

Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayor

Julie Ward Bujalski was elected to the Dunedin City Commission in April 2006, served two pier appointed terms as Vice Mayor, and was elected Mayor in November 2014.

Julie comes from generations of family who have lived in Dunedin since the 1950's, where they owned a downtown business, served in civic organizations, worked in law enforcement and volunteered for the betterment of their community.

Growing up in Dunedin, Julie attended Ms. Honald's Dunedin Day School, Dunedin Elementary, Dunedin Highland Middle and Dunedin High School. She went on to study business at ITT Technical Institute and Fashion Merchandising at St. Petersburg College. She is a graduate of the Leadership Pinellas class of 2009, the Florida League of Cities Institute of Elected Municipal Officials and has taken multiple classes through the National League of Cities Leadership Training program.

Julie spent 20 years in the Fashion Merchandising industry where she worked as a buyer, product developer, merchandise manager and retired from her career as an economic forecaster/planner. During this time she mastered her skills in understanding Florida's seasonal economy, tourism cycles, marketing, visitor/resident buying habits, as well as forecasting and budget analysis.

During her time as a Commissioner (8 years), Julie served as Dunedin's liaison to:

- *Dunedin Golf Club*
- *Highland Games Committee & Scottish Culture*
- *Pinellas County Schools – Principal's Advisory Committee, School Transportation Safety Committee & School Collaborative,*
- *Florida League of Cities Legislative Committee*
- *National League of Cities Inclusion Partnership and Small Cities Council*
- *Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) – Advisory Committee on Pinellas Transit (ACPT), Planning Committee Chair, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board Member, Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) Board Member, & Pinellas Trail Safety Task Force.*

During her time as Mayor (2 years), Julie is serving as Dunedin's liaison to:

- *Mayor's Council of Pinellas County*
- *Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Vice Chair – Executive Committee Member, Personnel Committee Member, & Forward Pinellas Board Member*
- *Spring Training/Toronto Blue Jays*

Julie has been married to her husband Tom for 28 years. Their son, Thomas is a senior at Dunedin High School's Architectural Academy and is a member of the Falcon Wrestling & Football Teams. Julie has volunteered in her son's schools as a member of the School Advisory Council (SAC), Vice President of Legislation for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Vice President of the Falcon's Wrestling Booster Club. Additionally, Julie & Tom, both as proud parents and volunteers, have been a part of Dunedin Stirling Soccer Club, Dunedin Junior Falcons Football and Greater Dunedin Little League. They are lifetime members of the Dunedin Boat Club and, when they find a minute to spare, they spend their time boating on St. Joseph Sound and camping in Florida's State Parks.