

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.

Beach Access

At the February meeting the Town Commission addressed the question of private vs. public beaches and the access to these properties. On the Town's website, www.oceanridgeflorida.com, there is a memo from our attorney addressing the legal aspects of private vs. public use of the beach. Also included are the Town Manager's memos indicating what some other communities do and some other information. The Commission requested that the staff gather all of the information as well as including any new comments or ideas that residents may have in a concise report. At present a Commission workshop is scheduled for some time in April to address the pertinent issues. It will be on the Commission agenda until concluded. If anyone has any comments, questions, concerns or recommendations please forward them to the Town Manager at Town Hall by letter or email (kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

Thompson Street

Thompson Street has always been a problem during heavy rains. The original design didn't allow for proper drainage. We worked with our engineers and developed a program to hopefully eliminate the flooding. The road is short and narrow so we'll have to close it during construction to bury the drainage structures. The project should be complete by the end of February as long as the weather cooperates. We're sorry for any inconvenience but it'll be short term. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of the neighbors who are mostly impacted.





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 Askov

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

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

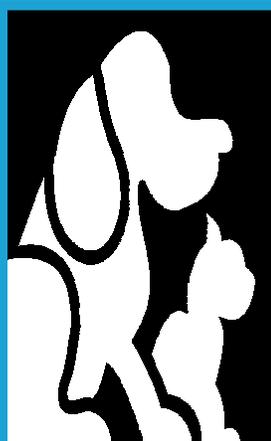
February

- 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 (Donations for the sale will be accepted at Town Hall from Feb. 19-21 between 8:30AM-3:00PM.)
- 25: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park
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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**

February's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the February 4, 2014 meeting:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting of January 6, 2014
2. Consensus for staff to continue research on various aspects relating to all of the public access beach crossovers; such as liabilities, legal ramifications, resident concerns, and enforcement issues, and to place this topic on each regular agenda item until further notice, and to schedule a Workshop Meeting in April
3. Appointed the Poll Workers for the Municipal Election
4. Approved a request by the City of Boynton Beach for a new sign at the entrance to the Oceanfront Park to read "Boynton Beach Oceanfront Park"
5. Approved a request by Polly Joa, 35 Hersey Drive, to obstruct the ROW by constructing a 4' wide wooden crossover that would encroach approximately 10' into the eastern ROW on Old Ocean Blvd. provided a Unity of Title is recorded joining the dune parcel with the western parcel
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 606; Amending Chapter 67, Article III, Section 67-58 of the Code of Ordinances to Provide for the Refund of Building Permit Fees (First Reading)

Be a Volunteer




Create a Team




Be a Sponsor



CCC'S 2014 ANNUAL HUNGER WALK

March 7 & 8, 2014

Friday, Mar 7 – Concert Kick-Off 7 PM
Jazz, Christian Contemporary and Gospel
First Baptist Church, 301 N. Seacrest Blvd.
BBQ (parking lot) 4:30 – 7:30 PM
(Take home or eat before the concert)
To RSVP your orders call 561-386-4261
Hot Dog, Hamburgers, Chicken & Ribs, potato salad, chips & soda
BBQ Volunteers from St. Paul's AME Missionaries & Youth Groups

Saturday, March 8
Registration 8:30 AM – Warm-up 9 AM
Walk – 9:15 AM 2-mi beach and back
Schoolhouse Museum & Children's Learning Center,
129 East Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach
Special Guest – Perry Borman, PBC Food Bank

Each Walker that raises \$100 or more receives a **FREE** commemorative T-shirt, 1 per person
(Individual walkers are welcomed, registration is free, a suggested donation of non-perishable food and/or \$10.)

To benefit the **Community Caring Center's** food pantry and senior hunger programs providing emergency food, shelter & assistance to **5,000** people annually. For more info E-Mail to sheryccc@aol.com or call:
561-364-9501 Ext 25






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Kohrig Family Chiropractic

Atlantic Recreation Spodak






Remember:
Daylight Saving Time
Begins on March 9
Set your clocks
ahead one hour.

Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society is having their annual Relay For Life walkathon on the evening of May 3rd. It will be at the Boynton Beach Community High school from 6PM-6AM. They have approached Ocean Ridge to see if anyone is interested in sponsoring a team or joining a team. If you're interested or need more information please contact Ken Schenck at 561-732-2635. This is a worthwhile cause that touches everyone's lives.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE



RELAY FOR LIFE OF BOYNTON BEACH

Join us in the fight against cancer! Register your team!
Celebrate being a cancer survivor! Be a sponsor!

May 3-4, 2014
6:00 PM—6:00 AM

Boynton Beach Community High School
4975 Park Ridge Road
Boynton Beach, FL 33426

Survivor Lap begins at 6:00 PM
Luminaria Ceremony at 9:00 PM



Visit RelayForLife.org.

Celebrate. Remember. **Fight Back.**®



Walmart has underwritten the cost of this poster to help the American Cancer Society save lives in your community.

For more information please contact:

ACS Staff Partner - Tim Drevins Tim.Drevins@cancer.org
(561) 394-7751 ext. 5313

Event Chair - Emily Alt emalt77@gmail.com
(561) 703-5713

To register online visit www.relayforlife.org/boyntonbeachfl



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **January 2014** 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>
Criminal Mischief	01/03/2014	12/31/13 3:00 PM – 01/03/14 10:48 AM	5500 blk N. Ocean Blvd	Unknown person(s) ripped down a portion of trellis causing \$200 damage.
Fraud/Identity Theft	01/22/2014	01/18/2014 12:30-1:30 PM	5600 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Unknown person(s) used victim's personal information to access bank account.
Forgery	01/28/2014	To be determined	5400 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Resident reported her signature was fraudulently used on permits for construction.

REPEATED FROM LAST MONTH: 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

Oceanfront Park Changes Hours

Effective March 1st, the City of Boynton Beach has decided to close Oceanfront Park at 6415 N. Ocean Blvd. at 9:00 PM. The former time was 11:00 PM. This is a result of reviewing activity that has been occurring after dark; and puts this park more in line with other area parks that close at Sunset. The Park will continue to open at Sunrise.

Secure Communities

Recently, members of the Ocean Ridge Police Department have investigated two cases involving subjects (illegal aliens) who were performing domestic services for residents. One case involved the alleged theft of \$40,000 worth of property. These cases would be in addition to numerous incidents over the past few years where other violators were identified during traffic stops, code enforcement, etc.

During the course of these investigations, ORPD works jointly with our partners at Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Border Patrol. Once confirmed, any illegal aliens are taken into custody by them and processed under Federal Immigration Laws.

Below is some information from the ICE website that describes their “Secure Communities” program that you should be aware of in the hopes that you would avoid being both a victim and/or a violator as an employer. Additional information can be found at: http://www.ice.gov/secure_communities/

ICE Website Info:

“The highest priority of any law enforcement agency is to protect the communities it serves. When it comes to enforcing our nation's immigration laws, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) focuses its limited resources on those who have been arrested for breaking criminal laws.

ICE prioritizes the removal of criminal aliens, those who pose a threat to public safety, and repeat immigration violators.

Secure Communities is a simple and common sense way to carry out ICE's priorities. It uses an already-existing federal information-sharing partnership between ICE and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that helps to identify criminal aliens without imposing new or additional requirements on state and local law enforcement. For decades, local jurisdictions have shared the fingerprints of individuals who are arrested or booked into custody with the FBI to see if they have a criminal record. Under Secure Communities, the FBI automatically sends the fingerprints to DHS to check against its immigration databases. If these checks reveal that an individual is unlawfully present in the United States or otherwise removable due to a criminal conviction, ICE takes enforcement action – prioritizing the removal of individuals who present the most significant threats to public safety as determined by the severity of their crime, their criminal history, and other factors – as well as those who have repeatedly violated immigration laws.

Secure Communities imposes no new or additional requirements on state and local law enforcement. The federal government, not the state or local law enforcement agency, determines what immigration enforcement action, if any, is appropriate.

Only federal DHS officers make immigration enforcement decisions, and they do so only after an individual is arrested for a criminal violation of local, state, or federal law, separate and apart from any violations of immigration law.”



Better Business Bureau (BBB) and NBC provide two Scam Alerts

January 24, 2014

Scam Alert -- Check your credit card statement for these charges:

With this new con, scammers are banking on the fact that many consumers don't check their credit card statements all that carefully. Don't fall for it. Review your recent statements for unexplained charges of \$9.84 and contest them with your bank or credit card issuer (call the number on the back of your card).

How the Scam Works:

You spot a recent strange charge of \$9.84 on your credit card statement. The source listed on your bill is an unfamiliar website. You check out the web address, and it's not the business website. It's a generic landing page that claims to offer "Customer Support." The text promises to "refund 100% of your last payment" and provides a phone number and email address.

What's going on here? Scammers are charging stolen credit card numbers for a small amount of money. (Recent victims were all charged \$9.84, but scammers may change that amount as word gets out.) The expectation is that many cardholders won't notice the relatively small charge, and the credit card companies won't go after such a minor sum.

Victims report calling the "customer support" site and receiving verbal confirmation that the charge would be canceled. However, don't take the scammers at their word. Contact your bank to report the charges and request a new credit card. Your card information has been compromised, and its likely scammers will be back for more.

Feb. 3, 2014 at 12:34 PM ET

Missed a call? 'One-ring' cell phone scam could cost you money

Julianne Pepitone NBC News

"One-ring" scam victims who return the missed call from a mystery number find themselves connected to — and charged for — an "adult entertainment" line.

iPhone spam phone call

If you pick up your phone and see a missed call from a number you don't recognize, you may want to think twice about calling back.

You could be a potential victim of the growing "one-ring phone scam," which the Better Business Bureau (BBB) warned consumers about last week. As in most phone-based scams, the perpetrators use auto-dialing computer programs to call phones all over the country.

In this case, the scammers let the phone ring once — just enough to cause a missed call message to pop up on victims' phones — and then hang up. Victims who call the number back are connected to a paid "adult entertainment service" located overseas.

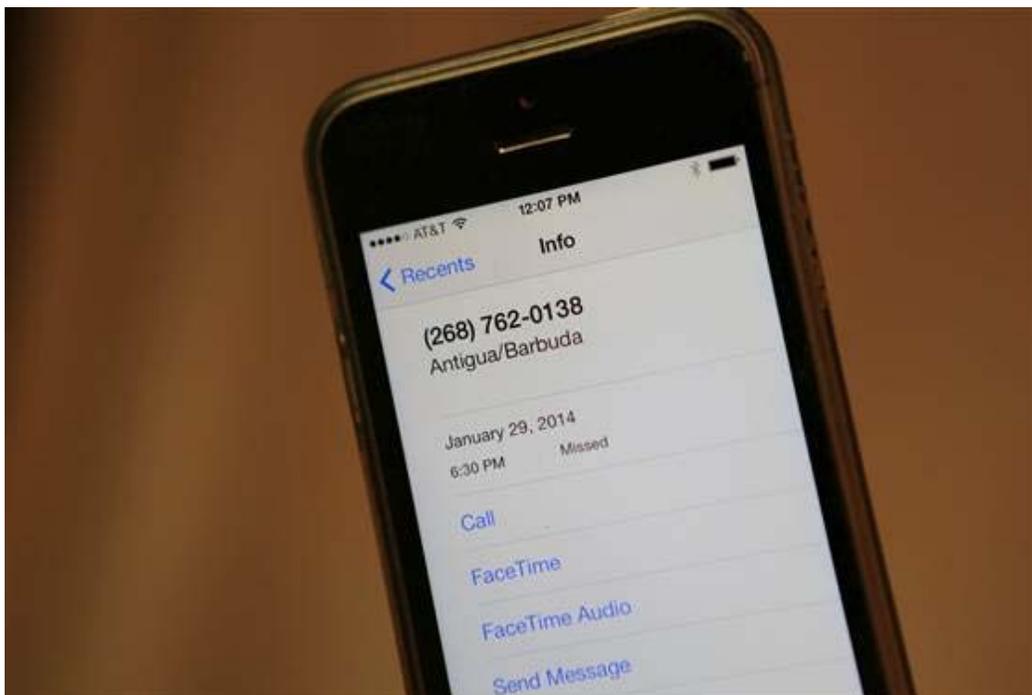
Those unlucky callers are generally charged a \$19.95 international call fee up front, plus \$9 or more per minute for the unwanted "service." (In some cases the scammers charge only a few bucks to the victim's bill to avoid suspicion.)

The BBB said the scam calls usually come from outside the United States, including from numbers with area codes 268, 809, 876, 284 and 473.

The BBB recommended that consumers ignore incoming or missed calls from out-of-state phone numbers that they don't recognize, and carefully check cell phone bills.

If you're really tempted to call back that number, at least pop the digits into Google first. Sites like whocalled.us track complaints and questions about calls from specific numbers, while other online directories can tell in which town and state the phone number is registered.

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John Makely / NBC News

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

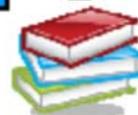
Donations for the rummage sale will be accepted at Town Hall from February 19-21 between 8:30AM-3:00PM

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.

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.

6450 N Ocean Blvd ♦ Ocean Ridge ♦ 561-732-2635

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

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

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup **March 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

Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **February 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

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

Tax Collector Handouts

Palm Beach County Tax Collector's office provided the town with a few informative brochures and calendars for residents. The following brochures and calendars are: "Important Information About Your 2013 Property Taxes", "Be Real ID Ready", and 2014 Tax Planner & Services Guide (calendar). These handouts are available while supplies last. Residents may stop in during work hours which is Monday—Friday from 8:30AM—3:00PM.

