

Ocean Ridge Tidings



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

Land Development Code Revisions

The Town Commission requested Planning & Zoning Commission (P & Z) recommendations regarding the items below:

- **Exotic and Invasive Plants:** The code currently prohibits exotic and invasive plants for all new construction projects but exempts out single family homes and duplexes. P&Z recommended and the Town Commission concurred that this exemption should be eliminated. An ordinance amending the Town's Code will be prepared.
- **Blighting and Unsightly Construction Sites:** Evaluation of the Town Code as it relates to the potential unsightliness of new construction projects was determined to be sufficient through effective code enforcement. The P&Z did recommend and the Town Commission approved requiring the submittal of new construction permits prior to the issuance of a partial demolition permit. This is meant to eliminate long delays and blight between demolition and new construction.
- **Re-evaluate the current 36% Floor Area Ratio (FAR):** P&Z recommended increasing the FAR from 36% to 40% for single family districts. The majority of the Town Commission voted to keep the 36% FAR.

Old Ocean Boulevard

A proposal was made by the Mayor to evaluate the cost and ramifications of turning Old Ocean Blvd. into a one-way street to allow a safer path for bikers and walkers. It will include blocking off some of the entrances to Old Ocean Blvd. The proposal also included possibly blocking off Midlane Rd. at Woolbright Rd. to eliminate easier access for crime to that area. Staff will be evaluating the associated costs and present it at the October 5, 2015 Commission meeting.

Development Northwest of Town Hall

Mr. Swaim requested the Town provide a public easement south and west of Town Hall to allow access to the property he proposes to develop northwest of Town Hall. The Commission did not approve his request at this time until he has obtained approval from other property owners that presently block the entrance to the property.

Budget Adoption

The Commission has adopted the Town's budget for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. The budget for the year is \$6,278,420. This includes \$195,000 for capital improvements. The millage remains the same as this year which is \$5.3500 per \$1,000 of property value.



General Information

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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

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Mayor

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Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

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Richard Lucibella

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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



September:

- 1: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10AM in chambers (tentative)
- 7: Labor Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections, no contractor work
- 10: Tentative Budget Adoption, Public Hearing, Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 5:01PM in chambers
- 17: Special Town Commission meeting at 3PM and Final Budget Adoption begins at 5:01PM in chambers
- 26: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

October:

- 3: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park from 8AM-10:15AM
- 5: Regular Town Commission meeting at 6PM in chambers
- 6: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10AM in chambers (tentative)
- 7: Book Club meeting from 5:45PM-7PM in community room
- 12: Columbus Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections
- 14: Board of Adjustment meeting begins at 8:30AM in chambers
- 26: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

Agendas, minutes, and updates to the calendar are available on the town's website

Meeting Information

Regular Town Commission meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00PM. Code Enforcement Hearings meet on demand on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. Board of Adjustment meets on demand on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30AM and the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on demand. Any special meetings added to the calendar, date and time changes, as well as agendas and minutes will be updated on the Town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com and on Twitter @OceanRidgeFL as they occur.

Privacy Policy

The following is the Town's privacy policy that is noted in Town email signatures and a variation is on the Town's website.

"Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from the Town of Ocean Ridge officials and employees regarding public business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may be subject to public disclosure. Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing. The views expressed in this message may not necessarily reflect those of the Town of Ocean Ridge. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by replying to this message, and please delete it from your computer. Thank you."

Sept's Budget/Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the September 10, 2015 meeting:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes for Aug. 3rd and the Special Town Commission Meeting of Aug. 27, 2015
2. Approved a Tentative Budget in the Amount of \$6,278,420 for the 2015/16 Operating Fund with a Tentative Millage of \$5.3500, and Announced that Computed Millage Rate is 5.34% more than the Rolled Back of \$5.0787 and that the Final Budget Adoption Hearing will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 at 5:01 PM
3. Authorized the Mayor to Execute the Certificate of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the \$24,163.86 special assessment for 110 Bonito Drive
4. Proclaimed September as "National Sickle Cell Month"
5. Deferred the Re-plat Application for Lots 92-94 Island Drive So. to the Oct. 5, 2015 Regular Town Commission Meeting
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-06; Designating the Supervisor of Elections, the Town Clerk, and a Third Designated Member as the Canvassing Board, to be in Attendance for the Testing of the Computer Electronic Systems Tabulating Equipment to be Used for the General Election Scheduled for March 15, 2016 and to Canvass Returns of Such Election Including the Absentee Ballots; Assigning Supervisor of Elections to Handle the Absentee Ballots
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-07; Authorizing the Mayor and Town Clerk to Execute the Agreement for Vote Processing Equipment Use and Election Services by and Between the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) and the Town
8. Ratified the Approval of the Insurance Coverage for Workers Comp, General and Auto Liability, Property, Crime by Preferred Government Insurers Trust through Milton Carpenters Insurance at an Annual cost of \$102,304 Effective Oct. 1, 2015 and Authorize an Additional Year with the Same Rates
9. Ratified the Approval of the Health Insurance Renewal with Neighborhood Health Partnership Effective Oct. 1, 2015
10. Approved Resolution No. 2015-04; Amending the FY 14/15 Budget to transfer funds to reimburse the Commissioner's legal fees in the amount of \$83,000.00
11. Confirmed the hiring of Dispatcher/Clerk Odalys Delrio and Police Officer Jeffrey Vancamp to fill the vacant positions
12. Directed the Town Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the code to remove the exemption of single family and duplexes from the Landscaping Requirements
13. Directed the Town Attorney to prepare an ordinance to prohibit partial demolitions until the issuance of a building permit
14. Majority Vote to retain the current 36% floor area ratio (FAR) requirements
15. Directed staff to obtain estimated costs to further consider a conceptual idea to transform Old Ocean Blvd. into a one way (southbound) street, change several streets that lead eastbound into dead end streets, close off the Midlane/Woolbright intersection, and change the name of Old Ocean Blvd. Ocean Ridge Blvd.
16. Approved the requirement of temporary construction fences as determined by the Building Official
17. Delayed the approval of the Utility and Easement documents for the south and west side of Town Hall until easements from other affected property owners is obtained
18. Consensus by the Commission to schedule a special meeting on Sept. 10 at 2:30 PM to conduct further Town Manager Interviews and possible authorization for the Town Attorney to negotiate a contract with a prospective candidate

ANNOUNCED THAT THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, DEC 4, 2015 FROM 5:30 – 7:30 PM. LIGHT SNACKS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED AND CHILDREN CAN EXPECT A VISIT FROM SANTA AND SOME ADDED FUN



The Abrams Agenda



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Transportation Improvements Planes, Trains and Bikes!

Since 2010, I have served on the Board of Directors of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and my involvement in local and regional transportation issues remains steadfast. I continue to use Tri-Rail to commute to my offices in West Palm Beach and Delray Beach, in addition to other locations, for both business and pleasure. As a regular rider, I have an opportunity to talk with other passengers and also observe first-hand issues and/or problems that I am able to bring to the attention of SFRTA managers.

I am thrilled to announce that Tri-Rail is planning a free shuttle to Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) from the West Palm Beach station, scheduled to start on September 1st. Every train that stops at the station will be met by a Tri-Rail shuttle that will provide non-stop transportation to PBI. The entire trip should take approximately 10 minutes.

Additionally, Tri-Rail recently introduced its first bike car, a specially equipped Bombardier trailer car. With more passengers turning to bikes for either the start or final leg of their commute, or both, plus additional leisure riders using the combination train/bike to explore the region, bike racks have become a more necessary amenity for travelers.



The new bike car contains 14 racks that will provide more room to maneuver bicycles on and off the train, which had been challenging in the past due to the high number of riders with bikes. The train car is marked with a large bicycle symbol on the outside. The additional car also provides more seating. Currently, nine coach cars are being retrofitted with bike racks so that there will be a bike car available on every train.

Moreover, bicycle lockers are available at all stations with the exception of Pompano Beach and Miami due to construction.

Pets Get Relief and Recreation at the Airport

Your pets are going to be very happy on their next trip to Palm Beach International Airport (PBI)! Recently, two well-manicured pet relief areas were added on the east and west ends of the airport terminal outside the baggage claim. The areas are fenced and feature nice woodchip and grassy areas for traveling pets to run, romp and find relief before or after flights.

In addition, the airport provides complimentary waste bags so owners can pick up after their pets.

The project is part of PBI's efforts in positioning themselves as a comfortable, convenient and stress-free alternative to airports to the south.





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Preserving Our Coastal Resources

Palm Beach County features 46 miles of a pristine coastline with world-class beaches and recreational activities that play an integral part in our local lifestyle and serve as major international tourist destinations. Consequently, the impact of this natural resource on the local economy is invaluable and protecting its intrinsic environmental value immeasurable. More than two million people visit Palm Beach County each year, and they spend over \$3 billion while they are here.

Moreover, people simply enjoy spending time in our coastal waters or on natural reefs, snorkeling, scuba diving, and fishing.

Over the years, managing our natural resources has had its challenges, since coastal marine resources protection is typically conducted between local, state and federal agencies with little or no regional coordination. Consequently, in 2012, a number of local officials and key stakeholders formed the Coastal Ocean Task Force (COTF) to address these challenges. I had the privilege of chairing this body, which was comprised of elected officials and numerous government agencies and coastal interests from Miami-Dade to Martin counties.



Boca Raton Beach renourishment project

COTF recently concluded two-and-a-half years of work by issuing a comprehensive set of recommendations to better protect our region's coastal ecology. The task force held seminar-style sessions led by outside experts and heard public comment. The final report covers such topics as preserving our beaches, fisheries, coral reefs, and estuaries; improving water quality; reducing marine debris; and boosting coastal economics. A not-for-profit group will be formed to implement the findings.

As your District 4 commissioner representing over 50 percent of the county's coastline, protecting our coastal resources will remain a priority.

Popular Local Artificial Reefs



Sea Emperor Reef

I was not surprised recently when [Yahoo Travel](#) rated Palm Beach County's Peanut Island as one of the 12 best snorkeling spots in the country. The county's coastline has long been a major attraction for snorkelers, divers and anglers, alike. Part of the attraction has been attributed to the county's [artificial reefs](#), which are considered quite famous. Not only do the reefs provide reliable fishing spots (fish naturally congregate around undersea structures), they also provide fascinating experiences for divers. A good example is the Sea Emperor, a 171 foot barge resting upside down off Boca Raton. In addition, artificial reefs also compensate for natural coral reefs which have been destroyed.

Between 70 and 100 artificial reefs are deployed each year in Florida using a combination of state, federal, local and private money, including funds from the sale of fishing licenses. These reefs must be made of clean concrete, rock or heavy gauge steel. Ships, cars or other items must be carefully cleaned before being placed on the ocean floor.

BCC Briefs for August 18, 2015 Meeting

County Administrator – congratulated and thanked retiring County Administrator Robert Weisman for his 23 years of service as administrator and 35 years overall with Palm Beach County. In recognition, the mayor announced that Process Drive will be renamed Weisman Way, and the main governmental complex at 301 N. Olive Avenue in downtown West Palm Beach will be renamed the Palm Beach County Robert Weisman Governmental Center.

Baseball stadium – approved agreements with the city of West Palm Beach and HW Spring Training Complex, LLC to develop a two-team Major League Baseball spring training complex for the Washington Nationals and Houston Astros near Haverhill Road and 45th Street. The term is 31 years with use fees totaling \$68.8 million. The board also nominated retiring County Administrator Bob Weisman to throw the ceremonial first pitch.

Vehicles for hire – discussed a series of amendments to the county's vehicle-for-hire ordinance to enable transportation network companies, such as Uber. Staff was directed to draft language requiring drivers to pass a Level I background check by an accredited agency and to carry insurance as required by the state. Fingerprint-based Level II background checks would not be required. Companies could perform their own background checks or have the county do them, and the county would be able to audit the results with drivers' names omitted.

Parked vehicles – approved on preliminary reading and to advertise for public hearing on September 22 an amendment to the ordinance that prohibits the parking or display of motor vehicles for sale, hire or rent in certain areas, unless authorized. The proposed amendment would prohibit those activities on public rights of way, easements and private property open to the public, unless authorized.

Roadside vendors – approved on preliminary reading and to advertise for public hearing on September 22 an amendment to the Palm Beach County Roadside Vendors Ordinance changing the expiration date of permits issued for roadside vendors from December 31 to January 31.

Floating structures – adopted an ordinance prohibiting the anchoring or mooring of floating structures in waters within the jurisdiction of the county or on county-owned property, unless anchored or moored at a marina, dock or on private property. The ban does not apply to waters under the jurisdiction of a municipality.

Palm Tran – approved the filing of the FY-2015 Section 5307 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant application in the amount of \$10.439 million for capital projects and planning associated with the delivery of Palm Tran public transportation services. The board also approved a memorandum of agreement modifying Palm Tran's labor management agreement with Local 1577 of the Amalgamated Transit Union. The agreement covers wage adjustments for FY-2016.

Public accommodation – approved on preliminary reading and to advertise for public hearing on September 22 an amendment to the Palm Beach County Ordinance for Housing and Places of Public Accommodation expanding the definition of a place of public accommodation.

Community Revitalization – approved 24 funding agreements to implement neighborhood improvement projects and initiatives through the Office of Community Revitalization's America's Next Top Neighborhood grant program.

Lake Worth Park of Commerce – authorized the mayor to execute grant documentation requested by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to fund infrastructure improvements at the Lake Worth Park of Commerce. If appropriated, EDA would fund \$1.389 million of the project's \$5.426 million total cost. The city will pay the balance as its local match. To receive the funds, EDA requires the county to be a co-applicant, but no county local match is required.



www.countdown2zero.org

**Project CatSnip—Palm Beach County
A Better Life For Our Community Cats**

3100/3200 North Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
www.peggyadams.org
561-686-3663

Project CatSnip is a spay neuter program for free-roaming community cats in Palm Beach County using the Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return method to control their population in a humane and effective manner.

Free-roaming community cats will be spayed/neutered, vaccinated against rabies and distemper, microchipped, and their left ear will be tipped for visual confirmation that the cats have been "fixed". TNVR surgeries are performed Monday through Friday—no appointment necessary. Cats must be in traps like the one shown here. One cat per trap please.

Domestic (pet) cats are also free in select zip codes by appointment—visit www.peggyadams.org for more info.



Community cats must be in traps. If you need help trapping please contact Peggy Adams by emailing info@peggyadams.org or call 561-686-3663. Traps are available for sale or rent.

Cats must live in one of these zip codes to qualify for free surgery:
33401, 33404, 33405, 33406, 33407, 33409, 33411, 33414, 33415,
33435, 33460, 33461, 33462, 33463, 33467, 33470.

Cats living in all other Palm Beach County zip codes are eligible for name your price TNVR every Monday at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.





Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police

Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **August 2015** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

Type of Incident	Report Date	Time Frame	Location	Synopsis
Burglary Residence	8/17/2015	Between 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm	Inlet Cay Dr.	Distraction burglary interrupted by resident.
Warrant Arrest	8/20/2015	8/20/2015 @ 11:30 pm	6415 North Ocean Blvd.	Subject in park after hours arrested on outstanding warrant.
Identity Theft	8/21/2015	Between 7/27/2015 and 7/28/2015	6300 Blk North Ocean Blvd.	Theft and use of personal information to divert funds in bank account.
Town Code Violation/ Construction without Permit	8/5/2015	8/5/2015	Ridge Lane	Construction commenced outside of and prior to issuance of permit.
Bicycle Theft	8/24/2015	Between 8/22/2015 and 8/23/2015	Boynton Public Beach	Theft of unlocked bicycle. Recovered by victim in Boynton Beach. Suspect fled upon being confronted by victim.
Theft from Open Vehicle	8/21/2015	8/21/2015 @ 1:40 pm	6800 North Ocean Blvd.	Theft of wallet from open vehicle.

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

**Oceanfront Park Beach
Conditions
Call 561-742-6775**



August's Crime Prevention Information From Investigator Richard Jones

Vehicle Burglaries and IRS Scam

During a recent statistical data meeting that focuses on crime within our geographical area of Palm Beach County, I learned that vehicle burglaries are on the rise. The majority of agencies within our region are reporting an increase in vehicle related burglaries.

This information coupled with the fact that our agency has recently investigated (2) vehicle burglaries, I feel that it is important to share this information with you.

While investigating both of the recent vehicle burglaries in Ocean Ridge, it was learned that the victims' vehicles were left unlocked with valuables inside the vehicle. I think you would all agree that Ocean Ridge is a very safe community especially in comparison to those around us, but we must remain vigilant to prevent and fight crime.

It is much safer to keep your vehicle doors locked and to keep all valuables out of plain sight rather than trusting in those around you. The majority of society are good, honest and hard-working people who do not commit crimes, but criminals are among us and we must remain safe.

As discussed in previous crime prevention tips, opportunity is what a criminal thrives on. If we take away the opportunity, they will be powerless.

The newest version of the Internal Revenue Service Scam is among us. I have had several residents inform me that they have recently been contacted by phone via an automated message stating that they need to contact the IRS regarding "Collections". This call may even display on your caller ID as the Internal Revenue Service or IRS. If you happen to receive this message and then return the call, it seems somewhat legit, however, it is not.

Many times the alleged IRS Representative will be able to provide you with the last four of your social security number, a generic IRS Representative ID Number and even a generic IRS Case Number. They will prompt you to provide them with the remaining information about your identity and even request payment in the form of pre-paid credit or debit cards.

This is a scam and I caution you to avoid even returning the phone call. If you have been working with the IRS regarding "Collections" or a "Debt", they will likely not call you or email you regarding the matter. The IRS prefers using the United States Postal Service. The IRS will never request payment over the phone or in the form of pre-paid cards.

One of the phone numbers which has recently been used in this scam is 877-766-2161 (Verified Scam Number). If you receive a call from this number, simply ignore it. If the calling become annoying or persistent, you may wish to block this number by contacting your phone company. (continued on next page)

Vehicle Burglaries and IRS Scam

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If you are concerned and would like to verify the identity of an IRS Agent or your current tax status, the IRS can be contacted at 800-829-1040 (Verified Safe Number).

If you have already become the victim of this scam or any IRS Scam, you should contact the Treasury Inspector General at 800-366-4484 or visit their website at www.tigta.gov. You may also contact me regarding this or any law enforcement matter.

National Drug Takeback Initiative

On September 26, 2015 many law enforcement agencies throughout the country will be assisting the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration in an annual unwanted prescription drug take back initiative. This program is designed to keep unused and unwanted prescription drugs out of the hands of children, out of the drinking water system, and assure that they are safely disposed of.

We will be participating in this program, as we do 24 hours per day every day of the year, by the use of our unwanted prescription drug drop off box in the Police Department Lobby.

Please feel free to deposit your unwanted prescription drugs for disposal in the drop box in the Police Department Lobby at any time. Please do not bring liquids or needles as we are not equipped to dispose of these items. If you have questions regarding acceptable items for disposal, please go on line to <http://pbcdrop.org/>

Allow Us To Help You Remain Safe From: Hal C. Hutchins, Jr., Chief of Police

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During recent Town Commission meetings security and safety are a regular topic of discussion. As part of the discussions, those present in the audience were reminded that the Town of Ocean Ridge has an excellent safety record, and through its Police Department, Town Hall, Maintenance Department, and code compliance/enforcement efforts, strives to maintain a safe and pleasant small town environment for our residents to enjoy.

That being said, I would like to remind everyone once again of some of the services that are available to help maintain the safe environment we all enjoy and desire.

1. The Town, through your Police Department, offers direct monitoring services for your burglar alarm system to enhance our response time in the event of an emergency. Stop by or call Town Hall for details!
2. The Town offers resident vehicle decals to help officers identify those vehicles that belong to our residents so we may better serve you. Stop by the Police Department lobby with your vehicle registration information and the on-duty dispatcher will be very happy to assist you!

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3. The Police Department will be more than happy to meet with you and discuss or perform a security survey of your property to help you better protect yourself from becoming a crime victim.

This may be done by appointment and at a time convenient for you!

4. The Police Department offers vacation watch for your home. We are more than happy to keep an eye on your home while you are away. To arrange for this service please call the desk at (561) 732-8331 any time of the day or night. **WE ARE OPEN 24 HOURS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR/ RAIN OR SHINE!**

5. If you have a dog we have resident tags to help in identifying them should they accidentally wander. Please stop by the Police Department lobby with your vehicle registration information and the on-duty dispatcher will be very happy to assist you!

6. Finally, we are here to assist you! We will always try to help. If we do not have the answer to your question, we will try to assist you in locating the person or agency that does.

Your well-being is our primary concern.

You Are Invited!

Please join me at Town Hall, 6450 North Ocean Blvd. for the first “Coffee with a Cop” session on Wednesday October 7, 2015 from 7:30 AM-9:30 AM.

We hope to answer any of your questions about the functions of the Police Department and Town Government. Light refreshments will be served.

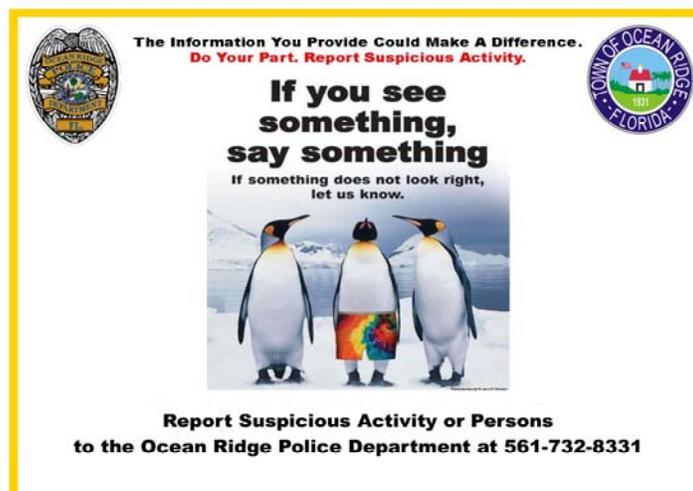
In order for us to get an idea of interest, please RSVP by email to dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com or by letting the on-duty dispatcher know you will be attending by calling (561) 732-8331.

In the meantime, should you have questions or concerns, I and every member of your Police Department are available and you are welcome to call or stop in anytime and visit.

And finally; As Always,

Please report any suspicious person or activity as soon as possible.

REMEMBER



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: **October 3**

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: **September 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

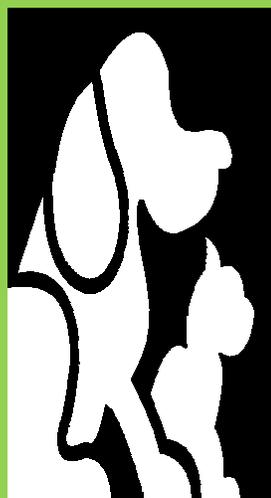
Where: 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. at Town Hall.

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



**Lost or Found
A Pet?
Call 561-732-8331
to report a
lost or found pet.**

Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss Harper Lee's *Go Set A Watchman*. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

