

Ocean Ridge Tidings

April 2012

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

2012 Municipal Election Results

The official election results from the Ocean Ridge Municipal Election held on March 13, 2012 are as follows: Gail Adams Aaskov 240, Hans C. Kahlert 192, and Geoff Pugh 287. Out of the 1,490 registered voters, there were 384 ballots cast at Town Hall and 18 absentee ballots. Certification of the election results and administering of new oath occurred during the April 2nd commission meeting. Also during the meeting, Geoff Pugh was appointed Mayor and Dr. Lynn Allison was appointed Vice-Mayor by the Commission. See page 7 for more photos.



Board Appointments

The Commission will consider 2 Board of Adjustment Alternate (1 year term) appointments and 3 Regular Member (3 year terms) and 2 Alternate (1 year term) appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission at the May 7, 2012 meeting. Interested residents must be registered voters of the Town and submit a resume to the Clerk's Office by April 27, 2012. Any questions call 561-732-2635.

Commission Workshop for the PBSO Proposal

Several months ago the Commission asked the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) to provide a proposal for police services in order to compare costs with our current police budget. A public workshop is scheduled for May 8, 2012 at 6pm at Town Hall to discuss the proposal. PBSO will make a presentation and respond to questions from the Commission and residents. The Commission would like to evaluate the cost savings and hear public input. If you care to respond in writing with your thoughts and questions, please forward them to Town Hall so we can distribute them to all of the Commissioners. Emails should be sent to kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com or mailed to 6450 N. Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge, FL 33435 or fax at 561-737-8359.

Sharing Your Photos



Youth Court-Jurist Josephine with her grandmother! Photo submitted by Terry Brown.

April Calendar of Events

- 2-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers
- 3-Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am in chambers (tentative)
- 4-Book Club Meeting at 5:45pm in the community room
- 6-Good Friday and Passover begins at sundown
- 7-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8am-10:15am at Oceanfront Park
- 8-Easter—Sunrise Services at Oceanfront Park begins at 6:30am.
- 17-Tax Day
- 22-Earth Day
- 25-Administrative Professional's Day
- 31-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park



Agendas, minutes, and updates are available on the town's website and will be posted as they become available.

General Information

6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435
www.oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Hall

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

CLIP AND SAVE!



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

Criminal Activity

Here is a listing of the crimes/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in March for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

Type of Incident	Report Date	Time Frame	Location	Synopsis
Attempted Fraud	03/05/2012	10:19 am	Cedar Dr., Briny Breezes	Telephone call from someone claiming to be "Grandson" arrested in Spain. Requesting money be wired to him.
Burglary/Auto	03/07/2012	03/06/2012 4:00 PM – 03/07/2012 11:00 AM	5700 block Old Ocean Blvd.	Unlocked vehicle entered overnight. Sunglasses & cash taken.
Burglary/Auto	03/07/2012	03/06/2012 8:30 PM – 03/07/2012 12:30 PM	5700 block Old Ocean Blvd.	Unlocked vehicle entered overnight. Cash taken.
Fraud/Grand Theft	03/07/2012	9:45 AM – 5:00 PM	5500 block N. Ocean Blvd.	Telephone calls from someone claiming to be "Son" arrested in Mexico and an "Attorney" requesting money be wired to them. Total loss over \$4,400.00.
Criminal Mischief/Trespass	03/11/2012	03/10/2012 5:30 – 7:30 PM	6100 block N. Ocean Blvd.	Subject entered residential property and knocked over several statues. Investigation by Ofc. Payne identified suspect who will make restitution.
Theft	03/15/2012	1:00 – 3:00 PM	6400 block N. Ocean Blvd.	Unsecured white Schwinn stolen.
Burglary	03/26/2012	3:35 – 5:00 PM	37 Coconut Ln	Upon returning home, victim found jewelry missing. No forced entry/No alarm.
Burglary/Garage and Boat	03/30/2012	03/23/2012 8:00 AM – 03/30/2012 8:00 AM	6100 block N. Ocean Blvd.	Over the course of a week, someone stole 2 fishing rod/reel combinations. Investigation by Lt. Hutchins has identified a suspect/Items recovered /Charges pending.
UPDATE: Burg/Autos - 7 cases	Last Year: 3/7/2011		Anna St., Ridge Ln., 6100 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	As a result of DNA obtained during the initial investigation, a suspect has been identified. Charges pending.

Please note the common theme among the above crimes:

Unlocked doors, unset alarms, and the ability to gain the confidence of the victim.



Internet Crime Complaint Center's (IC3) Scam Alerts MARCH 27, 2012

This report, which is based upon information from law enforcement and complaints submitted to the IC3, details recent cyber crime trends and new twists to previously-existing cyber scams.

FRAUDULENT UTILITY BILL E-MAIL

The IC3 has received over 40 complaints since May 2011 reporting the receipt of an unsolicited e-mail purportedly from a specified utility company. The e-mail stated the recipient had a new bill which needed to be paid, and the bill was attached to the e-mail. The recipient was instructed to click on the attachment to view their bill. The attachment contained a zip file with a computer virus.

The e-mail concluded by stating the recipient received the e-mail message, because he/she receives e-bills from this utility company. Many of the recipients are located in areas of the United States that do not use this utility company as their electric provider.

MOVING COMPANY SCAMS

The IC3 continues to receive complaints regarding moving company scams. The complaints received at the IC3 do not appear to be linked to each other. There are many individuals who take advantage of those posting moving services on-line, receive an estimate for the service, and hire the company. Scams include the company showing up, and the estimate suddenly doubles or additional fees are added; the counterfeit check scheme, where the victim is selling an item on-line, and the buyer claims a moving company has been hired to pick up the merchandise, and the buyer pays for the merchandise with a check written for more than the price of the merchandise; and after loading and driving away with the customer's property, the moving company later calls to inform the customer they must pay more if they want to see their belongings again, basically holding the property hostage. Often, even after paying the additional costs, deliveries were late and many of the customers' items were damaged or missing. Those who refused to pay the additional cost were told they would not receive a refund or their belongings.

BUSINESSES TARGETED WITH E-MAIL PURPORTEDLY FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU (BBB)

The IC3 has received several complaints from businesses regarding an e-mail, purportedly from the BBB, which states the BBB has received a complaint from a customer regarding their business. The recipient is asked to review the complaint attached to the e-mail and respond to the BBB. The file attached to the e-mail contains a virus.

In one complaint received by the IC3, a business claimed their computer was infected with a virus after opening the attachment in the e-mail they received. As a result, the business lost nearly \$100,000 when fraudsters successfully wired money from the company's bank account after the virus enabled them to capture passwords and other important banking information.

The BBB posted the following alert on December 7, 2011.

<http://www.bbb.org/us/article/alert-malicious-complaint-email-claiming-its-from-bbb-30916>

ALERT

Malicious Complaint E-mail Claiming It's From BBB

Better Business Bureau is issuing an urgent SCAM alert cautioning businesses and consumers about an email that looks like it is from BBB, with the subject line "Complaint from your customers." This e-mail is fraudulent; ignore its contents and delete it immediately. If you have already clicked on a link in the e-mail, run a full virus scan of your computer.

The e-mails have return addresses that BBB does not use (one example is riskmanager@bbb.org) and it is signed with the address of the Council of Better Business Bureaus, the national office of the BBB system. The e-mail contains a link to a non-BBB web site. Do NOT click on the link. BBB is working with law enforcement to determine its source and stop the fraudulent campaign.

This is what the email looks like:

From: "Better Business Bureau" [mailto:riskmanager@bbb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 8:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: BBB service Re: Case # 62120331
Importance: High

Dear Sirs,

The Better Business Bureau has received the above-referenced complaint from one of your associates on the subject of their dealings with you. The details of the consumer's concern are presented in attached document.

Please review this issue and inform us about your point of view.

Please [click here](#) to answer this complaint.

We look forward to your urgent response.

Faithfully yours,

Sharon Dennis

Better Business Bureau



Council of Better Business Bureaus
4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1838
Phone: 1 (703) 276-6100
Fax: 1 (703) 525-8277

BROWSER BOT INFECTION

What happens when your web browser becomes the "bot?" A look at a current Trojan infection campaign similar to the infamous Zeus malware makes open source web browser users a bit nervous.

The open source browser can now function like a bot and accept commands. It can process the content of the current page where it is located, redirect the user, halt the loading of particular pages, steal passwords, run executables, and even kill itself. Unfortunately, the kill function is a bit excessive and deletes critical system files, which in turn prevents users from logging in properly.

The way it builds the malicious code into the open source browser is notable, because it uses the design of the browser against itself. In the past, researchers have seen threats create malicious extensions. Users would have to disable that particular add-on, which would eradicate the threat. For this particular piece of malware, this is not the case. Since it is a component, it does not appear as an add-on in the browser's Add-ons Manager in the same manner other extensions and plugins appear. Furthermore, due to the design of the open source browser, the Trojan will be reinstalled every time the browser establishes a connection to the Internet.

HTML ATTACHMENTS USED TO SPREAD MALWARE

In the last month, security researchers have observed several large spam campaigns with malicious HTML attachments. A 2007 botnet is believed to be behind the spike in these attacks. Traditionally, HTML-based attachments were used for phishing attacks to entice HTML victim to the desired spoofed web page. This current attack vector uses the HTML attachment with malicious javascript to redirect victims to the exploit kit. The exploit kit will then scan the target machine for vulnerabilities that can be exploited to install an information-stealing Trojan.

For more information regarding online scams visit our Press Room page for the most current Public Service Announcements. <http://www.ic3.gov/media/default.aspx>



**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**

Thank You, Mayor Kaleel...



Mayor Kenneth M. Kaleel was given a plaque and clock/pen desk set in appreciation and recognition of outstanding public service as Mayor & Commissioner from June 3, 1996 to March 16, 2012.



Below: Town Clerk, Karen Hancsak, swearing in Geoff Pugh and Gail Adams Askov at the Regular Town Commission meeting on April 2, 2012.



White Fly Infestation

If your landscape has been looking rather dreary, chances are the vegetation has been infected with whitefly. Residents may notice a yellowing, white waxy matter called flocculent, or “honeydew” (also known as whitefly excrement) and dusty black mold that can leave plants, cars, pools, and patio furniture a mess. It is important to treat and maintain your yard as per the Town’s code 67-174 (c) which states:

Landscaping. Except as herein provided, the entire yard must be landscaped. Height shall conform with all applicable town ordinances. Play areas, gardens, flower beds, compost beds or containers, driveways, walks or other landscape architectural features or accessory structures not intended to have vegetative cover should be clearly defined and maintained free of weeds. All landscaping shall comply with the provisions of [chapter 66](#), article IV, division 1, sections [66-119](#), [66-120](#), [66-125](#), division 2, division 3 and division 4 of this land development code. In addition, landscaping shall be maintained in good condition, shall present a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance, and shall be free from refuse and debris. Property not meeting these standards will be considered deficient. A blighting influence on the surrounding neighborhood in violation of this division will exist if more than 33 percent of the yard area visible from any single vantage point-off the property is deficient.

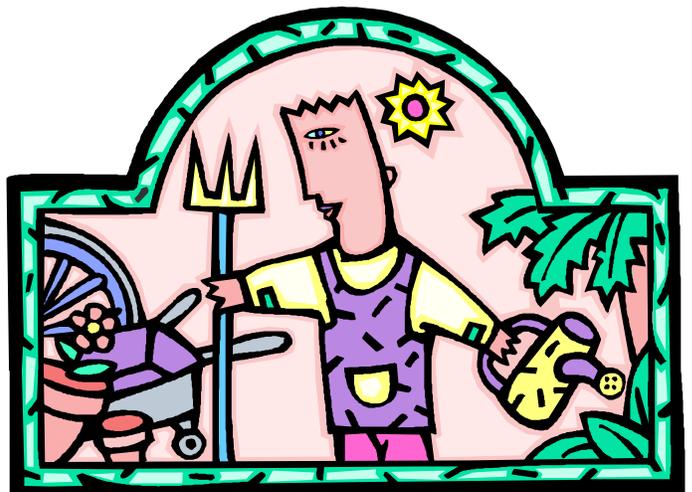
Current white fly resident species are: Ficus, Rugose Spiraling, Bondar’s Nesting, and Silver-leaf. Each species tends to have particular flora that they prefer. For instance, the Rugose Spiraling whitefly attacks gumbo limbos, palms, and oak trees and the Bondar’s nesting whitefly attacks ficus hedges.

To treat the infestation, there are over-the-counter methods that may be helpful and should be used every 4-6 months, especially at the roots, to prevent future attacks. Ortho Bug B Gon Max, Bayer Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect Control, Spectricide Systemic Tree & Shrub Insect Control, Safer’s Insecticidal Soap, Organocide, and Neem oil are some products that you can use to treat your vegetation. Alternately, you may want to contact your landscaper or a commercial pest control company for other methods.

Palm Beach County has set up a webpage which provides research, short and long-term whitefly infestation strategies. Visit The Palm Beach Whitefly Task Force webpage here: <http://pbcgov.com/coextension/horticulture/whitefly/>.

Sources:

- * Town of Manalapan, Manalapan News, *Invasion of the Whitefly*, February 2012, Page 2
<http://www.manalapan.org/archives/73/February%202012.pdf>
- * The Palm Beach Whitefly Task Force,
<http://pbcgov.com/coextension/horticulture/whitefly/>
- * Sun-Sentinel, Christine Winter Juneau, *Blame damage on the whitefly*, March 11, 2012



Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

The Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Department
and the Sand Sifters

Celebrate Earth Day! Goin' Bananas Beach Cleanup!

Featuring:

Co. Commissioner Steven L. Abrams Award
Presentation

Beach Cleanup

Nature Walk

Recycling Truck

Healthy Smoothies by CCC Green Market

Kids Activities

Sea Turtle Awareness

Community Service Volunteer Information

Sand Sifters Commemorative t-shirts
available

Food Drive for the Community Caring Center

Bring non-perishable food items to benefit the
Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach

Jelly, peanut butter, cereal, granola bars,
canned vegetables, apple sauce, tuna fish,
spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice

Town Hall is a drop-off location in April!

When: Saturday, April 7, 2012

Time: 8am-10:30am

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

Community Service Hours Awarded
We provide bags, gloves, and grabbers
You bring your water, sun screen, and hats

Pre-Registration:

therecipexchange@comcast.net
or 561-734-9128

Website:

www.SandSifters.us

Sponsors:

Sand Sifters Volunteers
Town of Ocean Ridge
City of Boynton Beach Recreation
& Parks Department
PBC Board of County Commissioners
PBC Parks & Recreation Department
PBC Environmental Resources Management
CCC Green Market
Chiquita Banana Company
Dave Wagner Realty, Coldwell Banker
RecipeExchange.com
Republic Services Co.
Solid Waste Authority



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

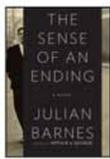
(Check in is at the picnic tables next to the snack bar)

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.

Ocean Ridge Book Club Book Selections



March 7, 2012
The Sense of an Ending
By Julian Barnes



April 4, 2012
Paris Wife
By Paula McLain



May 2, 2012
The Pick-Up
By Nadine Gordimer

The Book Club meets in the Community Room at
Ocean Ridge Town Hall on the first Wednesday
of each month beginning at 5:45pm.



Are You A

Grandparent Raising Grandchildren?

2012 Educational Program Series

Daytime Workshops 10:00am ~ 1:00pm (Brown Bag Lunch)

January 11 & 25	April 11 & 25	July 11 & 25
February 8 & 22	May 9 & 23	August 8 & 22
March 14 & 28	June 13 & 27	September 12 & 26

All Workshops are FREE

NEW!

Evening Workshops ~ 6-8 pm

NEW!

January 26	April 26	July 26
February 23	May 31	August 30
March 29	June 28	September 27

Childcare will **NOT** be provided

Learn about: legal issues, guiding children's behavior & discipline, computers, resources, support, managing stress and much more.

Location:

Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service
University of Florida / IFAS
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach



Call **561-233-1742** to sign up and for more information

Energy Rebate Program Saves Energy, Money

Open to Residents, Businesses, HOAs, and Condo Associations

It's shocking that people are still paying more for their monthly electric bill than they should. Especially when there's energy rebates available for up to \$2,100 through the Municipal Energy Conservation Coalition's (MECC) Energy Conservation Rebate Program. The Program, called Energy2Save, is designed to raise awareness and help motivate the community to take action on energy conservation practices that reduce greenhouse gases and energy use.

Eligible residents, businesses, HOAs and condo associations located within the towns of Haverhill and Ocean Ridge, and the City of Atlantis may apply for multiple rebates.

Rebates, and the associated rebate amounts, will be provided for the replacement and installation of the following items:

Programmable Thermostat	Up to \$30
Central Air Conditioning System*	\$2,100
Air Conditioning Ducts	Up to \$154
Ceiling Insulation	Up to \$300
Solar Water Heater	Up to \$1,000
Reflective Roof Coating**	Up to \$325

* Minimum SEER rating of 14 is required.

** Not available in the City of Atlantis.

Applying is Easy

1. Log onto Energy2Save.net to find out if you qualify under the Program's Terms and Conditions.
2. If you do, and funding is still available, complete and submit an application.
3. After your application is approved, you can purchase and install your energy efficient products.
4. After installation, you must submit the required documentation within the appropriate timeframe and your rebate will be mailed to you. It's that easy!

Other restrictions apply, but the minimum requirements include:

- Open to residents own their single-family home, townhouse, or condo; business owners; HOAs, and condo association who reside within the program area where the energy efficient products will be installed.
- Must be a Florida Power and Light (FPL) account holder at the location where the rebated items are being installed.
- Application must be **completed, submitted and approved** before the applicant may purchase the energy efficient products for which they wish to seek a rebate.
- Applicant is solely responsible for the purchase and installation of rebate-eligible products and all related parts, permits, equipment, and adherence to all building codes, deed restrictions, homeowner's association organization restrictions, and other applicable ordinances, codes and restrictions.
- Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, and are subject to the availability of funds, or until the program is terminated.

And, there is even more great news. Qualifying participants that are approved through the Florida Power & Light Rebate Program may be eligible to receive additional rebate money. However, the combined rebate amounts may not exceed the total cost paid for the products.

Don't delay – funding and time is running out quickly! Visit the Energy2Save.net website, or call 1-888-283-7720, for more information.

Lost Pets

Please help your neighbors recover their missing pets...

Missing Felines



Muffin has been missing since Thursday, March 29 from River Drive. He is a 1.5 years old, long-haired with white and large reddish brown patches. He is wearing a collar with a bell. He is neutered and up-to-date on all of his shots.



Peanut is a small female tiger-striped cat went missing around February 20th on Island Drive aka "Harbour Island" (north end of town).



Scooby & Kiki A male orange tabby cat has been missing since 12/20 from Sailfish Lane. He wears an orange collar with tags and his name is Scooby. **UPDATE!** The same owners are now missing their 16-year-old, all black, shy female cat with a saggy belly. Kiki went missing at the end of 01/12. Kiki is wearing a pink collar with tags.



Also still missing are **Oliver & Bailey** from Dolphin Drive (pictured below). They were last seen on Tuesday, November 8th. They are both male and have been neutered. The black tabby cat is called Oliver/Ollie and the orange /white long haired Maine coon cat is called Bailey. Neither was wearing a collar.

**If you happen to see any of these missing kitties
please call dispatch at 561-732-8331 or town hall at 561-732-2635.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **April 7**

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



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

Easter Sunrise Services

Easter Sunrise Services is being hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach and sponsored by the Boynton Beach Ministerial Association. Sunrise services will be held at Oceanfront Park and will begin at 6:30am. There will be a limited number of chairs, so you may want to bring your own. See [flyer](#) for more events & details.



A1A Road Closure

South Ocean Blvd (A1A) in Palm Beach will be closed to traffic between Southern Blvd. and Sloan's Curve. This closure is due to the replacement of an aging force main infrastructure between Phipps Ocean Park and Island Road. Construction is scheduled to begin April 9 and will be completed by December 15, 2012. However, it appears that the road closure will be from April 9 to August 9. Questions should be directed to the project engineer, Jeffrey Sanon at 838-5440. Source: Palm Beach Daily News, 2/28/12