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

Calendar of Events

- 07.28.08 Budget Meeting at 8:30am
- [08.02.08 Beach Cleanup/Turtle Talk 8-10:30am](#)
- 08.04.08 Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm
- 08.05.08 Code Enforcement at 10am
- Planning and Zoning TBA

Town Hall News and Announcements

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

A Planning and Zoning meeting will be scheduled in August (date still to be determined) to discuss exotic dune vegetation removal and the ordinances regarding parking on the streets in Town. The Town's website will be updated when the date becomes available and an email will go out to the recipients of the email newsletters.

Road and Bridge Closures

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

Town Logo Contest

The Commissioners would appreciate feedback from the residents on the entries submitted for the Town Logo Contest. Click [here](#) to see all entries submitted. When submitting feedback to the Town, please refer to the number below the entry. You may email your comments to oceanridge@comcast.net.

Pet Owners



For your animal's safety and the safety of your neighbors, please remember to secure your pets by a collar and leash as you walk them around the Town and especially on Old Ocean Blvd. where pedestrian traffic is very heavy.

Building Permit Procedures

Whether you hire a contractor or submit a permit as owner/builder (when applicable), the information found in the building permit procedures form will provide you with permitting information such as: forms necessary, fee schedule, turnaround time, and much more. Click [here](#) to read the procedures in its

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



entirety.

Forms such as permit applications, notice of commencements, and occupational license registration are also available on our website under Building & Zoning > [forms](#).

Additionally, if you or your contractor pulled a permit and you would like to know if it's ready for pick up, you may call Town Hall at 732-2635 or check status on our website under Building & Zoning > [permit status](#).

Expired Permits

Every month an expired permit report is generated and letters are sent to residents informing them that their permit will expire shortly as per the 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 inspections have been called in for a period of six months. The expired 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 your contractor to schedule an inspection with Town Hall. 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.

Resident Information Packet

New resident information packets have been typically distributed to new residents who visit the Town Hall but all residents may find the information in the packet informative. The packet is available at Town Hall and online. Meeting schedules, garbage schedule, pet tags, and phone numbers to know are just a few of the subjects covered in the resident packet. Click [here](#) to access the packet.

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.

Town Code Highlight: Fences, walls, and hedges

The height of a wall, fence or hedge located in the front yard shall

be measured on the street side of the wall, fence, or hedge from the top of the fence, wall, or hedge. The height of walls and fences (not hedges) located in the front yard setback shall not exceed four feet in height. The height of a wall, fence, or hedge located in a side or rear setback shall be measured on either side of the wall, fence or hedge from the top of the wall, fence, or hedge. Walls and fences (not hedges) located in a side or rear yard setback shall not exceed six feet in height from the lowest grade opposite such point of measurement. To read section 64-44 in its entirety please click [here](#).

Police Department News and Announcements

By Investigator Chris Yannuzzi



See www.oceanridgeflorida.com to view photo gallery.

Plane Crash Press Release

At 12:58 PM on 07/22/08 a twin engine Cessna 402B bearing N3990C struck the Ocean Ridge Town Hall/Police Department (which is still under construction) at 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL. After impact with the building, the plane fell to the ground and struck a 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. Power was restored to all residents by 7:30 PM.

The pilot of the plane was extricated by members of the Boynton Beach Fire/Rescue Department. He was taken by ambulance to Bethesda Hospital and then airlifted to Delray Community Hospital. He was listed in "Serious" condition and required surgery for head injuries. The pilot has been identified as Laurent Gillot, white male, DOB: 02/02/57 of Boca Raton. Due to his required medical treatment, he has not been interviewed yet. According to his wife, he has a commercial pilot's license and has logged many hours of flight time.

The registered owner of the plane is Jean P. Bayardelle of Boynton Beach; who also has yet to be interviewed.



At this time the cause of the crash is being investigated by the F.A.A., the N.T.S.B., and the Ocean Ridge Police Dept.

Burglar Alarms: As I write this article, I am investigating another burglary case where the alarm was not activated by the resident upon departure. In all likelihood, had the alarm been set, the burglar would have gone elsewhere, been frightened away, or been captured. The victim's vehicle was stolen during this crime and, as of this date, has not been recovered. It is a 2001 silver Toyota Avalon bearing FL tag: IAE-835. If spotted, take no action yourself other than to call 9-1-1 and report your observations.

This would be a good time to remind everyone that some criminals are brazen enough to come up to your front door and look inside to see if they can view the alarm key pad. Many of these panels have lights that indicate whether the alarm is activated or not. If the lights are off, the criminal is free to enter undetected. Conversely, if the alarm shows that it is armed, it is less likely the offender would take the chance of detection and/or apprehension.

Hurricane Preparation: Tree trimming and Coconut removal: Hurricane season runs from June 1 – November 30. As an annual service, the Police Dept. surveys properties and notifies the owners of trees that are too close to the power/telephone lines and/or palm trees that are bearing coconuts. Both of these conditions pose a threat to individuals and the community at-large should storm conditions occur. Unnecessary damage and/or loss of service can be avoided by taking the time to correct these situations. Your Police Department seeks voluntary compliance by sending a letter with photographs to the property owner. We greatly appreciate the cooperation we have received thus far from so many residents.

Unsolicited Telemarketers: A recent email indicated that telemarketers would soon be able to make unrestricted calls to your cell phone. This email was just another one of those myths. Just like your home phone, you can place your cell phone on the Federal Trade Commissions "Do Not Call" Registry. You may register your phones with the FTC at: www.donotcall.gov or 1-888-382-1222.

Please continue to call the Police Department at 561-732-8331 to report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity that you observe. These calls are never a bother and could provide the information necessary to stop a crime from occurring and/or result in the identification of suspects in other cases.



Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup and Turtle Talk



What: Beach cleanup and turtle talk.

Leanne Welch, from P.B.C. Environmental Resources Management will host a Turtle Talk. Leanne will discuss sea turtle life and hold a nest dig up if she thinks that a nest that has hatched may have some baby turtle stragglers in need of help.

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

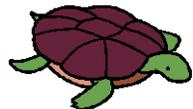
Who: Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages.

What's provided: Free parking, bags, gloves, and refreshments available to participants only. Free t-shirts 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

Nature Watch



Turtle Season

March 1st - October 31st

Remember to turn the lights out on the beach.

Contact information

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

561-732-2635 Phone, 561-737-8359 Fax

561-732-8331 Police, 9-1-1 Emergency

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