

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



Noseem and Mosquito Spraying

At the September 12 Commission meeting, the Commission approved Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc.'s contract who currently sprays for noseems. Effective October 1, 2016, Clarke will begin spraying for both noseems and mosquitoes via truck and backpack. For information on ingredients and more, please click [here](#).

Residents that currently have authorization forms on file with the town and are being sprayed weekly for noseems will automatically be sprayed with the new formula which treats mosquitoes as well. Residents not currently being sprayed but wish to be added to the list, please fill out the [Clarke Authorization and Hold Harmless Agreement form](#) and return the form to Town Hall. Any resident that wishes to opt-out of the spraying via truck and/or backpack, please notify Town Hall via email or in writing at your earliest convenience. See page two for contact information.

Building Permit Fee Schedule Increase

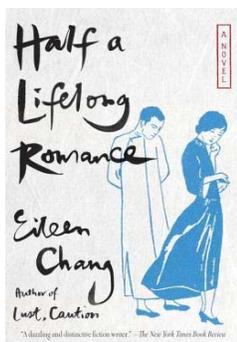
The Commission approved to increase the Building Permit Fee Schedule effective October 1, 2016 during the September Regular Town Commission meeting. Please see the approved fee schedule on page 11 for details. Should you have any questions about the revisions, please contact Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

General Election Information

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8 from 7AM-7PM in the town's community room. Early voting begins October 24 and ends November 6 at various early voting sites in Palm Beach County (Ocean Ridge is not an early voting site.) For a list of sites, click [here](#). For a sample ballot, vote-by-mail request, and more, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office directly at 561-656-6200 or visit their website pbcelections.org.

Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, October 5 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss *The Half a Lifelong Romance* by Eileen Chang. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.



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.



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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jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com

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Tracey Stevens

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Police Chief

Hal Hutchins

hhutchins@oceanridgeflorida.com

Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

Vice Mayor

Richard Lucibella

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

James Bonfiglio

Steve Coz

Mayor & Commissioners email

info@oceanridgeflorida.com

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:

- 3: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 5: Labor Day—Town Hall closed, no contractor work, no inspections
- 6: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in the chambers
- 12: Public Hearing/Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 5:01PM in the chambers
- 21: Public Hearing/Special Town Commission Meeting begins at 5:01PM in the chambers
- 24: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

October:

- 1: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 3: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6PM in the chambers
- 4: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in the chambers (tentative)
- 5: Book Club Meeting begins at 5:45PM in the community room
- 10: Columbus Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections but contractors may work
- 29: 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 and will be posted as they become available.

Regular Town Commission meeting in January 2017 changed from the first Monday of the month to January 9, 2017 due to the federal holiday.

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."

Town Manager's Report...



Below is an excerpt of the Town Manager's report. The full report with back-up attachments can be found in [September's Regular Town Commission meeting agenda packet](#).

Woolbright Detention Update

Staff has been meeting and toured with our contractors to prescribe maintenance projects in the Woolbright stormwater facility basin. Our contractors CWA, DBI/Aquagenics and Rockline, pump systems components personnel, public works personnel and town administration in consultation with the Town Engineer and PBC-ERM representatives are working together to configure a Detention Area upgrade plan to maximize efficiency in the performance specs under our SFWMD permits, which are now over 10 years old.

PBA Contract Update

The PBA presented a slight variation on our evaluation table for the merit raise system and administration is able to move on a tentative agreement. Funding of final year compensation adjustments are already contemplated in the FY17 Budget in Public Hearing today.

Town Code Updates

The Attorneys with staff have begun updating specific sections of the Town Code for legal and practical compliance. The Attorney will present some recommended updates tonight.

Marking Mailboxes



Please make sure that your mailbox is marked with your house number. Doing so helps emergency personnel, building and zoning inspectors, and the Public Works Department identify your address. Using large

and reflective numbers is very helpful. For guidelines, please visit the [USPS website](#).

Reporting Power Outages

Did you know that it is easy to report a power outage or a street light that is out in your neighborhood? To report an outage or to get updates on an outage, call 1-800-4OUTAGE (800-468-8243). You may also dial this number to report any hazardous conditions. To report street light issue, simply click on this [link](#) and fill out the information or go to [fpl.com](#). You will receive a confirmation email and updates from FPL.

Crossover Trash Bins

The Public Works Department has seen an increase of personal household trash bags in the public crossover garbage bins. The personal household refuse clogs up the bins which is meant for trash discarded by walkers, beach-goers, and the like. Regular household trash curbside collection is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesdays collection includes regular trash, vegetation and bulk items. Vegetation piles created by lawn maintenance companies should be removed by the company. Fridays collection includes regular trash and recycling. Should you have any questions about garbage collection, please contact Town Hall at 561-732-2635.



September's Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

The following is a list of actions taken at the September 12, 2016 Regular Town Commission meeting:

1. Held the first public hearing on the proposed FY16/17 Budget, and directed the Town Manager to make several changes to the budget document before the final public hearing.
2. Announced that the Town of Ocean Ridge computed millage rate is higher than the rolled back rate by 7.23%. The millage to be levied is 5.3500.
3. Approved Resolution No. 2016-07, Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate for FY2016-17, as amended.
4. Approved Resolution No. 2016-08, Adoption of Tentative Budget for FY2016-17, as amended.
5. Announced that the second/final public hearing on the proposed FY16/17 Budget will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 beginning at 5:01 p.m. at Town Hall.
6. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2016.
7. Approved the Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2016.
8. Approved the Floodplain Annual Progress Report for NFIP/CRS Re-Certification.
9. Deferred an application submitted by POM Properties for construction east of the Coastal Construction Control Line for 5006 Old Ocean Blvd, until the Zoning Official or designee is comfortable that it meets all of the zoning and building requirements of the Town.
10. Authorized the Town Manager to execute the inter-local agreement for fire/rescue services with the City of Boynton Beach, provided that the final agreement matches the agreement that was submitted to the Town Commission on September 12, 2016.
11. Directed the Town Manager to gather information on a more limited study/cost option for Traffic Calming Initiatives, and place the item on the October 3, 2016 agenda.
12. Approved the Mosquito-Noseem Management contract with Clarke Environmental for 2016-2017.
13. Postponed the discussion regarding Iguana Trapping until we receive more information from other Towns with the same issues on how they are coping with eradication.
14. Approved Resolution No. 2016-09, Revising the Building Permit Fee Schedule.
15. Held the first reading for Ordinance No. 615: To Provide for a Reasonable Accommodation Process for Persons With Disabilities and/or a Handicap.
16. Held the first reading for Ordinance No. 616: To Provide That Certain Appeals May Be Made to the Board of Adjustment.

THE TOWN COMMISSION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING/FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 BEGINNING AT 5:01 P.M. AT TOWN HALL.

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL.



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police

Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **August 2016** 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>
Stolen Vehicle	8/1/2016	Between 7/31/2016 and 8/1/2016	6520 North Ocean Blvd.	Vehicle Stolen. Suspect arrested and vehicle recovered in Boynton by ORPD.
Burglary to Vehicle	8/1/2016	Between 7/31/2016 and 8/1/2016	31 Coconut Lane	Unlocked vehicle entered overnight. Nothing taken.
Warrant Arrest	8/1/2016	8/1/2016 @ 5:20 pm	6373 North Ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop results in arrest for outstanding warrant.
Drug Overdose	8/2/2016	8/1/2016	North Ocean Blvd.	Accidental drug overdose resulting in death.
Identity Theft	8/3/2016	6/1/2016	5011 North Ocean Blvd.	Account fraudulently opened using victim's personal information.
Hit and Run Traffic Crash	8/3/2016	8/3/2016	Coconut Lane and A-1-A	Subject hit traffic sign and left scene. Apprehended and arrested for leaving scene, No Diver License and Possession of drugs.
Warrant Arrest	8/6/2016	8/6/2016 @ 1:00 am	Boynton Public Beach	Subject in park after hours arrested on outstanding warrant.
Violation of Town Code	8/10/2016	Between 6/10/2016 and 8/10/2016	14 Ocean Ave.	Work without proper permit.
Theft from Vehicle	8/10/2016	8/10/2016 between 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm	Boynton Public Beach	Items stolen from vehicle by breaking rear window.
Theft from Vehicle	8/16/2016	8/16/2016 overnight	5501 North Ocean Blvd.	Unlocked vehicle entered/ unsecured item taken from front porch.
Theft from Vehicle	8/15/2016	8/15/2016 through 8/16/2016	5505 North Ocean Blvd.	Unlocked Vehicle entered/ nothing taken.

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IRS Fraud	8/17/2016	8/16/2016	Harbour Dr. North	IRS Tax and identity fraud.
Theft from Vehicle	8/18/2016	8/17/2016 Between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm	5512 Old Ocean Blvd.	Unlocked Vehicle entered/ purse taken.
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	8/23/2016	8/23/2016 @ 7:00 pm	Harbour Drive North	Suspicious vehicle investigation results in drug arrest and recov- ery of stolen vehicle.
Theft from Vehicle	8/26/2016	Between 8/25/2016 and 8/26/2016	Island Dr. South	Unlocked Vehicle entered cash removed from purse.
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	8/30/2016	8/30/2016 @ 8:00 am	5019 North Ocean Blvd.	Stolen vehicle reported stolen by Delray Beach PD recovered at this location. Suspect turned over to DBPD.

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

REMEMBER



**The Information You Provide Could Make A Difference.
Do Your Part. Report Suspicious Activity.**

**If you see
something,
say something**

**If something does not look right,
let us know.**





**Report Suspicious Activity or Persons
to the Ocean Ridge Police Department at 561-732-8331**



September's Crime Prevention Information From Lieutenant Richard Jones

Vehicle Burglaries & 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.

I feel that it is important to share this information with you. These investigations have revealed that the victims' vehicles were left unlocked with valuables left 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 Internal Revenue Service Scam is another hot topic as well. 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 not call you or email you regarding payment. 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.

If the calling becomes annoying or persistent, you may wish to block this number by contacting your phone company.

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 at 561-732-8331.



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police



Hurricane Season Continues

As we enter the month of September we wish to remind everyone that we are in the peak of Hurricane Season. Now is not the time to let your guard down.

Your police department and other Town employees are currently reassessing the town for hazards that may affect the safety and wellbeing of our residents should we be faced with a tropical system this year.

As part of our assessment we will again be looking at overgrowth and trees that are in or may affect the utility lines within the town. As such, I must remind you that trees and vegetation emanating from your property are your responsibility to maintain and are expressly prohibited from being in utility lines. (Town Code 66-151)

Sec. 66-151. - Tree permits

b) *Tree removal, replacement, conditions and exemptions*

(7) *Tree trimming and maintenance.* Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in [chapter 66](#), article IV, all trees shall be trimmed and maintained so as not to come in contact or otherwise obstruct or interfere with power or other utility lines or facilities. Property owners shall be responsible for complying with this subsection with respect to all trees located on their property, on privately granted utility easements for which their property exists as the servient estate and on any adjacent rights of way upon which the property owner has sought permission or a license from the town to plant or maintain landscaping including trees. No permit will be required from the Town for such trimming or maintenance provided, however, that such trimming or maintenance shall comply with the provisions of subsection (6) above.

As always, we are working with the utility companies on a regular and continuous basis to address the issue.

In addition, we will continue to monitor the many construction sites throughout the Town for compliance with appearance and maintenance standards, so as not to have loose debris and material being blown about and disrupting the safe travel of our residents.

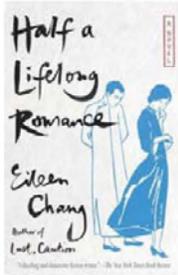
Coffee With A Cop

By popular demand we are looking forward to plan a date for the next Police Department Open House/ Coffee with a Cop program. We are anticipating this to occur in the beginning of the season as more residents return to Town. PLEASE STAY TUNED. We love to meet with you and answer any questions you have and look forward to these events every year.

In the meantime, your Police Department is OPEN 24 HOURS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR/ RAIN OR SHINE! 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. Feel free to call upon us anytime at 561-732-8331.

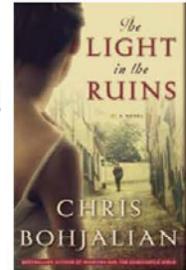
Ocean Ridge Book Club

Book Selections



October 5, 2016
Half a Lifelong Romance
By Eileen Chang

November 2, 2016
The Light in the Ruins
By Chris Bohjalian



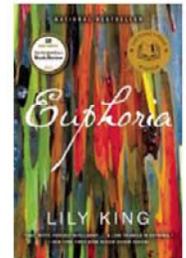
December 7, 2016
The God of Small Things
By Arundhati Roy

January 4, 2017
The Painting and the Piano
By Lipscomb & Lugo



February 1, 2017
God Forsaken Idaho
By Shawn Vestal

March 1, 2017
Euphoria
By Lily King



The Book Club meets in the Community Room at Ocean Ridge Town Hall on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:45pm.



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Building Permit Fee Schedule

Effective October 1, 2008, Revised October 1, 2010, Revised October 1, 2016

Building Permit Fees are based on the estimated cost of the work rounded up (ex. \$7,200 = \$8,000) plus the BIF/DCA Building Surcharge, as follows.

Building Permit Fee Schedule	
Estimated cost of job less than \$1,000	\$50.00
Estimated cost of job between \$1,000 and up to \$3,000.00	\$125.00
Estimated cost of job over \$3,000.00 up to \$100,000.00	\$125.00 plus 1.5% of the amount exceeding \$3,000.00
Estimated cost of job over \$100,000.00	\$125.00 plus 1.5% of the amount exceeding \$3,000.00 up to \$100,000.00 plus 1.0% of the amount exceeding \$100,000.00
plus BIF/DCA Building Permit Surcharge	
BIF/DCA Building Permit Surcharge as per HB663.	3% of the permit fee with a minimum of \$4.00 per permit.
Other Charges	
Preliminary Plan Review by any Town Official before a Building Permit is submitted	\$100 per hour, and \$25 per ¼ hour after the first hour, with a minimum charge of \$100
Revisions	\$50.00
Revisions Requiring Re-Review by the Town Engineer	Charged at the current hourly rate of the Town Engineer
Re-inspection performed by the Building Official or Inspector	\$50.00
Re-inspection performed by the Town Engineer	\$150.00
Penalty Fees	See the Town Code Section 67-58(c)



Florida State Senator
Maria Sachs



Cordially invites you to

The unveiling of the new street sign

“Murray Kalish Way”

Friday, September 23rd at 9:30 AM

South County Civic Center

16700 Jog Rd., Delray Beach 33446



Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **October 1**

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. School and community service volunteer credit forms available.

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

Contact: Jeff at JeffLev02@gmail.com / **Social Media:** [facebook.com/SWATJIL](https://www.facebook.com/SWATJIL)

Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **September 24**

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:** seaangels.org

Anthrax Committee

What: Should Ocean Ridge be exposed to an aerosolized airborne anthrax event, Ocean Ridge and FL Dept. of Health will provide needed antibiotics at no cost as part of a program under the auspices of the CDC. Residents are encouraged to become dispensing volunteers.

When: Attend two hours of meetings per year.

Where/Time: TBD.

Who: Ocean Ridge Residents—no experience necessary

Contact: Terri Vinas at vinasfam@aol.com / [Volunteer Form](#)

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, Monday—Friday.

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