



# Ocean Ridge Tidings



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

## Next Commission Meeting On Beach Access

The Commission held a meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> to obtain public input into the private/public beach access question. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the public to voice their concerns and ideas about the influx of the public on our beaches. Staff supplied information on the legal issues and information on how some other communities have attempted to handle the situation. This controversy is not unique to Ocean Ridge but has been raised with almost every community that borders the ocean and has private property on the beach.



The Commission directed staff to address the beach access sign issue and try to develop some signage that is informative and not controversial. This will be addressed at the next meeting. The Commission will also address the property controversy at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at Town Hall and is on **June 23, 2014 at 4PM**. It is a public meeting and everyone is invited. You're welcome to submit your comments in writing to the Town Manager if you're unable to attend.

## General Permitting Information

Building permits are required for many types of work such as A/C change-out, garage door, doors and windows, fencing, roofs and much more. If a permit is required to do work in your home or multi-family unit, then you (if applicable) or your contractor must obtain permit prior to beginning work. If work begins without a permit then the following penalties will apply per Ordinance 585:



(c) If any person commences any work on a building or structure before obtaining the necessary permit under this article, the fee for the permit, when obtained, shall be double the total amount of the permit fee otherwise required plus \$200.00 if the total cost of the work on a building or structure is equal to or less than \$5,000, and four times the total amount of the permit fee otherwise required if the total cost of the work on a building or structure exceeds \$5,000.

For more permitting information and permit procedures, please visit the town's website [www.oceanridge.com/Permit-Center.htm](http://www.oceanridge.com/Permit-Center.htm) or call town hall at 561-732-2635. Also see page 5 for general permitting information.



## General Information

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

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



@OceanRidgeFL

### Town Hall

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

561-732-ORFL (Citizen Information Line)

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

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

### Police

Non-emergency: 561-732-8331

Emergency: 9-1-1

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

## Town Officials

### Town Manager

Kenneth Schenck

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### Town Clerk

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### Police Chief

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### Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

### Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

### Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

James Bonfiglio

Richard Lucibella

### 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—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



## May

- 3: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 5: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 6: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 6: Public Workshop at 4:00PM in chambers
- 7: Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in Community Room
- 9: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 23: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 26: Memorial Day—Town Hall Closed (no inspections, no contractor work)
- 31: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

## June

- 2: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 3: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 4: Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in Community Room
- 6: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 7: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 20: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 23: Special Town Commission meeting at 4:00PM
- 28: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

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

## Recipe of the Month: Ultimate 7-Layer Dip

Source: [kraftfoods.com](http://kraftfoods.com)

### Ingredients:

- 1 (16oz) can refried beans
- 1 tbsp. taco seasoning mix
- 1 cup Greek style sour cream & nonfat yogurt
- 1 cup thick & chunky salsa
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup Mexican style shredded Four cheese
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 2 tbsp. sliced black olives

### Directions:

Mix beans and seasoning mix; spread onto the bottom of a pie plate. Top with layers of remaining ingredients and then refrigerate for several hours or until chilled. Serve with tortilla chips, crackers, or veggies. Makes 48 servings (2 tbsp per serving).



## May's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting of April 7, 2014
2. Proclaimed the Week of May 11 – 17, 2014 as “National Police Week and May 15, 2014 as Peace Officers Memorial Day” and Encourage all residents to fly their flags at half-mast on that day
3. Proclaimed May as “Civility Month”, Proclaimed May 25, 2014 as “National Public Works Week”, Proclaimed May 18-24<sup>th</sup> as “National Public Works Week”, Proclaimed May 18-24, 2014 as “Water Reuse Week”
4. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-02; Evidencing its intent to vacate and abandon its interest in a portion of the ROW of Ocean Blvd. according to the Plat of Tropical Shores, as recorded in Plat Book 23, Page 119, of the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida, said portion of Ocean Blvd. ROW abutting portions of Lots B and C of Tropical Shores; the abandoned portions of Ocean Blvd. are more particularly described herein; providing for recording of this resolution; providing an effective date and for other purposes. An advertisement announcing the adoption will appear in the Palm Beach Post within the next month as per State requirements
5. Directed staff to add Discussion of Exotic Plant Removal to the next agenda
6. Appointed Donald Magruder, Betty Bingham, Bruce Gimmy and Jeff Lee as regular members, and Hans Kahlert and Joe Finley as alternate members for the Board of Adjustment and also appointed Mark Marsh, Gerald Goray, and Penny Kosinski as regular members, and Steve Coz and Kimberlee Marshall as alternate members to the Planning & Zoning Commission
7. Approved the Annual Audit for FY 2012/13 presented by Nowlen, Holt, & Miner, PA
8. Authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to conduct the necessary research and analysis to provide a potential easement access to the property behind Town Hall (possibly starting at the south property line along the 15' existing easement, proceeding to the west property line and then traveling north along the Town's property lines)
9. Approved Scheduling the September Regular Meeting/Tentative Budget Adoption for either Sept. 8 or 9<sup>th</sup> and the Final Budget Adoption for either Sept. 15 or 16<sup>th</sup> once the County and School Board Meeting dates are determined
10. Approved a \$6,000 payment from the Contingency Account to Engenuity Group for the work related to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rates
11. Approved \$3,500 to Chris Wayne & Assoc. from the Contingency Account to landscape the two entrance signs
12. Approved a 3 Month Extension to the Settlement Agreement with the Sivitilli's for the Mixed Use for 5011 N Ocean Blvd. provided they adhere to the timetable provided by Urban Design/Kilday Studios to apply for the Rezoning and Comprehensive Plan Amendment and also that structural/engineering drawings be supplied within the 3 month period
13. ANNOUNCED THAT TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 AT 4:00 PM WAS THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO DISCUSS ASPECTS RELATING TO ALL OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS BEACH CROSSOVERS; SUCH AS LIABILITIES, LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS, RESIDENT CONCERNS, AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

## Expiring Building Permits

Every month an expired permit report is generated and letters are sent to the homeowners informing them that an open building permit for their property will expire shortly as per Section 67-52 of the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances. This is an informative and beneficial letter letting the homeowner know that every permit requires a final inspection and no positive inspection has been scheduled for a period of six months. The expired building permit will be considered “not completed and open due to the lack of a final inspection” for any reporting purposes and may present delays when attempting to sell or refinance your home.

If the permit is ready for a final inspection, please call the contractor listed on the building permit to have them schedule the final inspection with the town. Also, make sure the permit with yellow permit card is posted. If the permit is not ready for an inspection, you may renew the permit one time within 6 months of expiration, if there are no changes to the original permit, and a \$45.00 renewal fee (cash or check only) must be submitted to the town. If there are changes, a new application with two copies of the back-up material must be submitted and the fee will be based on the new estimated cost of the project with no eligible refunds.

### General Building Permitting Information

The following are examples of work that require permitting with the Town of Ocean Ridge. This is not a complete list.

**Addition	Elevator	Re-striping
Air Conditioner	**Fence	**Remodel
Air Ducts	*Fire Sprinkler System	**Renovation
Air Handler	Flooring (multifamily)	Resurfacing
Alarm System	Garage Door	Retaining Wall
**Asphalt	*Gas/Propane	Roof
Awnings	**Gates	**Screen Enclosure
Balustrade	Generator	Seal-coating
Bathroom Remodel	Gutters (new building construction only)	****Seawall
****Boatlift	Hurricane Mitigation	Seawall Cap
Central Vacuum	Irrigation System	**Shed (permanent)
**Concrete	Kitchen Cabinets/Counters	Shutters
Construction Trailer	Light Fixtures (New)	Shower pan
**Decking	Lightning Protection	**Sidewalks
Demolition	Meter Can	**Slab
****Dock	**New Construction	**Spa
Doors (exterior)	**Pavers	Stucco
**Drainage/Fill/Landscaping	Plumbing	Temporary Pole/Power
**Driveways	**Pool	**Wall
Drywall	**Pool Fence	Water Heater
Electrical	Railings	Windows

\*Needs Boynton Fire approval. Permit/inspection in addition to our building department review/inspection

\*\*Needs Health Department approval.

\*\*\*To be reviewed by Town Engineer on case by case basis which may have impact on drainage.

\*\*\*\*Needs DEP Approval (or letter of exemption).

#### What Every Contractor/Owner Should Know...

Make sure contractors/subcontractors are currently registered with the Town.
Supply 2 copies of back-up material which could include product approvals, plans, survey, etc. Request a checklist for additional requirements for new construction, additions, renovations, and drainage.
Notice of Commencement is needed for permits over \$2,500 (\$7,500 A/C) and is due at the time of pick-up.
Copy of the contract or proposal must also be submitted and must match estimated cost of the job.
Pay permit fee at the time of submittal; cash or check only.
Permitted work commences only when you have your approved permit in hand. <b>Work done without a permit could be subjected to additional fees.</b>
All permits require inspections and must be scheduled by the permitted contractor.
Contractor work hours are Monday through Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm. Work is not permitted on New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please be aware that Ordinance No. 585 increased fines if work is done without a permit.

If you are unsure of what type of job needs a permit or have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

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## Water Restrictions



Below is a reminder of the water restrictions in Palm Beach County:

### Existing Landscaping

- Residents and businesses with **odd**-numbered street addresses may water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Saturdays only before 10am OR after 4pm.**
- Residents and businesses with **even**-numbered street addresses, no street address or irrigate both even and odd address within the same zones, including multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Sundays only before 10am OR after 4pm.**
- For the most efficient use of water, residents should avoid irrigating during both time periods on the same day.

### New landscaping, sod or other plantings

- New landscaping can be watered without regard to restrictions on the first day it is installed.
- Landscaping that has been in place from **30 days or less** can be watered on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays** during the hours allowed for regular landscape irrigation.
- Landscaping that has been in place from **31 days to 90 days** can be watered on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays** during the hours allowed for regular landscape irrigation.
- Additional watering days can only be used to benefit new landscaping. An entire irrigation system zone may only be watered if it contains at least 50 percent new landscaping.

Source: SFWMD: [http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xrepository/sfwmd\\_repository\\_pdf/year\\_round\\_3days\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xrepository/sfwmd_repository_pdf/year_round_3days_schedule.pdf) and Landscape Irrigation Rules: [http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xrepository/sfwmd\\_repository\\_pdf/jtf\\_yr\\_rule\\_new.pdf](http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xrepository/sfwmd_repository_pdf/jtf_yr_rule_new.pdf)

## Artwork Inspirations Event



Ocean Ridge will be hosting a fine art multi-media art show for artists residing in the coastal communities of Ocean Ridge, South Palm Beach, Manalapan, Hypoluxo Island, Gulf Stream, Highland Beach, coastal Delray Beach and coastal Boca Raton.

Full and seasonal resident artists are welcome to submit their work for review prior to the juried show. Due to possible limited space artwork to be displayed will be selected by the review committee. The show will be affiliated with the Delray Art League. The artists will determine a price for their submissions. A portion of the proceeds would be donated to Ocean Ridge for a town beautification effort.

The show would open February 2, 2015 and would be standing for one month in Town Hall. Specific plans are underway and specific details will be available over the next few months. Interested artists should contact Nancy Flinn at 561-860-3897 or [nancym7@yahoo.com](mailto:nancym7@yahoo.com) to establish their interest. Nancy Flinn, Max Matteson and others will work towards establishing the art community's interest for this new and exciting event.



**The Abrams Agenda**

**Quiet Zones for New Rail Service**

**Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams**

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All Aboard Florida, a private express intercity passenger rail service from Miami to Orlando, is expected to be running its new train service by 2016. The new service, owned and operated by Florida East Coast Industries (FECI), will be utilizing 195 miles of existing active rail corridor the FECI owns along the eastern portion of the state, with stations in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando.

FECI will be responsible for constructing needed safety improvements in the crossings for the All Aboard Florida trains. The project will also require the construction of an additional track in the FEC right of way as well as modifications to existing crossings.

Throughout Palm Beach County, residents along the route have expressed concerns regarding the noise created by train horns. For more than a century, safety measures have required train

operators to blow their horns or whistles as they approach crossings. In the 1990s, the Federal Railroad Administration created nationwide regulations requiring that all locomotives on street level sound their horns at a specified volume, length and pattern of sound at crossings. To address the noise concerns, the county is working with local cities and other government agencies to establish quiet zones, which are sections of rail line (approximately one-half mile long) that have additional safety measures in place, waiving the horn requirements.

Federal law allows the cities or counties, with jurisdiction over the roads that cross the tracks, to apply for quiet zones, but requires that they are responsible for the cost and installation. The total cost to install quiet zones in Palm Beach County is approximately \$13.9 million.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization, a local agency, will be allocating close to 50 percent of the funding in federal grant money toward the quiet zone project. The counties and cities are also working closely with legislators to obtain additional funding from the state. The goal is to create quiet zones at the lowest cost to the Palm Beach County taxpayers.



Quiet zone intersection at Jog Road & CSX tracks. At this particular intersection, the number of safety gates are increased from 2 to 3.

## New Spanish River I-95 Interchange Update

The FDOT has been working since January on constructing the new I-95 interchange at Spanish River Blvd., which will relieve congestion on Glades and Yamato Roads. The work is being done in phases to minimize the impact to the community and the motoring public. No full closures of I-95, the arterial roadways or ramp will be permitted.

In addition to the new interchange, the project also includes the following: widening of Spanish River Blvd (west of FAU); signalized intersection improvements; added auxiliary lanes on I-95 and Yamato Rd.; and sound walls along Yamato Rd. and on the east side of I-95 north of Yamato Rd.

The work is being performed by Astaldi Construction with the Creative Engineering Group overseeing the project for FDOT at a cost of \$66.7 million. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2016 (weather permitting).



# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

## Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **April 2014** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Violation of Town Codes/Various	04/02/2014	Since 2008	100 Blk Hibiscus Dr.	Although the home was sold, previous Code Violations remained open; dated from 2008, 2010 and 2013. The new owner was aware of the existing issues that had accumulated fines in excess of \$300,000. New owner re-cited and repairs underway.
Burglary	04/08/2014	8:00AM –2:46 PM	100 Blk Harbour Dr. South	Resident returned home to find unknown persons had smashed a front window and opened door to gain entry. Property taken.
Theft	4/19/2014	04/18/2014 5:00 PM – 04/19/2014 9:15AM	6800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	3 Surfboards stolen overnight.
Stolen Vehicle	04/20/2014	04/19/2014 6:00 PM – 04/20/2014 11:00AM	100 blk Sailfish Ln.	Resident's white 1996 Toyota Camry bearing FL tag: L08-3WL was taken overnight.
Assault/Threats and Possession of Marijuana – Arrest	04/21/2014	04/21/2014 4:15 PM	6500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Officers responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting intoxicated/disorderly subject. Investigation resulted in arrest for Assault and subject found to be in possession of Marijuana. Turned over to the Palm Beach County Jail.
Warrant – Arrest	04/22/2014	1:45 AM	6900 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop resulted in discovering subject had a warrant for Failure to Appear/Drug case. Subject turned over to Juvenile Detention Center.
Theft	04/26/2014	04/25/2014 3:00PM – 04/26/2014 9:17AM	100 blk Hudson Ave.	Town-owned storm drain grate stolen.
Identity Theft	04/29/2014	2:19 PM	6500 Blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Resident's PayPal account was compromised and \$400 taken.
Violation of Town Code/Permits	04/30/2014	8:00 AM	6300 Blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Potential buyer of home discovered and reported that numerous recent renovations had been completed without permits.
Violation of Town Code/Permit	04/30/2014	9:00 AM	6300 Blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Work was found to have been done without permit
Violation of Town Code/Permit	04/30/2014	9:00 AM	100 Blk Beachway Dr.	Officer on patrol observed contractor installing windows without permit.

## Would You Like A Free Crime Prevention Survey?

Often folks ask the police for information about what a citizen can do to make their home and family more secure. A Crime Prevention Survey of your property is one of the best ways to identify potential points of vulnerability. This is just another service provided by your Police Department.

If you are interested in having your home surveyed, please contact Lt. Hal Hutchins at 561-732-8331.

In the meantime, PLEASE remember to activate your alarm system whenever you leave your home; even for a short period of time. Also, install secure locking devices; especially if you have plate glass near the doors. If you own a single-family home, when you leave for vacation, add your name to our Dark House list so that we are aware. Also, notify your neighbors and stop mail & newspaper deliveries. Leave your home with the look that it is “lived in” by setting lights on timers, etc.

If your alarm system is connected directly to the Police Department, post the free-standing sign to alert potential criminals to that fact. The sign is free!

Finally, the need for citizens to report suspicious activity – when it is happening – is essential. Please continue to do so.

Thank You!

## It's Not Too Early for Hurricane Season Preparation

Police Department personnel will begin the annual survey of the Town for potential threatening conditions related to trees and vegetation in the utility lines (FPL, AT&T, and Comcast). Should an issue be identified, a letter (sample attached on page 11) will be given to the property owner. As indicated, we seek compliance within 14 days. This will help ensure the safety of everyone involved and reduce the negative impact caused by the loss of these utilities.

It is hard to believe that it has been 8 years since a major storm hit our area. However, that shouldn't cause us to not take steps to prepare. We live and work in an area where it is a matter of “when” not “if” a storm is going to strike. Please keep in mind that during “Super Storm” Sandy, only 2 small areas of Town lost power; however, both were caused by tree limbs taking down utility lines.

Thanks for your cooperation.

## National Police Week—May 11-17, 2014 and

## National Peace Officers' Memorial Day—May 15, 2014

Included in this Newsletter is a copy of the Proclamation issued by the Mayor and Commission declaring next week as National Police Week and Thursday as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

These honors were first adopted by President John F. Kennedy and the U.S. Congress in 1962 in recognition of those who protect & serve; especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have been killed in the line of duty. The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Four new names of Florida fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, along with 96 other officers killed in 2013 and 186 officers killed in previous years.

Please fly your flag at half-mast on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and take a moment to pause to remember those who protect your freedom.



## The Town of Ocean Ridge Police Department

—Emergency 911 — Business (561) 732-8331 — Fax (561) 732-8676 —

6450 N. Ocean Blvd.  
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435-5297

Christopher T. Yannuzzi  
Chief of Police

April, 2014

CAD Ref# \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Resident:

June 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of another Hurricane Season! Past severe storms caused tremendous damage in Ocean Ridge; which resulted in the Town Commission taking action to protect our utility lines and poles from similar damage in the future. In addition, FPL, AT&T and Comcast have worked hard to strengthen the entire utility system in our area.

The enacted Ordinance (66-151 (b) (7)) speaks to the required trimming of vegetation and trees located near or under, "...power or other utility lines or facilities..." that are suspended above the ground. This includes the individual services lines directly attached to your house.

Members of your Police Department have begun to conduct a thorough inspection to identify vegetation & trees on your property that are in a position or condition to constitute a threat to our power and utility system. Therefore, a "Warning Notice" has been issued to advise you of your responsibility to maintain the problem vegetation & trees and directing you to take the appropriate steps to have the items trimmed or removed (keeping in mind, some tree removal may require a permit). We request that threat abatement measures be taken within 14 days of the notice. In addition, this threat reduction must be sustained throughout the entire storm season (June 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup>).

As always, it is our desire to obtain voluntary compliance so as to make the Town safer for all first responders and the citizens we serve. Such corrective action will reduce the recovery time that would follow any storm that impacts our area. However, should it be necessary, follow up enforcement action will be taken by the Police Department.

We are counting on your cooperation because all residents of the Town share the power and utility system and everyone depends upon it for our mutual health, safety, and well being.

Thank you in advance,

Christopher T. Yannuzzi  
Chief of Police

PS: Should you ever need to refer to The Code of Ordinances for the Town of Ocean Ridge, the entire Code and other valuable information is available on the Town's website at:

<http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com>

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**Proclamation for National Police Week - May 11-17, 2014**  
**and National Peace Officers' Memorial Day - May 15, 2014**

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Ocean Ridge Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens in Ocean Ridge; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

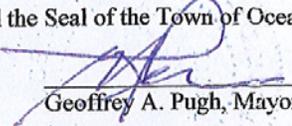
WHEREAS, the men and women of the Ocean Ridge Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, therefore, I, Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor of the Town Of Ocean Ridge, call upon all citizens and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11 – 17, 2014 as National Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I call upon all citizens of Ocean Ridge to observe Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Furthermore, in respect for those who died, I order the flag at Town Hall to be lowered to half-staff on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and I encourage all citizens to do the same.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Ocean Ridge to be affixed.

  
Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor

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**National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's**  
**"National Missing Children's Day" Proclamation**

WHEREAS, according to the most recent, comprehensive national study for the number of missing children, an estimated nearly 800,000 children younger than 18 were reported missing; and

APPROXIMATELY, 58,000 of these children were victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 were the victims of family abductions; and

WHEREAS, on average, nearly 2,000 children are reported missing to law-enforcement agencies daily; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them, and;

WHEREAS, National Missing Children's Day is a special time to remember those children who are missing and to give hope to their families;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that, in partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® and its supporters, the Town of Ocean Ridge proclaims Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as

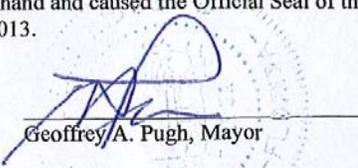
**"National Missing Children's Day"**

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ocean Ridge urges local government, law enforcement, and communities to take time to talk to children about personal safety and abduction prevention.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Ocean Ridge encourages all individuals to take 25 minutes out of their day to help children stay safer.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that May 25, 2014, is set aside as National Missing Children's Day as part of the Town of Ocean Ridge's continuing efforts to prevent the abduction and sexual exploitation of children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

  
Geoffrey A. Pugh, Mayor

## At Home

1. Teach children their full name, address and home telephone number. Make sure they know your full name and how to reach you at work or on your cellphone.
2. Teach children how and when to call 911, and make sure they have a trusted adult to call if they're scared or have an emergency.
3. Instruct children to keep doors locked and not to open doors to talk to anyone when they are home alone.
4. Choose babysitters with care. Ask children about their experiences and listen carefully to their responses.

## Out and About

5. Walk or drive the route to and from school with children, pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they need help.
6. Remind children not to play alone outside, to take a friend whenever they walk or bike to school and to stay with a group when going on outings.
7. Take children on a walking tour of the neighborhood. Tell them whose homes they may visit without you.
8. Teach children to ask permission before leaving home.

9. Remind children it is **OK** to say no to anything making them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. Teach children to tell you if anything or anyone makes them feel this way.
10. Teach children to never approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they are accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult.
11. Caution children never to accept a ride from anyone unless you have told them it is **OK** to do so in each instance.
12. Teach children to check in with you if there is a change of plans.
13. Establish a central, easy-to-locate spot during family outings to meet should you get separated.
14. Teach children how to locate help in public places. Identify people they can ask for help such as uniformed law enforcement/security guards and store clerks with nametags.
15. Help children learn to recognize and avoid potential risks so they can address them if they happen.
16. Teach children if anyone tries to grab them, they should make a scene and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming and resisting.

## Online

17. Continually dialogue with children about online safety.
18. Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home. Monitor and establish rules concerning your child's online activities and cellphone use.
19. Be aware of the type of access your child has to the Internet at school, libraries or friends' homes.
20. Surf the internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.
21. Know who is connecting with your children online and set limits for online communications including social networking, instant messaging, emailing, online gaming and using webcams.
22. Use privacy settings on social networking sites to limit contact with unknown users, and make sure their screen names do not reveal too much information.
23. Caution children not to post revealing information or inappropriate photos of themselves or their friends online.
24. Encourage children to tell you if anything they encounter online makes them feel sad, scared or confused.
25. Learn about the Internet. Visit [www.NetSmartz.org](http://www.NetSmartz.org) for more information about Internet safety.



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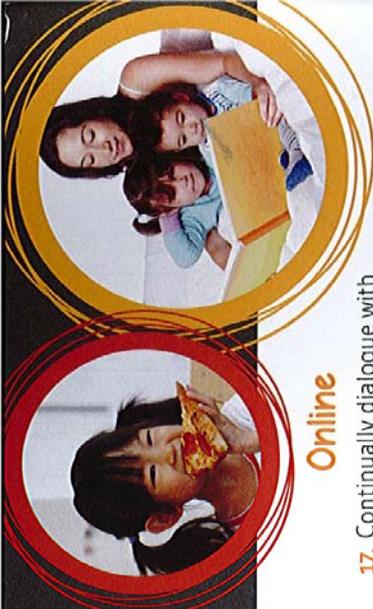
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To learn more about child safety, visit

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### En casa

1. Enseñe a sus hijos sus nombres completos, dirección y el número de teléfono de la casa. Asegúrese de que ellos sepan el nombre completo de usted y cómo localizarlo en el trabajo o en su celular.
2. Enseñe a sus hijos cómo y cuándo llamar al 911, y asegúrese de que tengan un adulto de confianza a quien puedan llamar si están asustados o tienen una emergencia.
3. Enseñe a sus hijos a mantener las puertas bajo llave y a no abrirlas para hablar con nadie cuando estén solos en la casa.
4. Sea cuidadoso al momento de elegir a las niñas. Pregunte a sus hijos acerca de su experiencia y escuche detenidamente sus respuestas.

### Fuera de casa

5. Haga el trayecto desde y hacia la escuela con sus hijos, a pie o en automóvil, señalando puntos de referencia y lugares seguros para acudir si necesitan ayuda.
6. Recuérdeles a sus hijos que no jueguen afuera solos, que lleven a un amigo cuando caminen o vayan en bicicleta a la escuela y que permanezcan en grupo durante las salidas.
7. Lleve a sus hijos a hacer un recorrido a pie por el vecindario. Indíqueles a la casa de quienes pueden ir de visita sin usted.
8. Enseñe a sus hijos que deben pedir permiso antes de salir la casa.

9. Recuérdeles a sus hijos que **está bien** decir no a cualquier cosa que les haga sentir tristeza, miedo o confusión. Enseñe a sus hijos para que le cuenten si algo o alguien los hace sentir de esta forma.
10. Enseñe a sus hijos que nunca deben acercarse a un vehículo, ocupado o no, a menos que estén acompañados por un padre u otro adulto de confianza.
11. Advierta a sus hijos que nunca acepten una invitación de viajar en auto de ninguna persona a menos que usted les haya dicho que **está bien** hacerlo en cada caso.
12. Enseñe a sus hijos para que consulten con usted si hay un cambio de planes.
13. Establezca un punto central, fácil de ubicar durante las salidas familiares, para reunirse en caso de que se separen.
14. Enseñe a sus hijos cómo encontrar ayuda en los lugares públicos. Identifique las personas a quienes ellos pueden pedir ayuda, como los agentes uniformados de orden público, los guardias de seguridad y los empleados de las tiendas que tengan una identificación.
15. Ayude a sus hijos para que aprendan a reconocer y evitar los riesgos potenciales a fin de que puedan tratarlos en caso de que ocurran.
16. Enseñe a sus hijos que si alguien trata de agarrarlos, ellos deben hacer un escándalo y hacer todo lo posible para alejarse ya sea pateando, gritando y resistiéndose.



Para obtener más información sobre seguridad infantil, visite

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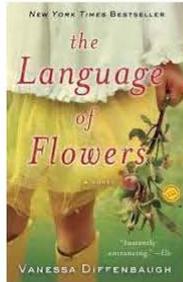
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### En Línea

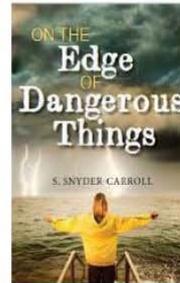
17. Dialogue en forma continua con sus hijos acerca de la seguridad en línea.
18. Colocar la computadora en un lugar muy transitado de su casa. Supervise y establezca reglas con respecto a las actividades por Internet y el uso de teléfono celular de su hijo.
19. Conozca el tipo de acceso que su hijo tiene a Internet en la escuela, bibliotecas o en casa de amigos.
20. Navegue por Internet con sus hijos y permita que le muestren qué les gusta hacer cuando están en línea.
21. Sepa quién se está conectando con sus hijos en línea y fije límites para las comunicaciones en el Internet, incluidas las redes sociales, mensajes instantáneos, correos electrónicos, juegos por Internet y cámaras web.
22. Use configuraciones de privacidad en los sitios de redes sociales para limitar el contacto con usuarios desconocidos, y asegúrese de que los nombres de usuario de los niños no revelen demasiada información acerca de ellos.
23. Advierta a sus hijos que no publiquen en línea información reveladora o fotos inapropiadas de sí mismos o de sus amigos.
24. Empoderar a sus hijos para que le cuenten si cualquier cosa que hayan encontrado en línea les hace sentir tristeza, miedo o confusión.
25. Aprender sobre Internet. Visite [www.Netsmartz.org](http://www.Netsmartz.org) para obtener más información sobre la seguridad en el Internet.



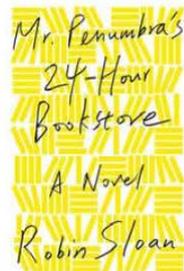
# Ocean Ridge Book Club Book Selections



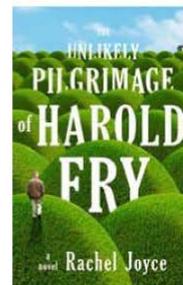
April 2, 2014  
The Language of Flowers  
By Vanessa Diffenbaugh



May 7, 2014  
On The Edge of Dangerous Things  
By Suzanne Snyder Carroll



June 4, 2014  
Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore  
By Robin Sloan



July 2, 2014  
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry  
By Rachel Joyce

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

# Bookmobile

## Schedule for Ocean Ridge



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

2014

April 11, 25

May 9, 23

June 6, 20

July 18

August 1, 15, 29

September 12, 26

October 10, 24

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



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

## Volunteers Needed

Your Anthrax Committee needs volunteers to distribute antibiotics on the remote chance that the Town of Ocean Ridge is exposed to an aerosolized airborne anthrax event. No special knowledge is required. All that is required is attendance at about two hours of meetings per year.

Aerosolized Airborne Anthrax is a bioterrorist weapon. Unfortunately, there have been several anthrax episodes in the United States, including one fatal attack in Palm Beach County in 2001. While death occurs in 50% to virtually all exposed individuals, the disease can be prevented by rapid administration of appropriate antibiotics. It is strongly recommended that everyone be provided and take these antibiotics for his/her protection against exposure.

The Town of Ocean Ridge has signed an Agreement with the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County who will provide the needed antibiotics at no cost, as part of a program under the auspices of the Center for Disease and Prevention. We will be a dispensing site for our community. Our own trained and credentialed resident-volunteers will perform the necessary dispensing duties. (In absence of this Agreement other will have to line up at large public dispersal centers.)

You are urgently requested to sign up as a volunteer to assist with this challenge. We plan to have a Training Update very soon and would like to get as many of our residents as possible to share in this important program.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Terri Vinas at [vinasfam@aol.com](mailto:vinasfam@aol.com) or Ken Schenck at [kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com). Or, you may drop off this Form at the Town Hall, addressed to Anthrax Committee c/o Terri Vinas.

Thank you.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to be a volunteer

My Address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Call: [  ] Morning [  ] Evening

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

**What:** Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

**When:** First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup **June 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](mailto:JeffLev02@gmail.com)

**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 31**

**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

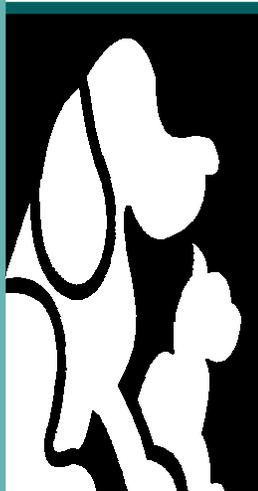
**Where:** 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. at Town Hall.

**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



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

### Town Hall Library

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

