



OCEAN RIDGE TIDINGS

A monthly email newsletter for the residents of Ocean Ridge, Florida

Municipal Election 2011

Elección Municipal 2011

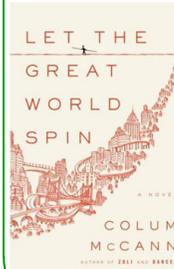
The 2011 Municipal Election will be held on March 8, 2011 from 7am to 7pm in the Town Hall Community Room. There are two seats open for a three-year term. Incumbent Betty Bingham, Ed Brookes, and Zoanne Hennigan are running for one of the two Commission seats. A sample ballot is located on page 11. Anyone 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 2011 Elección Municipal será aguantada el 8 de marzo de 2011 de 7am a 7 P.m. en la Habitación de la Comunidad de Ayuntamiento. Hay dos asientos abren para un término de tres-año. El titular Betty Bingham, Ed Brookes, y Zoanne Hennigan corren para uno de los dos asientos de la Comisión. Una votación de la muestra es ubicada en la página 11. Cualquiera que tiene preguntas o necesita información adicional debe llamar ayuntamiento en 561-732-2635 entre 8:30am y 3:00pm. Para votos por correo y otras indagaciones electorales llama por favor al Supervisor de Elecciones en 561-656-6200.

Commission Meetings

Regular Town Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of every month beginning at 6:00pm. The meetings are held in the town chambers at 6450. N. Ocean Blvd. Agendas are posted online at www.oceanridgeflorida.com, on the bulletin board in town hall, in the kiosk in front of town hall, in the shadowboxes at the north end and south end of town when available.

Book Club Meeting



The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 6 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss Colum McCann's book "Let the Great World Spin". Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

Art Exhibit & Opening Reception a Success!

On Wednesday, February 9, 2011, the town hosted the Art Exhibit & Opening Reception featuring several artists Debbie Brookes, Steven Greenhut, Pat Kropp, Max Matteson, Kass O'Brien, Holly Pemberton, and Beth Sloat. The eclectic art event was organized by Dr. John D. Wootton as part of the Art In Public Places movement in Ocean Ridge and was attended by 150 plus people. Five pieces of art were sold during the event and a portion of each sale goes back to the Town of Ocean Ridge to support future events such as this. The unique and beautiful shell art, paintings, and photography can be viewed during Town Hall operating hours 8:30am—3pm, Monday through Friday. The remaining artwork will be available for viewing for purchase for another six weeks.



March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Code Enforcement Hearing 10am	2 Book Club 5:45pm Community Room	3	4	5 Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup @Oceanfront Park 8:00-10:15am Briny Breezes Woodcrafters Show & Sale 9am-2pm / Lunch 11a-1p
6	7 Regular Town Commission Meeting @ 6pm	8 Municipal Election 7am-7pm Community Room 	9 Digby Bridges Cape Dutch Architecture Lecture 6pm @ Town Hall	10	11 Special Town Commission Mtg 12pm (tentative) Rummage Sale drop off donations accepted until 5pm	12 Garden Club Rummage Sale 8am-12pm @ Town Hall Briny Breezes Hobby Show 9a-12p/Lunch 11a-1p
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 SeaAngels Beach Cleanup @Ocean Inlet Park 8:00-10:30am
27	28	29	30	31		



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By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

Criminal Activity

In January 2011, we began including a chart of criminal activity to better alert you to the incidents being reported in Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes. Since last month's edition of the "Ocean Ridge Tidings" contained the lengthy ORPD Annual Report, we did not include all of January's activity. Therefore, we have combined the January and February 2011 reports in the chart below:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Burglary/Residence	01/04/11	3:30PM – 6:30 PM	5500 blk Osprey Dr.	Forced entry sliding glass door
Theft	01/22/11	4:50 PM	Ocean Ave.	Purse fell off car roof; passerby picked it up and drove off.
Battery/Domestic	01/22/11	11:23 PM	Douglas Dr.	Arrest
Fraud/Theft	01/24/11	3:25 PM	6500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Unauthorized access to account by family member
Battery/Domestic	01/25/11	4:30 PM	6200 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Arrest
Violation of Pre-trial release	01/27/11	2:41 PM	6200 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Arrestee returned after release, violating Court Order
Battery/Domestic	02/06/11	1:32 AM	Bimini Cove Dr.	Arrest
Battery	02/14/11	7:36 PM	200 blk Dock Dr., Briny Breezes	Refusal to Prosecute
Criminal Mischief	02/20/11	4:11 PM	6300 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	"Road Rage" incident between driver & bicyclist. Bicyclist smashed window.
Fraud (Attempt)	02/25/11	10:18 AM	200 blk N. Heron Dr., Briny Breezes	Attempted roofing scam
Harassing Phone Calls	02/25/11	5:38 PM	5900 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Unwanted phone calls

Income Tax Scam

Unsolicited emails are being received by folks around the country which, on their face, appear to be legitimately from the IRS. The 'Subject' line indicates that your return has been rejected. The body of the email then directs you to a website or phone number, and then asks for personal information.

Victims of this scam should report it to the Police. In addition, forward the email and any other suspected fraudulent emails to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov If you ever have a question about the status of your return, contact the IRS directly thru their "Where's My Refund" website: <http://sa2.www4.irs.gov/irfof/lang/en/irfofgetstatus.jsp>

As I have indicated in the past, ALL unsolicited email should raise a flag. If you didn't initiate the contact and don't recognize the sender, the best button to push may be "Delete".



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Boating Flare Safety

On 02/18/11 ORPD responded to a residence on Harbour Drive North regarding a boat flare found on the beach. Because these devices, large or small, are considered hazardous, we follow the protocol recommended by the trained professionals in the Bomb Squad at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. **Specifically, they are to be considered explosive devices.** Therefore, the area is evacuated and secured, until the experts respond and render the device safe.

These devices come in various sizes (from 3 inches to 3 feet, in length). They are discovered a few times a year; whether cleaning out the garage, shell hunting at the beach, or whatever. **The important thing to remember is they should not be touched. Leave them in place and call the Police.** We will respond, assess the situation, and – if needed - call for appropriate assistance to have them removed safely. There is no charge for these services as you are already paying for them with your property tax dollars.

Twenty-One Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway. (Left this one in for the "snowbirds")
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink, and the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It is raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather. you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.



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9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bed-side table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. Check the Internet.

14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosey neighbors.

16. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

17. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

19. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

20. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

*Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.*

Numbers to Know

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance 911

NON-EMERGENCY

Ocean Ridge Police Dept. 561-732-8331
Boynton Beach Fire Dept. 561-742-6600

TOWN HALL

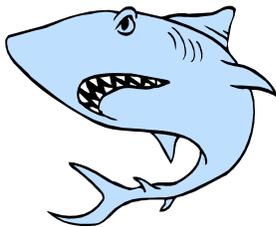
Building Dept., Town Clerk, Town Mgr. 561-732-2635
Fax 561-737-8359

OTHERS

Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873
Animal Control 561-233-1200
Beach Conditions 561-966-6600
Boynton Beach City Hall 561-742-6000
Boynton Beach Water Dept. 561-742-6300
Clarke Environmental Services 800-203-6485
Comcast 800-266-2278
Declare Domicile 561-355-2962
Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) 561-245-2118
Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) 561-681-6333
Elder Affairs 866-882-2991
FEMA 800-621-3362
FL Dept. of Transportation (DOT) 866-374-3368
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission 888-404-FWCC
Florida Power & Light (FPL) 561-697-8000
Marriage Licenses & Ceremonies 561-355-2986
Oceanfront Park Beach Conditions 561-742-6775
Oceanfront Park Events/Weddings 561-742-6240
Palm Beach County Building Dept. 561-233-5100
Palm Beach County EOC 561-712-6400
Palm Beach County Health Dept. 561-840-4500
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation 561-966-6600
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser 561-355-3230
Palm Beach County Tax Collector 561-355-2266
Republic Services (trash collection) 561-478-9590
So. FL Water Management 561-686-8800
Solid Waste Authority 561-640-4000
Supervisor of Elections 561-656-6200
Tides 561-742-6776

First Reading of Ord. No. 594

The Town Commission will consider on First Reading Ordinance No. 594 prohibiting chumming, fishing for sharks, and using shark fishing equipment from the Towns beaches at the March 7th Regular Town Commission Meeting. Second reading and adoption of the ordinance will be on April 4, 2011.



Sea Turtle Nesting Season: 3/1—10/31

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 blubs 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 post-card; 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).



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

Sharing Your Photos!

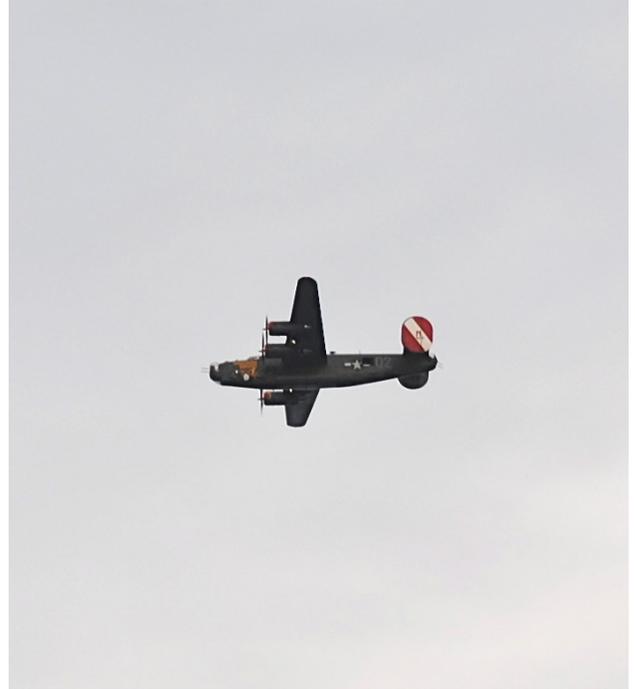
Ocean Ridge's Newest Resident



Meet Miss Katniss Alina of Harbour Drive South born literally in Ocean Ridge on 2/21/11 to Scott & Christel Koedel. Watching over her is the family feline, Nutella. Photo Credit: The Koedels.

**Send us your Ocean Ridge &
Briny Breezes photos!**

**Email
info@oceanridgeflorida.com**



Flying over Ocean ridge in February was a B24 (above) and AD6's (below). Photo Credit: Doc Darville.



Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

Join the Sand Sifters for their monthly beach cleanup!

When: Saturday, March 5, 2011

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

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

Community Service Hours Awarded



Pre-Registration:

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

Sea Angels



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

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

WHEN: Every last Saturday of the month

TIME: 8:00-10:30am

WHERE: 6990 N. Ocean Boulevard, Ocean Ridge

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

For more information go to www.seaangels.org

or e-mail us at info@seaangels.org

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

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 12, 2011

Time: 8am-12pm

Donations for the rummage sale will be accepted at Town Hall on Friday, March 11 between 12:00pm-5:00pm.

Questions? Contact Lynn Allison at 561-733-0292

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
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TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE - GENERAL ELECTION
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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONDADO DE PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

MARCH 8, 2011
8 DE MARZO DE 2011




TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE ARROW(S) ← → POINTING TO YOUR CHOICE(S), LIKE THIS ← →

Mark with a #2 pencil or pen. **DO NOT USE BOLDING.**

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(S) SU(S) SELECCION(E)S, ASI ← →

Marque 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.

<p>TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE CIUDAD DE OCEAN RIDGE</p> <p>TOWN COMMISSIONER COMISIONADO MUNICIPAL (Vote for not more than Two) (Vote por no más de Dos)</p> <p>Elisabeth Bingham ← →</p> <p>Ed Brookes ← →</p> <p>Zoanne Hennigan ← →</p>		
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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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **March 5th**

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6451 N. Ocean Blvd. On A1A, just north of the Ocean Ave. bridge in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot.

Time: 8-10:15am

Who: Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages.

What's provided: Free parking, bags, gloves, and refreshments available to participants only. School and community service volunteer credit forms available.

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

Contact: Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128

Website: www.SandSifters.us



Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

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

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.

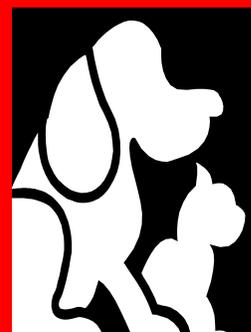
What's provided: School and community service volunteer credit available.

Contact: Town Hall 561-732-2635

We need volunteers
to shelve books.
Shelve a few or
shelve them all.

**Oceanfront Park Beach
Conditions**

Call 561-742-6775



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