



Ocean Ridge Tidings



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

Budget Meeting Information

At the July 7th Regular Town Commission meeting the Commission discussed and approved to have the proposed budget meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd at 8:30AM. The agenda and proposed budget for FY 2014/15 will be posted on the town's website www.oceanridgeflorida.com when available. Any additions or changes to the town's calendar will be noted on the town's website.

Expiring Building Permits

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. This is an informative and beneficial letter letting the homeowner know that every permit requires a final inspection and no positive inspection has been scheduled for a period of six months. The expired building permit will be considered "not completed and open due to the lack of a final inspection" for any reporting purposes and may present delays when attempting to sell or refinance your home.

If the permit is ready for a final inspection, please call the contractor listed on the building permit to have them schedule the final inspection with the town. Also, make sure the permit with yellow permit card is posted. If the permit is not ready for an inspection, you may renew the permit one time within 6 months of expiration, if there are no changes to the original permit, and a \$45.00 renewal fee (cash or check only) must be submitted to the town. If there are changes, a new application with two copies of the back-up material must be submitted and the fee will be based on the new estimated cost of the project with no eligible refunds.

Six Years Ago...

On July 22, 2008 at 12:58pm a twin engine Cessna N3990C struck the Ocean Ridge Town Hall and Police Complex which was still under construction at the time. After the impact with the building, the plane fell to the ground and struck the cement light pole knocking out FPL power, AT & T phone lines, and Comcast cable utilities. Damage to the building was limited to a small portion of the roof and front gable structure. The pilot was injured but has since recovered. Miraculously, no one else was hurt in the accident.





General Information

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

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

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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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

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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

July

- 1: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers
- 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
- 23: Special Town Commission meeting/Proposed Budget/Millage meeting at 8:30AM in chambers
- 26: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

August

- 1: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 4: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 5: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 15: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 29: Palm Beach County's Book Mobile in parking lot from 1:00PM-1:45PM
- 30: 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.

Obituaries

Thomas E. Dyer

Thomas E. Dyer, 84, passed away June 30, 2014. Mr. Dyer was a long-time prior resident of Ocean Ridge and most recently resided in Manalapan. Mr. Dyer served as an Ocean Ridge Commissioner for 14 years (several years as Mayor). Mr. Dyer was the founder and developer of Palm Beach Memorial Park. Mr. Dyer was an avid golfer and croquet player. Mr. Dyer was also the founder of Pine Tree Golf Club and a member of the Palm Beach Croquet Association. Donations in his memory can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 75817, Topeka, KS 66657.

Garland "Smitty" Smith

Garland "Smitty" Smith, 76, passed away June 21, 2014. Smitty was a part-time Ocean Ridge Police Officer from 1977 to 2006. Smitty worked mostly during the day shift on weekends around his full-time job with FPL. Smitty was referred to as – the kindest, jolliest man with the most animated laugh. A memorial service that was well attended was held on June 30th followed by a celebration of life funded by the Ocean Ridge Support Group. He will truly be missed by the staff of Ocean Ridge and many residents that knew him through the years. Donations in his memory can be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach FL 33407.



July's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the July 7, 2014 meeting:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting held June 2, 2014 and the Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2014
2. Approved Resolution No. 2014-05; Supporting the Location of Major League Baseball Teams in Central Palm Beach County (John Prince Park)
3. Approved a Land Development Permit for the construction of a pool and patio extension that would extend 180'(+/-) east of the Coastal Construction Control Line at 6029 Old Ocean Blvd.
4. Consensus for Town Attorney to review whether the current code regarding "no commercial" could be amended to address the one property remaining (5011 Building) by possibly grandfathering it unless a 6 month abandonment period occurs or if damage by natural causes is not repaired within a 1 year period. This would allow the property to retain the residential zoning, grandfathering, and provide a loss of grandfathering status if abandoned without a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, creating a new Zoning District and a new Land Use Map
5. Confirmed the hiring of Kady Southworth as Dispatcher/Clerk
6. Approved a one year renewal of the Landscaping and Maintenance Contract with Chris Wayne and Assoc. in the amount of \$43,008 (no fee increase)
7. Directed Town Attorney and Staff to revise Ord. 603 (Rental Registrations) with language to allow the monitoring of rental *property owners* through an annual fee per *property owner* and excluding any personal information from the application
8. Approved Resolution No. 2014-06; Acknowledging the Right of Employees and Residents to Contact the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) when they Become Aware of Mismanagement in any Local Government
9. Consensus for agenda backup correspondence to be posted on the website along with the agenda for future meetings
10. ANNOUNCED THAT WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014 AT 8:30 AM THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE BUDGET PRESENTATION AND ADOPTED A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE



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 **June 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>
Burglary/Autos (7 Cases)	6/7/2014	6/6/2014 8:30PM – 6/7/2014 8:30AM	5500 - 5600 blks N. Ocean Blvd. & 100 blk Dolphin Rd.	Numerous vehicles entered overnight by unknown suspects. Loose change sunglasses, CD's, flashlight, cell phone, etc. taken. ALL VEHICLES WERE LEFT UNLOCKED.
Theft	6/10/2014	6/9/2014 12Noon – 6/10/14 10:00AM	6800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Surf Board stolen from locked shed.
Violation of Town Code/Maintenance	6/11/2014	11:16AM	5600 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Stairways and handrails to second floor of apartment complex found to be in disrepair. Town's Building Inspector present to document conditions. Repairs pending.
Stolen Vehicle/Recovered	6/14/2014	4:30PM	6600 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Resident reported his pickup truck stolen by neighbor's girlfriend. Vehicle later recovered abandoned in Delray Beach. Charges pending.
Violation of Town Code/Maintenance	6/22/2014	7:50AM	100 blk Eleuthera Dr.	Home in Foreclosure suffering from lack of maintenance of yard, seawall, etc. Code Enforcement efforts begun.
Suspicious Vehicle/Possession of Marijuana arrest	6/24/2014	12:38AM	5700 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	While investigating a resident's report of a Suspicious Vehicle, driver found to be in possession of drugs. Turned over to the Palm Beach County Jail.
Burglary/Auto	06/25/2014	06/23/2014 1:00PM-3:00PM	100 blk Ridge Blvd	Vehicle parked at construction site. Wallet with credit cards stolen. VEHICLE WAS UNLOCKED.
Traffic Stop/Arrest	6/26/2014	11:15AM	6100 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Following a traffic stop for speeding, driver found to have a Suspended Driver's License. This was her seventh offense. Turned over to Palm Beach County Jail.

“Flipping” Has Nothing To Do With Acrobatics

Most crime is simply based on opportunity. As the above eight (8) Burglary/Auto incidents will attest, such was the case when these vehicles were left unlocked. No locked vehicles in the area were entered.

“Flipping” is the term for simply pulling on car handles as the criminal walks down the street or thru a parking lot. Like pulling on a slot machine, if the door opens they win! Anything of value is taken.

Please lock your car at all times. In addition, if you see someone acting suspicious, call the Police immediately!

New Police Dispatcher Begins Work

Kady Southworth, a former Florida Highway Patrol Dispatcher, was hired on June 23, 2014. She comes to the Town of Ocean Ridge fully certified and with 5 years of experience as a Public Safety Telecommunicator. We look forward to providing the necessary training for her to function independently soon.



Distraction Thefts

Residents are advised to be on the alert for criminals who practice “Distraction Theft”. In these cases, someone will approach the resident at their home under the pretense of doing some work or providing some service at the residence or in the area. Then, while the resident is being distracted by the original person, another individual will enter the home to steal cash, jewelry, watches, etc. Depending on the circumstances, the victim may not immediately detect the loss of the stolen items.

Examples of such acts from around Palm Beach County include:

- A workman advising the resident of some problem outside with landscaping/electrical wiring/cable TV/telephone/etc. The workman encourages the resident to step outside to see the problem and discuss the solution. While they are speaking, an accomplice enters the home to take property.
- A workman poses as an employee of a utility company who is there to perform some “emergency” work. He enters the home to discuss repairs and the accomplice sneaks in to commit the theft.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Police Department cautions all residents and their household staff to be very cautious about strangers who come to their home and not to allow themselves to be distracted. Legitimate workman should have some form of identification and usually wear uniforms that clearly indicate the company name. Vehicles used by legitimate workman will normally have lettering/markings to properly identify the business. The absence of any of these should increase your suspicion regarding the validity of the situation.

If there is any doubt as to the legitimacy of anyone coming to the house or seen in the neighborhood, you are encouraged to call the Ocean Ridge Police Department at 561-732-8331. Officers will respond to assist in identifying the individuals and confirming the true nature of their presence.

The attached flyer (page 7) provides additional information on how to deal with ANY UNSOLICITED VISITOR. Please utilize these simple steps to reduce the likelihood of being victimized and to protect yourself, your property and your neighborhood.

On-line Shopping Thieves

Several incidents have occurred in Boca Raton wherein the seller of an item on the Internet meets with a potential buyer, who then runs off with the item. The Boca Raton Police Department (BRPD) is warning sellers who use Craigslist, etc. of this scam and suggesting the seller meet the buyer in the Police Department lobby or at least in their parking lot.

In order to avoid our residents from becoming similarly victimized, the Ocean Ridge Police Department (ORPD) is suggesting the same arrangements be made. Like BRPD, our Town Hall/ Police Department Complex is under 24-hour video surveillance and the ORPD lobby is open 24/7; with the Police Dispatcher also on-duty during this time.

Such an arrangement would certainly discourage a would-be thief from taking advantage of an otherwise vulnerable victim.



INFORMATIVE PRECAUTIONS

“LOCK YOUR DOOR”

“Do Not Feel Obligated to Open the Door” Answer but not Open

If you are clearly not expecting a service call then...

Speak Through The Door – Ask Questions

- “What company are you with?”
- “Why are you here?” “OK, I’ll call them.”
- “Leave now. I’m not interested or I will call the Police!”
- Have a couple of neighbors #'s on hand; call them.



The Abrams Agenda



It's that time of year again!

As we head into Hurricane Season 2014, Palm Beach County is preparing for the needs of our residents. The last eight years have been kind to us, but it only takes one storm to remind us of Mother Nature's fury. One way or the other, you can be assured that Palm Beach County emergency officials are ready and able to respond quickly to the needs of residents.

It is everybody's responsibility to be prepared in case a storm hits. Government alone cannot begin to handle all of the adverse impacts. It is up to each and every resident to have evacuation plans in

place and make sure their homes are secure.

Please refer to the "[Palm Beach County Hurricane Survival Guide](#)" in preparing for the 2014 hurricane season. It contains valuable phone numbers, lists and tips to keep your family safe in the event of a storm.

Don't wait until a hurricane is bearing down to make these important decisions. Together we can make it a safer and less worrisome hurricane season for everyone. If you have questions, please feel free to call my office at 561-355-2204 or Palm Beach County Emergency Management at 561-712-6400.

Connect with Emergency Officials Online

Emergency officials will also be communicating with residents using [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). In addition, the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management encourages you to download their free app: PBC DART. The app is designed to provide you with vital information such as your storm surge evacuation area, flood zones, nearest shelter location, grocery and building supply stores with emergency generators, and gas stations that remain open. The app also lets individuals and businesses to send damage reports, in real time, to the Emergency Operations Center, which will enable emergency workers to access and respond to areas needing attention during and after a storm.

In addition, [Ready Palm Beach County](#), provides other social media links that are used by local emergency officials before, during and after an emergency situation such as a hurricane. This site also provides information for you on a variety of topics including pets, special needs, and transportation.

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Hurricane trivia

- *The word hurricane is derived from the Taino Native American word, "hurucane," meaning evil spirit of the wind.*
- *A tropical storm is classified as a hurricane once its winds reach 74 miles per hour.*
- *Every second a large hurricane releases the energy of 10 atomic bombs.*
- *The most violent winds and heaviest rains take place in the eye wall, the ring of clouds and thunderstorms closely surrounding the eye.*

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.

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 or Ken Schenck at 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: **No cleanup for July or August**

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: **July 26**

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.

