



May 2011

# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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*A monthly email newsletter for the residents of Ocean Ridge*

## Various Board Appointments

At the May 2, 2011 Regular Town Commission meeting, the commission appointed Gail Aaskov, Bruce Gimmy, and Betty Bingham as regular commission members and Jeff Lee and Dr. John Wootton as alternates of the Board of Adjustment. Jim Bonfiglio, Mark Marsh, Gerald Goray were appointed as regular commission members and Dr. Richard Bajakian and Penny Kosinski as alternates to the Planning & Zoning commission.

## 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.

## Proclamations

At the May 2, 2011 Regular Town Commission meeting, the following Proclamations were signed by Mayor Kaleel:

- \* May as "Sand Sifters Appreciation Month"
- \* May 15 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day and Encourage all Residents to Fly Their Flags at Half-Mast on That Day"
- \* Week of May 15-21 as "National Police Week"
- \* Week of May 15-21 as "National Public Works Week"
- \* May 25 as "National Missing Children's Day"



# May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Regular Town Commission Meeting @6pm	3 Code Enforcement Hearing @10am	4 Book Club Meeting @ 5:45pm	5	6	7 Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup 8:00-10:15am @ Oceanfront Park
8 Mother's Day 	9	10	11 Board of Adjustment @ 8:30am	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Sea Angels Beach Cleanup @ Ocean Inlet Park 8:00-10:30am
29	30 Memorial Day -Town Hall Closed -No Contractor work or inspections -Trash collection as scheduled for Tues.	31	Please note: July's Regular Town Commission meeting will be held on July 5th at 6pm due to the official holiday.			



# 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 April for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Lewd Act	04/03/11	4:29 PM	6400 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Two males arrested.
Theft	04/09/11	4:57 PM	6800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Golf cart battery charger stolen.
Warrant Arrest	04/10/11	12:57 AM	5900 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop determined female driver wanted.
Violation of Town Code	04/20/11	8:50 Am	5900 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Owner cited for dogs at large
Fraud	04/28/11	8:55 AM	6600 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Fraudulent use of Debit Card, theft of cash.

## Proms & Graduations + Alcohol & Drugs = Bad Night

Although these celebrations are intended to be joyous, it seems that every year an avoidable tragic incident occurs to tarnish the event. Law Enforcement authorities will be joining forces in an effort to reduce the likelihood of such a tragedy.

The below excerpt from a letter from John R. Powell, Director of the State's Division of Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco, to the Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, emphasizes the issue and enforcement effort:



*"High school prom and graduation is here, or just around the corner. The months of April, May and June have traditionally been the time for prom celebrations and graduation parties state-wide. With these end-of-school-year celebrations and the start of the summer vacation, there will be an increase in the number of underage youth attempting to access alcoholic beverages.*

*In response, agents with the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco will be out aggressively enforcing the alcohol and tobacco laws across the state, with targeted enforcement efforts around prom and graduation dates."*

The members of the Ocean Ridge Police Department are likewise committed to making sure that the potential for injury or death is reduced thru enforcement of available laws and ordinances. Please help us by monitoring the activity of your children and their friends.





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## Hurricane Season Preparation

As we approach another Hurricane Season (June 1 – November 30), officers of the Ocean Ridge Police Department have begun their annual property inspections to identify hazardous conditions. Specifically, their focus will be on trees and other vegetation that may impact power and/or utility service lines and poles. Should a problem be identified, you will be notified and given time to correct the problem. Uncorrected issues will be addressed via a formal Notice of Violation and a Code Enforcement Hearing date will be set.

As is always our intent, Code “compliance” rather than “enforcement” is our goal. Please assist us in making Ocean Ridge a safer community and one that can more easily recover from a storm.

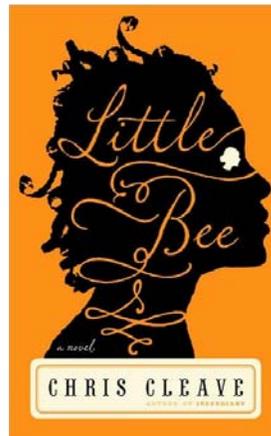
Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

## “Bundling” of Services and your Alarm System

Many telecommunications, cable TV and/or internet service providers have been offering to “bundle” your telephone, television and computer services into one, neat package. However, because many of these products will change your telephone service from analog to digital, your alarm system connection directly to the Police Department and/or a monitoring service MAY BE impacted. As a result you may find yourself disconnected or facing a service fee to re-connect your system. Be sure to ask the sales representative before you agree to any change in these services.

## Dispatcher Jeanne Zuidema Retiring

After more than 28 years as a Dispatcher with the Ocean Ridge Police Department, Jeanne Zuidema has announced that she will be retiring on May 31, 2011. She has indicated that she will be taking on a position as the costume designer for the “Chippendale” male dance group. Only kidding! Jeanne will, “...spend my time with family and friends, traveling, rescuing domestic animals, remodeling my home, and so on.” Please feel free to stop by or call her to offer your best wishes.



### Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss Chris Cleave’s book “Little Bee”. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

# FTC Consumer Alert

Federal Trade Commission ■ Bureau of Consumer Protection ■ Division of Consumer & Business Education

## Spotting an Impostor: Scammers Pose as Friends, Family and Government Agencies

It's easy to think "It couldn't happen to me." But scammers know how to get around our better judgment. They play on our emotions or promise big payoffs to get us to act. And many use the names of government agencies like the FTC, trusted companies, or friends and family to get us to buy into their schemes. We may not be able to spot the impostor until it's too late.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, wants you to know that scammers are posing as people, agencies and companies you know and trust. They may use phone calls, emails, letters, faxes or even text messages in their deceptions. To see past the disguise, you need to be alert to signs of an impostor scam:

- **They want you to wire money.** Wiring money is like sending cash; once it's gone, you can't get it back. Don't send a check or money order by overnight delivery or courier, either. And don't deposit a check and wire money back — the check will turn out to be a fake. Con artists tell you to use these services so they can get your money before you realize you've been cheated. For more on money wiring scams, visit [ftc.gov/ScamWatch](http://ftc.gov/ScamWatch).
- **They want you to pay to collect your winnings.** Legitimate sweepstakes don't require you to pay insurance, taxes, or shipping to claim what you've won. Scammers pretend to be with banks and well-known companies like WalMart and Publishers Clearing House to make you think it's the real deal. No matter how convincing the reasons, never send money to claim a prize.
- **They claim to be with a government agency.** They may try to get you to send money by saying they're with the FBI, FTC, IRS, U.S. Customs and Border Protection or the U.S. Marshals Service. They might even use a real employee's name and call from a Washington, D.C., phone number. But it's a number they've faked. Contrary to scammers' lines, no federal government agency supervises or runs sweepstakes. Similarly, insurers like Lloyd's of London don't insure the delivery of sweepstakes winnings.
- **They claim to be someone you care about.** You think it's your grandson calling, panicked because he needs you to wire money to help him fix a car, get out of jail or a hospital emergency room, or leave a foreign country without the rest of the family finding out. Or a stranded friend emails and asks you to wire money overseas. In reality, it's a scammer who sleuthed out your grandchild's name, or hacked your friend's email account. To make sure it's not really a loved one in trouble, call a number you know to be genuine, and check the story out with other people in your circle. You also can ask the caller some questions that a stranger couldn't possibly answer.
- **They want you to act now.** The key to successful impostor scams is getting you to send money before you find out who's really on the other end. The more time you have, the more likely you'll figure it out. Resist the pressure to act immediately before you've checked it out.

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### **File a complaint with the FTC**

If you encounter an impostor scam, let the FTC know. File a complaint at [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov) or call 1-877-FTC-HELP.

The FTC works to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop and avoid them. To file a complaint or get free information on consumer issues, visit [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov) or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); TTY: 1-866-653-4261. Watch a video, *How to File a Complaint*, at [ftc.gov/video](http://ftc.gov/video) to learn more.

The FTC enters consumer complaints into the Consumer Sentinel Network, a secure online database and investigative tool used by hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad.



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Electronic Press Release

## News Release

For immediate release:  
Contact:

April 7, 2011  
Drowning Prevention Coalition of  
Palm Beach County  
(561) 616-7068 or (561) 723-3650

# Use the ABC's of Water Safety to Stay Safe In and Around Water

The two drowning incidents that have occurred within the last week should be a wake-up call for parents, caregivers, pool owners and vacationers to make drowning prevention a top priority. The Drowning Prevention Coalition (DPC) of Palm Beach County wants everyone to use the following ABC's of water safety to stay safe in and around water.

### A – ADULT SUPERVISION

- Whenever infants and toddlers are in or around water, an adult should be within an arm's length, providing visual and touch supervision.
- In addition to parental supervision, designate an adult **WATER WATCHER** (using a distinguishable item such as a lanyard or funny hat) for 15 minutes whose sole responsibility is to watch the pool area and not read, talk on the phone or have outside distractions. After the 15 minutes conclude, hand over the distinguishable item to another adult for 15 minutes and so forth. Ensure that the "Water Watcher" is a sober adult who knows CPR and has basic swimming skills.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision. "Water wings" or "floaties," inflatable water rings, and other pool toys are NOT safety devices. Only U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets are designed and tested for safety.

### B – BARRIERS and BEACH SAFETY

- Have a properly working physical barrier around, on or in the pool itself (i.e. isolation fence, pool safety cover, pool alarm) that meet code requirements.
- Have window and door alarms that sound when breached.
- Always swim at a lifeguarded beach, and pay attention to the beach flags.

### C – CLASSES

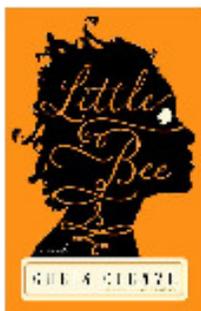
- Take a water safety course at a local aquatic facility to learn the skills necessary to survive in the water.
- Take CPR classes.

The DPC suggests that everyone use the following ABC's of water safety to stay safe in and around water, but it is up to each individual to make sure a drowning incident does not happen. For more information on water safety lessons and water safety/drowning prevention education, please visit the DPC website at [www.pbcgov.org/dpc](http://www.pbcgov.org/dpc) or call 561-616-7068.

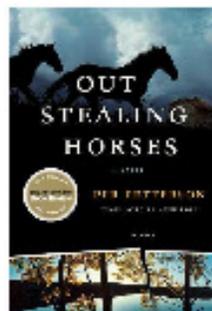
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# Ocean Ridge Book Club

## Book Selections



May 4, 2011  
Little Bee  
By Chris Cleave



June 1, 2011  
Out Stealing Horses  
By Per Petterson



July 6, 2011  
The Known World  
By Edward P. Jones



October 5, 2011  
By Nightfall  
By Michael Cunningham

*There will be no Book Club meeting in August or September.*

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

# Sea Turtle Nesting Season: March 1 through October 31

Source: Palm Beach Co. Dept. of Environmental Resources Mgmt, Dark Skies Save Sea Turtles' Lives postcard; PBC DERM 2010.

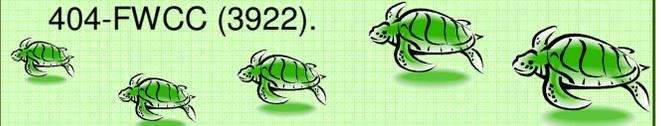
Three sea turtle species (the endangered green and leatherback and the threatened loggerhead) nest in Palm Beach County. Artificial lighting may deter females from nesting and can prevent hatchlings from reaching the water. Beach furniture and other obstacles on the beach may block access to suitable nesting locations. You can help sea turtles by following these tips:

- \* Turn off all non-essential beachfront lighting.
- \* Replace incandescent & fluorescent blubs with red or amber LED bulbs.
- \* Reduce lighting visible from the beach by lowering shielding, recessing, and/or redirecting fixtures..
- \* Use draperies or blinds to reduce interior lighting.
- \* Be turtle friendly by removing chairs, toys, floats, and boats from the beach at night.
- \* Replace wooden cabanas with lighter alternatives.

## Turtle Season Phone Numbers to Know

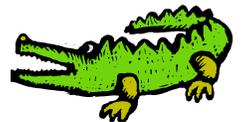
Source: Jacey Biery, PBC ERM

- \* 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).



## Warm Weather Means Active Alligators & Crocodiles

Source: News release 4/8/11, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



The onset of warm weather in the spring is when Florida's alligators and crocodiles start getting active, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds Floridians and visitors to be cautious when having fun in and around water.

Florida is home to two native crocodylians: the American alligator, which is found in all 67 counties, and the American crocodile, which may be found in coastal areas of the Keys, Southeast and Southwest Florida. Both species have shared Florida's waters with people for centuries.

The FWC recommends keeping pets away from the water. There are other precautionary measures people should take to reduce potential conflicts with alligators and crocodiles, and they are available in the "[Living with Alligators](#)" brochure at [MyFWC.com/Alligator](#) and the "[Living with Crocodiles](#)" brochure at [MyFWC.com/Crocodile](#).

The FWC advises, if you have concerns with an alligator or crocodile that poses a threat to you, your pets or property, call the FWC's Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286).

Alligators and crocodiles are an important part of Florida's heritage and play a valuable role in the ecosystems where they live. For more information on alligators and crocodiles, visit [MyFWC.com/Alligator](#).

# Sharing Your Photos



Photo: US Army Retired Sgt. Wayne Jackson and Project 425 Curator Mike Carroll  
Photo credit: Doc Darville

With the bank's permission, Project 425 for the last 3 years, has staged at the Mercantile Bank on A1A. There we pick up our passengers and proceed to Atlantic Ave. to the St. Patty's Parade with the helicopter. The bank is closed on Saturdays, so it works out very well. We usually attract an enthusiastic crowd and they opt for pictures at the bank, as your Officer Darville did. Project 425 is a UH-1H Huey helicopter that has logged 1970 hours of combat flight time in Vietnam. It has been restored as a mobile static display. Project 425 has been very active with over 100 events since 2008 in Palm Beach and Martin Counties. It has nine very dedicated crew members and the helicopter, when not on display, has a good home on Mike and Dr. Ginnie Carroll's G & M Ranch in Loxahatchee. — Michael Carroll and Bill Jeczalik [Facebook Page](#) and [Flickr Page](#)



Photo: US Army Retired Sgt. Wayne Jackson and Project 425 Curator Mike Carroll  
Photo credit: Doc Darville



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**Easter Sunrise Services at Oceanfront Park on April 24, 2011.**

Photos courtesy of Charlie Crawford @ [www.notdarkyetphotography.com/](http://www.notdarkyetphotography.com/)



Are You A

## Grandparent Raising Grandchildren?



Join us in our **2011 Educational Program Series**

March 23

April 13 & 20

May 11 & 25

June 8 & 22

**FREE**

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

September 21 & 28

October 12 & 26

Learn about: legal issues, guiding behaviors & discipline, computers, resources, support, managing stress and much more.

Time: 10:00 am – Noon

Location:

Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service

University of Florida / IFAS

559 N. Military Trail

West Palm Beach



Call **561-233-1739** to sign up and for more information

# 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](http://www.seaangels.org)

or e-mail us at [info@seaangels.org](mailto: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: 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:** Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128

**Website:** [www.SandSifters.us](http://www.SandSifters.us)

## Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

**What:** Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

**When:** Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: May 28

**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](mailto:info@seaangels.org)

**Website:** [www.seaangels.org](http://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.

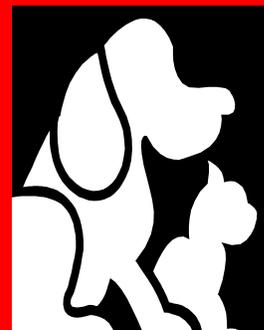
**Who:** Residents of all ages welcome. Those with library experience are encouraged to volunteer.

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

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

**Oceanfront Park Beach  
Conditions**

**Call 561-742-6775**



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