



Ocean Ridge Tidings

A monthly email newsletter for the residents of Ocean Ridge

Annual Garbage/Trash, Alarm Billing

The annual garbage/trash and alarm billing for the 2009-2010 fiscal year is due to go out towards the end of this month. If you have not received the garbage/trash and/or alarm bills by mid-February, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635 to confirm your mailing address.

Email Addresses

We have new email addresses for all employees at Town Hall and the Police Department. Some of them are as follows:

Mayors/Commissioners	info@oceanridgeflorida.com
General Inquiries	
Website Questions	
Ken Schenck, Town Manager	kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com
Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk	khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com
Jean Hallahan, Deputy Town Clerk	jhallahan@oceanridgeflorida.com
Lisa Burns, Clerk Receptionist	lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com
Edward Hillery, Police Chief	ehillery@oceanridgeflorida.com
Chris Yannuzzi, Lieutenant	cyannuzzi@oceanridgeflorida.com

Please update your contacts. Should there be an employee that is not listed that you would like to contact via email, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

2010 Municipal Election Information

The 2010 Municipal Election will be held on March 9, 2010 from 7am to 7pm in the Town Hall Community Room. One Commission seat is open for a three-year term. Candidate filing dates run from January 29, 2010 through February 12, 2010. Should you have any questions or need additional information please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

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H1N1 Vaccinations

The Palm Beach Co. Health Dept. administered a total of 157 vaccinations during the free H1N1 vaccination event held at Town Hall on December 29. If you were unable to receive the vaccination and would like more information on where upcoming events are being held, please call 888-411-4358.

Census Employment

This month there will be three Census Employment Workshops held at Town Hall in the Community Room on January 11, 15, and 20 at 10am. If you have any questions, please call 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.2010.census.gov.

January 2010

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					1 <i>New Year's Day Town Hall Closed</i>	2 <i>Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup 8:00-10:30am</i>
3	4 <i>Regular Town Commission Meeting @ 6pm</i>	5 <i>Code Enforcement Hearing (tentative) @ 10am</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11 <i>Census Workshop 10am</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Census Workshop 10am</i>	16
17	18  <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Town Hall Closed</i>	19	20 <i>Census Workshop 10am</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Beginning of Candidate Filing for Municipal Election</i>	30
31	<p><u>New Year's Day:</u> No contractor work permitted; no inspections. Garbage/trash and recycle WILL be collected today.</p> <p><u>MLK, Jr. Day:</u> Contractor work permitted; no inspections. Does not affect trash collection as next scheduled collection is on the 19th.</p> <p>Planning & Zoning Meeting TBA.</p>					

General Building Permitting Information

The following are examples of work that require permitting with the Town of Ocean Ridge:

**Addition	**Fence	**Remodel
Air Conditioner	*Fire Sprinkler System	**Renovation
Air Ducts	Flooring (multifamily)	Resurfacing
Air Handler	Garage Door	Retaining Wall
Alarm System	*Gas/Propane	Roof
**Asphalt	**Gates	**Screen Enclosure
Awnings	Generator	Seal-coating
Balustrade	Gutters	Seawall
Bathroom Remodel	Hurricane Mitigation	Seawall Cap
Boatlift	Irrigation System	**Shed (permanent)
Central Vacuum	Kitchen Cabinets/Counters	Shutters
**Concrete	Light Fixtures (New)	Shower pan
Construction Trailer	Lightning Protection	**Sidewalks
**Decking	Meter Can	**Slab
Demolition	**New Construction	**Spa
Dock	**Pavers	Stucco
Doors (exterior)	Plumbing	Temporary Pole/Power
**Driveways	**Pool	**Wall
Drywall	**Pool Fence	Water Heater
Electrical	Railings	Windows
Elevator	Re-stripping	

*Needs Boynton Fire approval. Permit/inspection in addition to our building department review/inspection
 **Needs Health Department approval.

What Every Contractor/Owner Should Know...
Make sure contractors/subcontractors are currently registered with the Town.
Supply 2 copies of back-up material which could include product approvals, plans, survey, etc. Request a checklist for additional requirements for new construction, additions, renovations, and drainage.
Notice of Commencement is needed for permits over \$2,500 (\$7,500 A/C) and is due at the time of pick-up.
Copy of the contract or proposal must also be submitted and must match estimated cost of the job
Pay permit fee at the time of submittal; cash or check only
Permitted work commences only when you have your approved permit in hand. Work done without a permit could be subjected to additional fees.
All permits require inspections and must be scheduled by the permitted contractor.
Work hours are Monday through Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm. Work is not permitted on New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please be aware that there is a proposed ordinance that will increase fines if work is done without a permit.

Questions? Call Town Hall at 561-732-2635
 or visit www.oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Department News from Lt. Yannuzzi

New Year, New Decade, New Look

The one thing that is constant about law enforcement, and life really, is change. In the last 3 years, the Ocean Ridge Police Department has made several improvements, including installing in-car computers, adding a new digital camera, updating our uniforms, and purchasing new night-vision equipment. Much of the expense has been paid from the donations by the citizens to the Support Group instead of budgeted tax dollars.



Patrol car with old decals.

While the new Police Department building provided a clean and modern facility for those working inside or for breaks, those working the road do their jobs in mobile offices. In furtherance of the effort to improve, suggestions were solicited from the officers for new patrol vehicle



Patrol car with new decals.

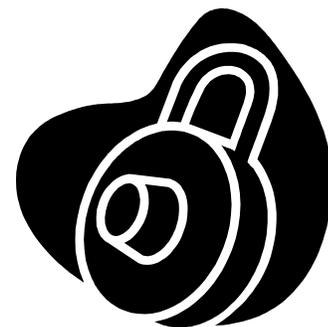
decal. As a result, a design was selected and has been installed on the two recently purchased police cars. To avoid having to wait until the remaining patrol units are replaced over the next two years, the Support Group has agreed to pay for decaling the three older cars as well. So, by the end of January all ORPD marked vehicles will have the new decals.

Criminal Activity

Over the past month, the Police Department has investigated several cases involving the illegal entry into homes and vehicles. In one case the car was stolen. Unfortunately, each of these cases has a common theme: the owners left them **unlocked!** In the stolen car case, the keys were left in the ignition. Please help us help you by securing your personal items.

Also, please don't forget to set your alarm! Unlike some local police agencies, ORPD DOES NOT charge for false alarm response. We would rather respond to a false alarm then take a crime report indicating the alarm was not set.

Remember, the majority of crime occurs as a direct result of opportunity. Your pro-active efforts reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim.



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Coming to a Crosswalk Near You!

The Florida Department of Transportation has approved the Town's request to install pedestrian crossing warning signs at 4 locations along A1A (North Ocean Blvd.). Therefore, as a reminder, here is a portion of the Florida law outlining the motorist's obligation when approaching pedestrians crossing the roadway:

F.S.S.: 316.130

(7)(a) *The driver of a vehicle at an intersection that has a traffic control signal in place shall stop before entering the crosswalk and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian, with a permitted signal, to cross a roadway when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.*

(b) *The driver of a vehicle at any crosswalk where signage so indicates shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross a roadway when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.*

(c) *When traffic control signals are not in place or in operation and there is no signage indicating otherwise, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.*

A violation of this statute is a moving violation that will result in a \$166.00 fine and 3 points.



Working Harder for You!

As I write this article, the clock has yet to strike midnight to officially mark the end of 2009. However, I can proudly report that as of noon on 12/31/09 the officers of the Ocean Ridge Police Department have already handled 797 more calls for service than last year (3080 vs. 3877). We thank you for your support and the assistance you continue to provide by reporting suspicious activity, persons, and vehicles.

Along those lines, here is a humorous article to end the year:

How NOT to report a crime: George Phillips, an elderly man from Meridian, Mississippi, was going to bed when his wife told him that she could see from the bedroom window that he'd left the light on in the garden shed. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the Police, who asked: "Is someone in your house?" He said, "No, but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me."

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The Police Dispatcher said, “All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available.”

George said, “Okay.”

He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the Police again. “Hello, I just called a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don’t have to worry about them because I just shot and killed them both, the dogs eating them right now.” And, George hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police cars, a SWAT Team, a helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips residence and caught the Burglars red-handed.

One of the Police Officers said to George, “I thought you said you’d shot them!”

George said, “I thought you said there was nobody available!”

(NOTE: This article is intended to be humorous. In Florida, false reporting of a crime and misuse of the 911 system are crimes.)



We wish you a Happy New Year! Have a safe and healthy 2010!

Remember, “Over the Limit, Under Arrest!”

Please don’t drink and drive. “Buzzed” Driving is Drunk Driving.

**If you find yourself in need, AAA is offering their
free Tow-To-Go service.**

The program is in its 12th year.

Simply dial 1-800-AAA-HELP or 1-800-222-4357

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Gene Rosenberg Retirement Party



Light-the-Lights Party 2009



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Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup: “Be Green, Start Clean, Don’t Litter!”



What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup.

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **January 2nd**

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

Town Hall Library



What: Shelve and organize books in the Town Library.

When: As needed.

Where: 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. at Town Hall.

Time: Any time between 8:30am—3pm.

Who: Residents of all ages welcome. Those with library experience are encouraged to volunteer.

What’s provided: School and community service volunteer credit available.

Contact: Town Hall 561-732-2635.

Recipe: 2 Step Taco Dip

Source: kraftfoods.com

Ingredients

- 1 16oz container of sour cream
- 1pkg taco seasoning mix
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 1cup shredded lettuce
- 1cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions

Mix sour cream and seasoning mix until well blended. Spread onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish. Cover with layers of tomato, lettuce, and cheese. Serve with tortilla chips.

Keep refrigerated. Makes 30 servings.

