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Ocean Ridge Tidings



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

Repaving Adams Road

Adams Road will be repaved from A1A to Old Ocean Blvd. Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13. We will try to keep one lane open at all times but it would be helpful if the public would avoid the area for those two days. We appreciate your cooperation.

Interior Bridge Repairs

The Commission approved repairs on the Island Drive, Inlet Cay and Sabal Island Drive bridges. The repairs will be completed in May or early June. Unfortunately, refurbishing the joints on the Island Drive bridge will require a temporary lane closure in order to complete the work in a more expeditious manner. Extra caution should be used when crossing the bridge. The Sabal and Inlet Cay repairs will also include some minor seawall work.

Board Appointment Opportunity

The Commission will consider a Planning and Zoning Commission appointment for one alternate member at the June 1 Regular Town Commission meeting. Interested residents must be registered voters of the Town and submit a resume to the Clerk's Office by May 25, 2015 at 3:00PM. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

FPL: Power & 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 a 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.

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.



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

kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Chief

Hal Hutchins

hhutchins@oceanridgeflorida.com

Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

James Bonfiglio

Richard Lucibella

Mayor & Commissioners email

info@oceanridgeflorida.com

Numbers to Know

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance 911

NON-EMERGENCY

Ocean Ridge Police Dept. 561-732-8331

Boynton Beach Fire Dept. 561-742-6600

TOWN HALL

Building Dept., Town Clerk, Town Mgr. 561-732-2635

Fax 561-737-8359

OTHERS

Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873

Animal Control 561-233-1200

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

- 2: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 4: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 5: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers
- 6: Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in the Community Room
- 25: Memorial Day—Town Hall Closed (no inspections, no contractor work)
- 30: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

June

- 1: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 2: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 25: Sea Angels 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.

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."

**Oceanfront Park Beach
Conditions
Call 561-742-6775**

**Call the Citizen Information Line
at
561-738-ORFL (6735)
for alerts and updates.**

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-stripping
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. Work done without a permit could be subjected to additional fees.
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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May's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the May 4, 2015 meeting:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes held on April 6, 2015
Proclaimed the Week of May 10 – 16, 2015 as “National Police Week and May 15, 2015 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, 2015 as “National Missing Children’s Day”, Proclaimed May 17-23th as “National Public Works Week”, Proclaimed May 17-23, 2015 as “Water Reuse Week”
4. Received an Update from Representative Bill Hager
5. Directed the Town Attorney to file a motion to intervene in the Municipal Recall Election Petition Suit – Richard Lucibella vs Haley Joyce, Karen Hancsak and Susan Bucher
6. Appointed Steve Coz as a Board of Adjustment regular member and Susan Hurlburt as the alternate. One alternate position to the Planning & Zoning Commission will be advertised on website. Interested residents should submit a resume by Monday, May 25, 2015
7. Authorized a Contract with Anzco, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,900 for the Island Drive Bridge Repairs and an additional \$2,000 to Bridge Design Assoc. for Engineering/Inspection during construction to be funded from the Capital Projects Fund
8. Approved a Land Development Permit for 5001 Old Ocean Blvd. (6 Unit Single Story Complex to be Rebuilt as a Duplex Multi-Story Building) contingent on DEP approval and zoning and building permit approval
9. Approved the contract with minor verbiage revisions between the Town and Police Chief Hal Hutchins
10. Approved July 21st as the July Budget Presentation Meeting Date (8:30 am) and also Sept. 10th as the Tentative Budget Adoption Hearing/Regular Meeting Immediately to Follow and Sept. 17th as the Final Budget Adoption Hearing (both at 5:01 pm)
11. Approved a Budget Amendment to Transfer \$11,500 from the Contingency Account into the Legal Department
12. Directed staff to schedule a workshop to discuss succession planning
13. Approved Funding a Portion of the Cost (Minus \$11,500 to be paid by Ocean Breeze) to Repave Adams Road from A1A to Old Ocean Blvd. from the Capital Projects Fund
14. Directed staff to review possible shark fishing regulations
15. Approved prior salary adjustments made during this fiscal year to coincide with the PBA approved contract for nonmembers



HCRC
Home Chemical and Recycling Centers

Pollution Prevention Starts at Home!

South Palm Beach County Residents can drop off their household hazardous waste at SWA for FREE:

- Old Gasoline and Used Oil from Generators
- Old Propane Tanks
- Old Ni-Cad Batteries
- Old Lithium Batteries



Drop-off Locations

South Palm Beach County residents can bring their household hazardous waste to:

South County Transfer Station
1901 SW 4th Ave. in Delray Beach

South West County Transfer Station
13400 S. State Road 7 in Delray Beach

Learn More!

www.SWA.org/HCRC



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police

Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **April 2015** 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>
Criminal Mischief	4/2/2015	Between 4/1/2015 and 4/2/2015	5500 North Ocean Blvd.	Lock in mailbox found to be tampered with.
Bad Check	4/10/2015	Between 3/26/2015 and 3/30/2015	5100 North Ocean Blvd.	Check presented to victim from closed account.
Fraud/Credit Cards	4/19/2015	Between 1/19/2015 and 4/19/2015	5500 North Ocean Blvd.	Known suspect used victim's credit card. Victim chose not to prosecute.
Identity Theft	4/27/2015	Between 4/21/2015 and 4/27/2015	Harbour Dr. South	Victim's identity compromised. Credit cards issued in Louisiana.
Burglary to Vehicle	4/28/2015	Between 4/27/2015 6:00pm and 4/28/2015 4:30am	Spanish River Dr.	Delayed report of unlocked vehicle being entered. iPads and sports equipment taken.

Hurricane Season is Approaching

June 1st will mark the start of another Hurricane Season! Past severe storms caused tremendous damage in Ocean Ridge. This resulted in the Town Commission taking action and enacting an Ordinance to protect our utility lines and poles from similar damage in the future. In addition, FPL, AT&T and Comcast have worked 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.

Shortly, members of your Police Department will begin to conduct a thorough inspection of the Town to identify vegetation and trees that are in a position or condition to constitute a threat to our power and utility system. We will be seeking the assistance of the utility companies in clearing these lines to avoid disruption of services during a storm caused by vegetation taking down utility lines. We respectfully request that you also conduct a survey of your own property and assist us by eliminating any trees or branches that are encroaching into or touching any utility lines. In addition, we ask that you maintain these areas throughout the entire storm season (June 1st thru November 30th). (continued on next page)

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

Thank you for your continued assistance in this matter.

New Alarm Receiver Has Arrived

The Police Department has received and installed its new burglar and fire alarm receiver. The system is currently being programmed and should be fully operational by the time you receive this newsletter.

Though the old version of this system was still working, in order to better serve the residents of the Town, our entire system has been upgraded. This will give us better capabilities in servicing those systems that are monitored directly by the Police Department.

Hijacked Computer: What to Do

You can't turn your computer on or off. It's acting up, running slow, displaying pop-ups constantly and opening pages you didn't click. There's a good chance your computer's been hacked or infected with a virus and needs your help.

Stop shopping, banking, and entering passwords online until your computer is cleaned and restored. It's inconvenient to be sure, but it's a necessary step to prevent the situation going from bad to worse, from hack to horrible.

Update your security software. Install a new version from a reputable company. You can use your phone or another computer to check reviews of security software. Tech blogs and retail sites usually post them.

Choose carefully. Scammers sometimes advertise security software that's malware in disguise. Make your decision, get back online, and download the software. If the security software finds malware, it flags it for you. Delete the suspicious files and restart your computer. If you're still having problems, contact your computer manufacturer or other tech support and find out what else you can do.

Once your computer is back to normal, change the password you've been using for your bank accounts, your email accounts, and all your other important accounts. The safest route is to choose and use passwords that have upper and lowercase letters as well as numbers and symbols.

And finally, make sure your operating system and internet browser are set to update automatically. You want to keep your computer operating at peak performance. Visit onguardonline.gov to learn more.

Hacked Email: What to Do

Your friends and family are getting e-mails from you that you didn't send. Or maybe you want to check your e-mail, but wait, you can't login. Sound familiar? Chances are your e-mail's been hacked.

Don't panic. The situation can be fixed. Start by updating or installing security software from a company you can trust. And set it to update automatically.

Hackers often hijack accounts by infecting your computer with malware. So it's important to scan your computer first. Delete anything that identifies as suspicious and restart your computer. Now you're working with a clean slate.

Next, if you can get into your account, change your password. If you use similar passwords for other accounts, change them, too. Passwords are the keys that open your accounts. They have to be memorable for you, but hard for someone else to guess. Some people use software that manages passwords to help create strong passwords and keep track of them.

If you can't get into your account, check with your e-mail provider to find out how to restore it. Once you've got your account back, and check your account settings to make sure no one added any links to your e-mail signature, and that your e-mails aren't being forwarded to someone else.

Finally, let your family and friends know your e-mail was hacked. Think of it as spreading good computer karma. And they may have some work to do, too. Want to know more about protecting your e-mail from hack attacks? Visit onguardonline.gov.



This year The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National **Click It or Ticket** Enforcement Campaign will be starting on May 18th, and continue through May 31st. The Ocean Ridge Police Department will be participating in this event and actively enforcing safety belt and many other traffic safety laws.

During this campaign, we will also be participating in a National Border to Border Enforcement wave on May 18th, from 6:30PM to 9:30PM. Organized by the National Traffic Safety Administration, many agencies along the eastern seaboard from Maine to Florida, will have officers devoted to the **Click It or Ticket** campaign and will be highly active during this time.

As always, we encourage you to buckle up, drive safely, and arrive alive.

The message below is being sent to you on behalf of the Palm Beach County Clerk of The Court

Be wary of private companies selling copies of deeds and other documents

Several Palm Beach County residents have called my office because they recently received official-looking solicitations in the mail from companies selling certified copies of property deeds. I encourage everyone to be cautious of private companies trying to sell public records that can be easily obtained at the courthouse or online.

These companies often send letters advertising the government's recommendation that all citizens have certified copies of their records, such as property deeds. They then offer copies of the records for fees ranging from \$40 to \$89 or even more.

Uncertified copies may be downloaded and printed for free by using the Official Records search on our website.

Certified copies of deeds and other official records can be obtained from my office for just a few dollars -- not for the excessive prices these companies are charging. You can obtain documents from the Clerk's office for \$1 per page and they can be certified for an additional \$2.

In addition to property deeds, other public records available from our office include mortgages, liens, court judgments, marriage licenses and tax deeds.

Solicitations like this may be legal, but they are misleading. Every few years, we hear from residents who have received these notices and want to know what they should do. I want to remind people that this information is readily available online and at the courthouse – there is no need to pay that kind of money to get public records.

For more information on receiving copies of your public records, please contact the Records Services Center at (561) 355-2976.

Best regards,

*Sharon R. Bock, Esq.
Clerk & Comptroller
Palm Beach County*

Law Enforcement Safe Zones for Online Transactions

For the past year, several law enforcement agencies across the nation have been creating safe zones for completing online transactions where goods are exchanged. These agencies are designating their lobbies and areas of their parking lots as a safe zone for these transactions. The East Chicago Police Department in Illinois and the Boca Raton Police Department and Broward Sheriff's Office in Florida are just a few of those agencies which initiated this growing trend beginning in the summer of 2014.

The premise is no different than law enforcement agencies currently offering their parking lots and lobbies as safe areas for child custody exchanges. These areas are well lit, under regular video surveillance and offer a sense of security which reduces the fear of crime. Several other agencies have followed suit by welcoming the public to complete these transactions at local law enforcement establishments during normal business hours regardless of the existence of a formal program.

We at The Ocean Ridge Police Department would like to offer a safe place for you, our residents, to conduct these types of transactions. Please feel free to conduct these transactions in the front parking lot or in the vestibule/lobby of the Police Department. The area is well lit and the lobby is monitored by the Dispatcher 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

As always, please be safe and alert.

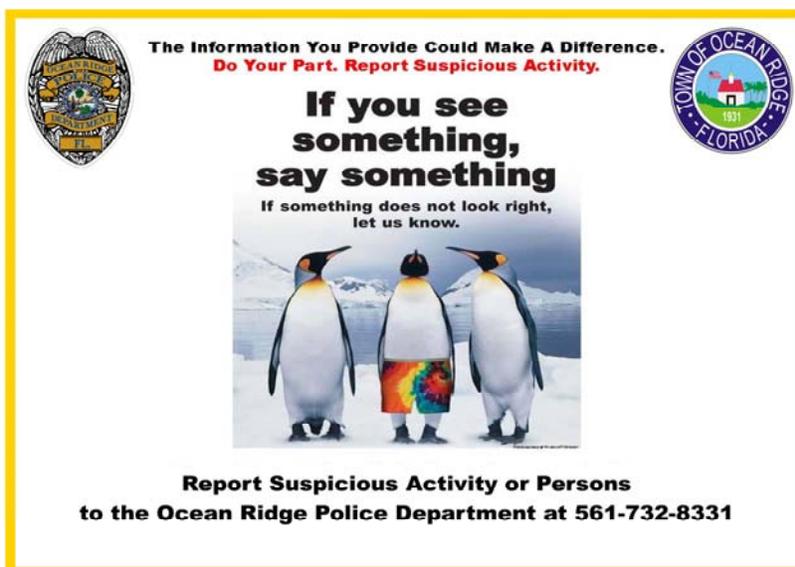
Sincerely,

Chief Hal C. Hutchins

Please report any suspicious person or activity as soon as possible.

REMEMBER

"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"



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 Ken Schenck at 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 **May 2**

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: **May 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

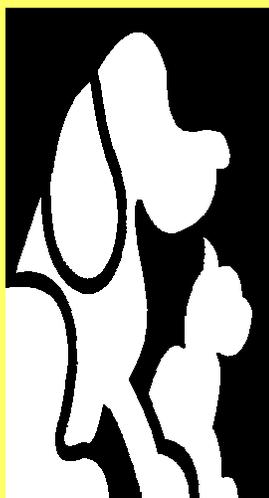
Where: 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. at Town Hall.

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



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

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.