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Ocean Ridge Tidings

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A monthly email newsletter for the residents of Ocean Ridge.

Briny Breezes Awards Police Services to Ocean Ridge

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Town of Briny Breezes has voted to contract with Ocean Ridge for police services for the next 3 years. We provided these services to Briny Breezes previously and look forward to serving them again. Being neighbors we have a lot in common and will provide them with the same quality service we provide for our residents. We greatly appreciate their confidence in our police department and I'm sure we'll provide the service they require and deserve.

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Maximum Height of Single-Family Reduced

On June 7, 2010, Ordinance No. 586 was approved and adopted by the Town Commission which amends the Code of Ordinances decreasing the maximum height of a single story residence from 28 feet to 24 feet and reducing the maximum tie beam for a single-story residence. The subsection shall read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 64-1(j)(3): Maximum Building Height

(3) Maximum building height shall be no more than 24 feet for single story buildings or 36 feet for two story buildings to the ridge or highest point of the structure, including all nonhabitable architectural features, but excluding chimneys, as measured from the top of the lowest finished floor elevation of the first floor, as described in section 67-32. No building with more than two stories is permitted. No chimneys, including caps, shall exceed four feet in height from the ridge of the roof.

The Town Commission determined that the recommendations of the Planning & Zoning are in the best interest of the Town and its residents.

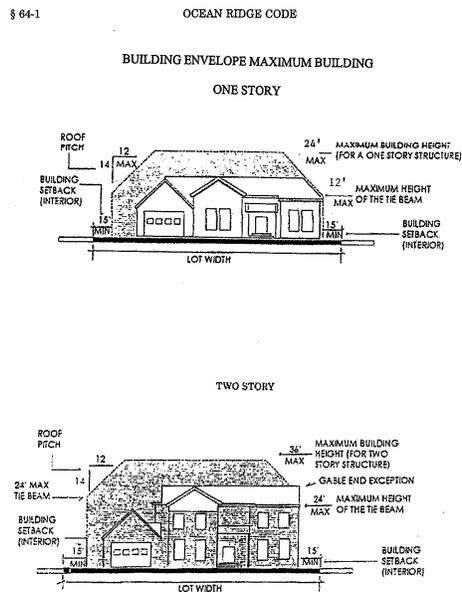


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Sand Sifters
Beach Cleanup
8-10:15am—
accepting donations
for the
“Delta Demons”

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Independence Day



Town Hall Closed
-No inspections
-Contractors may work
-Trash collection on
schedule for Tues.

Code Enforcement
Hearing @ 10am
(tentative)

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Regular Town
Commission Meeting
@ 6pm

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Budget Review/
Proposed Millage
Meeting @ 8:30am





Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

Update: Deepwater Horizons Oil Spill

On June 29, 2010 at 1010hrs members of the Ocean Ridge Police Department experienced our first “Tar Ball” incident. As a result, two issues came to light and I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify what our response will be regarding future cases:

1. Because of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill incident, the public has become alarmed and focused on any tar that comes ashore. Such debris creates a potential health safety concern and persons closer to the scene of the disaster have become ill from contact. Therefore, the recommended response is to consider the debris as a **“Hazardous Material”**. **DO NOT TOUCH or collect the debris, nor allow any untrained personnel to do so. Call ORPD at 561-732-8116 and an officer will respond.**

- a. Once at the scene, the officer will confirm and report the findings to our Dispatcher. The Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center’s Warning Point will be notified. Once the phone call has been made, the officer will follow the instruction given by EOC or other trained personnel.
- b. Should someone bring recovered “Tar Balls” to the Police Station, DO NOT bring them into the building. Again, this is potentially “Hazardous Material” and should be treated as such. Leave/Move the items outside, make the call to the PBC EOC Warning Point and follow the instructions given.

2. There are only two places designated to receive phone calls in the event of a confirmed sighting of “Tar”. The preferred method of reporting is to call the PBC EOC Warning Point. You may call the main number @ 561-712-6400 and follow the recorded prompt to push 2 to reach the 24/7 Dispatcher or you can call the direct number 561-712-6428. The secondary number to call is the State of FL Warning Point at 800-320-0519

It is extremely important to point out that **NO OIL SPILL CONNECTED materials have been found anywhere in our area.** In addition, “tar” from various sources has been coming ashore for decades. The Town of Ocean Ridge has been partnered with the Palm Beach County Department of Emergency Management since the incident started. In fact, our County’s Response Plan has already been forwarded to the appropriate authorities for implementation, should it be needed. Rest assured that we are all monitoring the situation and will update everyone as needed.



**PBC
Emergency
Management**



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Budget Cuts Hit Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control

Source: Excerpts from News Release issued: June 23, 2010

As of July 1st, 2010 Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control will no longer respond to pick up wildlife; such as injured birds or mammals. The Division will continue to handle rabies surveillance for Palm Beach County; which includes: quarantine, testing and response to rabies vector species and human & animal exposure.

Residents who find injured birds and wildlife in need of rescue should contact Busch Wildlife Sanctuary (www.buschwildlife.com) in Jupiter at 561-575-3399 or SPCA Wildlife Care Center (www.wildcare.org) in Ft. Lauderdale at 954-524-4302.

Additional names of individuals who rehabilitate wildlife may be obtained from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (www.myfwc.com) at 561-625-5122.

Scams On The Rise In Wake Of Health Care Law

Source: (AARP Bulletin – June 2010)

State Insurance Commissioners and Attorneys General are warning consumers about a new wave of scams that are exploiting uncertainties about the new health care law. Con Artists may call, e-mail or show up at your door saying that under the law you must have health insurance or go to jail. They may even identify themselves as government officials and describe policies they're selling as "ObamaCare" insurance.

"People are terribly confused and in some cases frightened", about the new law, says Kim Holland, Oklahoma's Insurance Commissioner and Vice Chair of the Antifraud Task Force of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. "And that's something that a scammer is going to look for – the opportunity to take advantage of someone who doesn't know any better."

For the record: The requirement to have health insurance doesn't begin until 2014, and even then you can't be jailed for not having it. No real government official sells insurance, no "limited enrollment periods" exist, and there's no such thing as "ObamaCare" coverage.

Ways to protect yourself:

- Never sign up for an insurance policy without calling your state insurance department to find out whether the policy is legitimate and the seller is licensed.
- Never give your credit card, bank account, or social security number to anyone you don't know.
- And, familiarize yourself with at least the main requirements of the health care reform law.

Check out the AARP Bulletin's guide to the new law at bulletin.aarp.org/reform_guide



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July 4th: Fireworks and First Aid

Source: Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Fireworks Safety Brochure

While enjoying our nations Independence Day, it is also important to practice good safety precautions and first aid while operating fireworks. “Over 10,000 injuries are reported every year from unpredictable or improper use of fireworks. Death, blinding, amputation and severe burns are among those hazards that are caused by fireworks. Fireworks , even sparklers, can burn at temperatures up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. “ (PBCFR)

Residents should only buy fireworks that are inspected and licensed by the State or Local Fire Marshal. “These stands are inspected to insure that no illegal fireworks are being sold and that they are not being sold to minors.

Children should not handle fireworks. Fireworks are not toys and even sparklers can cause serious burns. Sparklers should be put in a bucket of water after they are out. “ (PBCFR)

Adults who use fireworks should make sure that they read the labels, warnings, and follow instructions. Adults should also keep a bucket of water and fire extinguisher close by.” (PBCFR) Remember to enjoy the holiday and practice good safety skills.

First Aid

Burn Information:

1. First degree: skin red, mild swelling, pain. Apply tepid water.
2. Second degree: red or mottled appearance, blisters. Cover with dry sterile dressing.
3. Third degree: deep tissue destruction, white or charred appearance.
 - A. Cover with dry sterile dressing.
 - B. DO NOT REMOVE adhered particles of clothing.
 - C. Treat for shock.
 - D. Get medical attention.



(PBCFR)

Vehicle Decals

Free automobile decals are available free of charge at the Police Department. These decals, when placed on the rear window of an automobile, identify the vehicles as belonging to an Ocean Ridge resident. The Police Department encourages residents to obtain one of these decals which have an individual number and will identify the vehicle immediately.

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

Expired Permits Reminder

Every month an expired permit report is generated and letters are sent to the homeowners informing them that an open building permit for their property will expire shortly as per Section 67-52 of the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances. Every permit requires a final inspection and without a final inspection the building permit is considered “not complete due to lack of final inspection” for any reporting purposes and may present delays when attempting to sell or refinance your home. Call Town Hall at 561-732-2635 to see if your property has any open permits that require attention.

Island Drive Bridge Status Update

The Island Drive bridge replacement is back on schedule after a long delay waiting for FPL and Comcast to move their lines back to the north side of the bridge. Anticipated completion date is in September.



Oceanfront Park Beach Conditions

Call 561-742-6775

U. S. Coast Guard: “No Anchoring Policy”

Source: Article from City of Boynton Beach http://www.boynton-beach.org/government/departments/public_affairs/events/salute_to_independence.html

The U. S. Coast Guard has issued the following advisory with regard to 4th of July events that are staged in coastal areas. These events have the potential to impact endangered species and/or a critical habitat, including but not limited to sea grass. Please make sure to heed the following directions:



On July 4, 2010, the U. S. Coast Guard has instituted a “no anchoring policy” in effect for all vessels in the Intracoastal Waterway, in Boynton Beach, FL.

For additional information regarding this advisory, please contact: Boynton Beach CRA at 561-737-3256.

Recycling

Place These In Your Blue Bin

Plastic Containers #1, #7
Steel Cans
Aluminum Cans
Aluminum Foil
Aluminum Pie Pans
Drink Boxes
Milk & Juice Cartons
Glass Bottles & Jars



Place These In Your Yellow Bin

Beverage Cartons
Tissue Boxes
Dry Food Boxes
Newspapers
Magazines/Catalogs
Unwanted Mail
School/Office Paper
Phone Books
Paper Bags
All Cardboard Boxes (flattened & cut to 3x3max or next to yellow bin)

Recycling is collected
on Fridays

Red Cross Heat Safety Tips

Source: Article/Tips from <http://cbs4.com/local/south.florida.sun.2.1763468.html>

- * Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or to use an umbrella.
- * Drink water. Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- * Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid high-protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.
- * Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 and 7 a.m.
- * Stay indoors when possible. If air-conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine. Remember that electric fans do not cool, they simply circulate the air.
- * Be a good neighbor. During heat waves, check in on elderly residents in your neighborhood and those who do not have air conditioning.
- * Learn Red Cross first aid and CPR.

Keep Your Animals Cool This Summer

Source: Article from HSUS, www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2010/06/protect_pets_from_heat_062310.html

It's really outside, isn't it? Your pet is feeling it too. The Humane Society offers several tips to protect our animals from the summer heat:

Never leave your pets in a parked car. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85 degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die. If you see an animal in distress in a parked car.

Shade and water are a must. Anytime your pet is outside, make sure he or she has protection from heat and sun (a doghouse does not provide relief from heat) and plenty of fresh, cool water. Heat stroke can be fatal for pets as well as people.

Limit exercise on hot days. Take care when exercising your pet. Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets who, because of their short noses, typically have difficulty breathing.

Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible.

Recognize the signs of heatstroke. In case of an emergency, it's important to be able to identify the symptoms of heat stress caused by exposure to extreme temperatures. When in doubt, contact your veterinarian immediately. Some signs of heatstroke are: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, restlessness, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, and unconsciousness. If the animal shows symptoms of heatstroke, take steps immediately to gradually lower her body temperature and contact your vet as soon as possible.

If you fear your pet may be suffering heatstroke, following these tips could save her life:

- * Move the animal into the shade or an air-conditioned area.
- * Apply ice packs or cold towels to her head, neck and chest or run cool (not cold) water over her.
- * Let her drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.
- * Take her directly to a veterinarian.



THE BOYNTON BEACH CRA
PRESENTS

SALUTE TO INDEPENDENCE

SUNDAY, JULY 4
FREE EVENT

6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Live Music by Synthesis Band

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

9:00 p.m. Spectacular Fireworks by



INTRACOASTAL PARK

Federal Hwy., South of Gateway Blvd.
Free Park & Ride from Bank of America,
Federal Hwy. & Ocean Ave.

Park opens at 6:00 p.m.
FOOD & DRINK VENDORS ON SITE

NO pets or personal fireworks permitted!!

For more information call 561.742.6246 or visit www.boyntonbeachcra.com



Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

Join the Sand Sifters for our
All American Beach Cleanup and help us collect needed
 supplies for our Adopted Soldiers, *The Delta Demons*.

The Delta Demons are The 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), that are currently participating in the heaviest fighting in Afghanistan. Contribute cards of encouragement and donate necessary supplies. These will be made into care packages and sent to the soldiers by the City of Boynton Beach.

Saturday July 3, 2010

8:00am-10:15am

**Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd
 Meet at pavilion in the lower parking lot.**

**You may drop off donations at the beach cleanup on July 3
 or at Ocean Ridge Town Hall between June 28—July 2,
 8:30am- 3pm. Additionally, you may drop off donations at
 the Boynton Beach City Hall Monday—Thursday,
 7am-6pm, in City Hall Lobby.**

Community Service Hours Awarded

Visit our Website:

www.SandSifters.org

Pre-Registration Requested:

GSolomon@SandSifters.org

or (561)734-9128.

Sponsors:

Sand Sifters Volunteers

City of Boynton Beach Recreation & Parks Department

Town of Ocean Ridge

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department



Supply Wish List

Letters of Encouragement (Unsealed)

Books

Comic Books

Crossword Puzzles, Word Searches, Sudoku

Deck of Cards

Magazines

Movies

Phone Cards

Travel Size Games (Chess, Checkers)

Baby Powder

Baby Wipes

Body Wash

Body Spray

Chapstick

Hand Warmers

Febreze

Foot Warmers

Laundry Detergent (travel size)

Mouthwash

Suntan Lotion

Tooth Brushes

Sun Glasses

Beef Jerky

Cookies

Crackers

Crystal Lite On-The-Go Packets

Hard Candy

Powdered Drinks, esp. Gatorade

Pringles

Blank Birthday Cards

Blank Writable CD's

Blue & Black Pens

Digital or Disposable Cameras

Envelopes

Fly Paper (some areas where the soldiers live have

lots of flies)

Memory Cards (i.e. PS P's)

Memory Sticks

Notebooks

Volunteer Opportunities



Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup: All American Beach Cleanup!

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup.

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **July 3rd**

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

Time: 8-10:15am

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

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

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

Contact: Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128

Town Hall Library

What: Shelve and organize books in the Town Library.

When: **Currently, there are stacks of books that need to be shelved.**

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

Recipe: Chocolate Fudge Pecan Pie

Source: Gary Solomon, Sand Sifters/RecipeExchange.com

Ingredients

1 9inch deep dish pie shell

Filling

3 jumbo eggs

1/4c brown sugar

1/4c granulated sugar

1/2tsp salt

1 1/4cups semi sweet chocolate chips

1 1/2cups pecans, chunky chopped

Directions

Partially Pre-Baked Pie Shell:

Prick pie shell all over with a fork. Line pie shell with foil and dry beans. Bake the pie shell for 5 minutes at 400F degrees.

Remove from oven.

Melt chocolate chips in a metal bowl over a pot of boiling water.

Make sure water does not touch metal bowl. Mix with spatula until smooth. Take off of pot and allow to cool slightly.

Mix all the filling ingredients together and pour into pie shell. Bake at 350F degrees for 55 minutes. Cover if crust browns too fast. Remove from oven. Cool completely on wire rack. Serve with delicious homemade whipped cream.



Photo credit: Collins Street Bakery, Corsicana, TX

Use the second lowest oven rack for pie baking. This trick usually insures a cooked bottom to the pie crust. It will be closer to the heat element. It is best, of course, to have an old fashioned pie tin that were made with small holes in the bottom of the tin. I have been able to purchase them at antique shows and flea markets. They make the world of a difference. ~ Cooking tip from

Gary Solomon's RecipeExchange.com