

# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



## Hurricane Season Begins June 1

**H**urricane 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](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com) for flood and hurricane information as well as what to do before, during and after a hurricane. Also see page 5, 12-14, for more information. 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](http://www.fpl.com/storm). If you have trees that are growing near the power lines, see page 15 for a list of authorized tree trimmer contractors. The list is provided by FPL.

Additionally, if you need to report a power outage or obtain status of a power outage please call 1-800-4-OUTAGE.

## Boynton To Flush Water Lines

**T**he City of Boynton Beach will temporarily modify the disinfection process utilized to treat its drinking water from May 30—June 13. Customers may notice a slight chlorine taste, or odor in their tap water. These temporary conditions will not cause adverse health reactions. Those sensitive to the taste, or odor, of chlorine, can place an open container of drinking water in the refrigerator for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate. Users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice as the method for removing chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals from tap water. This is a preventative maintenance process in order to maintain the City's high standard of clean water distribution. For more information, please call 561-742-6864.

## Date Set for Commission Meeting Discussing Beach Access

**T**he 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 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

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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

[info@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto: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

### 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: Free Document Shredding at 12:00PM in Town Hall parking lot.
- 20: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 23: Special Town Commission meeting at 4:00PM in Chambers
- 28: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

### July

- 1: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 2: Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in Community Room
- 4: Independence Day—Town Hall Closed, No Contractor work, No Inspections. Trash will be collected (Boynton's 4th of July celebration flyer will be posted on town's website when available.)
- 7: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 18: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 26: 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: Shiitake & Chanterelle Pizzas with Goat Cheese

Source: <http://www.epicurious.com/articlesguides/bestof/toprecipes/bestpizzarecipes/recipes/food/Views/Shiitake-and-Chanterelle-Pizzas-with-Goat-Cheese-238524>

#### Ingredients:

- Dough: 2.5 cups unbleached all purpose flour or bread flour  
1.5 cup whole wheat flour or bread flour  
3 tbsp vital wheat gluten flour or bread flour  
1.5 tsp coarse kosher salt  
1 tsp sugar  
1 cup plus 2 tbsp. warm water  
1.5 tsp active dry yeast  
3.5 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided  
Additional unbleached all purpose flour (for kneading and shaping)
- Topping: 3 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil plus additional for brushing  
6 oz fresh shiitake mushrooms, stemmed, thinly sliced  
6 oz fresh chanterelle mushrooms, thinly sliced  
1 cup (packed) coarsely grate whole  
2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
6 oz chilled soft fresh goat cheese, coarsely crumbled  
2 tbsp. sliced fresh chives

#### Directions:

**For dough:** Combine all flours, coarse salt, and sugar in processor. Stir 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons warm water and yeast in 2-cup measuring cup. Let stand until yeast dissolves, about 5 minutes. Stir in 3 tablespoons oil. With machine running, pour yeast-oil mixture through feed tube. Blend until ball of slightly sticky dough forms, about 1 minute.



Transfer dough to lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, adding more flour if very sticky, about 5 minutes. Rub with 1/2 tablespoon oil; place in resealable 1-gallon plastic bag. Seal bag. Let dough rise at room temperature until doubled, about 2 hours. Open bag; punch down dough in bag. Re-seal. Chill overnight, punching down occasionally. Divide into thirds. **DO AHEAD** *Wrap pieces separately; freeze up to 1 week. Thaw 2 pieces in refrigerator before continuing. Let 2 wrapped pieces stand at room temperature 1 hour before shaping.*

**For topping:** Heat 3 tablespoons oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms; sprinkle with salt. Sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. **do ahead** Can be made 1 day ahead. Cool, cover, and chill. Sprinkle 2 large sheets of parchment with flour. Roll out 2 dough pieces, each on separate parchment sheet, to 10-inch rounds, letting dough rest a few minutes if springing back. Brush with oil; sprinkle each with 1/2 cup mozzarella and 1/3 cup Parmesan. Top with mushrooms, then dot with goat cheese. **DO AHEAD** *Slide pizzas on parchment onto baking sheets; cover with plastic. Chill up to 4 hours. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes.*

Position 1 rack in bottom third and 1 rack in top third of oven; place heavy baking sheet on each and preheat oven to 450°F for at least 30 minutes. Slide 1 pizza on parchment onto each hot baking sheet. Bake 8 minutes; reverse sheets. Bake pizzas until crusts are brown at edges and on bottom, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with chives.

## May's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting held May 5, 2014 and the Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014
2. ANNOUNCED THAT THE TOWN HAS SCHEDULED A FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING IN THE BACK OF THE TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014 FROM 9 AM TO NOON (LIMIT OF 3 FILE BOXES PER HOUSEHOLD) SPONSORED BY CINTAS
3. Approved a Land Development Permit for the construction of a pool that would extend 172'5" east of the Coastal Construction Control Line at 6059 Old Ocean Blvd.
4. Consensus on approval of a Town letter supporting an easement on the south and west property lines of the Town Hall property to provide access to the properties located west and north of the Town Hall
5. Directed P & Z to discuss requiring Exotic Plant Removal on all properties in Town
6. Approved ½ payment of first lien and upheld total payment of second lien reduction request for 17 Hudson Ave., LLC
7. Approved the temporary hiring of new Dispatcher/Clerk pending final background approval to be confirmed at the July 7, 2014 meeting
8. Approved the 5 year Sanitation Contract with Republic Services
9. Approved Repaving/Drainage Improvements Contract with Anzco, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$178,104, \$15,560 to Engenuity Group, and \$4,000 for the Geological Testing to be funded from the Capital Projects Fund
10. Approved Resolution No. 2014-04; Amending the 2013/14 Budget to Include a Transfer from the General Fund Unassigned Funds to the Capital Projects Fund
11. Consensus for discussion pertaining to the Rental Registrations be placed on the July 7, 2014 agenda
12. ANNOUNCED THAT MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014 AT 4:00 PM WAS THE SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS ASPECTS RELATING TO ALL OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS BEACH CROSSOVERS; SUCH AS LIABILITIES, LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS, RESIDENT CONCERNS, AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

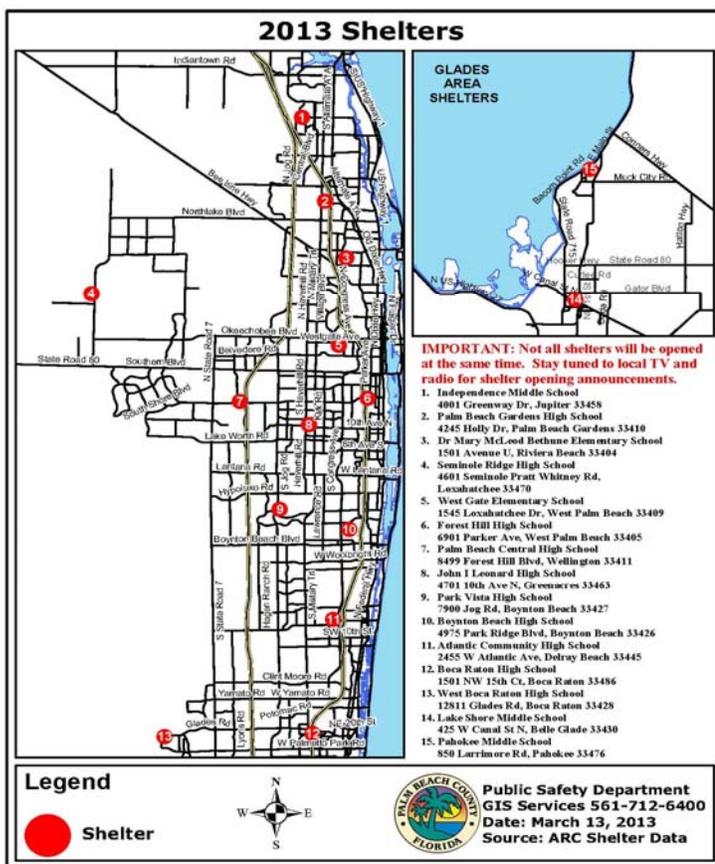
# 2014 Hurricane Season Edition

## Red Cross Hurricane Preparedness Presentation Offer for Groups

A hurricane preparedness presentation is being offered for any groups in Ocean Ridge that would like Red Cross representative, Bill Firestone, to come and speak to your group about hurricane preparation. Mr. Firestone's presentations typically last about 30 minutes plus allows time for questions. If you are interested in inviting Mr. Firestone to speak, please contact him directly at 561-339-3168 or bill\_firestone@hotmail.com.

### 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.



For Palm Beach County's 2014 Hurricane Guide, please visit  
[http://oceanridgeflorida.com/Hurricane/hurricane\\_information.htm](http://oceanridgeflorida.com/Hurricane/hurricane_information.htm) or  
<http://www.pbcgov.com/dem/hurricane/>

Activity 330: Flood Hazard Information

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.

**Town Gives Answers to Floodplain Questions:** If you want to know if a property is in the SFHA, check our website at [oceanridgeflorida.com](http://oceanridgeflorida.com). You'll find a wealth of information about the Town's FIRM, flood insurance, special rules for building in the floodplain, and ideas for protecting your home from flood damage. You can also call Town Hall with your floodplain questions at 561-732-2635.

**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. Areas that are not within the SFHA could change in the future due to rising sea levels and climate change.

**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. Additionally, Reverse 9-1-1 is used to alert citizens with informative information and imperative flood and storm alerts. Citizens may also call the Citizen Information Line at 561-732-ORFL (6735) to listen to informative and imperative information before, during, and after a flood and storm.

**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/](http://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 a 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](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com).

## Florida Health Palm Beach County Raises Awareness Chikungunya Fever

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Public Information  
561-671-4014 or [press50@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:press50@doh.state.fl.us)

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL**— The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County advises residents and visitors to be aware of chikungunya fever, a viral mosquito borne disease that has made its way to the Caribbean countries from Africa, Asia and islands in the Indian Ocean and Western Pacific. Travelers to these countries could carry the virus back to the United States and infect local mosquito populations.



“ With a large number of people travelling to and from the Caribbean in Florida we have been monitoring for possible imported cases,” said Dr. Alina Alonso, Director of Florida Health in Palm Beach County. “We encourage all county residents and visitors to practice the drain and cover method to minimize mosquito exposure.”

Dr. Alonso added, “Through our Epidemiological reporting systems we have now identified a male traveler to the Caribbean who has tested positive for the Chikungunya Fever. The man is recovering and protecting himself from exposure to all mosquitoes.”

Mosquitoes can transmit different viruses including chikungunya, West Nile and Eastern equine encephalomyelitis. Chikungunya, like dengue, can be transmitted from an infected human to an Aedes mosquito which in turn can bite another human and pass along the disease. Aedes mosquitoes are day biters which can lay eggs in very small water containers. Early detection of the symptoms and preventing mosquitoes from biting will help prevent the disease from spreading in the United States. County mosquito control will continue to treat areas with active mosquito populations to ensure the safety of communities.

Symptoms of chikungunya usually begin 3—7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito and can include fever and severe joint pains often in hands and feet. Other symptoms can include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling or rash. Chikungunya fever does not often result in death, but some individuals may experience persistent joint pain. There is currently no vaccine or medication to prevent chikungunya fever. If you have travelled to the Caribbean and feel that you may have contracted chikungunya, see your health care provider. People at increased risk for severe disease include newborns exposed during delivery, older adults (»65 years), and people with medical conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, or heart disease. A person infected with chikungunya should stay indoors as much as possible until symptoms subside to prevent further transmission.

To minimize exposure to mosquitos, practice the drain and cover method. Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where water has collected and discard any items that may collect water. Clean bird baths and pet water bowls twice a week. If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and long sleeves. You may also apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective. Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.



# The Abrams Agenda



Palm Beach County Commissioner  
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## Local Tragedies Prompt Swift Action

As an elected official, one of my top priorities is always public safety. Unfortunately, unforeseen tragedies do occur. In the aftermath, it is my hope that we are able to implement measures to help prevent similar future occurrences.

Last year, a 12-year-old Boca Raton resident, Shoshana Stern, was tragically killed by a car while crossing Palmetto Park Road near Boca Del Mar Drive. Immediately afterwards, members of the community, local officials and I met to discuss measures to prevent this type of terrible accident from ever happening again. Within weeks, the county installed pedestrian countdown signals that indicate how much time walkers have to cross the street. These signals are also programmed to provide more time for people to make the crossing.



Pedestrian countdown signals

Further improvements are also being planned. The state and county are currently working together to install sensors that will prevent traffic signals from changing when pedestrians are detected in the crosswalks.

More recently, there were three tragic ocean drownings and several near-drownings that also prompted immediate attention. These devastating incidents occurred in a swimming area just off a stretch of beach north of the Boynton Beach Inlet next to the county's sand transfer plant and Ocean Inlet Park. Many swimmers are unaware of an extremely steep drop-off that is a short distance from the shoreline that creates treacherous swimming conditions in this area. Additionally, there are particularly strong currents that can pull swimmers into the inlet or out to sea.

Because of the danger posed on this beach, the county reacted swiftly. Just a few weeks ago, I unveiled new signs installed at numerous locations in the area to warn swimmers of treacherous water conditions and suggest they use the adjacent beach which is guarded from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. The hope

is that the signs will discourage anyone from swimming in this dangerous area.

Our hearts reach out to those who have suffered from these horrible losses. I remain committed to working together to try to prevent such tragedies from happening again and urge you to contact my office if you have any type of public safety concern. Keeping folks safe and out of harm's way will always be a foremost priority of mine.

New warning signs at the beach north of Boynton Beach Inlet and adjacent to Ocean Inlet Park





# 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 **May 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>
Trespass	05/05/14	04/25/14 6:00PM – 04/28/14 9:58AM	Ocean Harbour Circle	While resident was away, unknown person(s) used her patio area. Housekeeper discovered incident but report delayed until homeowner returned.
Warrant Arrest	05/06/14	8:46PM	5000 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Officers developed information that a resident had a felony warrant for Fraud. Turned over to the County Jail,
Violation of Town Code/Maintenance	05/09/14	9:23AM	100 blk Bonito Dr.	Abandoned residence is the site of numerous Code Violations. Owner cited.
Theft	05/09/14	04/20/14 12:00 PM- 05/09/14 4:03PM	5800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Resident discovered a watch, a gold chain and cash missing from the home.
Theft	05/15/14	05/14/14 10:11AM 05/15/14 7:00AM	Briny Breezes Blvd.	Unsecured blue & cream colored Huffy bicycle taken overnight from front porch.
Theft/Arrest	05/17/14	8:59PM	5700 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Investigation of a disabled vehicle determined tag had been reported stolen in Boynton Beach. Owner/driver arrested and turned over to the County Jail.
Theft	05/19/14	05/17/14 5:30PM – 05/18/14 12:55PM	Hibiscus Dr., Briny Breezes	Patio furniture left at roadside was taken.

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Violation of Town Code/Permits	05/23/14	11:05AM	100 blk Ocean Ave.	Electrical work done in garage without a permit. Permit has since been issued.
Missing Person Recovered/Assist to Baldwin County (GA) Sheriff's Office	05/25/14	7:22AM	5800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Investigation of a suspicious vehicle determined that one of the occupants (Age: 34) was reported missing out of Georgia. Case cleared.
Identity Theft	05/28/14	7:13PM	5900 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Resident received an unsolicited credit card in the mail. Subsequent contact with company determined that fraudulent purchases had already occurred.

## School's Out!

As the summer approaches, more youth will be out and about enjoying their recess. Please be cautious while driving and keep an extra eye out for the children. Included in this Newsletter (pages 15-16) is information from the Florida Department of Transportation with additional tips.

Likewise, your summer vacation plans may include visiting Amusement or Theme Parks. To improve child safety, on pages 17-18, please find a flyer from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

Have a great time!

## Free Document Shredding

Included in this Newsletter is a flyer (see page 19) announcing a free service being offered to shred old, unwanted documents on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-Noon. This is a crime prevention opportunity designed to properly dispose of these items in order to reduce the potential for Identity Theft.

We hope you will take advantage of this service. See you then!

## Hurricane Season - 2014

It's that time again! June 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year is Hurricane Season. Please find enclosed information that we hope you will find beneficial; yet, optimistically, will never need. (See pages 12-14)

It is hard to believe that it has been over 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.

Thanks for your cooperation and continued support.



## 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!

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**The Information You Provide Could Make A Difference.  
Do Your Part. Report Suspicious Activity.**

**If you see  
something,  
say something**

If something does not look right,  
let us know.



**Report Suspicious Activity or Persons  
to the Ocean Ridge Police Department at 561-732-8331**





## 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

### **HURRICANE SEASON 2014**

Dear Residents:

Effective June 1st, the 2014 Hurricane Season officially began. Collectively, we will prepare and remain on alert until the season's end on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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](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](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

## **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NEWS RELEASE**

Rick Scott, Governor  
Ananth Prasad, P.E., Secretary

For Immediate Release  
June 5, 2014

### **SCHOOL'S OUT TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS**

-Palm Beach County Public Schools Close June 6 for the Summer-

WEST PALM BEACH -- As the school year comes to a close in Palm Beach County on June 6, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) of Palm Beach County remind motorists and students to take extra traffic safety precautions during summer break.

During the summer children are at increased risk of transportation related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle crashes. FDOT and the CTST offer the following tips for making summer safer for motorists and students:

#### **Tips for Motorists**

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws, speed limits and traffic signals.
- Keep an eye out for children walking or bicycling in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Be alert for children playing and for those who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking, biking, skating or skateboarding.

#### **Tips for Parents**

- Be a good role model. Always buckle up in the car, always wear a helmet when biking and always follow pedestrian safety rules.
- Supervise young children as they are walking, biking or skating.
- Provide your children with bright clothing so motorists can easily see them.
- Make sure your child is properly buckled up in the appropriate child safety seat and in the back seat. Safety experts advise that all children under the age of 13 should ride in the back seat.
- Make sure that your teen driver understands and obeys all state traffic laws.

### **Tips for Students**

- Always buckle up when riding in a car. Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.
- Learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. It's extremely important for you to use the sidewalk when available, *look left-right-left* when crossing the road, and always walk facing traffic.
- Always cross at crosswalks, obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- Teen drivers should avoid speeding and minimize distractions (texting, talking on cell phones, eating, adjusting the radio) while driving. Never overload your vehicle. Require everyone riding in your vehicle to use a safety belt.
- Teen drivers should be a good role model for your younger brothers and sisters and friends, and help them learn and follow vehicle safety rules.

## 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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To learn more about child safety, visit

**Take25.org**



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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 niñeras. 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.

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.

### En Línea



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Para obtener más información sobre seguridad infantil, visite

[Take25.org](http://Take25.org)



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## FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

**Friday, June 20, 2014**

**9:00AM to 12:00PM**

**Ocean Ridge Town Hall • 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. • Rear Parking Lot**

The Ocean Ridge Police Department, in partnership with CINTAS Document Management, will be hosting FREE document shredding on Friday, June 20th from 9:00AM—12:00PM in the rear parking lot of Town Hall.

This event is open to Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes residents only — photo identification is required. Residents are limited to shredding of up to three office storage boxes of personal documents.

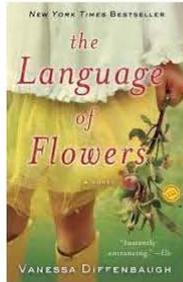
The date of this event was selected in conjunction with various Federal Income Tax Deadlines. This will allow an opportunity for residents to discard older, unnecessary personal documents while filing away items from 2013/14. Frequent readers of the Ocean Ridge Tidings e-newsletter are aware of the often listed crimes of Identity Theft and Fraud that are reported monthly. Some of these cases are the result of paperwork (i.e. bank statements & checks, bills, credit cards & receipts, etc.) being improperly disposed of that falls into the hands of criminals.

Please remove all papers from three ring binder type folders. File folders, staples, and paper clips do not need to be removed.

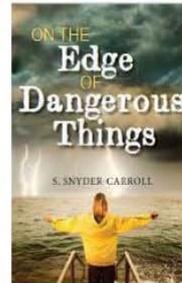
The event is on a first-come, first-served basis and no pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please call Chief Chris Yannuzzi at 561-732-8331.



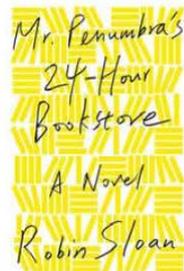
# Ocean Ridge Book Club Book Selections



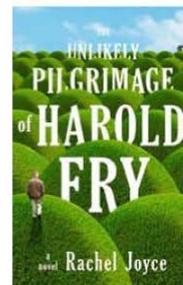
April 2, 2014  
The Language of Flowers  
By Vanessa Diffenbaugh



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 2 (last cleanup for summer)**

**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: **June 28**

**Where:** Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd. Check in is at the picnic tables next to the snack bar.

**Time:** 8-10:30AM

**Who:** Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages. Volunteer hours awarded for students.

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

**Contact:** info@seaangels.org

**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



### 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.

