

Ocean Ridge Tidings

A monthly e-newsletter for the residents of Ocean Ridge, Florida

Municipal Election

The 2013 municipal election will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 7am to 7pm in the Town Hall community room. One commission seat will be open for a three-year term. Interested candidates must file between Friday, February 1, 2013 and Friday, February 15, 2013 by 3:00pm. Anyone that has questions or needs additional information should call Town Hall at 561-732-2635 between 8:30am and 3:00pm. For absentee ballots and other voting inquiries please call the Supervisor of Elections at 561-656-6200.

La elección municipal 2013 se celebrará el Martes, 12 de marzo 2013 07 a.m.-7 p.m. en la sala de comunidad Town Hall. Un asiento comisión estará abierta por un período de tres años. Los candidatos interesados deben presentar entre el Viernes, 01 de febrero 2013 y Viernes, 15 de febrero 2013 a las 3:00 pm. Cualquier persona que tenga preguntas o necesita información adicional llamar al Ayuntamiento 561-732-2635 entre las 8:30 am y las 3:00 pm. Para los votos por correo y otras consultas electorales por favor llame al Supervisor de Elecciones al 561-656-6200.

Election Volunteer Needed

The Town of Ocean Ridge is in need of ONE volunteer to help run the election being held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your community, meet your neighbors, and earn some extra money (\$170).

To work the polls you will be required to be at Town Hall from approximately 6am to 8pm. You may not leave but breakfast and lunch will be provided. Additionally, you will be required to attend a 4 hour training session. The date of the training has yet to be determined. You do not have to live in Ocean Ridge to volunteer but you must be a registered voter.

If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would like to please contact Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk, at 561-732-2635 or email her at khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com at your earliest convenience.



Limpkin Photographed



Resident and photographer, Joyce Bruck, beautifully photographed a limpkin on Inlet Cay Island.

General Information

6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

www.oceanridgeflorida.com

 @OceanRidgeFL

Town Hall

561-732-2635 (main) ♦ 561-737-8359 (fax)

561-732-ORFL (Citizen Information Line)

General Email: info@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Hall Hours: 8:30am-3:00pm

Police

Non-emergency: 561-732-8331

Emergency: 9-1-1

Public Records Hours: 8:30am-2:30pm

Town Officials

Town Manager

Kenneth Schenck

kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Chief

Christopher T. Yannuzzi

cyannuzzi@oceanridgeflorida.com



Mayor

Geoff Pugh

Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

Ed Brookes

Zoanne Hennigan

Mayor & Commissioners email

info@oceanridgeflorida.com

Numbers to Know

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance 911

NON-EMERGENCY

Ocean Ridge Police Dept. 561-732-8331

Boynton Beach Fire Dept. 561-742-6600

TOWN HALL

Building Dept., Town Clerk, Town Mgr. 561-732-2635

Fax 561-737-8359

OTHERS

Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873

Animal Control 561-233-1200

Beach Conditions 561-966-6600

Boynton Beach City Hall 561-742-6000

Boynton Beach Water Dept. 561-742-6300

Clarke Environmental Services 800-203-6485

Comcast 800-266-2278

Declare Domicile 561-355-2962

Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) 561-245-2118

Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) 561-681-6333

Elder Affairs 866-882-2991

FEMA 800-621-3362

FL Dept. of Transportation (DOT) 866-374-3368

Florida Fish & Wildlife Comm. 888-404-FWCC

Florida Power & Light (FPL) 561-697-8000

Marriage Licenses & Ceremonies 561-355-2986

Oceanfront Park Beach Conditions 561-742-6775

Oceanfront Park Events/Weddings 561-742-6240

Palm Beach County Building Dept. 561-233-5100

Palm Beach County EOC 561-712-6400

Palm Beach County Health Dept 561-840-4500

Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation 561-966-6600

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser 561-355-3230

Palm Beach County Tax Collector 561-355-2266

Republic Services (trash collection) 561-478-9590

So. FL Water Management 561-686-8800

Solid Waste Authority 561-640-4000

Supervisor of Elections 561-656-6200

Tides 561-742-6776

Sign up to receive e-newsletter and news alerts

If you would like to receive the e-newsletter , news alerts, and other information emailed to you from the town please send an email to [Lisa Burns](mailto:Lisa.Burns@oceanridgeflorida.com) at Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com with your name and email address. [Privacy Policy.](#)

CLIP AND SAVE!

January Calendar of Events

- 1-New Year's Day—Town Hall closed; no contractor work, no inspections; trash will be collected
- 2-Book Club Meeting at 5:45pm in community room
- 5-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8-10:15am at Oceanfront Park
- 7-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers
- 8-Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am in chambers
- 14-Planning & Zoning meeting at 8am in chambers
- 16-Special Town Commission meeting at 8:30am in chambers
- 21-Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Town Hall Closed; no inspections; contractor's may work
- 26-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park

February Calendar of Events

- 1-First day to qualify for Municipal Election
- 2-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8-10:15am at Oceanfront Park
- 4-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers
- 6-Book Club Meeting at 5:45pm in community room
- 12-Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am in chambers
- 15-Last day to qualify for Municipal Election by 3pm
- 18-President's Day—Town Hall Closed; no inspections; contractor's may work
- 23-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park

Agendas, minutes, and updates to the calendar are available on the town's website and will be posted as they become available.

Recipe: Bacon & Baked Potato Soup

- 1tbsp butter
- 1.4cup chopped onions
- 1/4cup chopped celery
- 1can (14.5oz) fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1.25cups milk
- 2 baking potatoes, baked, cut into 1/2inch cubes
- 1/8tsp pepper
- 8 slices of bacon, cooked, crumbled, divided
- 3/4cup Classic melts cheddar and American, divided
- 1 green onion, sliced, divided
- 1/4cup sour cream

Melt butter in large saucepan on medium and add onions and stir for 5 mins. Add next 4 ingredients; bring just to boil, constantly. Slightly crush potatoes with back of spoon. Simmer on medium-low stirring frequently. Reserve 2tbsp each bacon and cheese and 1tbsp green onions; set aside. Add remaining bacon, cheese and green onions to soup; cook until cheese is melted, stirring constantly. Served topped with reserved bacon, cheese, green onions, and sour cream. Serves 6, one cup each. Source: kraftrecipes.com





Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

Criminal Activity

Here is a listing of the crimes/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **December 2012** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Burglary	12/03/12	N/A	200 blk N. Ibis Dr., Briny Breezes	One of several cases where someone entered residence and stole medication. Suspect identified and charges pending.
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Burglary	12/03/12	N/A	200 blk Lark Dr., Briny Breezes	One of several cases where someone entered residence and stole medication. Suspect identified and charges pending.
Burglary	12/04/12	12/02/12 9:00AM – 12/04/12 9:15AM	100 blk Ocean Harbour Circle	Unlocked residence entered and jewelry stolen.
Theft	12/07/12	N/A	5000 blk N. Ocean Blvd., Briny Breezes	While investigating several burglaries, a set of keys was recovered. Investigation determined they were stolen. Suspect identified and charges pending.
Aggravated Battery	12/09/12	6:14AM	100 blk Adams Rd	Resident stabbed by neighbor during argument. Suspect arrested.
Attempted Burglary	12/13/12	12/13/12 8:30AM – 12:25PM	100 blk Marlin Dr.	Unknown persons attempted to break sliding door window.
Warrant Arrest	12/19/12	12/19/12 9:45AM	6400 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	While returning Found Property to its owner, subject found to have an active warrant for Failure to Appear on traffic case.
Theft	12/20/12	5:40PM – 6:15PM	Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Several DVD's taken from unattended beach bag.

Police Dispatch Center receives State Certification

During the 2011 session, the Florida Legislature enacted a law requiring certification for all 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators (PST's); more commonly known as Dispatchers. This legislative mandate assigned the task of developing and implementing the training and testing requirements to the FL Department of Health (DOH).

Not unlike other small agencies, the Ocean Ridge Police Department approached this mandate by exploring the options available to maintain our 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP or Dispatch Center); which has been in existence since the founding of the Department. Originally, the indication from the State of Florida and surrounding agencies was that consolidation of PSAP's and outsourcing of this training would be necessary. However, based on recent experience, we have realized that participation in an off-site program comes at an extremely high cost; in terms of both tuition and personnel hours.

In October 2012, the thought of applying to the FL DOH to have our in-house PST training program certified was considered. When presented with the idea and the requirements for program development, Dispatch Coordinator Jessica Simpson and Dispatcher Clerk Brandi Gonsman expressed a willingness to compile the necessary information and then build a curriculum to be sent for consideration by the FL DOH.

On December 12, 2012, I was notified by DOH personnel that the 254-hour ORPD training program they prepared and presented was approved. As a result, the Ocean Ridge Police Department Dispatch Center now has a State-certified 911 Public Safety Telecommunications Training Program. Such a proud distinction places us among less than a handful of certified training centers in Palm Beach County – all much larger agencies - and one of less than 150 such centers throughout the entire State.

The efforts of both of our dedicated employees in this endeavor are commendable in and of themselves; however, the fact that they took this project upon themselves during a time of severe staff shortages and while performing additional duties related to the PST training of our Police Officers, makes their actions even more extraordinary. This achievement is enhanced by their having accomplished this feat in such a short period of time.

Dispatch Coordinator Simpson and Dispatcher/Clerk Gonsman received a Letter of Commendation for their actions and were publically recognized by the Town Commission on January 7, 2013.

Former ORPD Officer on “The Biggest Loser”

Joseph “Joe” Ostaszewski is one of the contestants on this season’s NBC TV series: “The Biggest Loser.” Joe was an Ocean Ridge Police Officer from May 1995 – January 1998. He and his twin brother, Henry Jr., were outstanding football athletes in High School and continued playing together at Florida State University under former coach Bobbie Bowden. Their proud Dad, Henry Sr., is a retired Sergeant from the Boynton Beach Police Department. A portion of the program was filmed locally. The show airs Mondays at 8:00 p. m. EST.

“Parker” the Movie

In September 2011, Ocean Ridge was abuzz with activity surrounding the filming of the movie “Parker” at various locations in Town. The film stars Jason Statham and Jennifer Lopez.

As a follow up, the film’s release is set for 01/25/13. You may recognize a few local sites. A movie trailer can be found at: <http://parker-movie-trailer.blogspot.com/>



New ORPD SUV Patrol Vehicle

Christmas came earlier this year!

As a result of a contribution from the Ocean Ridge Department of Public Safety Support Group, Inc. the Police Department was able to purchase one new patrol vehicle. In light of the discontinuance of the familiar Ford Crown Victoria, a new type of vehicle had to be chosen. Following research, the Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV was selected. This unit provides a higher profile than a sedan; yet offers a stable ride and roomy interior. Final outfitting is still in progress, but be on the lookout for the new "562". As of this writing, it is believed to be the only one in Palm Beach County.

On behalf of everyone at ORPD we once again thank the Support Group for their contribution toward this purchase; and greatly appreciate the donations from the citizens that made this possible.



UPDATE: Ocean Inlet Park Added Security and Parking Restriction

As a follow up to last month's article, the permanent barriers have been installed to close the main parking lot from dusk to dawn. New signage will also be erected.

These measures allow for the continuation of the required 24/7 access for those fishing or using the marina; while prohibiting others from gathering to create problems.



January's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

- 1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting minutes of Dec. 3, 2012 with a couple of minor revisions**
- 2. Approved a Proclamation Declaring the Municipal Election to be held on March 12, 2013 with polls open from 7 am – 7 pm – One Commission Seat Open for a three year term with Qualifying Dates from Feb. 1 until Feb. 15, 2013 at 3 pm**
- 3. Proclaimed January as “National Stalking Awareness Month”**
- 4. Directed staff to obtain estimate to purchase Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras at the entrances to Town**
- 5. Directed staff to add the authorization of a \$1,200 donation to the Sea Angels to the February Agenda**
- 6. Confirmed the hiring of Carly Kuehn as a Dispatcher/Clerk**
- 7. Approved a modification to the Retirement Bonus Policy to remove the cap on the \$100 per year of employment after 20 years of employment**
- 8. Confirmed the Jan. 16, 2013 at 8:30 am Meeting to Discuss the Town Manager Evaluation**
- 9. Consensus for the Town Manager to work with Comm Hennigan on the final Employee Handbook Revisions**

Did You Know...?

The following items are available online at www.oceanridgeflorida.com

- * Town Manager's Monthly Town Update
- * ORPD's Monthly Activity Report for Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes
 - * Town Budget FY 12/13
- * Current/Past Agendas and Minutes
 - * Event flyers
 - * Lost & Found pets
- * Street, FIRM & Zoning maps
- * Flood & Hurricane Information
- * Link to Town's Code of Ordinances
- * Building Permitting Information & Forms
 - * ...and much more!

Ask the Town Manager!

The Town Manager would like to answer your questions pertaining to the Town. This column will be added to the newsletter each month or as often as there are questions submitted. Just send your question to kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com or leave note in drop-box in the Police Department lobby.



Recycling Information

Place These Items In Your Blue Bin

Plastic Containers #1-#7

Steel Cans

Aluminum Cans

Aluminum Foil

Aluminum Pie Pans

Drink Boxes

Milk & Juice Cartons

Glass Bottles & Jars

Recycling is collected on Fridays!

Place These Items In Your Yellow Bin

Beverage Cartons

Tissue Boxes

Dry Food Boxes

Newspapers

Magazines/Catalogs

Unwanted Mail

School/Office Paper

Phone Books/paperback books only

Paper Bags

All Cardboard Boxes (flattened & cut to 3x3max or next to yellow bin)

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup



Join the Sand Sifters for their monthly beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of each month

Time: Beach Cleanup sign-in at 8am ; Event ends at 10:15am

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd (A1A)
Just north of the Ocean Avenue bridge.
Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot.

Community Service Hours Awarded

Pre-Registration:

thercipeexchange@comcast.net
or 561-734-9128



Website:

www.SandSifters.us

Sponsors:

Sand Sifters Volunteers
Town of Ocean Ridge
City of Boynton Beach
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department
Dave Wagner Realty, Coldwell Banker
RecipeExchange.com

Sea Angels



SeaAngels are dedicated to help in cleaning up our beaches, waters and parks from the continual litter that threatens our wildlife and natural environment.

Come join the SeaAngels for a beach cleanup. We do give volunteer hours for students.

WHEN: Every last Saturday of the month

TIME: 8:00-10:30am

WHERE: 6990 N. Ocean Boulevard, Ocean Ridge

(Check in is at the picnic tables next to the snack bar)

For more information go to www.seaangels.org

or e-mail us at info@seaangels.org

Please join us so we can make a difference one piece of litter at a time.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

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

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: 8-10:15am

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

Website: www.SandSifters.us



Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **January 26**

Where: Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd. Check in is at the picnic tables next to the snack bar.

Time: 8-10:30am

Who: Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages. Volunteer hours awarded for students.

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

Contact: info@seaangels.org

Website: www.seaangels.org

Town Hall Library

What: Shelve and organize books in the Town Library.

When: Ongoing

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

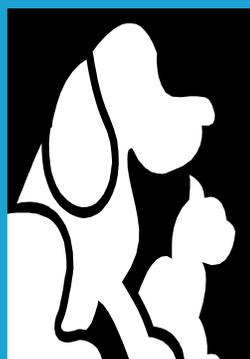
Time: Any time between 8:30am—3pm.

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

Book Club Meeting



Lost or Found A Pet?
Call 561-732-8331 to
report a
lost or found pet.

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 6 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss *State of Wonder* by Anne Patchett. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

