

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

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 oceanridgeflorida.com for [flood](#) and [hurricane information](#) as well as what to do before, during and after a hurricane. Also see pages 9-14 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. If you have trees that are growing near the power lines, visit the town's website 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.

In the event of a storm, please keep garbage and vegetation separate. Regular garbage will be collected first.

If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635 or visit oceanridgeflorida.com for more hurricane preparedness information.

For Palm Beach County's
[2017Hurricane Guide](#)

Upcoming Budget Meetings

Below is a list of scheduled upcoming budget meetings:

- ◇ July 10, 2017 at 5:01PM
- ◇ August 15, 2017 at 4:00PM
- ◇ August 22, 2017 at 4:00PM
- ◇ September 11, 2017 at 6:00PM
- ◇ September 21, 2017 at 6:00PM

Yard Debris Collection

Yard trash shall consist of vegetation only, including, but not limited to grass clippings, bush or tree trimmings, leaves, and weeds, and shall be placed near the street no sooner than 36 hours, or the Sunday prior to the regularly scheduled day of collection.

Yard trash (other than normal weekly vegetation) generated by lawn care companies will not be collected by the Town's trash collector and should be properly removed by the vendor who generated it. Any questions please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

Town's New SeeClickFix App!

Want to report a non-emergency issue such as solid waste collection issues, potholes, overgrown lots, and more? Report it by using the Town's SeeClickFix app! Staff will respond during regular business hours and you should expect an update to the issue within 72 hours. To download the app and more, please visit oceanridgeflorida.com/seeclickfix.htm.





General Information

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Town Hall

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

561-732-ORFL (Citizen Information Line)

General Email: info@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Hall Hours: 8:30AM-3:00PM

Police

Non-emergency: 561-732-8331

Emergency: 9-1-1

Public Records Hours: 8:30AM-2:30PM

Town Officials

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Geoffrey Pugh

Vice Mayor

James Bonfiglio

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

Steve Coz

Don MaGruder

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Numbers to Know

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance 911

NON-EMERGENCY

Ocean Ridge Police Dept. 561-732-8331

Boynton Beach Fire Dept. 561-742-6600

TOWN HALL

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

Fax 561-737-8359

OTHERS

Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873

Animal Control 561-233-1200

Army Corp of Engineers 561-683-1577

Beach Conditions 561-966-6600

Boynton Beach City Hall 561-742-6000

Boynton Beach Water Dept. 561-742-6300

Clarke Environmental Services 800-203-6485

Comcast 800-266-2278

Declare Domicile 561-355-2962

Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) 561-245-2118

DEP—Christian Lambert 561-313-9007

Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) 561-681-6333

Elder Affairs 866-882-2991

FEMA 800-621-3362

FL Dept. of Transportation (DOT) 866-374-3368

FL Dept. of Transportation Traffic Line 511

Florida Fish & Wildlife Comm. 888-404-FWCC

Florida Power & Light (FPL) 561-697-8000

Florida Power & Light (report outage) 800-4-OUTAGE

Marriage Licenses & Ceremonies 561-355-2986

Oceanfront Park Beach Conditions 561-742-6775

Oceanfront Park Events/Weddings 561-742-6240

Palm Beach County Building Dept. 561-233-5100

Palm Beach County EOC 561-712-6400

Palm Beach County Health Dept 561-840-4500

Palm Beach County Inspector General 877-283-7068

Palm Beach County Mosquito Control 561-642-8775

Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation 561-966-6600

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser 561-355-3230

Palm Beach County Tax Collector 561-355-2266

Palm Beach County White Fly 561-276-1260

Republic Services (trash collection) 561-478-9590

So. FL Water Management 561-686-8800

Solid Waste Authority 561-640-4000

Supervisor of Elections 561-656-6200

Tides 561-742-6776

CLIP AND SAVE!

Calendar of Events

June:

- 3: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 5: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in the chambers
- 7: Book Club Meeting begins at 5:45PM in the community room
- 19: Town Commission & Planning & Zoning Commission Joint Workshop begins at 8:30AM in the chambers
- 27: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

July:

- 1: Boynton Beach's 4th of July Events begin at 6PM. See event flyer.
- 4: Independence Day—Town Hall closed. No contractor work, no inspections. Republic Services will collect garbage/trash/recycling on the 4th.
- 5: Book Club Meeting begins at 5:45PM in the community room
- 10: Special Town Commission/Budget Meeting begins at 5:01PM and then the Regular Town Commission will follow beginning at 6PM in the chambers.
- 7: Book Club Meeting begins at 5:45PM in the community room
- 29: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-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.

Meeting Information

Regular Town Commission meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00PM. Code Enforcement Hearings meet on demand on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. Board of Adjustment meets on demand on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30AM and the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on demand. Any special meetings added to the calendar, date and time changes, as well as agendas and minutes will be updated on the Town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com and on Twitter @OceanRidgeFL as they occur.

Privacy Policy

The following is the Town's privacy policy that is noted in Town email signatures and a variation is on the Town's website.

"Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from the Town of Ocean Ridge officials and employees regarding public business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may be subject to public disclosure. Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing. The views expressed in this message may not necessarily reflect those of the Town of Ocean Ridge. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by replying to this message, and please delete it from your computer. Thank you."

Town Manager's Report

Below is Town Manager's Report—June's Commission Meeting—Newsletter Edited Version:



Hurricane Season Landscape Trimming: June 1st started hurricane season, predicted to be more active than normal... Don't wait until it's too late, plan to properly handle trimming and debris removal needs to keep your property in good shape. Remember once a storm warning has been issued, it's no longer suitable to initiate trimming and removal operations. Many news channels, local publications and websites have great information on things you can do to prepare and ready your homes and property in the event of a storm event.

Street Repaving Program: Soon after June 19th as weather permits, our new annual repaving cycle is scheduled to begin. Our contractor All County Paving, Inc. (M&M) will move through the prioritized streets expeditiously with an overall time line estimated to be around 7-10 working days. Even though you may not live on one of the direct streets to be milled and repaved, you may still experience temporary delays and inconveniences as the staging of heavy paving equipment and crews move through the grid of streets to be resurfaced. The streets in this Phase One contract include: Engle Dr, West Anna, Ridge Lane, Harbour North, Harbour South, Island Dr, Bonita Dr, and Marlin Dr. The paving company will attempt to keep a travel lane open at all times with suitable flagmen for local traffic direction.

Budget Meetings: The first budget workshop held May 22nd gave an overall presentation, rules and parameters for crafting a pending FY18 Town Budget. Projected Town revenues, state laws and other steering factors affect the Town's annual budget process over the summer. Ad Valorem Tax revenues provide the majority of funding in the town budget and are confirmed on or about July 1st by the county's Property Appraiser division in conjunction with the State Department of Revenues (DOR) Commission direction, fixed contractual commitments and variables from outside sources and vendors to the town, once locked down help adjust for a prioritized program of work and move us toward final budget adoption at required public hearings in September for adoption of a new fiscal year budget.

The Town will meet in a special meeting prior to July's RTCM (Regular Town Commission Meeting) on July 10th to set a "Tentative Maximum Millage Rate" which will establish the ceiling for ad valorem millage assessment to our real property owners for the rest of the process. Under Florida TRIM (Truth In Millage) rules, the Commission can reduce the millage rate by legislative action along the way, but cannot increase it after it is set and advertised as tentative maximum millage.

Ocean Avenue Bridge: A reminder that Ocean Avenue Bridge and roadway approaches are under the control of FDOT restoration over the next several months. FDOT subcontractor renovations may impact travel flow and cause temporary lane closures. There will be a few night work phases during the restoration process.

FPL Pole/Wire Upgrades on A-1-A: FPL crews are in the process of "hardening" town utility poles and power lines along the A-1-A corridor (N Ocean Blvd.). This is important upgrading of the general electric grid for hurricane season, and may help address other power delivery issues as emerge. It is possible for brief power interruption, as well as temporary lane closure delays along the state road right of way, please be alert in your travels.

June's Special & Regular Town Commission Meeting Summaries

The following is a list of actions taken at the June 5, 2017 Regular Town Commission Meeting:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2017.
2. Approved the Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2017.
3. Approved the Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2017.
4. Appointed Town Manager James Titcomb as Voting Delegate for the Florida League of Cities Annual Meeting.
5. Announced that the Town Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission will meet in a joint workshop to discuss items relative to the Land Development Code on June 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
6. Announced that Town Administrative Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day.
7. Announced that the Regular Town Commission meeting in July has been moved to Monday, July 10, 2017.
8. Directed the Police Chief and Town Manager to look into the procedure of changing the traffic pattern on Beachway Drive and present a plan at the next Town Commission meeting.
9. Directed the Police Chief and Town Manager to erect a sign at the East end of Beachway Drive which reads "No Unloading or Loading".
10. Directed the Town Attorney to conduct title work on the Town's Beach Crossovers.
11. Approved the Phase 1 Paving Program not to exceed the \$200,000 budgeted funds for paving, holding off on paving Beachway and East Anna Street at this time.
12. Adopted the FY17 Penny Sales Tax Revenue Priority List.
13. Adopted the Interlocal Agreement Among Palm Beach County, The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, and the Signatory Municipalities Pertaining to the Shared Distribution and Use of the One Cent Local Government Infrastructure Surtax.
14. Adopted the FY18 Budget Meeting Calendar as follows: July 10, 2017 at 5:01 p.m.; August 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.; August 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.; September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.; September 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
15. Directed the Town Manager to include all of the items submitted on the priority list to the draft FY18 Budget.
16. Approved on first reading Ordinance No. 623: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Pertaining to Floodplain Management.
17. Postponed until the July 10, 2017 meeting the second reading of Ordinance No. 619: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances By Amending Chapter 63, "General and Administrative Provisions", Article IV, "Site Plan Review Procedures", To Provide for Site Plan Review of New Construction That Meets A Certain Threshold and to Clarify the Review of New Construction Involving Certain Thresholds; Providing for Codification, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date. This ordinance will be discussed at the Joint Workshop between the Town Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission on June 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, FOLLOWING A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING AT 5:01 P.M.



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police

Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **May 2017** for Ocean Ridge:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Drug Overdose	5/2/2017	5/2/2017 @ 3:50 am	River Dr.	Suspicious vehicle investigation finds drug overdose victim.
Crash/ DUI	5/2/2017	5/2/2017 @ 4:53 pm	5500 Blk. N Ocean	Crash resulting from drunk driver. Arrest made.
Drunk Driver	5/9/2017	5/9/2017 @ 11:20 am	6990 North Ocean Blvd.	Drunk driving arrest.
Drug Overdose	5/11/2017	5/11/2017 @ 2:41 pm	Tropical Drive	Heroin / Fentanyl overdose.
Assist BBPD	5/12/2017	5/12/2017 @ 7:50 pm	Thompson St.	Assist BBPD with recovery of stolen property.
Identity Theft	5/15/2017	Between 1/28/2017 and 3/20/2017	Sailfish Lane	Fraudulent use of Personal ID to compromise credit account.
Theft of Bicycle	5/16/2017	5/16/2017 Between 4:45 pm and 5:45 pm	6849 North Ocean Blvd.	Bicycle taken from front of establishment.
Drunk Driver	5/18/2017	5/18/2017 @ 5:15 pm	Ocean Ave.	Arrest for driving under influence of drugs.
Attempted Theft from Vehicle	5/21/2017	Between 5/20/2017 and 5/21/2017	Sabal Island Dr.	Someone tried to enter vehicle overnight.

In addition to the above listed activity, officers initiated contact with numerous suspicious persons and initiated: one arrest for an outstanding warrant, 7 narcotics related arrests and worked with residents to resolve multiple code violations during this period.



June's Crime Prevention Information From Lieutenant Richard Jones

Protecting Your Property

With the return of summer, we have begun to see a countywide increase in Residential and Vehicular Burglaries. Within the last 14 days, the Ocean Ridge Police Department has investigated (2) two residential burglaries and (1) one attempted vehicular burglary within Ocean Ridge.

Although we are not able to stop all criminal activity, we are asking for your help in preventing and deterring these crimes by implementing five basic steps.

RESIDENTIAL CRIME PREVENTION

1. Lock your doors and use your deadbolt.
2. Close and lock your windows (use your blinds and curtains to prevent open viewing of your home).
3. If you have an alarm, please use it.
4. If you do not have an alarm system, please consider one.
5. If you have a video surveillance system, check its status to ensure it is working properly.

AUTO CRIME PREVENTION

1. Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle.
2. Roll up your windows.
3. Lock your doors.
4. Do not store a spare key inside your vehicle.
5. If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside the garage.

With your help, our ability to maintain public safety is increased and the criminal's ability to be successful in Ocean Ridge will be reduced or even eliminated.

Remember, if you see someone or something suspicious, please call the Ocean Ridge Police Department immediately.



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police



It's Hurricane Season!

It's Hurricane Season! Now is a good time to plan how to protect your family during these powerful storms in advance. The Atlantic hurricane season, began on June 1. The [How to Prepare for a Hurricane](#) guide from America's PrepareAthon! provides valuable information about planning for evacuation and shelter, and how to avoid flood waters and high winds during a hurricane. Taking a few simple, but important actions now can help you weather the storm and keep you and your family safe.

If you are in the path of a major hurricane, authorities may advise you to evacuate from your home. On page 9 of the *How to Prepare for a Hurricane* guide, you'll find protective actions related to evacuation, including:

- If you have a car, keep a full tank of gas in it at all times;
- Leave early to avoid delays caused by long lines, high winds, and flooding;
- Follow official posted evacuation routes and do not try to take short cuts because roads may be blocked; and
- Remember the **Five P's of Evacuation** – People, Prescriptions, Papers, Personal Needs, and Priceless Items.

If you are in an area without an evacuation notice, take shelter from high winds and flood waters by following these tips:

- Stay inside away from windows and glass doors. If you are in a mobile home or temporary structure, move to a sturdy building;
- For protection against high winds, go to a [FEMA Safe Room](#), an [ICC 500 storm shelter](#), or a small, interior, windowless room such as a bathroom or closet, on the lowest level not likely to flood; and
- If you are in an area that is flooding, move to a location on higher ground before floodwaters prevent your ability to leave.

Stay safe during and after a hurricane by avoiding floodwaters on roads, walkways, bridges, and on the ground. Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not attempt to cross floodwater! The depth of the water is not always obvious; flood waters can hide damaged and washed out roadways, and only a few inches of moving water can knock an adult off their feet, and a foot of water can sweep away a large vehicle.

Take your disaster preparedness to the next level! America's PrepareAthon! has valuable resources to prepare for [hurricanes](#), [floods](#), [earthquakes](#), [wildfires](#), [tornadoes](#), and [winter storms](#).

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The Atlantic hurricane season runs June 1 through November 30.

Now is a good time to become familiar with the [hurricane-related notifications](#) issued by the National Weather Service (NWS), including watches and warnings.

- **Hurricane Watch:** An announcement that sustained winds of 74 mph or higher are possible within a specified area. Watches are issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds. During a watch, tune in to your NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, or television for information and conduct outside preparedness activities. You can use the America's PrepareAthon! [How to Prepare for a Hurricane](#) Guide for help with storm preparations.
- **Hurricane Warning:** An announcement that sustained winds of 74 mph or higher are expected within a specified area. Warnings are issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds. During a warning, complete storm preparations and immediately leave the threatened area if directed by local officials.

Threats from hurricanes include high winds, heavy rainfall, tornadoes, coastal and inland flooding, and storm surge. According to NWS, storm surge produced by hurricanes is one of the greatest threats to life and property along the coast.

You can get more information on line at <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

School's Out: Traffic Safety Tips

Palm Beach County Public Schools Closed June 2 for the Summer

School is closed in Palm Beach County, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), The Ocean Ridge Police Department, 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, ORPD, 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.

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- 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.

This Summer, Put Safety at the Top of Your Travel Checklist

June 5, 2017

~ DHSMV launches Safe Summer Travel Campaign ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) has launched its Safe Summer Travel Campaign, reminding motorists put safety at the top of their travel checklist this summer. With more residents and visitors on Florida's roadways, the DHSMV and its Division of the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) are partnering with the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Sheriffs Association and AAA – The Auto Club Group to help ensure all travelers *Arrive Alive*.

"Summer is one of the busiest times on Florida's roadways, and motorists should take critical steps before departing to avoid a crisis on the road," said DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. "Whether it's a day-trip or family vacation, ensure you and your vehicle are travel-ready by checking your tires, checking for recalls and always buckle up."

Florida law requires that all drivers, all front seat passengers and all passengers under the age of 18 buckle up. In 2016, 42 percent of those who were killed in crashes in vehicles where seatbelt use is required chose not to wear their seatbelts. Every time you get into a vehicle, no matter where you are sitting, buckle up.

"The Florida Highway Patrol will be a visible safety presence on Florida roadways this summer, educating the motoring public and taking enforcement action when needed," said Colonel Gene Spaulding, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "Seatbelts have saved the lives of thousands of drivers and passengers, so be sure to buckle up every time you get in your vehicle."

In 2016, 4,309 tire-related crashes occurred in Florida, resulting in 1,424 injuries and 57 fatalities. As a vehicle's first line of defense, tires should be routinely inspected and maintained. DHSMV recommends drivers do the following:

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- Check the vehicle's tire pressure. Under-inflated tires can overheat in Florida's summer weather and endanger the lives of motorists and their passengers.
- Ensure the vehicle's tires have adequate tire tread.
- Ensure your vehicle is not overloaded. An overloaded vehicle creates excessive heat inside tires, which can result in premature tire wear, blowouts and hydroplaning.
- Check to make sure you have a spare tire and that it is in good condition.

In addition to educating Floridians on the importance of tire safety and seat belt use, the DHSMV reminds motorists to follow this critical **Safe Summer Travel Checklist**:

- **Prepare for driving in inclement weather.** Summer is hurricane season in Florida, and along with an increased number of wildfires, drivers should familiarize themselves in changing weather conditions. Drivers should know their evacuation routes, check road closures and call *FHP to report unsafe road conditions.
- **NEVER leave children or pets in vehicles unattended.** Summer can be incredibly hot in Florida and leaving children or pets unattended for even a short time can be deadly. Make sure all passengers are accounted for when exiting the vehicle.
- **Register emergency contact information.** In the event of an emergency, make sure law enforcement knows who to call. The DHSMV allows all driver license and ID card holders to register up to two designated emergency contacts. Log on to flhsmv.gov/eci to register or update contacts.
- **Check for recalls.** Always make sure your vehicle is in peak condition to travel. Check for recalls before hitting the road at safercar.gov.
- **Slow down.** Obey all posted speed limits. Speeding increases the probability and severity of a crash.
- **Drive Sober.** Plan ahead and designate a sober driver or call a ride service. Report impaired drivers by dialing *FHP (*347).

Throughout June and July, campaign partners will also be educating Floridians on critical safe driving and vehicle maintenance practices during the busy summer months.

"As summer in Florida brings waves of people to our roads and highways, it's absolutely imperative that we work together to educate and encourage drivers to practice safe driving behaviors," said Coconut Creek Police Chief Butch Arenal, President of the Florida Police Chiefs Association. "Our officers are out every day protecting the millions of residents and guests in our state, but this absolutely must be a collaborative effort."

"Florida is one of the most desired vacation destinations in the world because of its beautiful beaches and outstanding theme parks," said Florida Sheriffs Association President, Sheriff Jerry Demings. "Florida sheriffs work to provide a safe environment for our residents and visitors, and proudly support the Safe Summer Travel campaign."

"When traveling this summer, take a moment to ensure the safety of you and your loved ones," Florida Department of Children and Families Secretary Mike Carroll said. "When we get in a hurry, we can make mistakes – fatal mistakes such as forgetting to buckle up or unintentionally leaving a child in a car. It takes only minutes for a child to have a heat stroke. Use prevention measures that fit your needs when you're on the road this summer."

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The public is encouraged to report aggressive or impaired drivers by dialing *FHP (*347) and check traffic conditions before departing for their trip. For more information, real time traffic conditions and additional travel information, visit: www.flhsmv.gov/summertravel.

[The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles](http://www.flhsmv.gov) provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov, follow us on Twitter @[FLHSMV](https://twitter.com/FLHSMV) or find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FLHSMV).

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Police Department personnel are beginning our pre-storm hurricane season reviews. This includes the patrol of the town to locate and identify any locations where violations of Town Code such as unsecured roof tiles or trees in wires exist. Should we locate an area where there are unsecured construction materials, especially unsecured roof materials; or where trees are in the utility wires, we will notify the property owner where the tree emanates from or the violation exists, to take corrective action. In addition, we are working with utility vendors and contractors to eliminate these conditions before they become a life safety issue.

As always it is the owner of records responsibility to ensure that their property is in compliance. As such I have copied the two most relevant Town Codes that we are reviewing at this time.

Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances

Sec. 67-3. - *Removal and securing of construction materials during tropical storm and hurricane warning or watch required.*

(a) *When the National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center or appropriate weather agency shall declare a tropical storm watch or warning or a hurricane watch or warning for any portion of the county, all construction materials, including roof tiles, and debris on all building and construction sites within the town shall be secured, stored or removed so as not to create a safety hazard because of hurricane or tropical storm force winds.*

(b) *Media broadcasts or notices issued by the National Weather Service or National Hurricane Center of a tropical storm watch or warning or a hurricane watch or warning shall be deemed sufficient notice to the owner of real property upon which construction is occurring or any contractor responsible for said construction to secure, store or remove loose construction debris and loose construction materials against the effects of high winds.*

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- (c) *Materials stockpiled on top of any structure under construction shall be permanently installed by the property owner or contractor upon issuance of a tropical storm watch or warning or a hurricane watch or warning; provided, however, in the event such installation cannot be timely completed, then the property owner or contractor shall:*
- (1) *Band together the construction materials and mechanically fasten them to the top of the structure in such a manner so as not to present a threat of their becoming airborne during a tropical storm or hurricane; or*
 - (2) *Remove the construction materials from the top of the structure and mechanically tie down to the ground; or*
 - (3) *Remove the construction materials from the job site; or*
 - (4) *Store the construction materials inside a protected structure.*
- (d) *Said construction materials or debris shall remain secured, stored or removed from the property until the National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center or other appropriate weather agency has removed all portions of the county from those areas included in a tropical storm watch or warning or a hurricane watch or warning.*
- (e) *From June 1 to November 30 of each calendar year (the National Weather Service designated hurricane season), construction or roofing materials which are loaded on a roof shall immediately be tied down and shall remain tied down in such a manner as to prevent such materials from being blown off the roof by heavy winds until the permanent installation of the materials.*
- (f) *It shall be the joint responsibility of the owner and general contractor to remove, secure or to see to the removal or securing of all construction materials and debris as set forth in this section.*
- (g) *In the event of a violation of this section, in addition to all other remedies provided in the code of ordinances and otherwise by law, the town may take whatever emergency action it deems necessary to secure, store or remove all loose construction materials and debris including, but not limited to, roof tiles and roofing materials. In such circumstances, the town shall bill the property owner or his agent for all charges and expenses incurred whether incurred by the utilization of town personnel and materials or other outside contractors retained by the town for these purposes. The securing of an outside contractor to perform these services shall be deemed to be the securing of emergency services and shall not require the town to utilize a competitive bid process to select a contractor or contractors. Should the bill for such services remain unpaid for a period of 30 days or more, the town may record a claim of lien encumbering the property and thereafter proceed according to law to enforce said lien.*

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(h) *The enforcement procedures contained in this section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other enforcement procedures or remedies available to the town for the enforcement of its Code of Ordinances.*

(Ord. No. 540, 3-13-2003)

Cross reference— *Emergency management, ch. 18.*

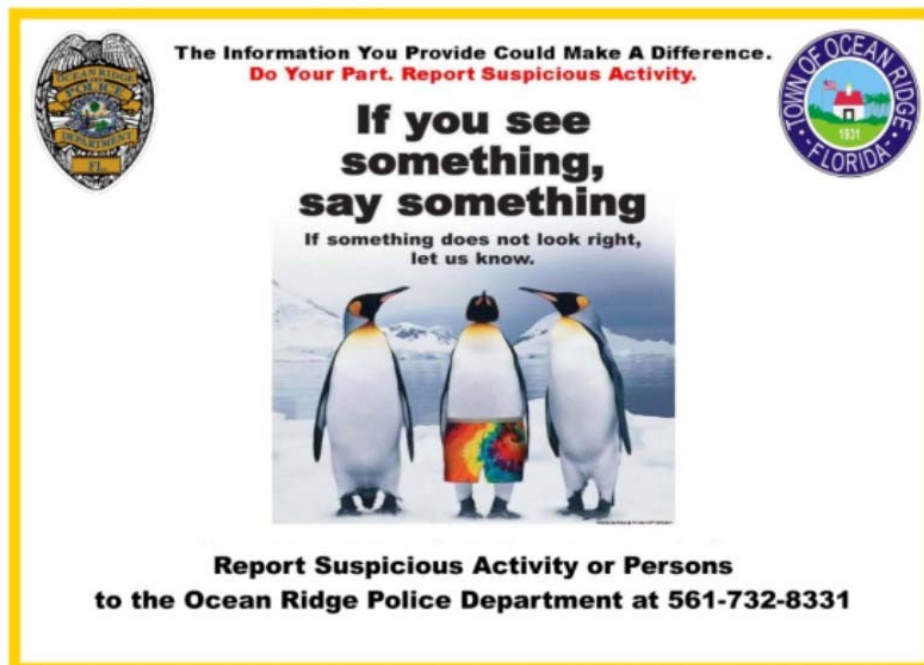
Sec. 66-151. - *Tree permits.*

(7)

*Tree trimming and maintenance. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in chapter 66, article IV, **all trees shall be trimmed and maintained so as not to come in contact or otherwise obstruct or interfere with power or other utility lines or facilities. Property owners shall be responsible for complying with this subsection with respect to all trees located on their property, on privately granted utility easements for which their property exists as the servient estate and on any adjacent rights of way upon which the property owner has sought permission or a license from the town to plant or maintain landscaping including trees.** No permit will be required from the Town for such trimming or maintenance provided, however, that such trimming or maintenance shall comply with the provisions of subsection (6) above.*

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

REMEMBER



Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **None July or August**

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6415 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: Jeff at JeffLev02@gmail.com / **Social Media:** [facebook.com/SWATJIL](https://www.facebook.com/SWATJIL)

Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **June 24**

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:** seaangels.org

Anthrax Committee

What: Should Ocean Ridge be exposed to an aerosolized airborne anthrax event, Ocean Ridge and FL Dept. of Health will provide needed antibiotics at no cost as part of a program under the auspices of the CDC. Residents are encouraged to become dispensing volunteers.

When: Attend two hours of meetings per year.

Where/Time: TBD.

Who: Ocean Ridge Residents—no experience necessary

Contact: Terri Vinas at vinasfam@aol.com / [Volunteer Form](#)

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, Monday—Friday.

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