

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

Proposed PBSO Update

The Commission held a public hearing to listen to a presentation from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Dept. to provide police services to Ocean Ridge. The meeting was well attended by over 100 residents. They listened to the presentation and then were allowed to ask questions and provide comments as they desired. The Commission then took the presentation and the comments with them to review for a further discussion and evaluation at the June 4th Commission meeting. At the Commission meeting additional comments were heard from the residents and the Commission discussed their views on the proposal. There was not a unanimous decision on the Commission as to whether to accept the proposal or stay with our own police dept. The Commission decided to enlist the services of former mayor Ken Kaleel to review the proposal, compare the services proposed vs. the services we have, and add any services we would like to have that the Sheriff hadn't included. The modified agreement would then be discussed with the Sheriff and the fee revised, if necessary. The Commission will then review the revised proposal and decide what they want to do. There is no set timetable for this process to be completed, however it's expected to take at least several months. — Kenneth Schenck, Town Manager

Ordinances

During June's Regular Town Commission meeting, Ordinance No. 597 was adopted upon second reading where the Town opts out of the amended Palm Beach County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance 2011-039. Additionally, Ordinance 598 was adopted on first reading which amends the Town's Code of Ordinances for Ch. 67, Sec. 67-174, Maintenance and Appearance Standards; Ch. 66, Sec. 66-119, Installation, Maintenance; Plant Material and Ch. 34 Sec. 34-6, Removal of rubbish, noxious plants, stagnant water and weeds, making it unlawful and constituting a nuisance for any person owning land within the Town to have or permit thereon any dead, dying, or defoliated hedges or trees and/or hedges, trees or other plants infested with any type of exotic pest such as white fly.

Budget & Annual Audit

The annual budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 will be presented to the commission mid-July and the proposed budget presentation meeting date will be determined. The date will be posted on the Town's [website](#). Additionally, the annual audit for fiscal year 2011 has been posted [here](#) on the town's website.



Woolbright Bridge Closure

On Wednesday, June 20, the Woolbright Road bridge will be closed from 9:00am to 3:00pm due to street light maintenance. Please use either the Ocean Avenue bridge in Ocean Ridge or the George Bush Blvd. bridge in Delray as an alternative route.

June Calendar of Events

- 2-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8am-10:15am at Oceanfront Park
- 4-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers
- 6-Book Club Meeting at 5:45pm in the community room
- 16-Annual Flood & Hurricane Awareness Expo at Boynton Beach Mall from 10am-3pm
- 17-Father's Day
- 30-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park



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

General Information

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

www.oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Hall

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

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

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
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
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
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission	888-404-FWCC
Florida Power & Light (FPL)	561-697-8000
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 Parks & Recreation	561-966-6600
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser	561-355-3230
Palm Beach County Tax Collector	561-355-2266
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

Town Officials

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Geoff Pugh

Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison



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Zoanne Hennigan

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CLIP AND SAVE!



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

Criminal Activity

Here is a listing of the crimes/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in May 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>
Identity Theft	05/02/2012	N/A	Eleuthera Dr	Unknown person ordered a computer using "Bill Me Later" account.
Trespass (arrest)	05/04/2012	11:10 PM	6300 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Despite fencing and security wall, subject knocked on door, found in yard.
Theft	05/07/2012	Weekend	6700 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Two chaise lounge chairs taken from pool area.
Identity Theft	05/08/2012	January, 2012	Waterview Dr.	Victim discovered unknown person opened credit card account.
Burglary/Auto	05/20/2012	1:30 PM – 5:10 PM	Ocean Club, 6849 N. Ocean Blvd.	Subject entered unlocked vehicle, stole wallet and used credit cards. <u>See attached flyer with suspect's photo.</u>
Theft	05/25/2012	5/16 8:00 AM – 5/25 8:00 AM	6700 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Two, unsecured paddleboards stolen. One recovered at local pawn shop; suspect identified.
Burglary/Auto	05/28/2012	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Ocean Club, 6849 N. Ocean Blvd.	Subject entered unlocked vehicle, stole two iPods.
Burglary/Residence	05/31/10	6:00 PM – 10:45 PM	100 blk Ocean Ave.	Unknown persons broke rear door glass, entered home, took computer, camera, & jewelry.

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INFORMATION BULLETIN

June 1, 2012

OCEAN RIDGE

NEED TO ID

The Ocean Ridge Police Department is currently investigating the burglary to several autos at the Ocean Club of Florida. The below pictured subject used the stolen Visa Credit Card taken in one of the events and immediately began using the cards for a period of several hours at multiple locations. The transactions took place in the city of Delray Beach at Walgreens, Gamestop, Liquor City, and in the City of Boynton Beach at Best Buy. Should you be able to identify the subject, please contact Lt. Hal Hutchins at (561) 732-8331. Ocean Ridge Police Department Case 2012-0106.



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Surveillance



17:00:01
17:19:46
18:00:01

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Dear Resident:

Welcome to another Hurricane Season! The severe storms that caused tremendous damage to Ocean Ridge in the past 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 Ocean Ridge.

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. Members of your Police Department have conducted a thorough inspection and have identified vegetation & trees that are in a position or condition that constitutes a threat to our power and utility system.

Therefore, "Warning Notices" were issued to advise property owners of their responsibility to maintain the problem vegetation & trees and directing them to take the appropriate steps to have the items trimmed or removed (keeping in mind, some removal may require a permit). This threat reduction must be maintained throughout the storm season that began on June 1st and ends November 30th. We request that threat abatement measures be taken within 14 days.

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. In addition, 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 you to take care of this matter as all residents of the Town share the power and utility system and depend 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 is available on the web at:

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10251&stateId=9&stateName=Florida>



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HURRICANE SEASON 2012

Dear Residents:

Effective June 1st, the 2012 Hurricane Season officially began. Collectively, we will prepare and remain on alert until the season's end on November 30th.

Like you, the members of the Police Department are hoping that no storm impacts our area. However, we are ready to perform our duty to protect and serve should the need arise. To that end, all Town employees have been instructed to have a plan in place to safeguard their families and secure their homes and possessions so they can devote their full attention to their duties. It is equally important that they practice that plan and have a backup – a “Plan B” – should the need arise. Likewise, we hope that you have done the same.

It is worthy to note that the experts are predicting that this season could produce several severe storms. In the interest of providing up-to-date information to our residents, allow me to advise you of the conditions that may be present in and around Ocean Ridge in the event of a Hurricane or Tropical Storm:

TERMS: Recently, several changes have been made to the definition of the common terms used to describe certain storm conditions. These changes were due to the improved accuracy in predicting the direction and characteristics of an approaching storm. Therefore, if announced, it is especially important for you to understand and respond to these situations:

- A HURRICANE /TROPICAL STORM WATCH will now be issued 48 hours in advance.
- A HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM WARNING will be issued 36 hours in advance.

These Watches and Warnings provide detailed information regarding specific threats, such as flash floods and tornados.

Since Ocean Ridge is situated on a barrier island, it is in one of the most vulnerable locations. There is always the possibility of a storm surge from the east forcing a wall of water over the dunes and/or the waters of the Intracoastal Waterway rising and causing flooding from the west. Despite the fact that the Palm Beach County Department of Emergency Management has eliminated the mandate to evacuate for Category 1 storms, it is strongly recommended that you evacuate to the mainland when any HURRICANE WARNING is announced.

Arrangements should be made well in advance of a storm to stay with friends or relatives on the mainland - west of I-95 - if you plan on remaining in the area. As an alternative, you should consider lodging in a sturdy hotel/motel. If the latter is your choice, a reservation should be made in advance of a HURRICANE WATCH, even though it would be several hours before you would be ready to evacuate. There will be a large number of people seeking lodging and you may be unable to find accommodations if you wait until the time of evacuation. Likewise, advanced preparation and registration needs to be made for those persons with special care needs and for your pets.

Three potential public shelters, as designated by the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management and the Red Cross, are listed here. It is highly recommended that if you are going to use a shelter that you listen to local radio and television to determine which of the shelters are open. The conditions at a shelter will not be ideal and you are expected to bring your own supplies to make your stay as comfortable as possible. Again, you should make arrangements to stay with friends or at a hotel/motel well outside the area and to only use a shelter as a last resort.

The 3 closest designated shelters are:

Park Vista High School
7900 Jog Road
Boynton Beach, FL

Atlantic High School
2455 West Atlantic Avenue
Delray Beach, FL

Boynton Beach High School
4975 Park Ridge Blvd.
Boynton Beach, FL

MANDATORY SHELTER RESTRICTIONS: Pets, alcohol, weapons and smoking are not allowed in public hurricane shelters.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Residents requiring special medical needs should pre-register with the County Emergency Operations Center at 561-712-6400 and have physician authorization. This Special Needs Program is maintained by Palm Beach County and is limited and based on need and established criteria.

A pet-friendly shelter is available for Palm Beach County residents who reside in an evacuation zone or in a mobile home. Pre-registration with Animal Care and Control is required. Call 561-233-1266 or you may register online at:

<http://www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare/petfriendlyshelterform.htm>

Additional information regarding pets can be found at:

<http://www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare/>

Pet Friendly Shelter: West Boynton Recreation Center
6000 Northtree Blvd.
Boynton Beach, FL. (561) 233-1266

WHEN EVACUATING: Take blankets, pillows, food, water, flashlights, rain gear, several changes of clothing, medicine and prescription drugs, a portable radio, photo ID/passport for all family members, photocopies of important documents (insurance policies, etc. in a waterproof container) and reading material. You should plan to be away from home for 3 – 7 days.

Storm shutters should be in place and all loose objects secured well in advance of the evacuation. Residents should shut off propane gas tanks, main electrical breakers, and all sprinkler systems.

There are two evacuation routes, one via the Woolbright Road Bridge and the other over the Ocean Avenue Bridge. You should use the one nearest your residence.

ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS: The bridges will be raised and lowered as required for the flow of boat traffic until the wind reaches 35 mph, and then they will be secured in a closed position and bridge tenders will not be present during the storm. If you intend on relocating your boat, you should do so at the first Hurricane Watch notice of the storm while the bridges are still operable.

TOWN HALL CLOSED: Although the Town Hall/Police Department complex was built to withstand a Category 3 storm, it is not a shelter and, if the order is given to evacuate the island, no employees will remain in the building. All telephones will be forwarded to a remote location.

All Police Officers will be scheduled to remain on patrol in Town until wind conditions or flooding requires them to seek shelter. The officers shall return to patrol immediately following the storm and rigid surveillance will be implemented to prevent looting until residents are authorized and able to return. Tight security will be maintained with checkpoints being established at bridges and Town limits by our officers. Make certain that you have identification with you, as no one will be permitted to return to the island following the storm unless they are residents.

While we are hopeful there will never be another hurricane, we feel that it is necessary for you to be informed in order to protect yourselves and your possessions as much as possible.

Additional hurricane information is available on the Town's website at:

http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/Hurricane/hurricane_information.htm You may also check for a recorded message at the "Ocean Ridge Information Line" at 561-738-ORFL (6735). For those who have registered their email address with Town Hall, information will be sent out via blast emails also.

Another resource is the Palm Beach County Hurricane Survival Guide which is available on the Department of Emergency Management website:

http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/dem/hurricane/pdf/hurricane_guide.pdf

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

Christopher T. Yannuzzi,
Chief of Police

Hurricane Season begins June 1

Hurricane season begins on June 1st and lasts until November 30th. Now is a good time to take stock of your hurricane supplies and also prepare your yard and home in case of a storm. For more information on shelters and town preparedness, please visit the town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com for flood and hurricane information as well as what to do before, during and after a hurricane. The town's Citizen Information Line at 561-738-ORFL (6735) will be updated as needed.

FPL's website contains good information on residential and commercial hurricane preparedness as well as information on how FPL is preparing for the upcoming hurricane season. Please visit www.fpl.com/storm. If you have trees that are growing near the power lines, see page 11 for a list of authorized tree trimmer contractors. The list is provided by FPL.

Additionally, 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.)

After A Storm Passes

- * Keep household garbage, recycling and vegetation / storm debris separate. Following a storm, solid waste collection is a priority because uncollected garbage attracts pests which can contribute to disease. Regular garbage should never be mixed with storm debris / vegetation, which can wait.
- * Containerize all household garbage securely in plastic bags or cans and place at the curb on your collection day.

Turtle Nesting Pictures



5/30/12-Leatherback attempting to nest near Beachway crossover. Photo credit: Lisa Burns



6/8/12—Another leatherback nesting on the beach. Photo credit: Gregg Soden

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

All American Beach Cleanup & Collecting Supplies for the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Group.

Join the Sand Sifters for this Patriotic Beach Cleanup. Monthly Beach Cleanup & Collecting Supplies for the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Group. Service members will receive packages knowing that they are valued and not forgotten.

Drop-Off Box will be at Ocean Ridge Town Hall during the week for Early Drop-Off.



Saturday, July 7, 2012

Sign In 8:00-9:00 A.M. Event Ends 10:15 A.M.

Oceanfront Park (A-1-A)

6415 North Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL.

Just north of the Ocean Ave. Bridge

Meet at the Pavilion in the Lower Parking Lot

Needed Items:

- Small Size Peanut Butter, Crackers
- Slim Jims & Beef Jerky
- Individual Packed Nuts & Dried Fruit
- Individual Packed Drink Mixes
- Breakfast & Snack Bars
- Foiled Tuna Packets
- Ramen Noodles
- Baby Powder, Foot Powder
- Sun Block & Lip Protection
- Male & Female Hygiene Products (Travel Size)
- Toiletries (Travel Size)
- Shaving Cream, Mouthwash, Floss
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Bug Repellent Wipes
- Disposable Cameras
- Baby/Facial/Body Wipes
- Flea Collars

Community Service Hours
Awarded.

Bring your own Water, Sun
Screen and Hats.

Pre-registration requested:

Contact Gary Solomon

561-734-9128

www.SandSifters.us

Sponsors:

The Sand Sifters
The City of Boynton Beach
Recreation & Parks Department
Town of Ocean Ridge
Palm Beach County Board of
County Commissioners
Palm Beach County Parks &
Recreation Department
Palm Beach County Environ-
mental Resources Management
Recipeexchange.com



Boynton Beach CRA Presents

SALUTE TO INDEPENDENCE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Intracoastal Park

Federal Hwy., south of Gateway Blvd.



6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Live Music
Monique McCall Band

7:30 p.m. Patriotic Salute by Lou Galterio

9:00 p.m. Spectacular Fireworks
Fireworks by



Free, ample parking & shuttle from two locations:
Boynton Beach High School, Gateway Blvd, east of Congress
NE corner of Federal Hwy & Ocean Ave.

Food & Drink Vendors on site! Park opens at 6 p.m.

No pets or personal fireworks permitted!

561-742-6246 or www.boyntonbeachcra.com



Sea Angels



SeaAngels are dedicated to help in cleaning up our beaches, waters and parks from the continual litter that threatens our wildlife and natural environment.

Come join the SeaAngels for a beach cleanup. We do give volunteer hours for students.

WHEN: Every last Saturday of the month

TIME: 8:00-10:30am

WHERE: 6990 N. Ocean Boulevard, Ocean Ridge

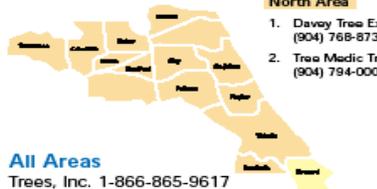
(Check in is at the picnic tables next to the snack bar)

For more information go to www.seaangels.org

or e-mail us at info@seaangels.org

Please join us so we can make a difference one piece of litter at a time.

Tree-Trimming Contractor List



All Areas

Trees, Inc. 1-866-865-9617

North Area

1. Davoy Tree Expert Co. (904) 768-8733 (Nassau, Baker & Duval)
2. Tree Medic Tree Surgeons (904) 794-0003 (St. Johns only)

Central Area

1. Jimmy's Tree Service (772) 231-6591 (S. Brevard, Indian River, & St. Lucia)
2. Scott's Tree Service (772) 488-6933 (Indian River & St. Lucia)
3. C & A Enterprise, Inc. (772) 429-2341 (Indian River, St. Lucia, Martin & Oklawaha)

West Area

1. Kinard's Tree Service (863) 494-5300
2. Unique Tree & Lawn (941) 359-0026 (Sarasota only)
3. Sunshine Tree Service (727) 251-5801 (Sarasota only)
4. A.S.A.P. Tree Trimming (941) 815-0713 (Charlotte and surrounding counties)
5. Island Tree Service (941) 312-9449 (Manatee, Sarasota & Charlotte)

South Area

1. Zimmerman Tree Service (561) 968-1045 (Palm Beach only)
2. Community & Landscape Service (561) 533-0183
3. Tree Trimmer's & Assoc. (954) 561-9514
4. Joey's Tree Service (305) 666-2044 (Dade & Broward)
5. Bornaman Tree Services, Inc. (954) 771-0656
6. Southern Landscaping (954) 650-3161 (Palm Beach, Broward & North Dade only)
7. A Nativo Tree Service, Inc. (305) 238-1178

This list of tree contractors is merely a compilation of businesses which have indicated to FPL that they meet certain qualifications and perform tree-trimming services in the areas designated. This list has been compiled for your convenience only. FPL MAKES NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OR BUSINESS PRACTICES OF ANY OF THE LISTED CONTRACTORS. Since the availability of service work and the associated prices will vary by contractor, you may wish to shop around for comparisons. It is the responsibility of the consumer to verify that the contractor is licensed and insured, and complies with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, and/or permits.

MCS33M-0501



Are You A

Grandparent Raising Grandchildren?

2012 Educational Program Series

Daytime Workshops 10:00am ~ 1:00pm (Brown Bag Lunch)

January 11 & 25	April 11 & 25	July 11 & 25
February 8 & 22	May 9 & 23	August 8 & 22
March 14 & 28	June 13 & 27	September 12 & 26

All Workshops are FREE

NEW!

Evening Workshops ~ 6-8 pm

NEW!

January 26	April 26	July 26
February 23	May 31	August 30
March 29	June 28	September 27

Childcare will **NOT** be provided

Learn about: legal issues, guiding children's behavior & discipline, computers, resources, support, managing stress and much more.

Location:

Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service
University of Florida / IFAS
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach

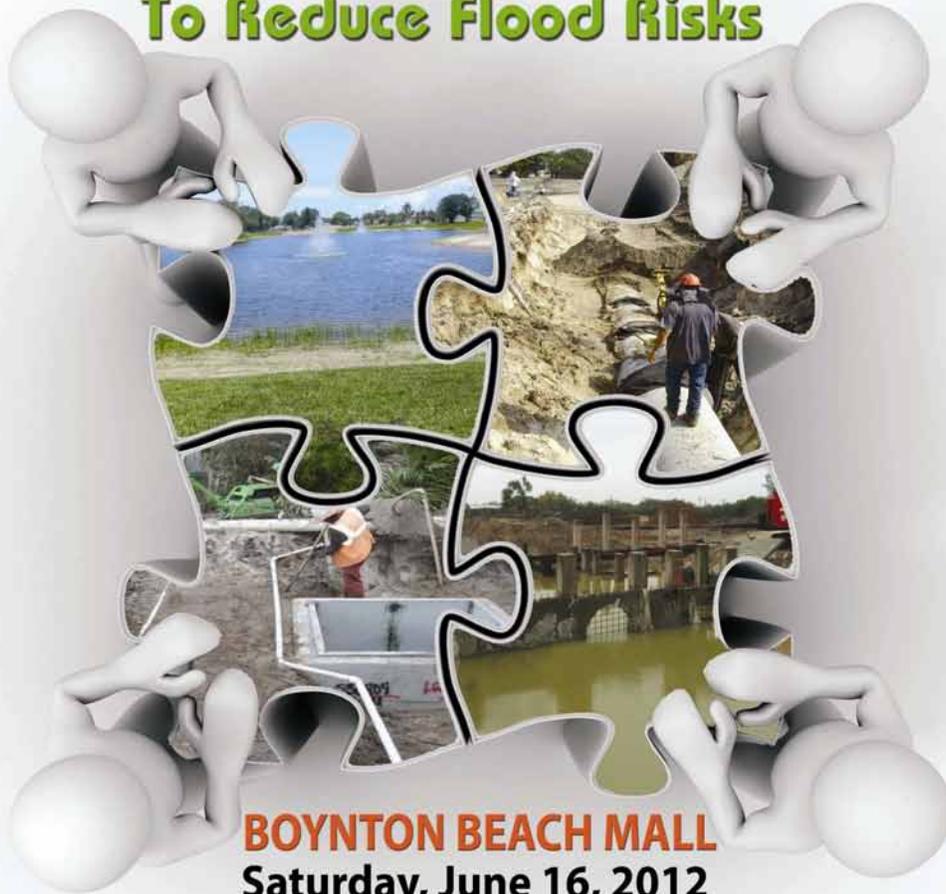


Call **561-233-1742** to sign up and for more information

Flood & Hurricane Awareness Expo



Learn What Your Community
Is Doing
To Reduce Flood Risks



BOYNTON BEACH MALL
Saturday, June 16, 2012
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Brought to you by:
Community Rating System Users Group, Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management & the Boynton Beach Mall



BOYNTON BEACH MALL a Smart Mall

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE
Activity 330: Flood Hazard Information

[Last revised May, 2012]

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.



From the desk of Commissioner Steven Abrams



No one welcomes hurricane season, but we are fortunate that Palm Beach County is recognized as having one of the most proactive emergency management operations in the state. Rest assured, emergency managers, officials and I remain diligent in our efforts to be prepared for a hurricane and other emergency situations.

As a result of ongoing year-round training sharpening their skills, programs and technology, the county's emergency managers' certification is the highest in the state. This rating, which has only been obtained by nine communities nationwide, is recognized by FEMA and saves residents over \$4 million annually in insurance premiums.

Other important improvements include a new smartphone app, PBC DART, which provides information concerning shelter locations and evacuation areas (which were recently changed). It also acts as a disaster assessment and resource tool so that residents and businesses can report property damage. PBC DART is currently available to iPhone users and will soon be available for all other smartphones.

Additionally, emergency managers are now communicating with the public on social media. In addition, to regular updates, these media outlets will be used during emergency situations providing up-to-the minute updates and so much more.

Facebook : pbcDEM

Twitter: @pbcDEM.

The website (www.pbc/dem/hurricane) which has also been updated remains an invaluable resource for information such as the *Hurricane Survival Guide*; planning check lists; pet tips; food and water safety; supplies; special needs; etc. From the website you will also be able to connect to Facebook (pbcDEM), Twitter (@pbcDEM) and the smartphone app (PBC DART).

While the county remains focused on keeping you safe, the bottom line is that everyone must take responsibility for protecting themselves and their loved ones in case of an emergency such as a hurricane. Government agencies alone cannot begin to handle all the adverse impacts. It is up to each and every resident to have an evacuation plan in place and make sure our homes are as secure as possible. Please do not wait until a hurricane is bearing down to make these important decisions. Do it now to ensure your family's safety.

I will also be on Facebook and Twitter working with emergency managers and providing up-to-date information in case of a hurricane and/or other emergency situation. My links are:

www.facebook.com/stevenabramspolitician and @CommAbrams for Twitter.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance or if you have any comments and/or suggestions. I can be reached at sabrams@pbcgov.org or in my office at 561-355-2204 (West Palm Beach) or 561-276-1220 (Delray Beach).

Lost & Found Pets

Please help your neighbors recover their missing pets...



Found Cat

This beautiful, friendly cat has been visiting your neighbor on Coconut Lane. The resident would like to find its owners or re-home as soon as possible. If you are the owner, know the owners, or if you'd like to give this kitty a "forever" home, please call dispatch at 561-732-8331 or town hall 561-732-2635 and we will put you in contact with your neighbor.



Missing Felines



Muffin has been missing since Thursday, March 29 from River Drive. He is a 1.5 years old, long-haired with white and large reddish brown patches. He is wearing a collar with a bell. He is neutered and up-to-date on all of his shots.



Peanut is a small female tiger-striped cat went missing around February 20th on Island Drive aka "Harbour Island" (north end of town).



Scooby & Kiki A male orange tabby cat has been missing since 12/20 from Sailfish Lane. He wears an orange collar with tags and his name is Scooby. **UPDATE!** The same owners are now missing their 16-year-old, all black, shy female cat with a saggy belly. Kiki went missing at the end of 01/12. Kiki is wearing a pink collar with tags.



Also still missing are **Oliver & Bailey** from Dolphin Drive (pictured below). They were last seen on Tuesday, November 8th. They are both male and have been neutered. The black tabby cat is called Oliver/Ollie and the orange /white long haired Maine coon cat is called Bailey. Neither was wearing a collar.

If you happen to see any of these missing kitties please call dispatch at 561-732-8331 or town hall at 561-732-2635.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **July 7**

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6451 N. Ocean Blvd. On A1A, just north of the Ocean Ave. bridge in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot.

Time: 8-10:15am

Who: Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages.

What's provided: Free parking, bags, gloves, and refreshments available to participants only. School and community service volunteer credit forms available.

What to bring: Please bring water, sunscreen and a hat.

Contact: Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128

Website: www.SandSifters.us



Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **June 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

Forgotten Soldiers Donations

At the July 7th beach cleanup, the Sand Sifters will be collecting donated items for the Forgotten Soldiers. Items can be dropped off at Town Hall the week of July 2—July 6 if you are unable to make the beach cleanup. For more information, please see page 10 for items requested.

July's Regular Town Commission Meeting



**July's Regular Town Commission Meeting will be held on
Monday, July 9th at 6:00 PM.**