

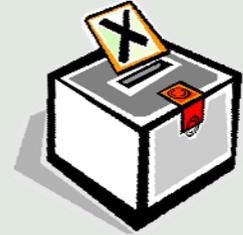
# Ocean Ridge Tidings



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 are open for a three-year term. The candidates are James Bonfiglio, Rich Lucibella, and Roberta Wehr.



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 están abiertas para un mandato de tres años. Los candidatos son James Bonfiglio, Rich Lucibella y Roberta Wehr.

## Turtle Season Begins March 1

Turtle season begins on March 1st and ends on October 31st. Throughout the season, Ocean Ridge Tidings will provide you with interesting and informative turtle updates from Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management. In addition, there are flyers and small table top signs available at town hall for residents, condo and homeowner's associations to hand out. Supplies are limited.

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.

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## SAMPLE BALLOT - MUESTRA DE BOLETA

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
BOLETA OFICIAL

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE - GENERAL ELECTION  
CIUDAD DE OCEAN RIDGE - ELECCION GENERAL

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CONDADO DE PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

MARCH 11, 2014  
11 DE MARZO DE 2014

TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE ABOVE. Mark with an X in the circle next to the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you mark an area other than the circle, your vote may not count.

PARA VOTAR, TERMINE LASO ENCIMA. Marque con una X en el círculo al lado del nombre del candidato que desea votar. Si usted comete un error, no dude en pedir una nueva boleta. Si usted marca un área diferente al círculo, su voto puede no ser contado.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE  
CIUDAD DE OCEAN RIDGE

TOWN COMMISSIONER  
COMISIONADO MUNICIPAL

(Vote for not more than Two.)  
(Votar por no más de Dos.)

James Bonfiglio  
Richard Lucibella  
Roberta Wehr

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 561-656-6200.

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 561-656-6200.

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.



## General Information

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

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



@OceanRidgeFL

### Town Hall

561-732-2635 (main) ♦ 561-737-8359 (fax)

561-732-ORFL (Citizen Information Line)

General Email: [info@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:info@oceanridgeflorida.com)

Town Hall Hours: 8:30am-3:00pm

### Police

Non-emergency: 561-732-8331

Emergency: 9-1-1

Public Records Hours: 8:30am-2:30pm

## Town Officials

### Town Manager

Kenneth Schenck

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

### Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

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

### Police Chief

Christopher T. Yannuzzi

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

### Mayor

Geoff Pugh

### Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

### Commissioners

Gail Adams Askov

Ed Brookes

Zoanne Hennigan

### Mayor & Commissioners email

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

## Numbers to Know

### EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance 911

### NON-EMERGENCY

Ocean Ridge Police Dept. 561-732-8331

Boynton Beach Fire Dept. 561-742-6600

### TOWN HALL

Building Dept., Town Clerk, Town Mgr. 561-732-2635

Fax 561-737-8359

### OTHERS

Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873

Animal Control 561-233-1200

Army Corp of Engineers 561-683-1577

Beach Conditions 561-966-6600

Boynton Beach City Hall 561-742-6000

Boynton Beach Water Dept. 561-742-6300

Clarke Environmental Services 800-203-6485

Comcast 800-266-2278

Declare Domicile 561-355-2962

Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) 561-245-2118

DEP—Christian Lambert 561-313-9007

Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) 561-681-6333

Elder Affairs 866-882-2991

FEMA 800-621-3362

FL Dept. of Transportation (DOT) 866-374-3368

FL Dept. of Transportation Traffic Line 511

Florida Fish & Wildlife Comm. 888-404-FWCC

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

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

Marriage Licenses & Ceremonies 561-355-2986

Oceanfront Park Beach Conditions 561-742-6775

Oceanfront Park Events/Weddings 561-742-6240

Palm Beach County Building Dept. 561-233-5100

Palm Beach County EOC 561-712-6400

Palm Beach County Health Dept 561-840-4500

Palm Beach County Inspector General 877-283-7068

Palm Beach County Mosquito Control 561-642-8775

Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation 561-966-6600

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser 561-355-3230

Palm Beach County Tax Collector 561-355-2266

Palm Beach County White Fly 561-276-1260

Republic Services (trash collection) 561-478-9590

So. FL Water Management 561-686-8800

Solid Waste Authority 561-640-4000

Supervisor of Elections 561-656-6200

Tides 561-742-6776

**CLIP AND SAVE!**

# Calendar of Events

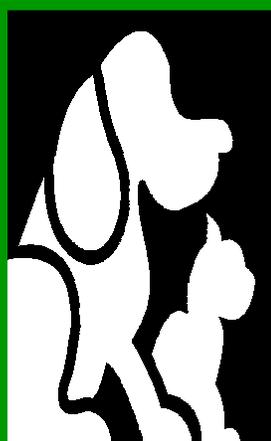
## March

- 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 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 5: Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in Community Room
- 11: Municipal Election from 7:00AM—7:00PM at Town Hall
- 13: Lecture Series at 7:00PM in Chambers
- 14: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 28: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 29: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

## April

- 1: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 2: Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in Community Room
- 5: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 7: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 10: Lecture Series at 7:00PM in Chambers
- 11: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 25: Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 26: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-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.*



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

**Oceanfront Park Beach  
Conditions**

**Call 561-742-6775**

## Turtle Season Begins March 1

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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 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).



NOW ACCEPTING NEW MATERIALS!

### Recycling Service

(1 time per week)

Please have your recycling curbside before 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day only.



#### Yellow Bin

- Newspaper
- Brown Paper Grocery Bags
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Beverage Cartons
- Tissue Boxes
- Dry Food Boxes
- Unwanted Mail
- School/Office Paper
- **Corrugated Cardboard**  
(flatten and cut to 3' x 3' maximum)

#### Please

- **No** Light Bulbs, Mirrors or Plate Glass
- **No** Plastic Wrap or Bags
- **No** Styrofoam

For any questions or concerns with the collection of your recycling contact SWA at 697-2700 or 1 (866) 792-4636 toll free  
To order new or replacement recycling bins contact SWA at 1 (866) NEW-BINS

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¡ ACEPTANDO AHORA NUEVOS MATERIAS!

### Reciclaje

(1 vez por semana)

Por favor, coloque su reciclaje a la orilla de la acera antes de las 6:00 a.m. en el día designado para servicio en su área.



#### Recipiente Amarillo

- Periódico
- Bolsas de Papel Marrón
- Revistas
- Catálogos
- Cartones (Envoltura) para Bebidas
- Cajas de Pañuelos Desechables
- Cajas de Comida Seca
- Correspondencia
- Papel de Oficina/Escuela
- **Cartón Corrugado**  
(Cartón corrugado es el cartón que tiene las paredes acaneladas.)Corte el cartón corrugado (3' x 3') y aplástelo y colóquelo al lado de su recipiente de reciclar amarillo.

#### Por favor

- **No** Bombillas, Espejos ó Platos de Vidrio
- **No** Envolturas ó Bolsas Plásticas
- **No** Styrofoam

Para mas información o preguntas sobre su servicio de colección de reciclaje por favor, llame al SWA libre de cargos al 1-866-792-4636.  
Si necesita un recipiente de reciclar o un reemplazo llame libre de cargos al 1-866-639-2467.

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## March's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the March 3, 2014 meeting/s:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting of February 3, 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. Approved Resolution No. 2014-01; Authorizing the Execution of the Interlocal Agreement between PBCty and the Town by which the County will Provide Comprehensive Radio Repair Services and Charging the Town for Same
4. Proclaimed March as "Myeloma Awareness Month"
5. Approved a request by Vicki Conway, 2 Engle Drive, to obstruct the ROW by replacing an existing chain link fence that would extend a maximum of 2' into the unimproved Anna St ROW beyond their north property line
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 (Second and Final Reading)
7. Adopted Ordinance No. 605; Amending Chapter 6, Article I, Sections 6-2(a)(3) and 6-5(b) and Chapter 6, Article IV, Sections 6-81, 6-82, 6-83, 6-84, and 6-86 of the Code of Ordinances to Conform the Code Language Regarding the Permitting and Installation of Low-Voltage Alarm Systems to the Florida State Statutes
8. Directed staff to discuss noseem spraying complaints with contractor
9. Directed staff to investigate drainage issues in the alley between Hudson and Ocean Ave.
10. Approved a \$1,200 Donation to the Sea Angels to assist in their beach cleaning efforts in the north end and also Beachway Drive beach area
11. Directed staff to draft a Resolution regarding Sober House Regulation for the April meeting
12. Both Commissioner Hennigan and Commission Brookes expressed their thanks to the other Commissioners, staff and residents. They received applause from all in the Town Hall Chambers

## 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](http://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](mailto:Tim.Drevins@cancer.org)  
(561) 394-7751 ext. 5313

Event Chair - Emily Alt [emalt77@gmail.com](mailto:emalt77@gmail.com)  
(561) 703-5713

To register online visit [www.relayforlife.org/boyntonbeachfl](http://www.relayforlife.org/boyntonbeachfl)

## 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](mailto:vinasfam@aol.com) or Ken Schenck at [kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:kschenck@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



# 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 **February 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>
Theft	02/09/14	Over previous 2 weeks	5900 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Unattended skateboard stolen from front lawn.
Attempted Theft	02/09/14	6:30 PM	6800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	White male attempted to steal a bicycle tire but escaped when security guard approached. Tire returned to owner.
VTC/Dog on Beach	02/13/14	3:45PM	5000 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Although several previous verbal warnings had been issued, Subject returned with dog and was issued Town Code Citation.
Theft	02/15/14	02/14/14 3:00PM – 02/15/14 9:00AM	5500 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Unknown persons removed chairs from dune deck and moved them onto the beach. Items located and returned.
VTC Cutting Dune Vegetation without Permit and Assist to Border Patrol	02/21/14	8:45AM	5900 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Officer observed lawn service cutting vegetation without permit. Code Violation case pending. Worker turned over to Border Patrol.
Tax Fraud/Identity Theft	02/17/14	Sometime in 2011	100 blk Hibiscus Dr.	While processing for a loan, victim discovered that someone had filed an IRS Tax Return in 2011 using her personal information.

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## Criminal Activity

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VTC Cutting Dune Vegetation without Permit	02/21/14	8:45AM	5900 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Officer observed lawn service cutting vegetation without permit. Code Violation case pending.
VTC Vacation Rental	02/19/14	11:09AM	100 blk Ixora Way	Officer conducted investigation and determined that the home had been rented for less than the 30 days required by Town Code. Enforcement action pending.
Warrant Arrest	02/19/14	11:15AM	100 blk Ixora Way	While investigating the Vacation Rental case and work being done in the area, a Subject was located who had a warrant. Turned over to Palm Beach County Jail.

## REMINDER: Oceanfront Park Changes Hours

Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## Turtle Season: March 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>

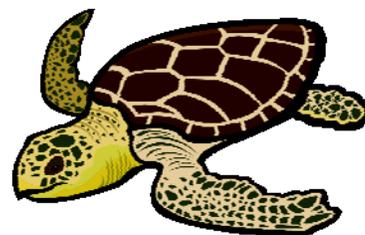
It's that time again and ORPD officers have been conducting patrols of the beach to specifically identify lighting violations. Those not in compliance have been notified.

To assist you in becoming knowledgeable, a "Guide to Protecting Sea Turtles" is included in the month's newsletter. Likewise, a brochure on lighting is attached. These were published by the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management. Additional copies, as well as more information, are available on their website:

[www.pbcgov.org/erm](http://www.pbcgov.org/erm)

Reminder: This month's lecture series at Town Hall will be a presentation by Dr. Kirt Rusenko, a Marine Conservationist from the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. The presentation is free and begins at 7:00PM in the Commission Chambers.

See informational flyers on pages 11-12.



## “See Something, Say Something”

While the end of another “season” may be fast approaching, this is not the time to let down your guard regarding unsolicited visitors, phone calls, emails, etc. Likewise, you are the best judge of what the normal or routine activity is that takes place in your neighborhood. If something unusual comes to your attention, call the Police – when it is occurring! There has been a tremendous increase in the reporting of such events; and we greatly appreciate it.

Previously, delayed reporting of “suspicious” activity occurred; with the information coming hours, days, or weeks after the fact. This not only impeded our investigation, but it may have contributed to someone being needlessly victimized.

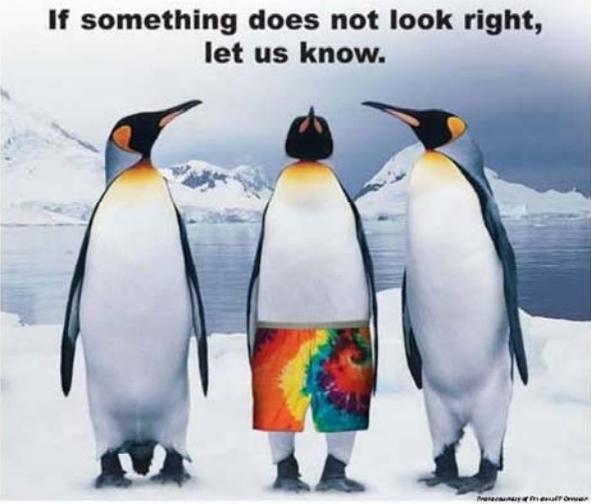
So, once again, keep up the good work; and if you see something, say something!



**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**

## WHERE TO SEE A TURTLE

Should you come across an adult turtle on the beach, please DO NOT approach her. Turtles can easily be deterred from nesting by movement, noise, and light (such as the light from a flashlight, camera flash, or cell phone). Stay behind the turtle and out of her line of sight. It's best to avoid walking on the beach at night during the March 1 - October 31 sea turtle nesting season. If you would like to see a sea turtle, please visit one of these organizations.

Loggerhead Marinelife Center  
Juno Beach  
561.627.8280

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park  
North Palm Beach  
561.624.6952

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center  
Boca Raton  
561.338.1473



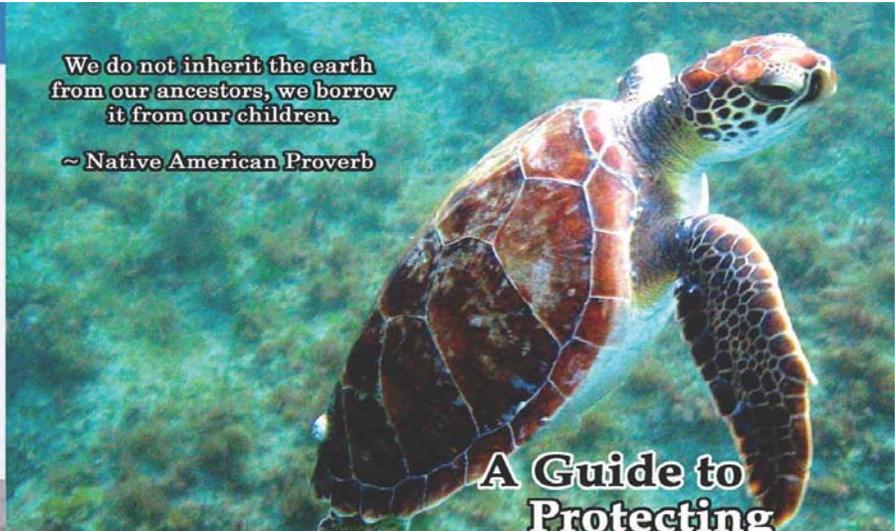
## DARK SKIES SAVE SEA TURTLES' LIVES

LIGHTS OUT MARCH 1 - OCTOBER 31

Photographs courtesy of:  
Kirstin Jones, Steve Anton, Tim Fernan, Gary Rinaldi  
Michelle Scharer, Alan F. Rees / ARCHELON  
Marco Giuliano, Palm Beach County Staff

**We do not inherit the earth  
from our ancestors, we borrow  
it from our children.**

~ Native American Proverb



## A Guide to Protecting Sea Turtles



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Department of Environmental Resources Management  
2300 North Jog Road, 4th Floor  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411 - 2743  
561.233.2400  
www.pbcgov.org/erm

In accordance with ADA provisions, this brochure may be requested in an alternate format.

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## SEA TURTLES

Palm Beach County's beaches and nearshore reef system provide critical nesting, foraging, and developmental habitat for four species of threatened and endangered sea turtles. Let's meet the sea turtles of Palm Beach County (PBC)...



**Loggerhead**  
Weight - 250 to 350 pounds  
Diet - shellfish  
Annual Nesting -  
12,000 PBC • 61,000 FL

Did you know the loggerhead sea turtle has very powerful jaw muscles that are capable of crushing conch shells, crabs, and sea urchins?



**Green**  
Weight - 300 to 400 pounds  
Diet - sea grass and algae  
Annual Nesting -  
1,200 PBC • 6,000 FL

Did you know the green sea turtle gets its name from the color of its body fat?



**Leatherback**  
Weight - 550 to 1,545 pounds  
Diet - jellyfish  
Annual Nesting -  
250 PBC • 700 FL

Did you know the leatherback sea turtle can dive over 3,500 feet deep and can hold its breath for more than 1 hour?



**Hawksbill**  
Weight - 100 to 150 pounds  
Diet - sponges  
Annual Nesting -  
few in PBC or FL

Did you know the hawksbill sea turtle can eat species of sponges that are toxic to other animals?

Utilization of Palm Beach County's beaches and nearshore reef system is crucial to the survival of these magnificent reptiles.

## THREATS

Artificial light visible from the beach may deter sea turtles from nesting or disorient sea turtle hatchlings. Each year approximately 11,000 sea turtle hatchlings in Palm Beach County are disoriented. County regulations require light fixtures to be designed and positioned so that they do not cause illumination visible from the beach. Open fires on the beach are also prohibited during the March 1 to October 31 sea turtle nesting season.



Sky glow, the brightening of the night sky over inhabited areas, can also disorient adult and hatchling sea turtles. Help reduce sky glow in your area by turning off unnecessary lighting and directing fixtures to keep light where it is needed and out of the night sky. Even if you live miles from the beach, reducing lighting on your property can help minimize the effects of sky glow on sea turtles.



## THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP

### SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON MARCH 1 - OCTOBER 31

You can help protect sea turtles by following these simple steps during the sea turtle nesting season...

**DARK SKIES SAVE SEA TURTLES' LIVES (AND YOUR WALLET)** - Help reduce sea turtle disorientation by turning off all unnecessary lights. By replacing bulbs with energy efficient amber LEDs, you can save money and sea turtles.

**BE CAREFUL WHEN DIGGING ON THE BEACH** - Most sea turtle eggs are deposited 18 inches below the surface of the sand above the high tide line. To avoid disturbing sea turtle nests, please dig holes and sandcastles below the high tide line and place umbrellas with care.

**CLEAR THE BEACH** - Beach furniture can be an entanglement hazard for nesting sea turtles and can block access to the nesting beach. County regulations require that all beach furniture, boats, and similar items be removed from the beach at night or stored at the toe of the dune.

**REDUCE LITTER** - To prevent and reduce beach litter, dispose of unwanted material in trash cans located on the beach or take it with you. Remember to recycle all plastics and fishing line.

## The Benefits of Natural Night Skies

### For Us

**Health Benefits** — Experiencing a natural cycle of light and dark allows us to sleep well and be alert when we need to be.

**Safety and Security** — Glare from poorly directed artificial lighting is dangerous because it interferes with our vision and hides hazards.

**Energy Savings** — Using more efficient, lower wattage bulbs in fully shielded fixtures saves money by using less energy.

**Stargazing and Wonder** — A clear view of the night sky offers us unequalled beauty. Many of our greatest artists, scientists, and engineers set upon their life's path as youngsters pondering the stars, planets, and heavenly depths.



### For Our Friends

Nocturnal animals depend on accurate information from natural night skies to guide their behavior. Many of these behaviors are critical to their survival.

Migrating birds depend on celestial light for proper navigation. Hundreds of thousands of birds are killed each year after colliding into lighted buildings and transmission towers.

Other animals naturally active at night have their behavior disrupted by artificial lighting, leaving them more at risk from predators and unable to effectively forage, find mates, communicate, and migrate.



Sea turtle hatchlings emerge from nests at night. They recognize the sea by its naturally bright, open horizon. Artificial lighting visible from nesting beaches leads hatchlings landward where they do not survive.



Night-flying insects, many of which pollinate important nocturnal flowers, are killed by the millions at poorly directed light fixtures and bright white light sources.

Trees and flowering plants have cycles of leaf drop and blooming interrupted by artificial light.

## The Bortle Dark Sky Scale

Astronomers measure light pollution on a scale of celestial observability. At levels 1-3, the complexity of the Milky Way is visible. At level 9 only the moon and the brightest planets can be seen. Levels below 3 are becoming rare in Florida.



## Got the Rhythm?



Light is the time keeper of life. Natural cycles of light and dark set the hormonal clock that guides how we feel and what we're prepared to do. This circadian (daily cycle) rhythm is interrupted by artificial lighting. Unnatural periods of light and dark have been linked to sleep disorders and even cancer. Although we need light to see and work, we also need periodic darkness.



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# Seeing Stars

The Value of Preserving Florida's Night Skies

The appearance of our heavens has important consequences for us and for many plants and animals that live with us. Starry skies have been bleached pale by errant artificial light. This light pollution accompanies our use of light at night, but it doesn't have to.

## Florida at Night From Space

The artificial light you see is wasted. It shines from poorly directed light fixtures that send much of their energy into the sky, away from where it is needed.

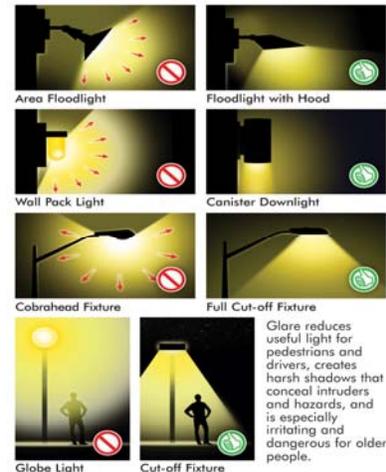
## Controlling Light Pollution

Light pollution is the introduction of artificial light into the environment. Excessive light pollution threatens many animals (including humans), harms sensitive habitats, wastes electricity, and destroys the beauty of the night sky.

Sea turtle nesting beaches are special places where careful management of artificial lighting is needed. Many thousands of hatchling sea turtles die each year from misdirection by lights. Because distant skyglow contributes to this light pollution, homes and businesses miles away from the beach can play a role in protecting sea turtles by reducing outdoor lighting and directing lights downward. These steps will also protect nocturnal inland species.

## Bad Light, Good Light

We want light sources to provide useful light. But many sources also give us glare. Glare is distracting light that shines directly toward our eyes instead of on what we'd like to see. Glare is harmful to us and the environment, and turns good lights into bad lights. Glare can be reduced by shields, hoods, baffles, and by use of fixtures that direct light well.



## You Can Help

- Check your home lights — Is glare hiding potential intruders? Do your lights shine down, or out and up where energy is wasted?
- Turn off unnecessary lights — And use motion sensor switches for effective deterrence.
- Shield and lower lights, and use dark-sky friendly fixtures — for more information, visit [www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org)
- Spread the word — Tell businesses when you see that their lights are bad. Bad lights aren't just unpleasant, they're harmful, especially in coastal areas where sea turtles nest.



# The Abrams Agenda



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## Beat the traffic, take the trail!

Projects are underway to expand a number of popular bicycle and pedestrian pathways in Boca Raton and Delray Beach. The expansions are part of a vision to eventually create a broadened network of connected trails that can be used for transportation and recreation.

Patch Reef Trail, a multipurpose asphalt trail located on Yamato Road just west of Military Trail, will be extended. The current trail runs from Butts Road along Military Trail and ends at Patch Reef Park. The one-mile extension will begin at Butts Road and Town Center Road (near the Town Center mall) and continue south to Verde Trail South. Boca Raton received a \$345,000 federal grant for this project.

The popular trail is used not only for recreation but also for transportation since it connects Patch Reef Park, Lynn University, Pope John Paul II High School, the Harid Conservatory, the mall and Sugar Sand Park.

In addition, there is a Palm Tran bus transfer stop on Butts Road at the trail's extension by the mall, adding another important element to this project by providing another way to get to the Tri-Rail station. And, all Palm Tran buses are equipped with self-storage bike racks.

In Delray Beach, there are plans to narrow travel lanes on NE 4th Street and George Bush Boulevard to make room for new bike lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks. For safety

purposes, the bike lanes will be painted green, a new trend throughout the U.S. Delray Beach received more than \$749,000 in federal grants for this project.

Other similar projects are in the works for West Palm Beach and Royal Palm Beach. The county is also working on a network of multipurpose trails that will extend northward through 165,000 acres of conserved land.



*Patch Reef Trail in Boca Raton*

## Area thief on the loose: Rocky the raccoon

If you happen to be at the county's Okeehchee Park in West Palm Beach playing golf, pay attention to your stuff. The golf course area is home to Rocky the raccoon, a local legend notorious for his adept stealing habits. His favorite target are items in golf carts such as food, wallets, and other goodies that can be easily snatched from unsuspecting players.



Just last year, Rocky snagged a golfer's iPhone, which was found by park workers in his treetop hideout using GPS. Luckily, the owner of the phone reported that no calls were made while the phone was in the raccoon's possession.

# Bookmobile

## Schedule for Ocean Ridge



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

### 2013

November 8, 22

December 6, 20

### 2014

January 3, 17, 31

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

April 11, 25

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



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

# Town of Ocean Ridge LECTURE SERIES 2013/14

*Free and Open to the Public*

**October 10, 2013**

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



**November 14, 2013**

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



**January 9, 2014**

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



**February 13, 2014**

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



**March 13, 2014**

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



**April 10, 2014**

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



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

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 **April 5**

**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 clean-up!

**When:** Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **March 29**

**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.

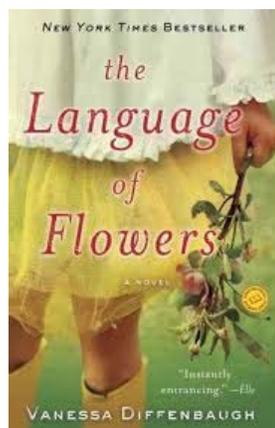
**Who:** Residents of all ages welcome. Those with library experience are encouraged to volunteer.

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

**Contact:** Town Hall 561-732-2635

### Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 2 at 5:45PM in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.



### Town Hall Library

Ocean Ridge's library has a large selection of donated fiction and non-fiction books available for residents to sign-out. Checking out books is based on an honor system. We ask that you sign out the books at Town Hall and date when returned. Please have proof of residency available. Library operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 3:00PM.