the swimming area, while some stem from the swimmers themselves. Anyone confronted by any of the above listed conditions must be prepared to deal with them.



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Boating Safety - Alcohol Use and Abuse

Introduction

Boating is fun and very popular. However, many boaters fall victim to alcohol consumption. The objective of this talk is to understand the hazards of mixing alcohol and boating.

Topical Information

Alcohol Hazards:

- Hours of boating, exposure to sun, noise, vibration, glare and wind produce fatigue and intensify the effects of alcohol.

Alcohol affects your ability to function in three ways:

- **Balance**
 - Alcohol intensifies disorientation caused by water entering the ear.
 - A person who has had too much alcohol can become so confused under water that he or she swims down instead of up to safety.
- **Judgment**
 - Alcohol reduces inhibitions, causing normally cautious people to try stunts or enter high risk situations they would normally avoid.
- **Reaction time**
 - Alcohol greatly impairs reaction time.
 - It is difficult to correctly judge speed and distance or track moving objects.
 - Reduced night vision and the inability to distinguish colors and safety hazards.

Tips you can live with:

- Use a "designated boat pilot." This person agrees not to drink alcohol while piloting the boat.
- Limit your alcohol consumption to one drink or less per hour. Better still, consume non-alcoholic drinks.
- Sip your drinks, don't gulp them.
- Always eat before and while you are drinking.

Closing

Alcohol consumption is not a sport. Boating is a sport, so enjoy it safely. "Boat and Booze" laws are very strict. Criminal penalties and fines of up to \$5,000 can apply (check your local law enforcement station). Never pilot a boat under the influence of alcohol. Boating stress factors alone will reduce your performance. Add alcohol to the mix, and it could be a recipe for disaster. Consider using a designated pilot, and be sure they are trained to operate the craft.