



Ocean Ridge Tidings

A monthly email newsletter for the residents of Ocean Ridge

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2010-11 Budget & Future Meeting Dates

On July 27, the Town Commission met during the budget meeting and set the millage rate at 5.4 which is the same as the current year. The Commission also made several changes reducing the budget by \$23,441.

The budget book, including the revision memorandum, is posted online. To view the budget, please visit the Town's website www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

The following are future budget meeting dates:

- * Sept. 8: Tentative Adoption of Budget @ 5:01pm with Regular Town Commission Meeting to follow immediately after.
- * Sept. 22: Final Adoption of Budget Meeting at 5:01pm.

New Building Permit Applications

The Town's building permit application now requires two signatures: property owner's/duly authorized agent notarized signature AND the contractor/qualifier's notarized signature. An original permit must be submitted with two copies of back-up material (product approvals, surveys, plans, etc.), contractor/proposal reflecting the estimated cost of the job, and notice of commencement if applicable. The permit fee is due at the time of submittal (cash or check only.) Call 561-732-2635 if you have questions.

Removing & Securing Construction Materials

All building and construction sites within the Town shall at all times be kept free of loose debris, paper, construction material waste, scrap construction material and other trash produced from the site. All materials and equipment used, placed or stored upon any building or construction site shall be maintained within the perimeter of the building site. (Sec. 67-1 Removal of debris from construction sites; storage of equipment and materials)

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

Each of the above mentioned sections of the Town's Code of Ordinances is available online if you would like to read the entire sections referenced.

South Florida Water Management District's interactive web features search for free activities!



Find out where YOU can ENJOY your next outdoor ADVENTURE!

LEARN MORE ►

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*Regular Town
Commission Meeting
@ 6pm*

*Code Enforcement
Hearing @ 10am*

*Sand Sifters Beach
Cleanup, Turtle Talk
& Beach Cleanup -
Oceanfront Park
@ 8-10:15am*

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*Primary Election
7am-7pm
Town Hall*

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Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

Doing More With Less

Despite Ocean Ridge's affluence and status in Palm Beach County, the Budget Grinch did not pass us by. In these difficult economic times, extraordinary means must be considered when attempted to balance the needs of the community versus the anticipated dollars from ad valorem taxes.

Such was the case with regard to the Police Department. The FY 2010/11 Budget, as presented, includes the elimination of one officer position. However, the plan also includes a new work schedule that will not be impacted by this reduction and should provide for better coverage; all at a savings in overall personnel costs.

In addition, due to the Town being awarded a grant, one Police vehicle will be replaced by State funds. A second vehicle will be purchased with surplus funds from the current budget; thereby totally eliminating these costs from next year's expenses. It should be noted that this is the second time this year that grant funds have been used to reduce an expense. We are able to partially offset the cost of a new computer with a grant from a Federal Government Justice Assistance Grant.

Rest assured that the process to identify cost-saving methods and/or sources of funding will not stop as we continue our efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of your Police Department.

Drowning Prevention, Rip Currents, Pool Safety Brochures

In addition to Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Leisure Times and turtle season brochures, we now have additional brochures located in Town Hall/Police Department on the following subject areas:

- * Drowning Prevention from the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County
- * Break the Grip of the RIP from NOAA's National Weather Service
- * Safety Barrier Guidelines for Home Pools from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission
- * Pool Safety for Homeowners CD from the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue & The Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County
- * Pool Safety & CPR decal from the Palm Beach County's Sheriff's Office

All brochures, CDs, decals, and magazines are available while supplies last.

If you would like additional information on the Palm Beach County Drowning Prevention Coalition (DPC) please call 561-616-7068 or visit www.pbcgov.com/dpc. The DPC offers free swimming instruction for children. Inserted in this newsletter is the brochure "How To Plan For The Unexpected: Preventing Child Drownings" for your convenience.

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20207
Web site: www.cpsc.gov
Toll-free hotline: 1-800-638-2772



How to plan for the unexpected

Preventing Child Drownings

In some of the nation's sunbelt, drowning has been the leading cause of accidental death in the home of children under 5 years old. The information below can help parents and caregivers provide young children with the protection they deserve.

Each year, nationwide, about 300 children under 5 years old drown in swimming pools, usually a pool owned by their family. In addition, more than 2,000 children in that age group are treated in hospital emergency rooms for submersion injuries.

Medical costs for submersion victims during the initial hospitalization alone can be quite high. Costs can range from an estimated \$4,000 for a victim who recovers fully to \$160,000 for a victim with severe brain damage. Some severely brain damaged victims have initial hospital stays in excess of 120 days and expenses in excess of \$200,000.

FACTS & FIGURES

Following are just a few facts uncovered by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in a comprehensive study of drowning and submersion incidents involving children under 5

years old in Arizona, California, and Florida.

◆ Seventy-five percent of the submersion victims studied by CPSC were between 1 and 3 years old; 65 percent of this group were boys. Toddlers, in particular, often do something unexpected because their capabilities change daily.

◆ At the time of the incidents, most victims were being supervised by one or both parents. Forty-six percent of the victims were last seen in the house; 23 percent were last seen in the yard or on the porch or patio; and 31 percent were in or around the pool before the accident. In all, 69 percent of the children were not expected to be at or in the pool, yet they were found in the water.

◆ Submersion incidents involving children usually happen in familiar surroundings. Sixty-five

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Many communities have enacted safety regulations governing residential swimming pools — Inground and aboveground. It's up to parents to comply with these regulations. Apart from these laws, parents who own pools, can take their own precautions to reduce the chances of their youngsters accessing the family pool or spa without adult supervision.

percent of the incidents happened in a pool owned by the child's family and 33 percent of the incidents happened in a pool owned by friends or relatives.

◆ Pool submersions involving children happen quickly. A child can drown in the time it takes to answer a phone. Seventy-seven percent of the victims had been missing from sight for 5 minutes or less.

◆ Survival depends on rescuing the child quickly and restarting the breathing process, even while the child is still in the water. Seconds count in preventing death or brain damage.

◆ Child drowning is a silent death. There's no splashing to alert anyone that the child is in trouble.

The following barrier recommendations are the result of identifying key parameters that typically contribute to child drowning in backyard pools. These recommendations are the minimum steps you can take to make your home a safe place for your child.

Barriers are not child-proof, but they provide layers of protection for a child who strays from supervision. Barriers give parents additional time to locate a child before the unexpected becomes a reality.

Barriers include a fence or wall, door alarms for the house, and a power safety cover over the pool.

Barriers also may be used to protect children from accessing hot tubs and spas. Use the following recommendations as a guide:

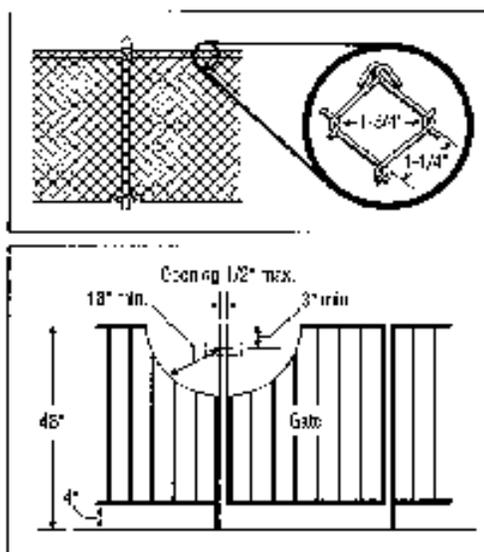
FENCES & GATES

◆ Install a fence or other barrier, such as a wall, completely around the pool. If the house is part of the barrier, the doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with an alarm or the pool should have a power safety cover. Alarm and cover details are below.

◆ The fence or other barrier should be at least 4 feet high. It should have no foot- or handholds that could help a young child to climb it.

◆ Vertical fence slats should be less than 4 inches apart to prevent a child from squeezing through.

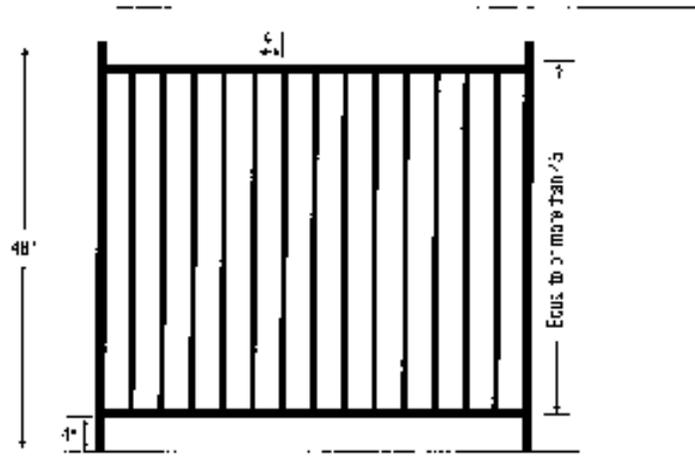
◆ If the fence is chain link, then no part of the diamond-shaped



Use this as a guide when the release mechanism is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate.

BARRIERS

If horizontal members are equal to or more than 45 inches apart, vertical spacing shall not exceed 4 inches.



There is a wide variety of fencing construction materials available to compliment your house and pool surroundings. Your local fence company or pool enclosure company can provide you with information and assist you in making a selection.

The weak link in the strongest and highest fence is a gate that fails to close and latch completely. For a gate to close completely every time, it must be in proper working order.

opening should be larger than 1-3/4 inches.

◆ Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The gate should be well maintained to close and latch easily. The latch should be out of a child's reach.

DOOR ALARMS

◆ If the house forms one side of the barrier, then doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with alarms that produce an audible sound when a door is unexpectedly opened.

◆ Install an alarm that can be temporarily turned off by an adult for a single opening of the door by using a keypad or switch that is out of a child's reach.

Battery and electrically powered alarms are available. The keypad switch can be used by adults who wish to pass through the door without setting off the alarm. It should be placed high on all doors leading from the house to the pool. Affordable and easily installed alarms are available. An alarm signal immediately tells a parent that a door has been opened.

POWER SAFETY COVERS

◆ Power safety covers over the pool may be used as an alternative to door alarms. A power safety cover should meet the requirements of the ASTM pool cover standard that addresses labeling requirements and performance. ASTM requires that a cover withstand the weight of two adults and a child to allow a rescue should an individual fall onto the cover. The standard also requires quick removal of water from the cover. A young child can drown in just inches of water.

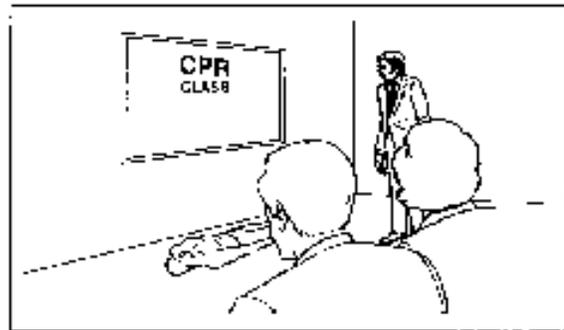
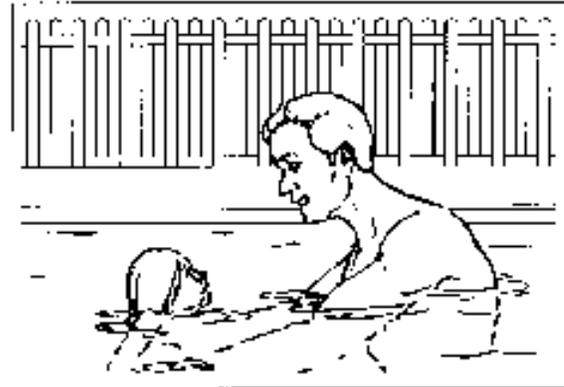
A power safety cover is a motor powered barrier that can be placed over the water area. Motor-driven covers easily open and close over the pool. When the power safety cover is properly in place over the pool, it provides a high level of safety for children under 5 years old by inhibiting their access to the water.

ABOVE-GROUND POOLS

◆ Steps and ladders leading from the ground to the pool should be secured and locked, or removed when the pool is not in use.

RULES FOR POOLS

- ❑ Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards to young children and about the use of protective devices, such as door alarms and latches. Emphasize the need for constant supervision.
- ❑ Never leave a child unsupervised near a pool. During social gatherings at or near a pool, appoint a "designated watcher" to protect young children from pool accidents. Adults may take turns being the "watcher." When adults become preoccupied, children are at risk.
- ❑ If a child is missing, check the pool first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability. Go to the edge of the pool and scan the entire pool, bottom and surface, as well as the pool area.
- ❑ Do not allow a young child in the pool without an adult.
- ❑ Do not consider young children to be "drown proof" because they have had swimming lessons. Children must be watched closely while swimming.
- ❑ Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- ❑ Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Babysitters and other caretakers, such as grandparents and older siblings, should also know CPR.
- ❑ Keep rescue equipment by the pool. Be sure a telephone is poolside with emergency numbers posted nearby.
- ❑ Remove toys from in and around the pool when it is not in use. Toys can attract young children to the pool.
- ❑ Never prop open the gate to a pool barrier.



NOTE: To obtain detailed barrier recommendations, write CPSC, Pool Barriers, Office of Information & Public Affairs, Washington, DC 20207. For more information, call the CPSC's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772 or visit its website at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

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For Absentee Ballot Information, please call: 561-656-6200

EARLY VOTING IN PALM BEACH COUNTY
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2010
FOR
AUGUST 24, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTIONS
 Hours: Monday through Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Voters must present a photo and signature ID. Any eligible Voter without ID will be issued a provisional ballot.

*Any Voter registered in Palm Beach County may vote at any one of these locations:

North County Courthouse Supervisor of Elections Branch Office 3188 P.G.A. Blvd., Room 2401 Palm Beach Gardens	I-95 exit east on P.G.A. Blvd. Drive approximately 1.5 miles to Campus Dr. and turn right (south). The Courthouse is on the southwest corner of P.G.A. Blvd and Campus Dr.
Supervisor of Elections Office 240 S. Military Trail West Palm Beach	I-95 exit west on Southern Blvd. Drive 3.1 miles and turn south at Military Trail. Go .3 mile to Gun Club Rd. Northeast corner of Gun Club and Military Trail.
Wellington Library 1951 Royal Fern Drive Wellington	Forest Hill Blvd. approximately 1.5 miles west of 441 and Wellington Mall. Northwest corner of Forest Hill Blvd. and Royal Fern Dr.
Belle Glade City Hall 110 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Belle Glade	Southern Blvd. (S.R.80) to Belle Glade. Turn left on Main Street. Drive 2.8 miles to S.E. Ave E (Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.) left at S.E. Avenue E 400 ft. right side of street
Lantana Library 4020 Lantana Road Lake Worth	I-95 exit west on Lantana Rd., drive approximately 2.5 miles to Lawrence Rd. (between Congress and Military Trail). Southwest corner of Lawrence Rd. and Lantana Rd.
Hagen Ranch Road Library 14350 Hagen Ranch Road Delray Beach	I-95 exit west on Atlantic Ave. Drive 5 miles then turn right (north) on Hagen Ranch Rd. Drive .3 mile on Hagen Ranch Rd. The library is on the east (right) side at the end of a long driveway.
Delray Beach City Hall 100 NW 1st Avenue Delray Beach	I-95 exit east on Atlantic Ave. Drive 1 mile and turn left (north) on NW 1 st Ave. Drive .3 miles, east (right) side of street.
West Boca Branch Library 18885 State Road 7 Boca Raton	I-95 exit west on Yamato Rd. Drive approximately 7 miles and turn right (north) on 441. Take the first left north of Yamato; the library is on the west (left) side of the street.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail us at:

Main Office: (561) 656-6200

Toll Free: (866) 868-3321

www.pbcelections.org

North County Office: (561) 624-6555

South County Office: (561) 276-1226

Glades Area Office: (561) 992-1114

General Building Permitting Information

The following are examples of work that require permitting with the Town of Ocean Ridge. This is not a complete list.

**Addition	Elevator	Re-striping
Air Conditioner	**Fence	**Remodel
Air Ducts	*Fire Sprinkler System	**Renovation
Air Handler	Flooring (multifamily)	Resurfacing
Alarm System	Garage Door	Retaining Wall
**Asphalt	*Gas/Propane	Roof
Awnings	**Gates	**Screen Enclosure
Balustrade	Generator	Seal-coating
Bathroom Remodel	Gutters	****Seawall
****Boatlift	Hurricane Mitigation	Seawall Cap
Central Vacuum	Irrigation System	**Shed (permanent)
**Concrete	Kitchen Cabinets/Counters	Shutters
Construction Trailer	Light Fixtures (New)	Shower pan
**Decking	Lightning Protection	**Sidewalks
Demolition	Meter Can	**Slab
****Dock	**New Construction	**Spa
Doors (exterior)	**Pavers	Stucco
***Drainage/Fill/Landscaping	Plumbing	Temporary Pole/Power
**Driveways	**Pool	**Wall
Drywall	**Pool Fence	Water Heater
Electrical	Railings	Windows

*Needs Boynton Fire approval. Permit/inspection in addition to our building department review/inspection

**Needs Health Department approval.

***To be reviewed by Town Engineer on case by case basis which may have impact on drainage.

****Needs DEP Approval (or letter of exemption).

What Every Contractor/Owner Should Know...

Make sure contractors/subcontractors are currently registered with the Town.

Supply 2 copies of back-up material which could include product approvals, plans, survey, etc. Request a checklist for additional requirements for new construction, additions, renovations, and drainage.

Notice of Commencement is needed for permits over \$2,500 (\$7,500 A/C) and is due at the time of pick-up.

Copy of the contract or proposal must also be submitted and must match estimated cost of the job.

Pay permit fee at the time of submittal; cash or check only.

Permitted work commences only when you have your approved permit in hand. **Work done without a permit could be subjected to additional fees.**

All permits require inspections and must be scheduled by the permitted contractor.

Contractor work hours are Monday through Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm. Work is not permitted on New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please be aware that Ordinance No. 585 increased fines if work is done without a permit.

If you are unsure of what type of job needs a permit or have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

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Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

Beach Cleanup & Turtle Talk
Environmental Resource Management of Palm Beach will provide
volunteers with sea turtle and oil spill update.

Saturday August 7th
8:00am-10:15am
Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd
Meet at pavilion in the lower parking lot.

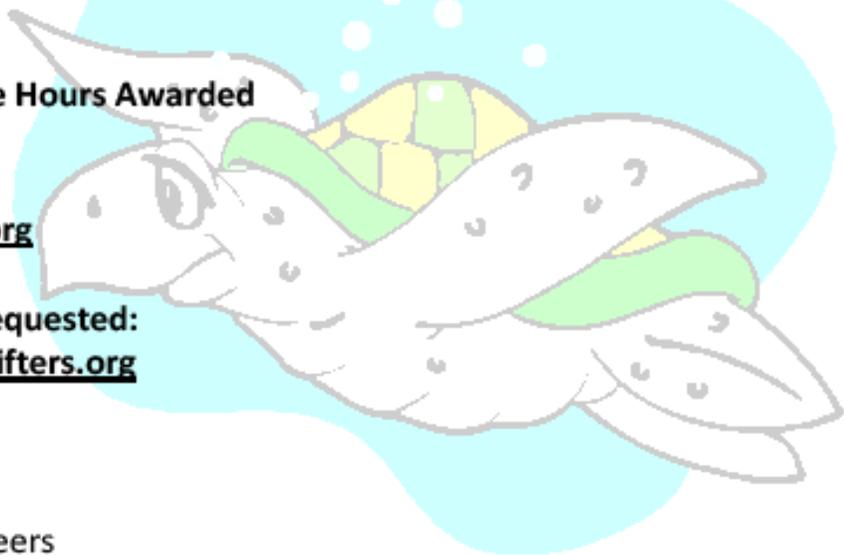
Community Service Hours Awarded

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



WET SEASON, DRY SEASON MANAGING EVERY DROP

Our central and south Florida weather can be one of extremes from droughts to hurricanes — sometimes in the same year! Our region has two seasons: the wet season, from June through October, when 70 percent of the year's rain falls, and most hurricanes occur; and the dry season, from November through May. We typically get an abundance of rain, about 52 inches a year, falling mostly in the wet season. But, Mother Nature isn't always typical and she does not always follow the wet/dry calendar. Knowing that we can expect two seasons, we can all be prepared to handle too little or too much rain.

Our Connected System

The South Florida Water Management District operates the regional water management system of canals, levees and water control structures and has, for more than 80 years, helped to lessen the impact of flood and drought. With more than 2,600 miles of canals and levees, about 1,300 water control structures and 66 pump stations, it is one of the largest water control systems in the world. The system connects to community drainage districts and hundreds of smaller neighborhood systems to effectively manage floodwaters during heavy rain and to move water to manage water supplies for cities, farms and the environment during drought.

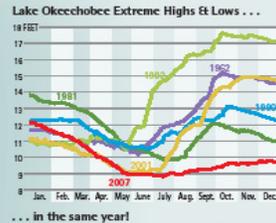
South Florida Water Management District Boundary

Extreme Drought

During drought, the South Florida Water Management District constantly monitors our water supply sources and storage areas such as ground (aquifers) and surface (lakes, wetlands, canals, ponds, etc.) water levels, including Lake Okechobee and the Everglades Water Conservation Areas. These levels can fall fast because they are recharged by rainfall. When levels fall too low, the District declares a water shortage emergency imposing mandatory water use restrictions to stretch our limited water supplies and protect our natural systems. Depending on levels, the District also can move water from storage areas through the system to recharge public water supply well fields and prevent saltwater intrusion from tainting our drinking water.

SFWM WATER MANAGERS

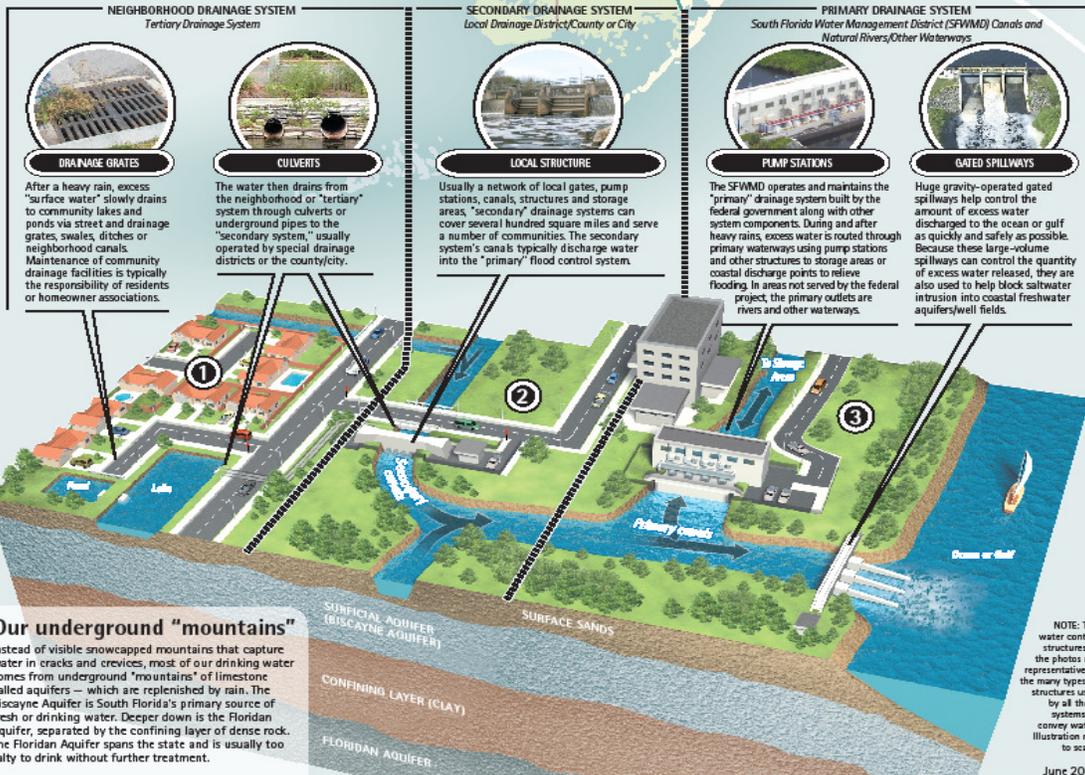
Engineers, meteorologists and water managers monitor weather conditions and water levels 24 hours a day from the District's "Control Room" at its headquarters in West Palm Beach. They use this data to determine optimal operation of the hundreds of water control structures throughout the system in times of heavy rain or drought — and all year long.



When a Storm Approaches

Weather conditions and water levels are monitored around the clock, 365 days a year using state-of-the-art technology and long-term climatic forecasting. The District opens flood gates and lowers primary canal levels if heavy rains are expected. In extreme conditions, the Emergency Operations Center is activated and coordinates with other governmental agencies.

KNOW THE FLOW: A THREE-TIERED SYSTEM



Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup: Turtle Talk & Oil Spill Update

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup.

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: [August 7th](#)

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: 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.

**We need volunteers
to shelve books.
Shelve a few or
shelve them all.**

Thank you!

Recipe: Polynesia Café Banana Cream Pie

Source: PolynesiaCafe.com via Gary Solomon's RecipeExchange.com

Ingredients

1 baked pie shell
3 cups whole milk
3/4 cups white sugar
3 tbsp white flour
3 tbsp corn starch
1/4 tsp salt
3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
2 tbsp butter
1 tsp vanilla
2-3 bananas

Directions

First, for the coconut macadamia nut pie crust:

In a food processor blend 1 cup of macadamia nut pieces with 1/4 cup sugar to the consistency of chunky peanut butter.

In a bowl combine the nut mixture with 1 cup shredded coconut until well mixed.

Press mixture evenly into pie pan. Lightly press aluminum foil over the crust to help hold the shape while baking. You may wish to fill the foil with pie weights or pinto beans to help maintain shape.

Bake at 325 for 15 minutes. Let cool.

Now, for the filling:

In a large saucepan, heat 2 1/3 cups of the milk to 190 degrees F.

In a bowl combine the sugar, flour, salt and cornstarch. Gradually stir in the remaining 2/3 cup of milk—start by incorporating a little milk to make a paste, then thinning out the paste with the remaining milk. If you do this gradually, you will not have any lumps in the liquid.

Stirring the saucepan of milk constantly, gradually add the contents of the bowl to the heated milk and cook until it thickens. The stirring motion should insure the mixture does not stick to the bottom of the pot.

Once the mixture is thickened, lower the heat and it cook for another minute or two while you follow the instructions below for incorporating the egg yolks into the mixture.

With the 3 slightly beaten egg yolks in a bowl, stir rapidly as you gradually pour small amounts of the hot mixture from the pot into the yolks. Be careful not to add too much too fast; you want to avoid scrambled egg yolks.

Once you've added about a cup of the hot liquid, the tempered egg yolks can be stirred into the hot pudding mixture in the pot. Cook for about a minute longer. Remove from heat and stir in the butter and vanilla.

Completely cover the bottom of the pie shell with sliced banana pieces then pour the hot pudding mixture into the shell. Let cool to room temperature before serving.

If refrigerating, wait until you can comfortably hold the palm of your hand against the bottom of the pie pan before placing into the refrigerator.