

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

Commissioner Allison Re-elected

After running unopposed in the March municipal election, Commissioner Dr. Lynn Allison was re-elected as a Commissioner for another three-year term. At the April 1 Commission meeting, Commissioner Allison was sworn in and was re-appointed Vice-Mayor and Geoff Pugh was re-appointed Mayor by the Commission.



Also at the April meeting, the Commission appointed Jeff Lee and Hans Kahlert to serve as alternates on the Board of Adjustment and also appointed Mauro Walker and Dr. Richard Bajakian as regular members and Penny Kosinski as an alternate member to the Planning & Zoning Commission.



Top picture: Commissioner Allison with grandson. Bottom picture: Town Clerk, Karen Hancsak, swearing in Commissioner Allison at the April Regular Town Commission meeting.

Two Free Events in April!

Mark Your Calendar!

- * Ocean Ridge Garden Club Public Lecture at 6:30PM on April 16th in the Town Hall Chambers. For more details, please go to page 13.
- * Free document shredding from 9AM-12PM in Town Hall parking lot (Ocean Ridge / Briny Breezes residents' only.) For more details, please go to page 6.

Board Alternate Appointment Opportunity

The Commission will consider 1 Planning & Zoning Board Alternate (1 year term) appointment at the May 6 Regular Town Commission meeting. Interested residents must be registered voters of the Town and submit a resume to the Clerk's Office by April 26, 2013. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

FPL: Power and Street Light Outages

Did you know that it is easy to report a power outage or a street light that is out in your neighborhood? To report an outage or to get updates on an outage, call 1-800-4OUTAGE (800-468-8243). You may also dial this number to report any hazardous conditions. To report street light issue, simply click on this [link](#) and fill out the information or go to fpl.com. You will receive a confirmation email and updates from FPL.

General Information

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

www.oceanridgeflorida.com

 @OceanRidgeFL

Town Hall

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

561-732-ORFL (Citizen Information Line)

General Email: info@oceanridgeflorida.com

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

Police

Non-emergency: 561-732-8331

Emergency: 9-1-1

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

Town Officials

Town Manager

Kenneth Schenck

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Town Clerk

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Police Chief

Christopher T. Yannuzzi

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Mayor

Geoff Pugh

Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

Ed Brookes

Zoanne Hennigan

Mayor & Commissioners email

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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—Mark Taynton 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!

April Calendar of Events

- 1-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6PM in chambers
- 2-Code Enforcement Hearing at 10AM in chambers
- 3-Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in community room
- 6-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 15-Planning & Zoning at 8AM in chambers
- 16-Ocean Ridge Garden Club free public lecture at 6:30PM in Town Hall. Details on pg 13.
- 19-Free document shredding at Town Hall 9AM-12PM. / Public Meeting (PBA) at 1PM in chambers—no public comment.
- 27-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM to 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.

Recipe: Broccoli and Cheddar Quiche

Ingredients

- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 cup each chopped onions and broccoli
- 5 eggs
- 1/3 cup Miracle Whip dressing
- 1/3 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 frozen deep-dish pie crust (9 inch)



What to do

Heat oven to 375. Cook vegetables in skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat 5 minutes or until crisp-tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Beat eggs, dressing and milk in medium bowl with whisk until well blended. Stir in vegetable mixture and cheese; pour into pie crust. Place on baking sheet. Bake 40-45 minutes or until center of quiche is set and top is golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing to serve.

We Want To Hear From You!

Do you have a favorite recipe?

- * A new edition to the family you'd like to announce?
- * A favorite pet, wildlife, beach, or nature picture?

We'd love to add them to the newsletter and share them with your neighbors.

Email submittals to Lisa at
Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com

Add Us To Your Contacts!

To ensure that you receive the e-newsletter, news alerts and other town information please add the following email addresses to your contacts (especially if you have a Comcast email address!)

info@oceanridgeflorida.com

Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com

dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com



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 2013** 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>
Burglary/Auto	03/01/13	10:00 AM – 3:25 PM	6800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Windows on two vehicles smashed and valuables left in plain view were stolen. Suspect vehicle captured on security video. Investigation pending.
Identity Theft /Fraudulent Use of Credit Card	03/02/13	02/09/13 – 03/01/13	100 blk Ruthmary Ave., Briny Breezes	Unknown person obtained credit card information and made unauthorized purchases.
Attempted Identity Theft	03/06/13	03/05/13 4:00 PM	100 blk Ruthmary Ave., Briny Breezes	Unsolicited phone caller asking questions to obtain personal info.
Burglary/Theft	03/08/13	5:35 PM	100 blk Juniper Dr., Briny Breezes	Subject entered patio, cut chain and stole 2 bicycles. Apprehended while fleeing and charged. Property recovered.
Assist to PBSO/DUI	03/08/13	5:54 PM	5000 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	While investigating the above Burglary, ORPD officers witnessed a Hit & Run accident involving a pedestrian in the County pocket. Vehicle apprehended by ORPD and driver arrested by PBSO.
Theft	03/08/13	5:00 PM	4900 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Suspect in above Burglary was found to be in possession of a pair of shoes stolen earlier. Property returned/Victim refused to Prosecute.
Attempted Burglary	03/09/13	3:30 PM – 8:00 PM	5500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Unknown persons removed screen from open condo window. No entry gained.

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Criminal Activity (continued from page 4)

Violation of Town Code: Vacation Rental	03/13/13	2:27 PM	100 blk Tropical Dr.	Investigation determined duplex was being rented for a week; in violation of 30 day minimum. Owner cited and assessed \$278.63 at Code Hearing.
Burglary/Auto	03/20/13	12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Vehicle's lock removed from door, valuables stolen and credit cards used.
Violation of Town Code: Vacation Rental	03/23/13	4:54 PM	6100 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Investigation determined residence was being rented for a week; in violation of 30 day minimum. This is a site of previous violations. Enforcement action pending.
Burglary/Auto	03/26/13	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Delayed report of valuables stolen from open trailer.
Burglary	03/29/13	10:30 AM – 2:00 PM	6000 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	While residents were working in the yard, unknown persons entered home and attempted to force open the safe. Nothing taken.
Burglary/Auto	03/30/13	6:30 PM – 7:15 PM	Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Cell phones left in plain view stolen from unlocked vehicle.

UPDATE: Vehicular Traffic Increase

As reported last month, ORPD has responded to an increase in traffic crashes and vehicle/bicycle incidents over the last few months. Some of this is related to the increased seasonal traffic and the volume of commercial vehicles involved in area construction & beach renourishment.

To address the commercial vehicle safety issue, contact was made with the Florida Highway Patrol and a request submitted to have Troopers monitor these vehicles and conduct inspections/enforcement as needed. As a result, FHP personnel conducted 33 commercial vehicle stops during their first week in the area. This resulted in numerous safety issues being uncovered and other traffic laws being enforced. FHP units have continued their patrol of the area.

This is another example of the cooperation that exists between law enforcement agencies as we work together to increase the safety of our residents and visitors. The assistance from FHP is greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER: Please be careful and walk, run, bike, & drive SAFELY!



FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Friday, April 19, 2013
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Ocean Ridge Town Hall · 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. · Rear Parking Lot

The Ocean Ridge Police Department, in partnership with CINTAS Document Management, will be hosting FREE document shredding on Friday, April 19th from 9:00AM—12:00PM in the rear parking lot of Town Hall.

This event is open to Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes residents only — photo identification is required. Residents are limited to shredding of up to three office storage boxes of personal documents.

The date of this event was selected in conjunction with the Federal Income Tax Deadline date of April 15th. This will allow an opportunity for residents to discard older, unnecessary personal documents while filing away items from 2013. Frequent readers of the Ocean Ridge Tidings e-newsletter are aware of the often listed crimes of Identity Theft and Fraud that are reported monthly. Some of these cases are the result of paperwork (i.e. bank statements & checks, bills, credit cards & receipts, etc.) being improperly disposed of that falls into the hands of criminals.

Please remove all papers from three ring binder type folders. File folders, staples, and paper clips do not need to be removed.

The event is on a first-come, first-served basis and no pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please call Chief Chris Yannuzzi at 561-732-8331.



“Stand Up to Bullying” Event

On Thursday, April 16, 2013 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, the Diocese of Palm Beach will host a presentation on the topic of bullying. This is a non-denominational event.

Below is a summary of the event from their website:

“The Diocese’s Office of Safe Environments has been sponsoring a contest in all the diocesan schools from Vero Beach to Boca Raton (Grades 4-12), where the young people have been coming up with positive ideas in all areas of the curriculum to help create a healthier climate at school.

On April 16, the winners of the contest from each school will come to the Stand Up To Bullying Rally at Cardinal Newman High School. They will bring their winning entries for display and be recognized by receiving a Certificate from Bishop Barbarito. We will have fun activities, a raffle for the winners and refreshments. All are welcome.”

Event Information:

Location: Cardinal Newman High School, 512 Spencer Drive,
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

For questions please contact: kjohansen@diocesepb.org or
561-775-9593

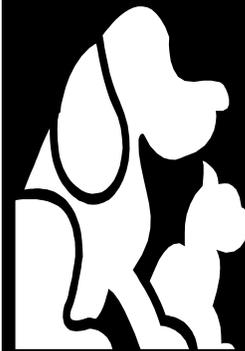


For further information go to:

http://www.diocesepb.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=events.details&content_id=312

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.



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

March 26, 2013

For Immediate Release

Contact:

Michael Lieberum

Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District

305-415-6744

**Flagler Bridge
Construction/Waterway Restriction/Temporary Bridge Regulation Changes.**

Palm Beach, FL -

The Florida Department of Transportation will be engaged with the emergency repairs of the existing Flagler Memorial Bridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway mile 1021.8, Palm Beach, Florida, starting in April 2013.

In order to complete these repairs, waterway restrictions caused by construction equipment at the bridge may limit horizontal navigational clearance to 35 feet at night and 70 feet during the day.

Night time restrictions will limit horizontal clearance to 35 feet between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily for up to three months. A 70 foot horizontal clearance will be made available with a three hour notice to the ON-SCENE TUG.

Daytime restrictions will limit horizontal clearance to 70 feet between the hours of 6:01 a.m. and 8:59 p.m. daily for up to three months.

A temporary waterway restriction limiting horizontal clearance to 70 feet will remain in effect at the existing Flagler Memorial Bridge until the replacement bridge is complete. Mariners are advised that changes to navigational clearance may be necessary as repair conditions develop.

The temporary regulations for the Flagler Memorial and Royal Park Bridges will remain as follows: Flagler Memorial Bridge schedule will remain on the quarter hour and three-quarter hour except that from 8:16 a.m. to 9:14 a.m. and from 4:16 p.m. to 5:14 p.m., The Royal Park Bridge will remain on the hour and hour-hour schedule except that from 8:01 a.m. to 8:59 a.m. and from 4:31 p.m. to 5:29 p.m. this bridge will be allowed to remain closed to navigation, Monday through Friday until the repairs are completed on the Flagler Memorial Bridge.

Due to the unusual circumstances associated with the bridge structure, the bridge owner has requested an emergency back-up plan in case the repairs are unable to be accomplished as anticipated. If the Flagler Memorial Bridge malfunctions and is left in the open to navigation position, the Royal Park and Southern Boulevard Bridges will be placed on restricted schedules to accommodate increased vehicular traffic.

If an emergency occurs, the Royal Park Bridge will be on an hourly schedule at the quarter after the hour, except that from 8:16 a.m. to 10:14 a.m. and from 4:16 p.m. to 6:14 p.m. this bridge will be allowed to remain closed to navigation. The Southern Boulevard Bridge will remain on the twice an hour schedule (top of the hour and bottom of the hour), except that from 8:31 a.m. to 9:59 a.m. and from 4:31 p.m. to 5:59 p.m. this bridge will be allowed to remain closed to navigation.

Additional waterway restrictions will be promulgated once the new Flagler Memorial Bridge construction commences.

Ref: LNM 45-12 through 12-13Chart: 11472

Michael Lieberum
Seventh Coast Guard District
Bridge Branch
Chief of Operations Section 305-415-6744



April's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following are actions taken at the April 1, 2013 meeting:

- 1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting minutes of March 4, 2013**
- 2. Announced Proclamations for “Child Abuse Prevention Month”, Week of April 8th as “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week”, and “Water Conservation Month”**
- 3. Approved a Free Standing Numerical Sign for Pelican Cove, 6110 N Ocean Blvd., but also directed the P & Z Commission to review the code pertaining to identification signs**
- 4. Directed Town Attorney to draft the rental ordinance so as to require single family homeowners to register the property as a rental property through the completion of an appropriate form with an escalating fine mechanism for violators**
- 5. Approved Change Order #1 to Tenex Corp. resulting in a reduction amount \$59,325 for the Coconut Lane drainage improvements**
- 6. Ratified the \$3,851.50 Payment from the Capital Projects Fund to Replace a Water Line as Part of the Bonito Drive drainage improvements**
- 7. Confirmed the hiring of new Dispatcher/Clerk, Kristin Arroyo**
- 8. Appointed Jeff Lee and Hans Kahlert to serve as alternates on the Board of Adjustment and also appointed Mauro Walker and Dr. Richard Bajakian as regular members and Penny Kosinski as an alternate member to the P & Z Commission – THE REMAINING OPEN ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT TO THE P & Z COMMISSION WILL BE PLACED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND LISTED ON THE WEBSITE**
- 9. Approved Ordinance No. 602; Amending Chapter 66 Article IV, Landscaping, Creating a New Division 5–Florida-Friendly Use of Fertilizer on first reading**
- 10. Adopted Ordinance 601; Amending the Code of Ordinances at Chapter 66, Environmental Regulations by Repealing and Creating a New Article I Section 66-2; Protection of Sea Turtles on second reading**
- 11. Appointed Geoffrey Pugh as Mayor and Dr. Lynn Allison as Vice Mayor through Resolution No. 2013-02 and 2013-03**
- 12. Approved Resolution No. 2013-04; Designating Depositories and authorizing the check signers**

Ocean Ridge Koi Garden Fund By Dr. James Weege

I am sure that by now most residents of Ocean Ridge have visited the new Town Hall and Police Department and observed the Koi pond and garden. If you have, I am equally convinced that you feel it adds a special ambience to the entryway of the new town buildings.

What you may not know is that the maintenance funds for the Koi garden come out of the town's general budget account. With the shortage in our town budget, this does not leave a lot to maintain the pond and garden when something arises. That is why it was drained in December and kept empty for four months before funds were available to repair leaks and get the pond up and running.



Several residents and I feel the garden and Koi pond adds uniqueness to our town and the new town hall. We have started a fund — The Ocean Ridge Koi Garden Fund—to keep the garden and pond at its finest. With this fund we will be able to help the town maintain the garden should problems arise that need repair. These funds would be used exclusively for the garden and be overseen by a committee of interested residents.

We are actively seeking residents who share our enthusiasm regarding the Koi garden and invite you to contribute whatever you can to the Ocean Ridge Koi Garden Fund. Please contact Dr. James Weege at 561-523-5705.

Ocean Ridge Lecture Series

It has been suggested that beginning next Fall, the Town of Ocean Ridge should offer its residents a monthly one-hour program of entertainment. This could consist of lectures or entertainment such as music or comedy. The program would be on a fixed schedule such as 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. It will be free. It would be held at Town Hall. There will be no food or beverages allowed.

There are hundreds of possible subjects to be heard such as the history of the first Indians in Florida, the establishment of our community, the plants, animals, and ship wrecks off of our coast, history of the Indian Wars, new findings in astronomy and other fields of science, art appreciation, and music appreciation.

The purpose of this article is to determine whether there is support for this concept. You are requested to answer the following information in an email to the contact information below:

1. Would you attend and support such a program?
2. What kind of topics and subjects would you like to see and hear?
3. Can you speak or perform or can you put us in touch with someone that can?
4. Would you like to volunteer to serve with others to select the subjects and find speakers?

The first program would likely be in October 2013 and continue through March or April 2014 with the exception of December 2013. Please respond with the answer to the above questions and any feedback to Rob Weisblut at rweisblut@yahoo.com or 561-276-5657.

Leash Laws

For your animal's safety and the safety of your neighbors, please remember to secure your pets by a collar and leash when you are walking them off of your property, around the Town, and especially on Old Ocean Blvd where pedestrian traffic is very heavy. Unleashed pets violates Sec. 4 of the Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 98-22 that reads:



- 1) It shall be unlawful for any dog to be off the owner's property (which property is exclusive to the owner and does not include common areas) unless the dog is under the restraint or control of a person by means of a chain, leash or other is sufficiently near its handler to be under his direct control and is obedient to that handler's commands or is caged/crated.
- 2) It shall be unlawful for an owner to tie, chain, tether or confine by electronic/radio device a dog on the owner's property within five (5) feet of public property, public access, easements, common grounds or the property of another without the consent of the owner of such property.

If you would like to view this entire section, please visit [PBC Animal Care & Control's website](#) and click link at left that reads [Ordinance 98-22](#) or click on the links provided for you. Also see the [Town's Code Article II: Dogs & Cats, 10-31](#).

Oceanfront Park Beach Passes

Residents seeking beach passes to Oceanfront Park can purchase them at the City of Boynton Beach's City Hall (Mon-Thu, 7am-6pm) and at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse (Tue-Sat, 10AM-2PM). Fee is \$40. Please bring required documents: 1) Current vehicle registration for each vehicle), 2) Proof of residency (ie. Phone bill, FPL bill, water bill—postmarked within two months or property deed or lease agreement –min 6mos).



Non-residents seeking a seasonal beach pass may purchase beginning May 1 at the Intracoastal Clubhouse only. This pass is good from May 1 to November 15. Fee is \$90. Please show proof of vehicle registration.

For more information about beach passes for residents, non-residents, rental car parking passes please call the City of Boynton Beach—561-742-6000.

City Hall

100 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.

Intracoastal Park Clubhouse

2240 N. Federal Hwy.

Source: [City of Boynton Beach](#)



From the desk of Mayor Steven Abrams



Steven Abrams
Mayor

**Palm Beach County
Board of County
Commissioners**

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Parks & Recreation -Palm Beach County Style

Palm Beach County's award-winning parks system features 82 developed parks on over 8,000 acres of land from waterfront to rural western locations. It is the 14th largest park system in the nation and it is estimated that over 8 million people visited our parks this past year.

The amenities available at the county's parks are countless. In addition to 131 ball fields and 101 playgrounds, there are golf courses, pools, beaches, horseback riding trails, just to name a few.

There is also a state-of-the-art therapeutic center, and top-notch recreational centers and amphitheatres.

In addition to approximately 868 employees (full-time, part-time and non-permanent em-

ployees) working for the department, there are hundreds of volunteers. There are currently 232 adopt-a-park organizations dedicated to keeping our parks clean. It is estimated that volunteers remove thousands of pounds of garbage annually. These volunteer hours equate to approximately 80 full-time employees.

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to implementing innovative methods of providing information and services to the public. There are numerous options accessible at www.pbcgov.org/parks such as: a Smartphone application; Facebook and publications, including a monthly newsletter, "Free and Affordable

Fun."

Online services include booking tee times, renting pavilions, and checking concert times. Other recent and ongoing improvements include Wi-Fi installations and LED lighting systems.

I hope you all have an opportunity to visit some of our county parks. I am sure you won't be disappointed.



Ocean Inlet Park—ocean side view



Mr. Gerard Laurore, Parks and Recreation Dept. employee at Ocean Inlet Park



Ocean Inlet Park—intracoastal dock

County Employee Calls Park His Home

Meet Gerard Laurore. Not only does he work at Ocean Inlet Park, but he lives there.

Gerard, a 9-year employee with the department, lives in a small house—it's nothing fancy but talk about location! It is literally just a few feet from the Intracoastal and the inlet.

Having an employee onsite at a park that is open 24/7 is beneficial on numerous levels. Parks Manager Carlos Duenas says, "It's great to be able to call Gerard and know that he is there, especially when we have an emergency situation."

Ocean Inlet Park is located on over 11 acres of beachfront and intracoastal waterway. The beachfront park area is open from sunrise to sunset with features such as a guarded swimming area, restrooms facilities, picnic area, showers, and parking.

The intracoastal area offers access to inlet fishing 24/7 and there are approximately 18 public dock spaces available for rent.

The park, which is surely one of the counties premiere facilities, is located at 6990 N. Ocean Blvd in Ocean Ridge. If you go, don't forget to say hello to Gerard!



**Arthur R. Marshall
Foundation
*for The Everglades***

The Ocean Ridge Garden Club is pleased to sponsor an open meeting for the public on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ocean Ridge Town Hall. The featured speakers will be from the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades. They will be speaking about the ecology and current issues facing this ecosystem unique to South Florida.

If you love our River of Grass or if you've always wanted to know more about it, this is the presentation for you!

There is no charge.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

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

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

Website: www.SandSifters.us



Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **April 27**

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

Ask the Town Manager!

The Town Manager would like to answer your questions pertaining to the Town. This column will be added to the newsletter each month or as often as there are questions submitted. Just send your question to kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com Or leave note in drop-box in the Police Department lobby.



**Oceanfront Park Beach
Conditions**

Call 561-742-6775