

# Ocean Ridge Tidings



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

## Municipal Election Information

The 2014 municipal election will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 7:00AM to 7:00PM in the Town Hall community room. Two commission seats will be open for a three-year term. Interested candidates must file between 12:00PM on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 and Tuesday, February 11, 2014 by 12:00PM. 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 de 2014 se celebrará martes, 11 de marzo de 2014 de 7:00 a 19:00 en el salón comunitario del Ayuntamiento. Dos asientos de la Comisión estará abiertas por un período de tres años. Los candidatos interesados deben presentar entre 12:00 en martes, 28 de enero de 2014 y martes, 11 de febrero de 2014 por 12:00. Alguien que tiene preguntas o necesita información adicional debe llamar Ayuntamiento en 561-732-2635 entre 8:30 y 15:00. Para boletas y otras consultas electorales, por favor llame a la supervisora 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 11, 2014. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your community, meet your neighbors, and earn some extra money (\$185).

To work the polls you will be required to be at Town Hall from approximately 6:00AM to 8:00PM. You may not leave but breakfast and lunch will be provided. Additionally, you will be required to attend a 4 hour training session. Specific training dates are 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 [khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com) at your earliest convenience.

## Town Hall Library

Ocean Ridge's library has a large selection of donated fiction and non-fiction books available for residents to sign-out.



Checking out books is based on an honor system. We ask that you sign out the books at Town Hall and date when returned. Please have proof of residency available. Library operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 3:00PM.

## Koi Garden Donation

On behalf of Dr. Weege, the Town would like to thank the Clay family for their generous donation toward funding the maintenance and feeding of the koi garden pond in front of Town Hall. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

If you would like to donate towards the garden pond, please contact Dr. Weege at 561-523-5705.



## General Information

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

[www.oceanridgeflorida.com](http://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](mailto: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

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### Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

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### Police Chief

Christopher T. Yannuzzi

[cyannuzzi@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:cyannuzzi@oceanridgeflorida.com)

### Mayor

Geoff Pugh

### Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

### Commissioners

Gail Adams Askov

Ed Brookes

Zoanne Hennigan

### Mayor & Commissioners email

[info@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto: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

Army Corp of Engineers 561-683-1577

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

DEP—Christian Lambert 561-313-9007

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

FL Dept. of Transportation Traffic Line 511

Florida Fish & Wildlife Comm. 888-404-FWCC

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

Florida Power & Light (report outage) 800-4-OUTAGE

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 Inspector General 877-283-7068

Palm Beach County Mosquito Control 561-642-8775

Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation 561-966-6600

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser 561-355-3230

Palm Beach County Tax Collector 561-355-2266

Palm Beach County White Fly 561-276-1260

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

**CLIP AND SAVE!**

## Calendar of Events

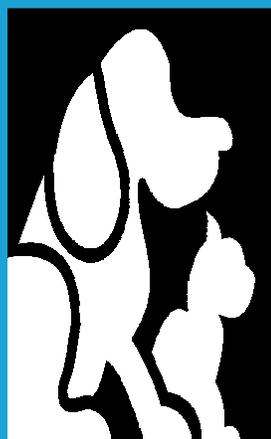
### January

- 1: New Year's Day Town Hall Closed, No Contractor Work, No Inspections
- 3: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 4: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 6: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 7: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 8: Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in Community Room
- 9: Lecture Series at 7:00PM in Chambers
- 17: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Town Hall Closed, Contractors May Work, No Inspections
- 25: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park
- 28: First day to qualify for municipal election
- 31: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot

### February

- 1: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 3: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 4: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:30AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 5: Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in Community Room
- 11: Last day to qualify for municipal election by 3:00PM
- 13: Lecture Series at 7:00PM in Chambers
- 14: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 17: President's Day—Town Hall Closed, No Inspections, Contractors May Work
- 22: Garden Club's Rummage Sale from 8:00AM-12:00PM at Town Hall
- 25: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park
- 28: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot

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



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

**Oceanfront Park Beach  
Conditions**

**Call 561-742-6775**

## January's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the January 6, 2014 meeting:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting of Dec. 3, 2013
2. Consensus for staff to develop a time frame to research various aspects relating to all of the public access beach crossovers; such as liabilities, legal ramifications, resident concerns, and enforcement issues, also schedule a future meeting with the P & Z Commission, and to place this topic on each regular agenda item until further notice
3. Proclaimed January as "National Stalking Awareness Month"
4. Tabled a request by the City of Boynton Beach for a new sign at the entrance to the Ocean-front Park until the next meeting
5. Approved a request by Ocean Manor, 5500 Old Ocean Blvd., to obstruct the ROW by creating a 5' wide by 10' long paver brick pathway that would extend from their extreme west property line to the eastern portion of Fayette Drive. One of the intended uses is to allow the sanitation hauler to empty the dumpster from the Fayette Drive location and this use is contingent on acceptable pick up and removal of the debris
6. Approved a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$82,150 for the Thompson Street Drainage Improvements to include a bid of \$74,600 awarded to Anzco, Inc. for the construction and also \$7,550 to Engenuity Group for the Related Professional Services from the Capital Projects Fund
7. Adopted Ordinance No. 605; Amending Chapter 6, Article V of the Code of Ordinances Adding New Section 6-108 through 6-111 to Conform the Code of Ordinances Language Regarding the Permitting and Installation of Low-Voltage Alarm Systems to the Florida State Statutes (First Reading)
8. Directed staff to obtain a more comprehensive bid on a solution for discoloration and algae problems in the gutters on Eleuthera Drive and also to correct the driveway issues to provide better sealing and inhibit the inflow from groundwater
9. Approved an additional \$9,000 from the Capital Projects Fund for the Repaving and Landscaping for the Inlet Cay Bridge approach
10. Conducted the Town Manager's Evaluation with an overall satisfactory review

## White Fly Infestation

If your landscape has been looking rather dreary, chances are the vegetation has been infected with whitefly. Residents may notice a yellowing, white waxy matter called flocculent, or “honeydew” (also known as whitefly excrement) and dusty black mold that can leave plants, cars, pools, and patio furniture a mess. It is important to treat and maintain your yard as per the Town’s [Ordinance No. 598](#).

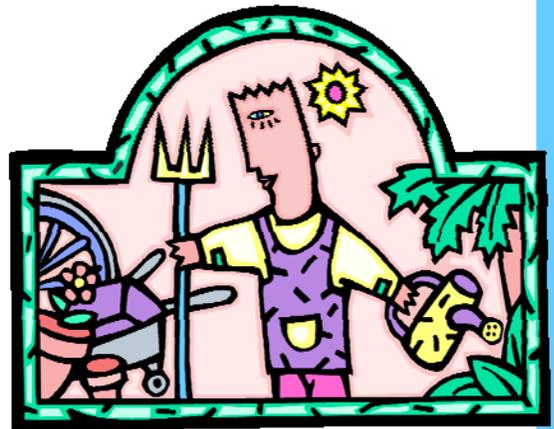
Current white fly resident species are: Ficus, Rugose Spiraling, Bondar’s Nesting, and Silver-leaf. Each species tends to have particular flora that they prefer. For instance, the Rugose Spiraling whitefly attacks gumbo limbos, palms, and oak trees and the Bondar’s nesting whitefly attacks ficus hedges.

To treat the infestation, there are over-the-counter methods that may be helpful and should be used every 4-6 months, especially at the roots, to prevent future attacks. Ortho Bug B Gon Max, Bayer Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect Control, Spectricide Systemic Tree & Shrub Insect Control, Safer’s Insecticidal Soap, Organocide, and Neem oil are some products that you can use to treat your vegetation. Alternately, you may want to contact your landscaper or a commercial pest control company for other methods.

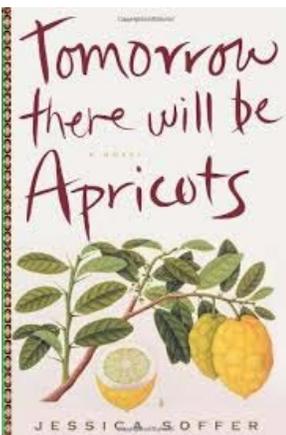
Palm Beach County has set up a webpage which provides research, short and long-term whitefly infestation strategies. Visit The Palm Beach Whitefly Task Force webpage here:  
<http://pbcgov.com/coextension/horticulture/whitefly/>.

### Sources:

- \* Town of Manalapan, Manalapan News, *Invasion of the Whitefly*, February 2012, Page 2  
<http://www.manalapan.org/archives/73/February%202012.pdf>
- \* The Palm Beach Whitefly Task Force,  
<http://pbcgov.com/coextension/horticulture/whitefly/>
- \* Sun-Sentinel, Christine Winter Juneau, *Blame damage on the whitefly*, March 11, 2012



## Book Club Meeting



The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 5 at 5:45PM in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots by Jessica Soffer. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

## FPL: Power & Street Light Outages

Did you know that it is easy to report a power outage or a street light that is out in your neighborhood? To report an outage or to get updates on an outage, call 1-800-4OUTAGE (800-468-8243). You may also dial this number to report any hazardous conditions. To report street light issue, simply click on this [link](#) and fill out the information or go to [fpl.com](http://fpl.com). You will receive a confirmation email and updates from FPL.



# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

## Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crimes/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **December 2013** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

Type of Incident	Report Date	Time Frame	Location	Synopsis
Violation of Town Code/Cutting Dune Vegetation without Permit	12/05/13	10:13 AM	5600 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Lot was cleared of vegetation without the required permit.
Burglary/Theft	12/09/13	3:30 – 10:00 PM	5400 blk Old Ocean Blvd	Bicycle stolen from open garage.
Violation of Town Code/Maintenance	12/11/13	11:20 AM	Ixora Way	Resident cited for numerous maintenance issues.
Violation of Town Code/White Fly	12/12/13	1:00 PM	5900 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Owner cited for White Fly infestation/damage.
Theft/Arrest	12/13/13	2:46 AM	6600 blk N. Ocean Blvd	Female hired taxi for ride from Hollywood Hard Rock Casino then refused to pay fare.
Burglary/Vehicle	12/17/13	1:30 PM	Hudson Ave.	While left unattended, landscaping equipment was removed from utility trailer.
Burglary/Theft	12/17/13	12:30-2:00 PM	5500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Lawn furniture taken from patio.
Burglary/Theft	12/20/13	10:30-11:00 AM	Hudson Ave.	While victim was working in yard, unknown persons entered residence and took his wallet.
Identity Theft	12/21/13	9:00-10:21 AM	Ocean Harbor Circle	Victim's information used to open a fraudulent Discover Card account over the Internet.
Recovered Missing Juvenile	12/22/13	2:32 PM	Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd.	Information was received that a runaway was at the Park. Subject located and reunited with parent.
Violation of Town Code/Vacation Rental	12/30/13	4:16 PM	Anna St	While investigating an unrelated Code Violation, Officers discovered the property was rented for a week; which is less than the required 30-day minimum.
Violation of Town Code/White Fly	12/31/13	3:00 PM	Oceanview Dr.	Owner cited for White Fly infestation/Damage.

## SCAMS

There are several scams that have been perpetrated regarding fake FPL bills. Here is some information from FPL: [New twist to international email scam targeting utility customers](#)

Scammers are targeting utility customers with emails that appear to be monthly bills from FPL and other legitimate utilities, like Pacific Gas & Electric. These emails are bogus and may contain malicious spam. Do not open or click them and do not provide any personal information. Authorities have been notified of this scam.

If you receive an email bill from an electric utility other than FPL, it's likely a scam. Do not open or click on the email. Delete it immediately.

If you receive an FPL email bill that looks different from your normal bill or seems suspicious in any way, do not click any links. Look at the account number to verify that it is your actual account number. You can find your account number by looking at an old bill or by logging in to your account on [FPL.com](http://FPL.com). If the account numbers match, then the email is a legitimate email from FPL. If they do not, delete the email immediately.

If you think you may have been a victim, report it online to the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force at [stopfraud.gov](http://stopfraud.gov).

Remember, FPL will **never** send emails threatening to close your account if you do not take the immediate action of providing personal information.

You can find images of these scam emails as well as additional tips on how to protect against scams by visiting [FPL.com/protect](http://FPL.com/protect).

Please see the attachment from FPL for additional information on page 8.

## Tax Collector Files Lawsuit Against Online Travel Companies

In 2013, the Town Commission, Town Manager and Police Department addressed several issues regarding the vacation rental of homes for less than the 30-Day minimum (as required by Town Ordinance). Also, the Town Commission enacted an Ordinance requiring rental properties be registered.

During the course of the investigation of past violations, we partnered with other governmental agencies in an effort to bring these properties into full compliance. One of those agencies was the office of the Palm Beach County Tax Collector, Anne Gannon.

It was announced last week that her office had filed suit against several companies who broker these rental locations throughout Palm Beach County. The suit was in regards to the unpaid "bed tax" that is required to be collected and then submitted to the Tax Collector. This requirement is for any location rented for less than 6 months.

Please see the enclosed Press Release for further details on page 9.

## Protect Yourself from Scams, Fraud and Imposters



**Always ask to see a badge**  
Protect yourself from imposters

Don't fall victim to scams or fraud. The first step to protecting yourself is to recognize suspicious activity. This can take many forms, such as:

- Someone pretending to be an FPL employee or contractor to gain access to your home
- A company claiming to be FPL or associated with us to solicit your personal information or sell their products and services over the telephone or through the mail
- Emails or websites that appear to be from FPL and require you to provide personal information

### How to Protect Yourself

### New/Common Scams

### Report Fraud/Scam

### Other Resources

#### Email Bill Scam (En Español)

Scammers are targeting utility customers across the nation with emails that appear to be monthly bills from legitimate utilities. These emails are bogus and may contain malicious spam. Do not open or click them and do not provide any personal information. Authorities have been notified of this scam. If you think you may have been a victim, click the Report Fraud/Scam tab above for further instructions on how to protect yourself. Also, please know that FPL will never send emails threatening to close your account if you do not take the immediate action of providing personal information.

**Non-FPL customers:** If you are not an FPL customer and you receive something that looks like an FPL email bill, delete it immediately. It is a scam. Do not open or click the email.

**FPL customers:** If you receive an email bill from an electric utility other than FPL, like PG&E, it's likely a scam. Do not open or click the email. Delete it immediately. If you receive an FPL email bill that looks different from your normal bill or seems suspicious in any way, do not click any links. Look at the account number to verify that it is your actual account number. You can find your account number by looking at an old bill or by logging in to your account on FPL.com. If the account numbers match, then the email is a legitimate email from FPL. If they do not, delete the email immediately.

[View FPL scam bill example](#) / [View PGE scam bill example](#)

#### Phone Scam (En Español)

Phone scammers posing as FPL employees are targeting customers across our 35 county service territory. These scammers are using false phone numbers that could appear on a caller ID to be FPL. They then threaten to shut the power off unless a payment is made immediately with a credit card or prepaid Money Pak card. These calls are not from FPL. We will **never** call and ask for credit card info or take prepaid cards as payment. In fact, we do not ask for any personal information from you unless you initiate the contact. If you ever receive a strange call and are in doubt, hang up and call us at the phone number listed at the bottom of your FPL bill. Authorities have been notified of this scam. It seems to be affecting utilities across the nation. If you think you may have been a victim, please click the Report Fraud/Scam tab above for further instructions on how to protect yourself.

#### Bill Payment Scam

This bill payment scam affected customers by spreading through social media and word-of-mouth. It was part of a nationwide phishing scam. Scammers told customers that a third party, in most cases the Federal Government or President Obama, would pay their utility bill in exchange for their personal information such as Social Security numbers and personal banking information. While customers may have received information from friends or the internet instead of the scammers themselves, we urge all customers never to use banking information that is not their own. Unauthorized use of account information is illegal and any payment applied to utility bills will be reversed. Also, customers who use unauthorized banking information to pay their FPL bill will receive a letter stating their payment was invalid and will still be required to pay their bills. We have notified authorities including: the State Attorney General's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the U.S. Secret Service Miami Electronic Crimes Task Force.

#### Unsolicited Energy Audit Calls

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) filed legal action to stop an aggressive marketing scheme targeting customers of FPL and other Florida utilities. The group may have also posed as employees of FPL or approved FPL contractors in order to conduct home energy audits and sell energy-related services or equipment. If you or someone you know received calls or visits of this nature, contact the FDACS Consumer Assistance Call Center at [www.800helpfla.com](http://www.800helpfla.com) or by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA. **Read the announcement from FDACS.** We do not solicit our customers by phone to offer home energy surveys or audits. Our energy efficiency experts will visit your home only if you request it and prearrange a time.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



**ANNE M. GANNON**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR**  
*Serving Palm Beach County*  
**Serving you.**

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**Tax Collector Files Lawsuit Against Online Travel  
Companies**

January 13, 2014

**TO: Editors**

**FROM: Anne M. Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector**

**RE: TAX COLLECTOR FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST ONLINE TRAVEL COMPANIES**

**Date: 4:00 PM January 13, 2014.**

The Constitutional Tax Collector filed a lawsuit against four Online Travel Companies (OTC), also referred to as Third Party Intermediaries, in the Palm Beach County Circuit Court today. Defendants include Air BNB Inc., HomeAway Inc., TripAdvisor LLC, and CouchSurfing International Inc. The lawsuit alleges the OTCs failed to register as dealers of transient accommodations with Palm Beach County and did not pay the county's tourist development tax as authorized by Florida Statute 125.0104 and 212.0305 and County Codes 17-111, 17-113 and 17-114. A "bed tax" of 5 cents per dollar is levied on all Palm beach County hotel stays for short term rentals of 6 months or less.

The Tax Collector filed the lawsuit seeking a declaratory judgment for tourist development taxes (TDT).

TDT taxes are due on amounts received by the named defendants for vacation rentals at private homes in Palm Beach County that they market and collect monies.

[View the complaint document.](#)

**Contact: Anne Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector**

**(561) 355-4271**

[KClarke@pbctax.com](mailto:KClarke@pbctax.com)

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## Fraudulent Tax Returns

As the Tax season approaches, the need to protect your personal information becomes even more critical. The submission of fraudulent Tax Returns has been a problem over the past several years; and there is no reason to think that victimization will not continue to occur.

Since this is a highly technical and confidential investigative process, local law enforcement has been instructed to turn all of these cases over to the IRS. They have the expertise and access to the submitted documents. In addition, if the case warrants, they can prosecute at the Federal level.

Should you discover that a Tax Return has been filed fraudulently in your name, contact the IRS directly at 800-908-4490. You may also obtain additional information via their website: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)



### *Did You Know...?*

The following items are available online at [www.oceanridgeflorida.com](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com)

- \* Town Manager's Monthly Town Update
- \* ORPD's Monthly Activity Report for Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes
  - \* Town Budget FY 13/14
- \* 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
  - \* Town Maps
  - \* ...and much more!



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on Twitter!  
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**Call the Citizen Information Line at  
561-738-ORFL (6735)  
for alerts and updates.**



# The Abrams Agenda



## Bolstering the County's beaches

The county's shoreline is currently being replenished, providing wider, deeper beaches and restored dunes. Since 2012, the beaches have been in desperate need of renourishment from severe erosion primarily caused by Hurricane Sandy. This project, expected to be complete by the end of April, will deliver about two million cubic yards of sand to beaches between Boca Raton and Tequesta and restore more than 28,000 feet (approximately five miles) of beach.

Just recently, a beach renourishment project in south Boca Raton was completed where approximately 150,000 cubic yards of sand from the Boca Inlet was dredged and placed on a one-mile stretch of beach south of the inlet. The dry beach was widened by approximately 60 feet.

The dredging continues northward where sand is taken from offshore

and either pumped through a submerged pipeline or hauled by tow trucks onto the beach. The renourishment project includes the following beaches:

- one-and-a-half miles of beach south of Spanish River Blvd.,
- one mile of beach between Atlantic Avenue south to Linton Blvd., and
- one mile of beach from the Boynton Beach Inlet to Edith Street in Ocean Ridge.

Our beaches are part of the county's infrastructure and play an integral role in our local economy, as tourism is the county's top industry. Revenues from coastal properties help fund programs and services we all enjoy. Beaches by nature are unstable. The beaches along the 45-mile coastline in Palm Beach County are slowly (and naturally) eroding away; hurricanes and nor'easters cause additional damage.

### Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams

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Hurricane Sandy caused the loss of hundreds of feet of beach throughout the county beaches. Renourishment projects, such as this one, are critical in stabilizing our coastline and preserving our infrastructure

For this project, approximately \$22 million in emergency federal funds were made available. In addition, approximately \$7 million in state, city, and county funds were also provided from ad-



Aerial view of the Boca Raton beach project

## Attention boaters: manatee patrols increased

If you are boating on the intracoastal in the next few months, please know that there will be more police patrolling the waters enforcing speed limits in manatee zones. The county recently approved funding for increased law enforcement patrols on county waterways through April 30, 2014. Since its inception in 2007, the program's 10,000 hours of enhanced manatee patrols have played a significant role in protecting the local manatee population.

Manatees are currently on the endangered species list and are protected under state and federal laws. Unfortunately, a high number of manatee fatalities are caused by boats.

The Florida manatee is a large plant-eating aquatic mammal found in shallow, coastal waters, rivers and canals. They are present in Palm Beach County year-round but in much larger numbers during manatee season which is from November through April when they gather in higher numbers. The average adult manatee is about 10 feet long and weighs between 800 and 1,200 pounds.

Popular manatee feeding locations in Palm Beach County are seagrass beds found in shallow coastal waters. These include Lake Wyman, the Lantana/Boynton area, Jupiter Sound, MacArthur Beach State Park and the Loxahatchee River.



Florida manatees

# Pictures from Ocean Ridge's Holiday Celebration

December 12, 2013



# Garden Club Rummage Sale

Proceeds of the sale support scholarships and students going to horticulture camp as well as projects to help beautify the community.

When: Saturday, February 22, 2014

Time: 8:00AM-12:00PM

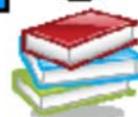
Donations for the rummage sale will be accepted at Town Hall from February 19-21 between 8:30AM-3:00PM

Questions? Contact Stella at 561-752-1630



# Bookmobile

## Schedule for Ocean Ridge



Palm Beach County Library's Bookmobile will be visiting Ocean Ridge twice a month from November 2013 through April 2014! Use your County Library Card or have one issued to you on the Bookmobile. Library cards are free-of-charge to residents of the Palm Beach County Library District and their children (proof of address, such as a Florida's Driver's License, an envelope cancelled by the Post Office, or a utility bill is required).

### 2013

November 8, 22

December 6, 20

### 2014

January 3, 17, 31

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

April 11, 25

Ocean Ridge Town Hall Parking Lot  
1:00PM-1:45PM



For more information on the Library's Bookmobile program, call 561-649-5500 or visit [www.pbclibrary.org](http://www.pbclibrary.org).

# Town of Ocean Ridge LECTURE SERIES 2013/14

*Free and Open to the Public*

**October 10, 2013**

Tony Marconi, Curator of Education at the Historical Society of the Palm Beaches, will recount the adventurous story of Ponce de León's discovery of Florida 500 years ago.



**November 14, 2013**

Enjoy contemporary music from Bill Hartmann, a very talented 12-string guitarist and vocalist.



**January 9, 2014**

Dr. John C. Fine will present interesting facts and information about marine life, reefs, and shipwrecks off of Boynton Beach.



**February 13, 2014**

Eric Vandernoot, Astronomy & Physics Lab Coordinator at Florida Atlantic University, will present some exciting information about the new planets found by the Kepler Space Telescope.



**March 13, 2014**

Turtle season is here and Dr. Kirt Rusenko, Marine Conservationist at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, will describe the three turtle species that commonly nest on our beaches and will also provide information on what citizens can do to keep turtles safe during nesting season.



**April 10, 2014**

Join us for an engaging story about the Macedonian King, Alexander the Great, as told by Dr. Christos Papatheodorou.

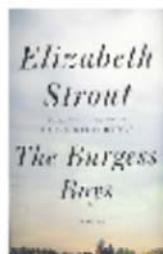


All events begin at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month except for December 2013.

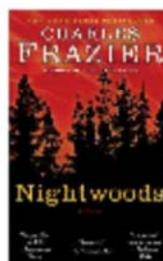
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# Ocean Ridge Book Club

## Book Selections



December 4, 2013  
The Burgess Boys  
By Elizabeth Strout



January 8, 2014  
Nightwoods  
By Charles Frazier



February 5, 2014  
Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots  
By Jessica Soffer

The Book Club meets in the Community Room at Ocean Ridge Town Hall on the first Wednesday of each month (except Jan. 2014) beginning at 5:45pm.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

**What:** Join the Sand Sifters for beach clean-up!

**When:** First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup **February 1**

**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:** Jeff at [JeffLev02@gmail.com](mailto:JeffLev02@gmail.com)

### Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

**What:** Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

**When:** Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **January 25**

**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](mailto:info@seaangels.org)

**Website:** [www.seaangels.org](http://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

## We Want To Hear From You

Do you have a favorite recipe?

- \* A new edition to the family you'd like to announce?
- \* A favorite pet, wildlife, beach, or nature picture?

We'd love to add them to the newsletter and share them with your neighbors.

Email submittals to Lisa at

[Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com)

## Add Us To Your Contacts!

To ensure that you receive the e-newsletter, news alerts and other town information please add the following email

addresses to your contacts (especially if you have a Comcast email address!)

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