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January Email Newsletter

Ocean Ridge Town Hall & Police Complex

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Calendar of Events: January

1		New Year's Day—Town Hall Closed -No contractor work permitted -Trash pickup as scheduled on Friday, Jan 2nd
3		<u>Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup</u> "Beautify for a Slice of Pie" Oceanfront Park 8-10:30am
5		Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm
6		Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am (tentative)
12		Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at 8am Sitting to review town election process and codes
19		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Town Hall Closed -Contractor work permitted -Trash pickup as scheduled on Tuesday, Jan 20

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2009 Municipal Election

Elección Municipal 2008

Election Day: February 10, 2009

Hours: 7am - 7pm in Town Hall Community Room

a. Proclamation for Election held on February 10, 2009

Proclamación para elección sostenida el 10 de febrero de 2009

b. Two Commission Seats for Three Year Terms Each

Comisión dos puestos para tres años cada uno

c. Candidate Filing Dates run December 22, 2008 through 3:00p.m. on January 16, 2009

Las fechas de la clasificacion del candidate corren el 22 de diciembre de 2008 por 3:00p.m. en el 16 de enero de 2009

Sample ballots will be available online as soon as available from Supervisor of Elections. Please check website periodically.



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Information

Source: SWA.org

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Any product that can cause injury or is harmful if handled improperly is hazardous. These chemicals pose a threat not only to people, but also to our environment. When chemicals are disposed of improperly, they can pollute our water systems, plant life, and food supplies for ourselves and wildlife.

What products in my home are considered hazardous?

Hazardous waste can be found in many different areas of your home: under the sink, out by the pool, and in the garage. These products include antifreeze, used motor oil, oil filters, car and rechargeable batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, paint, pesticides, household cleaners, solvents, paint thinners, and pool chemicals.

Where and when can I take my leftover paint and other hazardous products?

Latex paint (water-based) can be dried out and thrown away in your garbage. Remove the lid, add sand, cat litter, or saw dist, and leave uncovered. Aerosol spray cans can be sprayed until empty and placed in your garbage.

Other hazardous materials are accepted at all SWA transfer stations and at the HWW Facility. Antifreeze, used motor oil and filters, auto and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, and electronics are accepted daily at all SWA transfer stations and at the HWW facility during regular business hours.

Acceptance of other materials, including solvents, pesticides, fuels, and pool chemicals varies by facility. Please call 687-1100.

I recently moved into a house and there is old paint and chemicals in the garage. What do I do with it?

When you closed on the property these products became yours. Disposing of them should cost you nothing unless they were commercially generated (from a business). Simply bring the products to the [drop-off locations](#).

Where can I bring used motor oil?

Used motor oil can be brought to any of the drop-off locations during regular business hours. There are also many other locations that accept motor oil. Call Used Oil Hotline at 800-741-4337, enter your zip code, and you will get a list of the locations nearest you.

What do I do with fluorescent bulbs?

Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury, and should never be placed in your garbage. They should be delivered to the [drop-off locations](#) during regular business hours.

Questions: 866-SWA-INFO

Source: SWA.org

Entire contents from website

http://www.swa.org/site/hhw/haz_waste_home/hhw_faqs.htm

Accessed: 12/18/08



Garbage and Trash Service

In Ocean Ridge, Waste Management collects garbage and yard trash on Tuesdays and garbage and recycling on Fridays except on the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. If collection falls on the day of the holiday, a notice will be posted on our website and emailed to residents on the mailing list about when the next scheduled pick-up will take place.

Earliest time for placing garbage, or recycling at curbside is a maximum of 12 hours before the day of the scheduled pick-up. In other words, no sooner than 12:01 PM the day before pick-up. Latest time for containers to be removed from curbside is 11:00 PM on the day of the scheduled pick-up.

Yard trash shall consist of vegetation only, including, but not limited to grass clippings, bush or tree trimmings, leaves and weeds, and shall be placed near the street no sooner than 36 hours, or the Sunday prior to the regularly scheduled day of collection.

If garbage is not collected as scheduled, please call Town Hall at 732-2635 as soon as possible.



Ocean Ridge Library



Library will be open to residents on January 5th.

Checking out books is based on a honor system. However, we ask that you sign out the books at Town Hall and date when returned. Please also have proof of residency available.

You may still donate books and magazines during Town Hall hours.

Town Work/Holidays Hours

The Town of Ocean Code of Ordinances 24-38 states that it is unlawful for any person to operate or cause the operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, drilling, repair, alteration or demolition work between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 AM, Monday through Saturday. There is no work to be done in Town on Sundays and on the following federal holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Town Hall is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Day After, and Christmas Day. There will be no inspections on these days.

It is also unlawful to operate or permit the operation of any mechanically powered saw, sander, drill, grinder or other similar domestic power tool on Sundays and between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 AM, Monday through Saturday. The Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances also requires that any company working in Town be registered. Please contact Town Hall at 732-2635 to inquire on a company's registration.

We're on the Web!
Oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Department News from Lt. Yannuzzi

Scams, Scams, Scams!

A quiet town like Ocean Ridge is an unlikely place for criminal activity; or at least one would think. However, our connection to those who might do harm need not be based on being physically close when they can use the U.S. Postal Service.

Here are two examples:

You open a letter that announces you are the winner of a lottery. In the Ocean Ridge case, the letter was from: One World Sweepstakes from Minnesota. Your portion: \$46,500.00. **CONGRATULATIONS, not!** Enclosed with the letter is a check for \$4,912.00 to cover “charges/fees required to be paid.” There is a contact person and phone number to be called to make the final arrangements. The idea is for you to cash the check (against your personal account) and wire some or all of the proceeds to them to pay the “charges/fees”. You might even be able to keep some of the “cash” for your trouble.

You receive a letter offering a “Work at Home” opportunity. Enclosed is a check with instructions to cash it and then wire the funds via any of several services; i.e.: Money Gram from Wal-Mart, Wells Fargo, etc. The letter states that you are acting as a “Mystery Shopper” to test the efficiency/integrity of the services system/employees. You are even allowed to keep a portion of the check’s proceeds for your efforts.

In the meantime, they get the wired funds and disappear. Within days, you get notified by your bank that the check is fraudulent and, because you cashed it against your account, you suffer the loss.

Cyber Safety!

A timely Consumer Alert from Florida’s Attorney General Bill McCollum asks parents to talk to their children about safe Internet use. Since the kids are out of school for the holidays, they will have more idle time and opportunity to use the computer. Therefore, parents should be aware of the websites their children visit and the programs they use.

There are deviants who will “chat” with children in an effort to obtain personal information, exchange photographs, or lure them to a location for a meeting. Also, fellow students may use the computer to bully a child by attacking their self-esteem or making threats of physical harm.

Monitor your child’s computer activity. Additional tips on safe internet surfing for parents, students and educators are on the Attorney General’s website at <http://www.safeflorida.net/safesurf>.

Have a safe and happy New Year!
**Remember, “Over the
Limit, Under Arrest!”**
**Please don’t drink
and drive.**



Photos: "Light the Lights"

Town Clerk Karen with Santa, Future Commissioners, Resident and designer Julie Carr with daughter Merrill, face painter with children, residents and architects Mark Marsh & Digby Bridges, Chief Hillery.



Above: Officer Hutchins, Sgt. Wohlfiel, Officer Galluscio
 Left: Reserve Officers Steve Shoiock, Bill Cunningham, Dave Zeidweg, and Lou Letizia, Lt. Yannuzzi

Volunteer Opportunities



Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup/Beautify for a Slice of Pie!

What: Join the Sand Sifters

When: First Saturday of every month, January 3rd

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6451 N. Ocean Blvd. On A1A, just north of the Ocean Ave. bridge in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot.

Time: 8-10:30am

Who: Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages.

What's provided: Free parking, bags, gloves, and refreshments available to participants only. School and community service volunteer credit forms available.

What to bring: Please bring water, sunscreen and a hat.

Contact: Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128



Recipe: Better Than Pumpkin Pie Cake

Submitted by Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk

Ingredients

- 1 box yellow cake mix (reserve 1 cup)
- 1 stick butter or margarine, melted
- 4 eggs
- 1 can (29oz) pumpkin
- 1 can (5oz) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1.5 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg

Topping

- 1 cup yellow cake mix
- 1 stick butter or margarine, soft
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup mixed nuts, chopped

Have a cake, pie, cookie, dip, and/or main dish recipe that you would like to share? Please submit any of your favorite recipes to Lisa at oceanridge@comcast.net.



Directions

Preheat oven to 350F. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch baking pan.

In a mixing bowl using a spoon, mix the cake mix, butter or margarine, and 1 egg. Pour mixture into a pan and level across pan.

In another mixing bowl, mix the canned pumpkin, 3 eggs, evaporated milk, brown sugar, sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Pour ingredients into pan and spread over first layer.

To make the topping, in a mixing bowl cut butter or margarine into the reserved yellow cake mix, add the sugar and mixed nuts. Sprinkle over second layer.

Bake for 50-55 minutes. Cool for 30 minutes.

Makes 1 9x13 pan or 12 servings.

