

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



Municipal Election Information

The 2016 Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, coinciding with the Presidential Primary Election handled by the PBC Supervisor of Elections. Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM in the Town Hall community room. Lynn Allison (incumbent) and Steve Coz qualified as candidates for the one open seat prior to the Dec. 8th deadline. The qualifying period was earlier this year due to the federal and state requirements relating to absentee ballot mailing requirements. For absentee ballots and other voting inquiries, please call the Supervisor of Elections at 561-656-6200.

Expiring Building Permits

Every month an expired permit report is generated and letters are sent to the homeowners informing them that an open building permit for their property will expire shortly as per Section 67-52 of the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances. This is an informative and beneficial letter letting the homeowner know that every permit requires a final inspection and no positive inspection has been scheduled for a period of six months. The expired building permit will be considered "not completed and open due to the lack of a final inspection" for any reporting purposes and may present delays when attempting to sell or refinance your home.

If the permit is ready for a final inspection, please call the contractor listed on the building permit to have them schedule the final inspection with the town. Also, make sure the permit with yellow permit card is posted. If the permit is not ready for an inspection, you may renew the permit one time within 6 months of expiration, if there are no changes to the original permit, and a \$45.00 renewal fee (cash or check only) must be submitted to the town. If there are changes, a new application with two copies of the back-up material must be submitted and the fee will be based on the new estimated cost of the project with no eligible refunds.

Old Ocean Blvd. Workshop Meeting

The Workshop Meeting to discuss possibly converting Old Ocean Blvd. to one way and also possibly closing several streets to Old Ocean Blvd. has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6PM in the chambers. An agenda has been posted on the town's website.

"Open House" Retirement Party For Karen Hancsak

Town Hall will be hosting an "Open House" Retirement Party from 3pm-5pm at Town Hall on Friday, January 29. Karen Hancsak is retiring from Ocean Ridge after 35 years of service. We welcome residents, friends, and vendors to stop by to share memories and wish Karen farewell at this event. Light refreshments will be served.





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

James Titcomb

jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Chief

Hal Hutchins

hhutchins@oceanridgeflorida.com

Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

James Bonfiglio

Richard Lucibella

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

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 inspections, no contractor work, garbage/trash & recycling will be collected
- 2: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park from 8AM-10:15AM
- 4: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in chambers
- 5: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in chambers (tentative)
- 6: Book Club meeting from 5:45PM-7PM in community room
- 14: Special Town Commission meeting begins at 8:30AM in chambers
- 14: Lecture Series begins at 7PM in chambers
- 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections but contractors may work
- 26: Public Workshop/Old Ocean Blvd begins at 6PM in chambers
- 29: Open House Retirement Party for Karen from 3PM-5PM at Town Hall
- 30: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

February:

- 1: Regular Town Commission meeting begins 6PM in chambers
- 2: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in chambers (tentative)
- 3: Book Club meeting from 5:45PM-7PM in community room
- 6: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park from 8AM-10:15AM
- 11: Lecture Series begins at 7PM in chambers
- 15: President's Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections but contractors may work
- 17: Coffee with a Cop from 7:30AM-9:30AM at Town Hall
- 27: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-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.

Meeting Information

Regular Town Commission meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00PM. Code Enforcement Hearings meet on demand on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. Board of Adjustment meets on demand on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30AM and the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on demand. Any special meetings added to the calendar, date and time changes, as well as agendas and minutes will be updated on the Town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com and on Twitter @OceanRidgeFL as they occur.

Privacy Policy

The following is the Town's privacy policy that is noted in Town email signatures and a variation is on the Town's website.

"Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from the Town of Ocean Ridge officials and employees regarding public business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may be subject to public disclosure. Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing. The views expressed in this message may not necessarily reflect those of the Town of Ocean Ridge. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by replying to this message, and please delete it from your computer. Thank you."

January's Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

The following list is actions taken at the January 4, 2016 meeting:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes for Dec. 7, 2015
2. Continued the Re-plat Application for Lots 92-94 Island Drive So. to the Feb. 1, 2016 Regular Town Commission Meeting
3. Proclamation for Election Held on March 15, 2016/Proclamacion para eleccion sodtenida el 15 de marzo de 2016
4. Staff to contact Republic Services regarding complaints related to the co-mingling of garbage and recycling during pickup
5. Directed Town Attorney to notify the counsel for William Swaim that the Town will not be taking any affirmative action regarding any easement related issues for the property located to the south and west of Town Hall at the present time
6. Confirmed the hiring of Kelly Conte (Police Dispatcher), Katherine Berish (Police Officer), and also Thomas Storey (Police Dispatcher) subject to his satisfactory background check
7. Consensus of the Commission to interview four firms on Jan. 14, 2016 at 8:30 am for the purpose of the legal representation for the Town
8. Approved the proposed meeting format and time frame for the Workshop Meeting to Discuss Converting Old Ocean Blvd. to a One Way Street and Closing Entrances to Old Ocean Blvd. on Several Streets
9. Approved the Longevity Retirement Bonus for the Retiring Town Clerk Based on Resolution 2011-22

ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE AT TOWN HALL FROM 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM TO SHARE THE RETIRING TOWN CLERK'S (KAREN HANCSAK) LAST DAY (LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED)

REMINDER - THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO DISCUSS CONVERTING OLD OCEAN BLVD. TO A ONE WAY STREET AND CLOSING ENTRANCES TO OLD OCEAN BLVD. ON SEVERAL STREETS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 26TH, 2016, BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM AND ENDING BY 8:00 PM

OR OCEAN RIDGE COASTAL ARTISTS

Winter 2016-Ocean Ridge Town Hall
6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge FL

December 1, 2015

Announcement of 2016 Ocean Ridge Coastal Artist Exhibition.

I'm writing to share the "**NEWS**" that the 2nd Annual OR Coastal Artists Exhibit will be held during the month of March, 2016 in Ocean Ridge Town hall. We learned a lot and promise you that this year the process of show participation will be much smoother. The Town of Ocean Ridge has reduced the percentage of sales commission from 30% to 20%.

There will be an exhibit brochure available that will include: *Painting Number, Artist's Name, Painting Name, Material/Medium, Size (unframed) and Artist Phone Number.*

Only the painting number will appear on the Artwork. The artist will be responsible for providing the Ocean Ridge Commission to Nancy Flinn.

Any artist who had two pieces accepted last year, but had only one displayed, will be exempt from paying an entrance fee for the 2016 show. Judged winners, prize money and cost associated with administration, advertising, promotion, judging etc. will be taken from the entrance fee collected from each artist.

We very much hope all the wonderful participants from 2015 will again join with us to assure an even more successful 2016 exhibit.

Two paintings were sold in 2015 of the 24 shown. One for: \$850.00 and the other for: \$999.00. We intend to do more aggressive promotion and marketing for the 2016 exhibit beginning in November of this year to increase the sales potential for participating artists.

The six artists that were recognized as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, in 2015 and three honorable mentions are displaying, multiple pieces of their art for sale as part of the pre-2016 exhibit promotion in Ocean Ridge Town Hall. Additionally, the judges from the 2015 show are also displaying their artwork. Please visit from mid-November through January.

First Place: Irwin Goldman, **Second Place:** Louise Loranger, **Third Place:** Roxene Sloate.

Judges: Beth Sloat and Max Matteson

The attached "**CALL TO ARTISTS**" will be available in all local artists' environments from Boca Raton to North Palm Beach. We sincerely invite you to participate in this exciting event.

Nancy Flinn,
Show Director

5900 Old Ocean Blvd.,
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

Phone: 561-336-2948
Email: nancym7@yahoo.com

OR

OCEAN RIDGE COASTAL ARTISTS

Winter 2016-Ocean Ridge Town Hall
6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge FL

CALL FOR ARTISTS - JURIED ART SHOW

Exhibit Dates: March 3rd to March 31st, 2016

AN ARTIST MAY SUBMIT ONE ENTRY - \$20 PER ENTRY FEE ♦ FEE NON-REFUNDABLE

The show was developed to enhance the cultural experience in Ocean Ridge. In affiliation with the Delray Art League and Coastal Area Artists, the event will be held at Ocean Ridge Town Hall. Proceeds will be donated to the Delray Art League Scholarship Fund and to the Town of Ocean Ridge for Art in Public Places.

CALENDAR:

Monday, February 15th 2016...Deadline to submit Entry Fees and Art Work

Monday, February 29th 2016...Deliver of Selected Art Work to Ocean Ridge Town hall 10AM to 11AM

Thursday, March 3rd 2016...OPENING PARTY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION AT OCEAN RIDGE TOWN HALL 6PM to 8PM

Friday, April 1st 2016...Pickup of ALL Art from 9AM to 10AM

(NOTE: THESE PICKUP & DELIVERY TIMES MUST BE OBSERVED.)

Eligibility:

Art Work is subject to judged approval; up to 80 pieces will be selected for the show. All Art Work must be no larger than 30" x 40" (including Frame), properly framed, or gallery wrapped (no staples showing on the canvas sides), wired, and ready to hang. Wire should be placed on the upper third of frame to hang close to the wall or rack grid. All Art Work must be labeled (on the back, upper right-hand corner) with artist's name, title, address, medium, and price PRIOR TO DELIVERY. The Maximum value of Art Work must not exceed \$1,000. All Art Work in this exhibit must remain for the duration of the show, even if sold. Anyone that removes their exhibit will be prohibited from entering future shows unless authorized by the committee. All Art Work sold will be subject to a 30% donation to the Town of Ocean Ridge for Art in Public Places.

ORIGINAL ART WORK ONLY - NO PRINTS OR GICLÉES!

CASH PRIZES:

1st PLACE \$300

2nd PLACE \$200

3rd PLACE \$100

Honorable Mention: 2 @ \$50 ea. (\$100)

To download these forms use the link:

<https://db.tt/FBwrkw1y>

For more information call:

Nancy Flinn at 561-336-2948 or email:

Nancym7@yahoo.com

RETURN OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and \$20

Check (per submission) made payable to:

OCEAN RIDGE COASTAL ARTISTS

Mailed to:

Nancy Flinn at 5900 Old Ocean Blvd.

Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

OR COASTAL ARTISTS 2016

Nancy Flinn

5900 Old Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

\$20 Entry Fee (per art submitted for consideration) NON-REFUNDABLE

DEADLINE FOR ART ENTRY FORMS/PHOTOS:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Artist: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

*PLEASE SEND A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH OF
ARTWORK SUBMISSION BY 2/15/2016
FOR JUDGING TO:*

ORCOASTALARTISTS@GMAIL.COM

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR
SUBMISSIONS PLEASE CONTACT NANCY FLINN BY**

EMAIL: NANCYM7@YAHOO.COM

OR TEL. 561-336-2948



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police

Criminal Activity

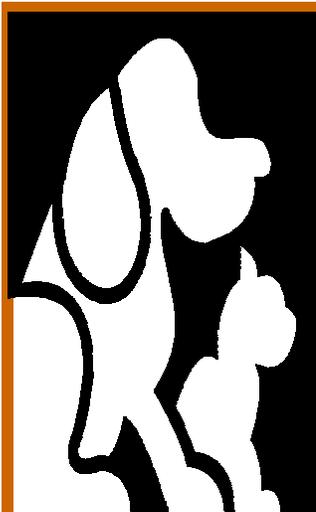
Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **December 2015** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Found Drugs	12/2/2015	12/1/2015 @ 7:15 am	6600 North Ocean Blvd.	Several bundles of marijuana found floating in the surf. Turned over to Federal Authorities.
Stolen Vehicle	12/6/2015	Between 12/5/2015 @ 4:00 pm and 12/6/2015 @ 12:30 pm	6520 North Ocean Blvd.	Theft of vehicle and contents. Vehicle recovered in Boynton Beach and returned to owner.
Theft from Storage Room	12/6/2015	Between 12/5/2015 @ 12:00 noon and 12/6/2015 @ 10:30 am	6530 North Ocean Blvd.	Electric mobility scooter stolen from storage area. Found in Intra-coastal Waterway.
Thefts from Vehicle	12/9/2015	Between 12/8/2015 @ 9:00 pm and 12/9/2015 @ 8:00 am	5520 North Ocean Blvd.	3 Vehicle windows smashed. Small items taken.
Theft from Vehicle	12/9/2015	Between 12/9/2015 @ 11:45 am and 12/9/2015 @ 12:50 pm	Adams Rd.	Theft of lawn equipment from open landscape trailer.
Stolen Vehicle	12/12/2015	Between 12/11/2015 and 12/12/2015	5900 Old Ocean Blvd.	Vehicle stolen from parking area. Recovered in Boynton Beach.
Theft from Vehicle	12/14/2015	Between 12/13/2015 @ 4:00 pm and 12/14/2015 @ 9:00 am	69 Spanish River Dr.	\$900.00 US currency taken from vehicle. No signs of forced entry.

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Identity Theft	12/16/2015	Between 11/24/2015 and 12/9/2015	5500 Old Ocean Blvd.	Online fraudulent use of credit card account.
Stolen Vehicles/ Theft from Automobiles	12/19/2015	Between 12/ 18/2015 and 12/19/2015	Hudson Ave.	Two vehicles stolen from garage of residence. Two additional unlocked vehicles entered with items taken. Vehicles recovered in Riviera Beach.
Theft from Vehicle	12/21/2015	Between 12/20/2015 and 12/21/2015	Dolphin Rd.	Theft of items from unlocked vehicle.
Stolen Vehicles and Thefts from Vehicles	12/25/2015	Between 12/24/2015 and 12/25/2015	5505 North Ocean Blvd. and Adams Rd.	Three vehicles stolen/ Four unlocked vehicles entered with small items removed. All vehicles recovered in Boynton Beach.
Theft from Vehicle	12/28/2015	12/28/2015 between 12:30 am and 5:30 am	Harbour Dr. North	Unlocked vehicle entered. Small items removed.



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

Marking Mailboxes

Please make sure that your mailbox is marked with your house number. Doing so helps emergency personnel identify your address. For guidelines, please visit the USPS website at the following URL:

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>



January's Crime Prevention Information From Investigator Richard Jones

Home Security

One of the best methods to combating crime is prevention. Our homes are the one place where we should all feel the safest. Although you cannot completely prevent crime, you can take steps to prevent your family from being the victim.

One of the first things you should do is target harden your home. This means making your home more difficult to burglarize than those around it. In order to target harden your home, you should evaluate your current security methods and practices to see if they are adequate. The simplest method of target hardening involves locking your doors and windows, installing deadbolts on all entry/exit doors and installing a home alarm system that can be monitored by the Ocean Ridge Police Department.

Beyond these simple quick tips, you should also consider the following;

- Use solid core or metal doors for all entrance points
- Use a high quality deadbolt with a (1) inch throw bolt
- Use a high quality "knob in lock" door knob with a "dead latch function"
- Use (4) screw strike plates that have 3 inch screws
- Install a 160 degree peephole, no higher than 58 inches

If your home is equipped with sliding glass doors, you should consider the following;

- Use a secondary locking device (Through Door Pins) as the basic latch is usually not adequate
- Make sure the door roller are adjusted properly so the door cannot be easily removed from the track
- Use highly visible alarm decals

Windows are one of the most common methods of entry for burglars, especially when your homes doors are adequately protected. An open window that is visible from the street or alley is an invitation to a burglar. Even second floor windows may be attractive to a burglar depending upon the design of your home. Stairways, trees, balconies and fences are commonly used by burglars to access the second floor. The following considerations should also be made;

- Windows that are left open for ventilation should be locked using a secondary locking device and should be left open no more than 6 inches
- Make sure someone cannot reach through an open window and unlock the window or a nearby door
- Use anti lift devices to prevent the window from being lifted out
- Use highly visible alarm decals

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One of the biggest indicators to a burglar that someone may or may not be home involves lighting. When you are on vacation or away from your home at night, use random timers to turn lights on and off inside your home. You should also consider using motion or body heat activated lighting outdoors to provide security lighting. These devices should be programmed to reset after (1) minute. Most of these devices have photo-cell features so they only function at night. Use good lighting along the pathways that lead to your door.

If you choose to install or use a video surveillance system, you should choose a system that has adequate infrared illumination for night time use. You should also coordinate your exterior lighting to work best with your video surveillance system. Video surveillance installers should work directly with lighting installers to ensure the best possible solution. Check your system frequently to ensure it is operational and is saving at least (7) days of stored video.

The benefit of a neighbor helping a neighbor cannot be substituted by security systems. You should get to know your neighbors and their normal habits so that each of you can assist one another by observing and reporting suspicious behavior or activity to the police. Good neighbors will pick-up your mail, newspapers, packages and will frequently check your home to ensure all is well. Communicate frequently with your neighbors and make an effort to help them when needed.

Allowing a trustworthy neighbor to have a key solves the problem of hiding a key. Hidden keys are common and experienced burglars know where to look. Requiring a service provider or vendor to see your neighbor to retrieve and return a house key will also send a message that your home is being watched.

Photograph or video your valuables in their locations around your home and create a list of their make, model and serial numbers. This is important when filing a police report or insurance claim. Store this information in a safe deposit box or with a friend or relative you trust.

Not all crime can be prevented, but we should all strive to deter as much crime as possible through prevention.

Pet Owners:

For your animal's safety and the safety of your neighbors, please remember to secure your pets by a collar and leash as you walk them around the town and especially on Old Ocean Blvd. where pedestrian traffic is heavy.

Thank you.

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!)

info@oceanridgeflorida.com

Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com

dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police



NEWLY HIRED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department is pleased to welcome two new employees to its ranks.



Katherine Berish was sworn in as a probationary police officer on January 5, 2015. Officer Berish comes to us from the Palm Beach County Court Security Section and has served as a police officer in two other cities before deciding to join us.

Kelly Conte was sworn in as dispatcher/clerk on January 5, 2015. Kelly comes to us from the Office of the State Attorney where she worked as a legal secretary. Kelly is currently in training as a 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator, and expected to complete her training in March 2015.



OUR MOST RECENT CRIME TREND

Over the course of the past six weeks, the Towns of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes have experienced a marked increase in both auto theft (Stolen Vehicles) and automobile burglaries (Thefts from Cars).

This phenomenon is not unique to our community. This is a trend that is being seen throughout all of Palm Beach County. As you can see from the crime reports listed above (on pages 12-13), this trend is having quite the impact.

The one factor that continues to emerge from investigation of these crimes, especially the recovery of the stolen vehicles, is the fact that most all of these crimes could have been thwarted by simply locking the vehicle and removing the keys from the vehicle (including spares and valet keys).

In a review of all of the crimes of auto theft and auto burglary over the past six weeks, over 90% of all vehicles entered or stolen were found to have been left unlocked.

Though we live in a very safe community, we are not immune from crime. We must lock our doors and take precautions to secure our property.

We at the Police Department are asking for your assistance. Please be vigilant and mindful of suspicious persons and activities, secure your property by locking your vehicles and houses, and use your alarm. If you observe something unusual, no matter the hour of day, please call us right away.

We are currently working with numerous other agencies to locate those responsible for these crimes and remove them from the street. Please assist us by making it more difficult for them to commit these types of crimes in our community.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Coffee with a Cop

Please join us at Town Hall, 6450 North Ocean Blvd. for the second "Coffee with a Cop" session on Wednesday February 17, 2015 between 7:30 AM-9:30 AM.

We hope to once again answer any of your questions about the functions of the Police Department and Town Government, as well as introduce you to some of our newer employees.

Light refreshments will be served.

In order for us to get an idea of interest, please RSVP by email to dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com or by letting the on duty dispatcher know you will be attending by calling (561) 732-8331.

In the meantime, should you have questions or concerns, I and every member of your Police Department are available and you are welcome to call or stop in anytime and visit.

And finally,

Please report any suspicious person or activity as soon as possible.

REMEMBER



**The Information You Provide Could Make A Difference.
Do Your Part. Report Suspicious Activity.**

If you see something, say something

If something does not look right, let us know.



**Report Suspicious Activity or Persons
to the Ocean Ridge Police Department at 561-732-8331**

Volunteers Needed

Your Anthrax Committee needs volunteers to distribute antibiotics on the remote chance that the Town of Ocean Ridge is exposed to an aerosolized airborne anthrax event. No special knowledge is required. All that is required is attendance at about two hours of meetings per year.

Aerosolized Airborne Anthrax is a bioterrorist weapon. Unfortunately, there have been several anthrax episodes in the United States, including one fatal attack in Palm Beach County in 2001. While death occurs in 50% to virtually all exposed individuals, the disease can be prevented by rapid administration of appropriate antibiotics. It is strongly recommended that everyone be provided and take these antibiotics for his/her protection against exposure.

The Town of Ocean Ridge has signed an Agreement with the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County who will provide the needed antibiotics at no cost, as part of a program under the auspices of the Center for Disease and Prevention. We will be a dispensing site for our community. Our own trained and credentialed resident-volunteers will perform the necessary dispensing duties. (In absence of this Agreement other will have to line up at large public dispersal centers.)

You are urgently requested to sign up as a volunteer to assist with this challenge. We plan to have a Training Update very soon and would like to get as many of our residents as possible to share in this important program.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Terri Vinas at vinasfam@aol.com or James Titcomb at jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com. Or, you may drop off this Form at the Town Hall, addressed to Anthrax Committee c/o Terri Vinas.

Thank you.

I, _____ wish to be a volunteer

My Address is: _____

My Email address is: _____

My Phone number is: _____

Best Time to Call: [] Morning [] Evening

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **February 6**

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

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 30**

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

Follow Us On Social Media

In addition to the newsletter and email blasts, the Town of Ocean Ridge utilizes the following social media platforms to provide information to our residents:

[Twitter](#) @OceanRidgeFL

[YouTube](#) (audio of meetings only)

[NextDoor](#) (click link to join)

Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 3 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss Chris Cleave's *Gold*. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

