

Ocean Ridge Tidings

A monthly email newsletter for the residents of Ocean Ridge



2010 Municipal Election Information

The 2010 Municipal Election will be held on March 9, 2010 from 7am to 7pm in the Town Hall Community Room. One Commission seat is open for a three-year term. Incumbent Lynn Allison and Nancy L. Hogan are running for the one Commission seat. A sample ballot is located on page 3. Should you need an absentee ballot, you will need to contact the Supervisor of Elections office at 561-656-6200. Should you have any questions or need additional information please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.



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First Art Exhibit A Success!

On Thursday, February 25, 2010, the Town hosted its first Art Exhibit & Reception featuring three local artists: Steven Greenhut, Max Matteson, and Olga Moore. The event was initiated and organized by Mr. John Wootton. All of his hard work and dedication to arrange this event proved successful. The event was attended by over 100 people. Three donated pieces were sold at the

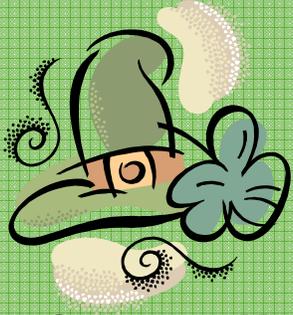


Mayor Ken Kaleel saying a few words of welcome to the artists and attendees.

silent auction and another 4 paintings were sold. Approximately \$1800 will go to support the Ocean Ridge Public Art. The remaining artwork will be available for viewing and for purchase for another six weeks. The unique and beautiful sculptures and paintings can be viewed during Town Hall operating hours 8:30am—3pm, Monday through Friday.



Left to right: Artists Steven Greenhut, Olga Moore, Matt Matteson, and Event Organizer John Wootton.



March 2010

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 <i>It's Turtle Season!</i>	<p>1</p> <p><i>Regular Town Commission Meeting 6pm</i></p> <p><i>Boynton Inlet Bridge work begins</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Code Enforcement Hearing 10am (tentative)</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup & Kids Gone Sporty Wild at the Beach Event 8:15am-10:15am Mini-Olympics after</i></p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Town Election 7am-7pm @ Town Hall</i></p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Garden Club Rummage Sale @ Town Hall 8am-12pm</i></p>
<p>14</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Time</i></p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>St. Patrick's Day</i></p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p><i>Passover begins</i></p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><i>Visit Town Hall to view beautiful sculptures and paintings by local artists.</i></p>		

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
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Precinct

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE - GENERAL ELECTION
CIUDAD DE OCEAN RIDGE - ELECCION GENERAL
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONDADO DE PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
MARCH 9, 2016
9 DE MARZO DE 2016

TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE ARROW(S) POINTING TO YOUR CHOICE(S), LIKE THIS
Mark with a #2 pencil or pen **(DO NOT USE RED INK)**
If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

PARA VOTAR, TERMINE LAS FLECHAS QUE SEÑALAN SUS SELECCIONES, ASÍ
Márquelas con lápiz #2 o pluma **(NO UTILICE TINTA ROJA)**
Si usted comete un error, no dude en solicitar una nueva boleta. Si usted borra o hace otras marcas, es posible que su voto no se considere.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE CIUDAD DE OCEAN RIDGE TOWN COMMISSIONER COMISIONADO MUNICIPAL (Vote for not more than One) (Vote por no más de Uno)		
Lynn Allison		
Nancy L. Hegan		

YOUR POLLING LOCATION is listed on your Voter ID Card. You must notify the Elections Office if you move from the address listed on your Voter ID Card. If you are unsure of the polling location of your new Precinct, call 561-856-8200.

The polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P. M. on Election Day.

SU CENTRO ELECTORAL está nombrado en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Tendrá que informar a la Oficina de Elecciones si se muda de la dirección nombrada en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Si no está seguro del lugar donde debe votar en su nuevo distrito electoral, llame al 561-856-8200.

LAS URNAS ESTAN ABIERTAS DE LAS 7 AM A LAS 7 PM EL DIA DE LAS ELECCIONES.

CURRENT AND VALID PICTURE AND SIGNATURE ID IS REQUIRED when you go to your polling place to vote. Each elector is required to present a current and valid Florida Driver's License, a Florida Identification Card, or any other acceptable picture ID listed under F.S. 101.043.

SE REQUIERE IDENTIFICACION VALIDA Y VIGENTE CON SU FOTOGRAFIA Y FIRMA cuando usted va a los centros de votación a emitir su voto. Cada elector debera presentar la licencia de conducir de la Florida, Tarjeta de identificación de la Florida válida y vigente o cualquier otra identificación con foto aceptable bajo la lista del FS 101.043.

Sea Turtle Nesting Season: March 1 through October 31

Source: Palm Beach Co. Dept. of Environmental Resources Mgmt

Three sea turtle species (the endangered green and leatherback and the threatened loggerhead) nest in Palm Beach County. Artificial lighting may deter females from nesting and can prevent hatchlings from reaching the water. Beach furniture and other obstacles on the beach may block access to suitable nesting locations. You can help sea turtles by following these tips:

- * Turn off all non-essential beachfront lighting.
- * Replace incandescent & fluorescent bulbs with red or amber LED bulbs.
- * Reduce lighting visible from the beach by lowering shielding, recessing, and/or redirecting fixtures..
- * Use draperies or blinds to reduce interior lighting.
- * Be turtle friendly by removing chairs, toys, floats, and boats from the beach at night.
- * Replace wooden cabanas with lighter alternatives.

Source: Above information from the Dark Skies Save Sea Turtles' Lives postcard; PBC DERM 2010.

Phone Numbers To Know

- * Report beachfront lighting problems to Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management (561) 233-2400.
- * Report injured or dead sea turtles to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).
- * Report violations, harassment or poaching to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

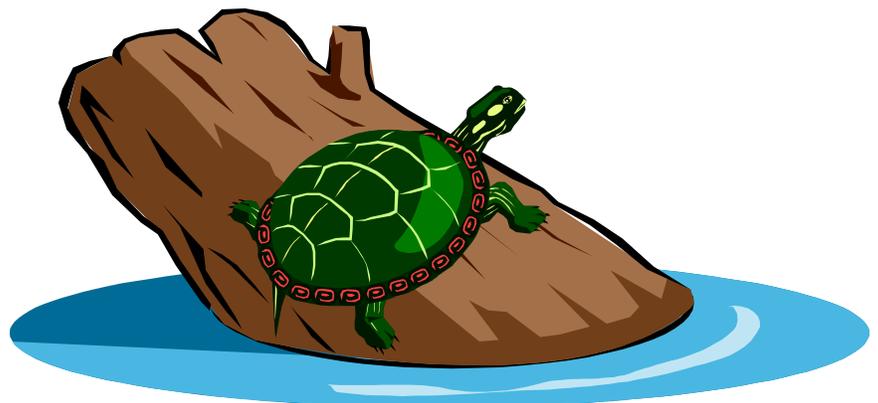
Turtle Walks: June & July

- * Marinelife Center of Juno Beach
Loggerhead Park, 14200 US 1, Juno Beach
Reservations by phone 561-627-8280
- * John D. MacArthur Beach State Park Nature Center
10900 St Rd A1A, N Palm Bch (Singer Island)
Reservations by phone 561-624-6952
- * Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Boca Raton
1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton
Tickets must be purchased in person. 561-338-1473

To read the Town's Code in regards to
Turtle Season, please refer to
Chapter 66, Sec. 66-2.

Condo Association Officials & Residents:

Turtle brochures,
postcards, flyers, and
table top brochure are
available while supplies
last at Town Hall.



Various Board Appointments

The Commission will consider 2 Board of Adjustment Alternates (1 year term) appointments and 2 Regular Member (3 year terms) and 2 Alternate (1 year term) appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission at the April 5, 2010 meeting. Interested residents must be registered voters of the Town and submit a resume to the Clerk's Office by March 26, 2010. Any questions call 561-732-2635.

A1A Single Lane Closure

Worth Contracting, Inc. will begin painting work on March 1 on the Boynton Inlet Bridge (A1A over Boynton Inlet). Single lane closures will be maintained on this bridge for the duration of this project from 7am to 7pm. The project should be completed by July 30, 2010.



Oceanfront Park Boardwalk Renovations

Source: Article from Media Release; City of Boynton Beach Recreation & Parks Department

Access to the water for all citizens is important to our quality of life as South Florida residents and Boynton Beach is at the forefront of providing open space and water access for all to enjoy. From the 1920's to today, Oceanfront Park has been popular with residents and visitors alike. In fact, in 2001 the beach was named the Best Family Beach in Palm Beach County by The Palm Beach Post.

The City of Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Department will be renovating the boardwalk again, replacing the recycled plastic decking with Ipe (pronounced ee-pay) Wood. Ipe is an incredibly strong, dense wood, with very high wear durability in daily use, and is resistant to splintering and checking. It's also beautiful. Weather has little to no effect upon the structural integrity of Ipe wood. The sun will eventually transform the wood from its original reddish-brown to a beautiful silver patina.

Construction began on February 22 and is expected to be completed Spring 2011. During boardwalk construction, the park will remain open to the public with the construction completed in phases to allow beach access to patrons. Some parking will be unavailable during construction, but for the most part, parking will be available on a daily basis.

For more information about renovations to the Oceanfront Park boardwalk and about construction dates, please contact Jody Rivers at 561-742-6226.

Garden Club Rummage Sale

The Ocean Ridge Garden Club will be holding a Rummage Sale at Ocean Ridge Town Hall on Saturday, March 13 from 8am to noon. Proceeds of the sale support scholarships and students going to horticulture camp as well as projects to help beautify the community. Come on out and support this worthy effort.

Any donations for the sale will be accepted at Town Hall on Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12 from 8:30pm to 3pm. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene at 561-364-8583.

Police Department News from Lt. Yannuzzi

Breaking News

At 9:36 AM on Saturday, 02/27/10 ORPD officers responded to investigate a series of Auto Burglaries in the area of Oceanview Dr. Subsequently, a suspect vehicle was identified and at 12:40 PM the vehicle was stopped. Further investigation and interviews resulted in the arrest of 2 subjects and the recovery of a significant amount of property. The subjects were identified as: Frederick Mark Teplitsky, white/male, 06/16/1964 and Ilya Bentsis, white/male, 03/20/1982; both of Baltimore, MD. The subjects had been visiting a friend on Douglas Dr. They were charged with 3 counts of Auto Burglary, theft and other crimes and lodged in the Palm Beach County Jail. Another Ocean Ridge case has since been linked them and more charges are pending. In addition, property associated with crimes in Delray Beach and Boynton Beach has been recovered. ORPD Inv. Hal Hutchins is working with those Police Departments to file more cases.



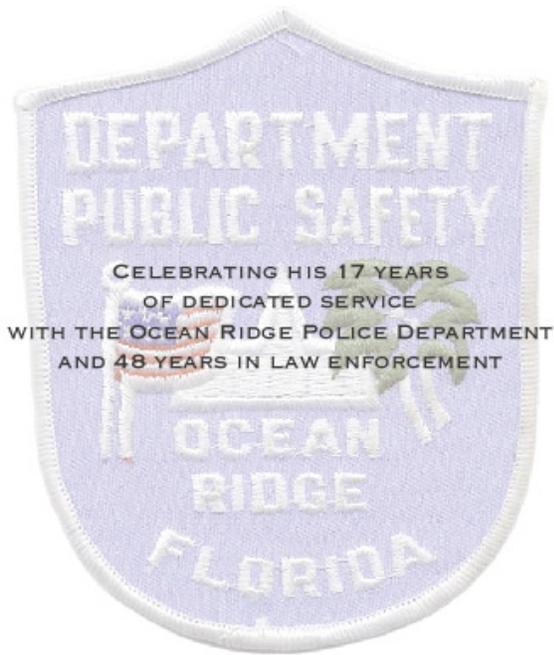
Chief Edward G. Hillery, Jr. Retiring

After servings as Chief of the Ocean Ridge Police Department for 17 years, Chief Hillery will be retiring on March 31, 2010. In addition to his time here, he served 23 years with the Boynton Beach Police Department, rising in rank from Officer to Chief. Previously, Chief Hillery was an Investigator with the Morris County (NJ) Prosecutor's Office and an Officer with the West Orange (NJ) Police Department. To date, his law enforcement career spans a total of 48 years. He will continue to serve as one of our Reserve Officers.

On Friday, April 16th, 2010, a Retirement Dinner will be held at Benvenuto from 6:00-10:00pm. Those wishing to attend may contact Lt. Chris Yannuzzi at 561-369-1950. (Please see invitation on page 7.)

Police Officer Applications Accepted

In January and February, the Police Department announced it was accepting applications for up to 2 officer positions that were anticipated due to retirements. As of the application deadline of 5:00pm on Friday, February 12, nineteen application had been received. We now begin the process of determining the qualifications and backgrounds of those considered; which will result in the creation of an eligibility list. However, the actual hiring of any replacements is on hold pending an April meeting with Property Appraiser's Gary Nikolits regarding anticipated tax revenue for the 2010-2011 Budget.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO JOIN US AT A



NAME _____

NUMBER OF PERSONS _____

PLEASE INDICATE MEAL CHOICE:

- _____ GRILLED SIRLOIN BAVETTE STEAK
- _____ GRILLED BONELESS PORK RIB CHOP
- _____ CHICKEN BREAST IN A SAGE VERMOUTH SAUCE
- _____ PAN ROASTED FILET OF SNAPPER PROVENCAL

ALL MEALS SERVED WITH WINE.

PLEASE REPLY BY APRIL 9, 2010

Police Department News from Lt. Yannuzzi

Code Compliance

At February's meeting, the Town Commission approved on final reading a modification in the construction permit fee whereby those who begin work without a permit receive a higher penalty than in the past. The need for a permit is not designed to hinder property improvements, but to ensure that the Town's Building Official is involved in the process for safety and code compliance purposes. Here are some humorous examples of why building inspectors are needed:

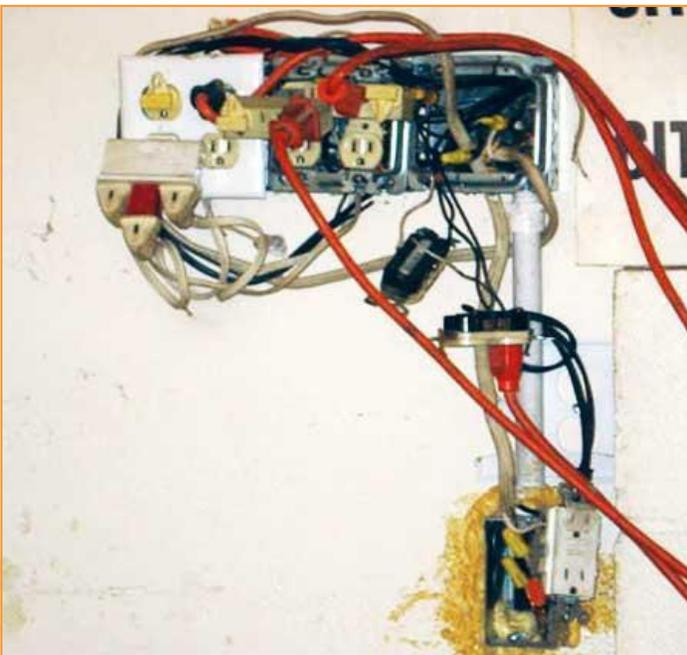


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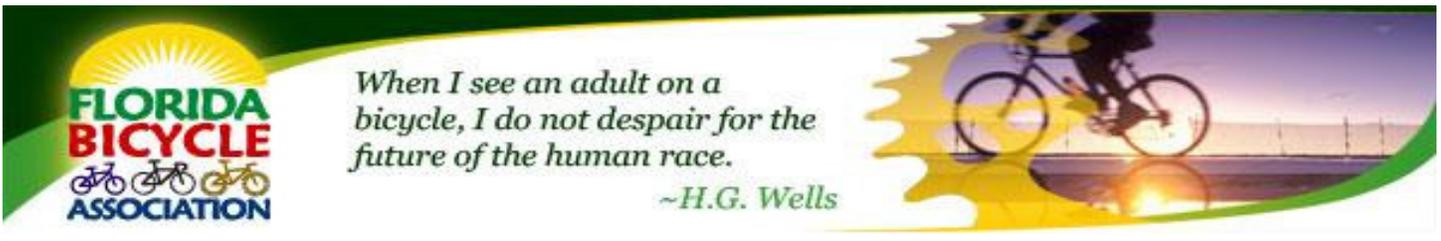
March is Florida Bicycle Month

We envision a state where people of all ages see bicycling as an enjoyable, practical and safe activity and transportation option, and where drivers of motor vehicles respect and appreciate bicyclists who use its roadways.

We inspire and support people and communities to enjoy greater freedom and well being through bicycling.

Strength lies in numbers and every voice counts towards making Florida a bicycle-friendly community. Better bicycling means a better Florida.

For further information, contact: <http://www.floridabicycle.org>.



Art Exhibition

Featuring
Steve Greenhut
Max Matteson
Olga Moore
*Paintings &
Sculptures*

Viewing Hours are Between 8:30am - 3pm

Monday—Friday

at the Town of Ocean Ridge

6450 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

Portion of Proceeds Donated
To Ocean Ridge Public Art

John Wootton, Art Exhibit Organizer



To My Fellow Palm Beach County Residents



Commissioner

Steven L. Abrams

District 4

**Palm Beach County
Board of County
Commissioners**

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The county is progressively involved in establishing communication outlets that will best serve the community by providing up-to-date information in a quick and cost-effective manner. In today's world, with newspaper readership at an all-time low, Internet social networking sites are quickly becoming the most effective means of communication for any organization, including the government. As a result of this, the Public Affairs Department has implemented several social media applications on its homepage (www.pbccgov.com).

Currently, the county has an RSS (Really Simple Syndication) news feeds with breaking news items in the form of a simple list that is automatically downloaded to your computer or handheld device (<http://pbccgov.com/newsroom/rss/feeds/headlines.xml>).

A Twitter (<http://twitter.com/pbccgov>) account has been established and is being used to transmit (tweet) our press releases and Channel 20 video releases to media, government and citizen subscribers.

In addition, a YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/pbccgov20>) has also been established and is being used to post videos with information on county programs and services. Recent programming included the Justice Academy, Census 2010 and hurricane preparedness.

These efforts were researched and created by Public Affairs with assistance from the county's Information Systems Services (ISS) Department. The second phase of implementation will include a Facebook fan page with county news, events and information as well as a partnership with YourPBC.org, a blogging site for civically engaged organizations.

The county will continue to assess and improve its communication efforts with the public. A main objective is to maximize Internet, print and broadcast information to inform residents about Palm Beach County government services at the lowest cost to the taxpayer.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance or if you have any comments and/or suggestions. I can be contacted at sabrams@pbccgov.org or at my office at 561-355-2204 (West Palm Beach) or 561-276-1220 (Delray Beach). Please visit my Web site at <http://www.pbccgov.com/countycommissioners/district4/> for updates and links to county divisions and other governmental agencies.

Dog Waste Removal

While walking your dog, please remember to remove the waste immediately. The following is Section 10-38 of the Town's Code in regards to waste removal:

Sec. 10-38. Removal of waste by persons walking dogs.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, while walking a dog, to permit such dog to defecate upon private property not owned by the person or not owned by the owner of the dog, or upon public property, including but not limited to public sidewalks and swale areas, without removing the fecal matter immediately after such defecation has ended.

(b) Any person who walks a dog off the premises where the owner of the dog resides or off the premises where the person who is walking the dog resides shall carry with him at all times when so walking a dog appropriate implements to remove any fecal matter deposited by the dog on public property or upon private property not owned by the owner of the dog or owned by the person walking the dog and carry such matter back to the private property of the owner of the dog or back to the private property of the person walking the dog. The fecal matter shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner.



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.

Did You Know...?

Flushing plastic wrappers, sanitary napkins, tissues, diapers and non-flushable baby wipes can contribute to the clogging of your septic tank.



Pick up your copy of Leisure Times Fall/Winter 2009/10 edition at Town Hall today! Available while supplies last.

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, March 13, 2010

Time: 8am-12pm

Donations for the rummage sale will be accepted on Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12 between 8:30am-3:00pm.

Questions? Contact Darlene at 561-364-8583.

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanups

Beach Cleanup & "Kids Gone Sporty Wild at the Beach" Event

Join the Sand Sifters for a beach cleanup and afterwards, children are invited to participate in the Mini Olympic Games! Kickball, Flag Tag, & Soccer supervised by the Boynton Beach Recreation & Parks Department.

When: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Time: Beach Cleanup 8am and ends at 10:15am
Mini-Olympics: 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:

GSolomon@SandSifters.org

Website:

www.SandSifters.org

Sponsors:

The Sand Sifters

The Boynton Beach Recreation & Parks Department

Town of Ocean Ridge

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department



Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup: “Beach Clean Up & Kids Gone Sporty Wild” Event

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup.



When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **March 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; Mini-Olympics begins at 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

Town Hall Library

What: Shelve and organize books in the Town Library.

When: As needed.

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

Time: Any time between 8:30am—3pm.

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

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

Contact: Town Hall 561-732-2635



Recipe: Bacon & Baked Potato Soup

Source: kraftfoods.com

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp butter/margarine
- 1/4c chopped onion
- 1/4c chopped celery
- 1 can (14.5oz) reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1.25c milk
- 2 potatoes, baked, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 8 slices, crisply cooked, crumbled and divided
bacon
- 3/4c cheddar classic
melts cheddar &
American, divided
- 2 tbsp green onion
slices, divided
- 1/4c sour cream



Directions

Melt butter in heavy saucepan or Dutch oven. Add onions and celery; cook and stir for 5mins. Add broth, milk, potatoes, salt, pepper and bring to boil, stirring constantly. Slightly crushed potatoes with back of spoon. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5min, stirring frequently. Reserve 2 tbsp each of the bacon and cheese and 1 tbsp of the green onions for toppings; set aside. Add remaining bacon, cheese, and green onions to soup just before servings; cook until cheese is melted, stirring constantly. Serve topped with reserved bacon, cheese, green onions, and sour cream.

Serves one-cup 6 servings.