



July E-Mail Newsletter

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Agendas, announcements, meetings and ordinances are linked when available.

Calendar of Events

- 07.01.08 Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am
- 07.04.08 Town Hall Closed – Independence Day
Boynton Beach 4th of July Celebration Information
- 07.05.08 All American Beach Cleanup 8-10:30am
- 07.07.08 Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm

Town Hall News and Announcements

Road and Bridge Closures

6/13-7/2/08 North Ocean Blvd. (A1A), north of The Inlet, will be closed due to work in Manalapan. Please use an alternate route.

6/2-9/9/08 Woolbright bridge closed for repairs. Please use Ocean Avenue bridge as an alternative.

Tree-Trimming Contractor List

Do not attempt to trim any vegetation growing on or near any overhead power lines. Only specially trained line-clearing professionals should work around power lines. Click on title to access listed provided by FPL.

Hurricane Season – June 1 through November 30

June 1st begins the Atlantic Hurricane season. If you have not prepared, there is still time to create a plan and supplies kit with everything you need. The Town's website provides a plethora of information on hurricane preparedness. Below you may access the Town's website by clicking on the first link. Additionally, there are other links to the Police Chief's letter, hurricane guide, and information on Hurricane Preparedness Week.



- [Town Of Ocean Ridge Hurricane Information](#)
- [Hurricane Preparedness Guides \(2008\)](#)
- [Hurricane Preparedness Letter from Police Chief Hillery](#)

*Call the
Citizen Information
Line at 738-ORFL
(6735) for Town
and Police News
Alerts.*

Flood Insurance and Flood Hazard Information

The Town of Ocean Ridge has been verified as a Class 8 community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). As a result of our NFIP participation, homeowners receive a 10% discount for 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. To read the Flood Hazard Information letter in its entirety please [click here](#).

For more information on flood insurance, flooding, Town's FIRM MAP, NFIP/FEMA handbook and much, much more, please [click here](#).

New Town Ordinances

[Ordinance No. 575](#) - Providing for the rezoning of a parcel of land consisting of 556 square feet, more or less, located along the northern boundary of the property owned by the Town located at the northwest corner of Woolbright Road and A1A, as described more particularly herein, from (PO) public ownership to the (RSF) single family residential district.

[Ordinance No. 576](#) - Authorizing the revision of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to amend the designation of 556 square feet, more or less, located along the northern boundary of property owned by the Town located at the northwest corner of Woolbright Road and A1A, as described more particularly herein, from conservation to single family residence and providing an effective date.

[Ordinance No. 577](#) - Amending Article IV, Division 4, Section 66-161(G), of the Code of Ordinances to provide consistency with requirements of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Town Code Highlight: Permitted Signs

Temporary signs for residential and construction are permitted under the following guidelines:

- a. Residential uses. One unilluminated, freestanding sign with white background, not exceeding 40 square inches in size to



advertise the sale or rental of the premises upon which it is erected, and one additional unilluminated sign with white background, not exceeding two square feet in size, said sign to read "Open" or "Open House," may be displayed as an accessory to the advertising sign referred to herein, provided that it shall be displayed only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All such signs shall be removed within one week after the premises have been sold or rented.

b. Construction signs. One unilluminated, freestanding sign with white background denoting the name and telephone number of the architect, or engineer or general contractor when placed on construction sites and not exceeding a total of 40 square inches in surface area, and provided such sign shall be removed upon the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or abandonment of work.

c. Sign setbacks. No sign permitted by this section shall be closer than three feet from the paved surface of a road.

A permit sticker must be placed on the sign or the post visible to code enforcement officers. The permit fee is \$5.00 permit fee. To read the entire chapter 70, please click [here](#).

Police Department News and Announcements

Boynton Beach Fire/Rescue Department Insurance Rating and Alarm Ordinance



Although your Police Department also responds to these calls, Ocean Ridge contracts with the Boynton Beach Fire/Rescue Department to handle fire alarms, smoke conditions, fires, and sick/injured persons. Two things have occurred recently that the residents of Ocean Ridge should be aware of; namely, BBF/RD's upgraded insurance rating and their alarm ordinance.

All Fire Departments are rated by the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) on a scale of 1-10; with 1 being the best. Last month, BBF/RD's rating rose from a 4 to a 2. This is of significance to every homeowner in Town because property insurance premiums are based on the ISO rating. You are encouraged to contact your insurance company to let them know of this change and you may find that your premium will be lowered.

Those of you who have a monitored fire alarm system have probably received a letter from BBF/RD regarding Boynton's Alarm Ordinance. We have received many phone calls asking if the letter and the cost for the alarm permit outlined therein are legitimate.

The answer is Yes! A part of the contract between the municipalities required that Ocean Ridge comply with all related Boynton Beach ordinances. Therefore, you are responsible for this one time fee.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup – All American Cleanup July 5th



What: Beach cleanup

When: First Saturday of every month

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

Time: 8-10:30am

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

What's provided: Free parking, bags, gloves, and refreshments available to participants only. Free t-shirts and hot dogs while supplies last. School and community service volunteer credit forms available.

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

Contact: Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128

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