Ocean Ridge Tidings



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

Municipal Election Results

The March municipal election results are as follows:
Dr. Lynn Allison 358 votes and
Steve Coz 445 votes. At the
April 4, 2016 Regular Town



Commission meeting, Richard Lucibella was appointed Vice-Mayor and Geoff Pugh was reappointed Mayor by the Commission.

Town Hall Library

Cean 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.

Board Appointment Opportunities

The Commission will consider a Board of Adjustment appointment for one regular member and two alternates at the May 2, 2016 Regular Town Commission meeting. Interested residents must be registered voters of the Town and submit a resume to the Clerk's Office by April 25, 2016 at 3:00PM. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

Ocean Ridge Koi Pond Fund

By Dr. James Weege

am sure that by now most residents of Ocean Ridge have visited 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. After several maintenance issues, the pond was refurbished courtesy of the Pugh Family.

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. Due to recent maintenance issues, contributions are greatly appreciated. Please contact Dr. James Weege at 561-523-5705 for more information.



General Information

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@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 Police

Non-emergency: 561-732-8331

Emergency: 9-1-1

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

Town Officials

Town Manager

James Titcomb jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk

Tracey Stevens

tstevens@oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Chief

Hal Hutchins

hhutchins@oceanridgeflorida.com

Mayor <u>Vice Mayor</u>

Geoffrey Pugh Richard Lucibella

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov James Bonfiglio Steve Coz

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

800-962-2873

OTHERS

Abuse Hotline

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

April:

- 2: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park from 8AM-10:15AM
- 4: Regular Town Commission meeting begins 6PM in chambers
- 5: Code Enforcement Hearing begins 10AM in chambers
- 6: Book Club meeting from 5:45PM-7PM in community room
- 30: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

May:

- 2: Regular Town Commission meeting begins 6PM in chambers
- 3: Code Enforcement Hearing begins 10AM in chambers (tentative)
- 4: Book Club meeting from 5:45PM-7PM in community room
- 7: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park from 8AM-10:15AM
- 28: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-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.



Meeting Information

Regular Town Commission meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00PM. Code Enforcement Hearings meet on demand on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. Board of Adjustment meets on demand on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30AM and the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on demand. Any special meetings added to the calendar, date and time changes, as well as agendas and minutes will be updated on the Town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com and on Twitter @OceanRidgeFL as they occur.

Privacy Policy

The following is the Town's privacy policy that is noted in Town email signatures and a variation is on the Town's website.

"Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from the Town of Ocean Ridge officials and employees regarding public business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may be subject to public disclosure. Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing. The views expressed in this message may not necessarily reflect those of the Town of Ocean Ridge. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by replying to this message, and please delete it from your computer. Thank you."

April's Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

The following is a list of actions taken at the April 4, 2016 Town Commission meeting:

- 1. Town Clerk Stevens announced the Election Results for the March 15, 2016 Municipal Election and swore in newly elected Town Commissioner Steve Coz.
- 2. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2016.
- 3. Adopted a Proclamation declaring the week of April 10-16 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week".
- 4. Police Chief Hutchins announced the promotion of Officer Richard Jones to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer David Kurz to the rank of Sergeant.
- 5. Re-appointed Richard Bajakian and Mauro Walker as Members to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three year term; and David Hutchins and Kimberlee Marshall as Alternate Members to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a one year term.
- 6. Extended the appointment of Susan Hurlburt and Hans Kahlert as Alternate Members of the Board of Adjustment for a one-month period, and directed the Town Clerk to advertise for all open seats on the Board of Adjustment (1 Regular Member and 2 Alternate Members).
- 7. Appointed Town Manager Titcomb as the Primary Voting Delegate and all Town Commission Members as Alternate Voting Delegates to the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
- 8. Adopted Resolution 2016-04, Electing Geoffrey Pugh as Mayor.
- Adopted Resolution 2016-05, Electing Richard Lucibella as Vice Mayor.
- 10. Adopted Resolution 2016-06, Designating Depositories, Authorizing Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to Sign Town Checks; Authorizing any One of the Five Town Commissioners to Countersign Checks

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL.

Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **March 2016** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

Type of Incident	Report Date	Time Frame	Location	Synopsis
Theft From Unlocked Vehicle	3/2/2016	Between 3/1/2016 and 3/2/2016	Hudson Ave.	Items removed from 2 unlocked vehicles overnight.
Fraud/ Unlicensed Contractor	3/7/2016	2/24/2016 thru 2/26/2016	River Dr.	Unlicensed Contractor failed to complete work paid for.
Viol. Town Code/ Unpermitted Work	3/10/2016	Between 2/20/2016 and 3/10/2016	Harbour Dr. South	Work commenced prior to obtaining permit.
Viol. Town Code/ Unpermitted Work	3/10/2016	2/4/2016	6600 Blk. N. Ocean Blvd.	Work commenced prior to obtaining permit.
Criminal Mischief	3/15/2016	3/15/2016 be- tween 7:00 am and 7:00 pm	6450 N. Ocean Blvd.	Vehicle reported as being damaged by scratching.
Stolen Vehicle	3/17/2016	3/17/2016 @ 7:45 am	6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Motor scooter stolen using keys left in ignition.
Stolen Vehicle	3/18/2016	Between 3/17/2016 and 3/18/2016	5540 N. Ocean Blvd.	Vehicle stolen from parking area overnight.
Theft From Unlocked Vehicle	3/21/2016	3/21/2016 @ 12:45 am	6845 N. Ocean Blvd.	Items removed from unlocked vehicle.
Theft From Unlocked Vehicle	3/21/2016	Between 3/20/2016 and 3/21/2016	Harbour Dr. South.	Items removed from unlocked vehicle.
Theft From Unlocked Vehicle	3/21/2016	3/20/2016 @ 5:10 am	5900 Blk. N. Ocean Blvd.	Items removed from 2 unlocked vehicles.
Theft From Unlocked Vehicle	3/21/2016	Between 3/20/2016 and 3/21/2016	5001 N. Ocean Blvd.	Items removed from unlocked vehicle.



April's Crime Prevention Information From Lieutenant Richard Jones

ANNUAL REMINDER

Do you use credit and debit cards when you fuel up your vehicle? If you do, you are at risk. Credit Card Skimming is on the rise in Palm Beach County. To prevent becoming a victim, you have several best choice practices that can help keep you safe.

The best practice is to pay the cashier with cash, however, we all know how inconvenient that is.

The next best practice is to check the fuel pump to ensure it has not been tampered with. This is an easy process and it does not require specialized training. Each pump is equipped with a locking door which houses the credit card reader (see photo below). Many fueling stations are now placing tamper resistant stickers over the door opening so that the consumer can verify that the pump has not been tampered with (see photo below). If the pump door has been opened, the sticker will say "VOID" as shown below.

Although the tamper resistant sticker does not provide as much protection as we would like, it is safer to use a device with the sticker than a device without the sticker.

Once you have confirmed that the tamper resistant sticker is in place, it is safer to use a credit card rather than a debit card. It is much easier to obtain a refund credit from a credit card company than your bank. Since debit cards are tied directly to your checking account, the financial impact can be much more devastating. Frequently check your accounts for suspicious or fraudulent transactions. If you become a victim, report the incident immediately. This will help prevent additional losses and allow a better opportunity for apprehending the suspect.





Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police



As The Season Winds Down

As the season winds down and we shift gears it is time to remind everyone of the need to watch out for the vacant homes in your area.

To those of you who are seasonal residents; we hope you have an enjoyable summer up north and we look forward to your return in the fall. Please make sure your properties here are secured, and if you wish, please contact the Police Department at (561) 732-8331 to take advantage of our House Watch Program.

For those of you who are year round-residents; please watch out for suspicious activity at the homes surrounding yours. Summer time is often an opportunity for those who wish to commit crimes to take advantage of residents being away. Please report any suspicious activity right away to the Police Department at (561) 732-8331.

Thanks for your Help!

Securing Your Financial Documents

Many Americans experience the challenge of rebuilding their lives after a disaster, becoming the victim of identity theft or other emergency. In these stressful circumstances, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical, and other records is crucial for starting the process of recovery quickly and efficiently.

Taking the time now to <u>collect and secure these critical records (https://www.ready.gov/financial - preparedness)</u> will give you peace of mind. In the event of an emergency, it will also ensure that you have the documentation needed to start the recovery process without delay.

The <u>Emergency Financial First Aid Kit</u> (EFFAK available online at FEMA.gov) can help you financially prepare if a disaster or other emergency strikes your community. The EFFAK contains four important steps to financial preparedness:

- Assemble your important documents and contacts;
- Review your insurance policies and financial paperwork to be sure that they are still accurate and current;
- Store paper and electronic copies of all files in safe locations; and
- Revisit and update your EFFAK on a regular schedule. (Updates are especially important when certain changes in your life occur, like a change in marital status, birth of a child, and opening or closing accounts.)

April is Financial Literacy Month. This month is a great opportunity to review and update your EF-FAK. You can <u>find more financial preparedness resources</u> online at FEMA.gov.

Congratulations To Newly Appointed Personnel





(Left: Jamie Titcomb, Town Manager, and Lt. Richard Jones; Right: Jamie Titcomb, Town Manager, and Sgt. David Kurz)

Congratulations to Investigator Richard Jones and Officer David Kurz.

Both of these members of the Police Department successfully completed testing and evaluation making them eligible for promotion. As a result, I am happy to report that with the approval of the Town Manager, Investigator Richard Jones has been promoted to the rank of Police Lieutenant and Officer David Kurz has been promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant.

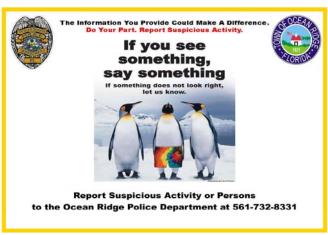
Both of these members of your Police Department have worked hard to provide service to the community throughout their tenure with the agency. We I look forward to them joining the supervisory ranks of the Department.

FINALLY

As always, I and every member of your Police Department are available and you are welcome to call or stop in anytime and visit.

Also, please report any suspicious person or activity as soon as possible.

REMEMBER



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 or James Titcomb at jtttcomb@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	

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach clean-

up!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next

cleanup: May 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: 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 30

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

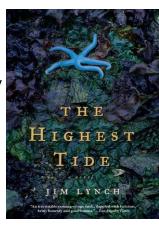
encouraged to volunteer.

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, May 4 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss *The Highest Tide* by Jim Lynch. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.



Follow Us On Social Media

n addition to the newsletter and email blasts, the Town of Ocean Ridge utilizes the following social media platforms to provide information to our residents:

<u>Twitter</u> @OceanRidgeFL

<u>YouTube</u> (audio of meetings only)

<u>NextDoor</u> (click link to join)