

Ocean Ridge Tidings



Calendar of Events: June

1	Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm Hurricane Season Begins
2	Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am
6	Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup Oceanfront Park 8-10:30am
10	Board of Adjustment Meeting at 8:30am
20	Flood & Hurricane Awareness Expo at Boynton Beach Mall from 10am—3pm
21	Father's Day First day of summer
TBA	Planning & Zoning Meeting

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Pick up your copy of Leisure Times Summer 2009 edition at Town Hall today! Available while supplies last.

Hurricane Season

Hurricane season begins on June 1st and lasts until November 30th. Please check the Town's website at oceanridge-florida.com for flood and hurricane information as well as what to do before, during and after a hurricane. The Citizen Information Line at 561-738-ORFL (6735) will be updated as needed.

FPL's website contains a lot of good information at www.fpl.com/storm on residential and commercial hurricane preparedness information as well as information on how FPL is preparing for the upcoming hurricane season. Remember, if you need to report a power outage or inquire about the status of a power outage please call 1-800-4-OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243.)

FPL's Storm Secure Project

FPL will be conducting a Storm Secure Project which is scheduled to begin June 1st and end by August 31st. This project consists of replacing poles and trimming trees to strengthen and improve service in our area. FPL will be working along A1A from Thompson Street to River Drive.



If you have any questions about the Storm Secure Project, please call 1-800-693-3267, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm and refer to the Boynton Beach Feeder 533 Storm Secure Project.

Photos



Above: Grandmother and resident, Nancy Hogan, holds her first grandchild Brynn McKenna Hogan. Brynn was born on Wednesday, April 29th at 9:39PM. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 8 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long. (Photos submitted by Nancy Hogan)



Have a cute picture of your children? Pets? A birthday celebration? Anniversary? Or some other special event? How about of your garden? Local wildlife? If so, then please send your picture with caption to Lisa at oceanridge@comcast.net.



Above and below: Justin Gomez, son of former employees' Serena and Joe Gomez (both deceased Feb. 2006), turned 10 years-old on May 2, 2009. Justin and his grandparents recently moved to North Carolina. Justin is doing very well in school and is also playing on two baseball teams. (Photos submitted by Debra Boyle)



Above: Adorable Kinsley Piper Kahlert smiling with her handsome new baby brother, Hans-Christian II. Hans-Christian was born on April 27, 2009 and weighed 8lbs 3 oz and was 20.25" long. (Photo submitted by Hans Kahlert)



Police Department News from Lt. Yannuzzi

Open Burn Permitting

Effective immediately the Ocean Ridge Police Dept. will be issuing the open fire burn permits. Boynton Beach Fire Department used to issue permits but BBFD will no longer be issuing them. Application and agreement can be obtained at the Police Department or online under the Police Department [Forms](#). The following rules will apply:



- 1) Permits will only be issued to property owners and residents with written permission from property owners.
- 2) Permits must be approved by the Ocean Ridge Police Department.
- 3) Permits will not be issued when the County Fire Marshall issues a “no burn ban”. (To check status go to : http://www.pbcgov.com/fire/boss_burnpermits.asp)
- 4) The permit contains additional regulations for open fire.

Please give yourself a few days prior to the date of the approved burn permit to contact all necessary agencies (i.e. Palm Beach County Health Department, Florida Division of Forestry.)

Water Restrictions are Permanent

Even before the recent rains, law enforcement agencies throughout Palm Beach County were asked by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to increase enforcement of the water restrictions. The current version of the permitted water use rules have been in place since September 2008. A copy of the flyer from the SFWMD is included in this month’s newsletter for your information and use.

It is important to realize that these restrictions are permanent. The thunderstorms that we have experienced over the past week should not be seen as the end of the drought, but should be considered a reason to reduce lawn sprinkling even further.

“Flipping”: We’re Not Talking Pancakes!

The nationwide increase in thefts from vehicles has been linked to the latest criminal activity known as, “Flipping.” The thief walks a neighborhood and locates unlocked cars by “flipping” or lifting door handles. Anything of value, such as: loose change, a cell phone, a camera, a GPS device, or a computer, quickly becomes stolen property.

The easiest crime prevention tool is to simply lock your car doors. If you have an alarm, set it. However, doing so while leaving valuables in plain view will result in a broken window; as well as the loss of those valuables. Be sure anything of value is out of sight.

Please continue to report any suspicious activity to the Police Department by dialing 911 in an emergency or 732-8331 in a non-emergency situation.

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Drowning Prevention

Source: Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Dept. Leisure Times Summer 2009, Page 8.

Drownings and other water-related tragedies have a lifetime effect on everyone involved, including family, friends and the community.

Obtaining water safety information is just a phone call away. The Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County is a community-based organization whose goal is to eliminate all drowning in Palm Beach County.

The Coalition brings together community resources, provides referral information, and gives free water safety presentations to area schools and organizations. Swimming lessons to qualified families are also available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (561) 616-7068 or visit www.pbcgov.com/dpc for more information or to volunteer.



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PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF
Ric L. Bradshaw, Sheriff

POOL SAFETY

STEP 1 - Call 911
STEP 2 -

A: If Unconscious, Bring Flotation Device With You In The Water (I.E. Pool Noodle) When Retrieving The Victim

B: If Victim Is Struggling, (Never Jump In After Someone, They Can Pull You Under) Reach Or Throw, Don't Go

- Take Any Object That Extends Your Reach
- Lie Down On The Ground
- Pull Victim To Safety
- If Victim Is Too Far To Reach, Throw Them Something That Floats

STEP 3 - Perform CPR If Necessary

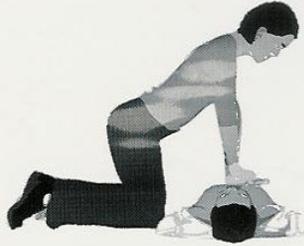
  

American Red Cross
Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter

Call 911

**Tilt head, lift chin: check breathing.**
If unconscious, tilt head back and lift chin. Look for chest rise and look and listen for breaths.

**Give two breaths.**
If not breathing normally, pinch nose and cover mouth with your own and give two full breaths.

**Pump 30 times.**
Position your hands in the center of the chest between the nipples. Place one hand on top of the other. Push down firmly two inches and push on chest 30 times hard and fast.

Continue with two breaths and 30 pumps until help arrives.

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION WATER RESTRICTIONS

Residents and Businesses – Effective: 9/26/08

Broward, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties



Landscape Irrigation

Restrictions apply to all sources of water – from a utility, a private well or withdrawals from a canal, lake or pond.

All Property Sizes:

Landscape Irrigation for all property types and sizes is allowed two days a week on this schedule:

ODD-number address: Wednesday and Saturday – 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

EVEN-number address, no street address systems that irrigate both odd and even address within the same zones including multi-family units, homeowners associations and commercial complexes/retail shopping centers: Thursday and Sunday 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

For the most efficient use of water, avoid irrigating during both time periods on the same day. Most lawns need only $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 Inch of water per week.

Watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Low-volume systems such as drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time.

New Plantings, Sod or Landscape

New landscaping should be installed within a reasonable time from the date of purchase and verified with a receipt or invoice.

All Property Sizes:

In place on first day:

New landscaping can be watered without regard to restrictions on the first day it is installed.

In place from 2 days to 30 days:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday AND/OR Sunday (any days except Friday):
12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

In place from 31 days to 60 days:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, AND/OR Saturday:
12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Additional watering days can only be used to benefit new landscaping, and an entire irrigation system zone may only be watered if it contains at least 50% new landscaping. If less than 50%, use targeted or hand-watering.

Hand Watering

For stressed plants, 10 minutes per day on any day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut-off nozzle.

Fertilizer, Insecticide, Fungicide and Herbicide Water-In

Allowed during normally allowable watering days and times unless a professional licensed applicator has posted a temporary sign containing the date of application and the date(s) of needed watering-in activity.

Irrigation System Repair

Allowed during restricted days and times for cleaning, testing, maintenance and repair no more than once per week and run time should not exceed 10 minutes per zone. **An attendant must be on site** in the area being tested and/or repaired.

Reclaimed Water

Irrigation using 100% reclaimed and/or supplemental reclaimed water is allowed from 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. AND/OR 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. any day of the week.

Vehicle Washing, Pressure Washing, Decorative Fountains and All Other Outdoor Water Uses

Allowed anytime; however, voluntary conservation is encouraged.

Variations

You may apply for a variance from water restrictions. The application form and instructions are online at www.sfwmd.gov.

For more information about variances, call (800) 432-2045.

For more information on water shortage restrictions, visit our web site at www.sfwmd.gov/conserv or call our **Water Conservation Hotline** at (800) 662-8876 to request more information.

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Flood & Hurricane Awareness Expo



Is There A Flood In Your Future?



BOYNTON BEACH MALL

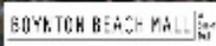
Saturday, June 20, 2009
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

WEBSITES:
pbcgov.com
[wpbf.com](http://wpbfl.com)
fema.gov
floodsmart.gov

Presented By:
Palm Beach County Community Rating System Committee & The Division of Emergency Management

Mike Lyons from Channel 25 will be there to answer weather-related questions.

Various public sector agencies will be available to answer questions and provide valuable information.



This form reflects changes as of May 2009. We are now a Class 7 Community (previously an 8) which means residents who live in the SFHA will receive a 15% discount (was 10%).

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE Flood Hazard Information

[Last revised May, 2009]

The Town of Ocean Ridge has been verified as a Class 7 community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) under the direction of the Federal Management Association (FEMA). As a result of our NFIP participation, homeowners receive a 15% discount for the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) and 5% discount for non-SFHA on flood insurance. Since typical homeowner policies DO NOT cover losses due to flooding, the Town strongly recommends that everyone purchase a flood insurance policy. During extended periods of heavy rainfall, low lying neighborhoods within the Town are subject to flooding. **Since your property is in or near a SFHA**, this information will address areas to protect you and reduce loss of value to your property as a result of floods.

Flood Hazard: A flood hazard can occur when tropical storms, hurricanes or other heavy rainstorms are apparent. Although the Town has not experienced any major floods, the Special Flood Hazard Areas are located east of the Intracoastal and west of the Atlantic Ocean.

Flood Warning System: Palm Beach County depends on the National Weather Service (NWS) for flood recognition. The NWS will issue a flood advisory for Palm Beach County at least six (6) hours before expected rainfall would overflow drainage systems and cause the isolation of structures by the inland ponding of flood waters. Stay tuned to local TV or radio stations known to have active news bureau information. When flood warnings are issued, it will be done by sirens and loudspeakers from police vehicles who will give evacuation routes. The main evacuation route will be A1A.

Flood Safety: If you are advised to evacuate, turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances, but do not touch any electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. Avoid running washes or unstable banks. Do not drive through a flooded area or around road barriers; the roads or bridges further down may be washed out.

Flood Insurance: Flooding is not covered by normal homeowners' insurance but flood insurance is through the National Flood Insurance Program. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government. Once insurance is obtained, there is a 30-day delay before the policy is in full force and effect. You can insure your home with flood insurance for up to: **\$250,000 for the building & \$100,000 for your contents.** For additional information about flood insurance, contact your insurance agent or visit FEMA's website: www.fema.gov/business/nfip/.

Floodplain Development Permit Requirements: All developments under construction need permits. Before you alter, re-grade, or bring fill onto your property, a permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause drainage problems. Contact the Building Department at 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. or call 732-2635 prior to any construction activities or to report illegal floodplain development.

Substantial Improvements Requirements: The National Flood Insurance Program requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards.

Property Protection Measures: The following outlines emergency measures to minimize damage to a structure.

- Store materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber to protect your house from flood waters and to make quick repairs after a severe storm.
- Secure your home before leaving. Bring outdoor belongings such as garbage cans, garden equipment and furniture inside the house or tie them down securely. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors; lock doors and windows.
- Board up windows or protect them with storm shutters.
- Stack sandbags away from house wall to prevent flood waters from reaching your home.
- For information on retrofitting or flood proofing your structure to reduce the impact of flooding, call Town Hall at 732-2635.

Drainage System Maintenance: It is illegal for any direct or indirect entry of any solid, liquid or gaseous matter to enter the drainage system. Proper drainage will help reduce the risk of flooding. We inspect the drainage system and remove blockages that are found or reported. If you live near any area where water flows, you can help in this process by keeping the banks clear of brush and debris. Reports of any violations should be made to Town Hall at 732-2635.

Natural and Beneficial Functions: Certain areas of the Town provide a natural and beneficial function to the floodplain. These areas include the Ocean Ridge Natural Area and the Woolbright Detention Pond as well as other water catchment areas. These areas of Ocean Ridge act as a natural storage area for flood waters which reduce the possibility of flooding nearby residences and help to recharge our groundwater aquifer. Please help keep these areas natural and beautiful by reporting any illegal dumping and littering violations to the Town at 732-2635.

Elevation Certificates and Map Determinations: To obtain elevation certificates for building in the floodplain or for other pertinent information on flooding, please call Town Hall. Also, the Town provides map determinations to let you know if you are in a flood hazard area and if you are required by Federal Law to carry flood insurance. Call 732-2635 or visit us online at www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup: Be Green, Start Clean, Don't Litter!

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup.



When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: June 6th

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.

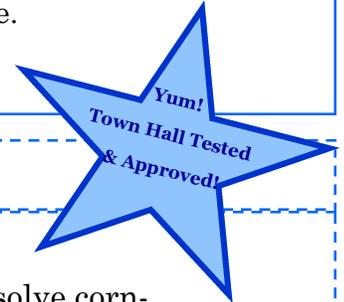
Time: 8-10:30am

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



Recipe: Creme Brulee Pie

Ingredients

- 1 9-inch pie shell, baked and cooled
- 3 Tbsp corn starch
- 1 2/3 c heavy cream
- 1 (14oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 3 Tbsp butter
- 1 Tbsp vanilla
- 1/4 to 1/3 sugar
- Whipped cream to garnish

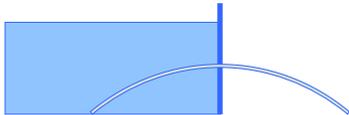
Directions

In a heavy saucepan, dissolve corn-starch in cream; stir in sweetened condensed milk and egg yolks. Cook and stir until thick and bubbly. Remove from heat, add butter and vanilla. Pour into pie crust and smooth. Chill for 2 or more hours. Top with sugar and brown with small oven torch. Garnish with sweetened whipped cream around edge. Refrigerate leftovers.

Recipe submitter by Gary Solomon, Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup.

Ask the Town Manager!

The Town Manager would like to answer your questions pertaining to the Town. This is a new column that will be added to the newsletter each month or as often as there are questions submitted. Just send your question to oceanridge@comcast.net.



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

