



Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



Commission Approves the Hiring of a New Town Manager

Ken Schenck will be retiring as Town Manager at the end of October. After a search for his replacement, the Commission approved the hiring of James Titcomb as the new Town Manager. Mr. Titcomb has extensive experience working with communities. He will begin his employment on October 26.

Trial Closure of Midlane Road at Woolbright Road

In an effort to provide a safer community, the Commission has continually reviewed options within the Town. One of the options is to secure street entrances when possible. Midlane Road is a good example as it provides easy access to Woolbright Road, which is a vulnerable entrance and exit to the Town. The Commission requested the Town Manager to present a proposal with approximate costs at the November 2 meeting on how to block off the entrance from Woolbright to Midlane. The Commission requests comments from the residents at that meeting. The proposal is a trial project to see how well it serves the purpose intended. The Commission expects to approve the proposal at this meeting.

Convert Old Ocean Blvd. Into a One Way Street (North to South)

The proposal to turn Old Ocean Blvd. into a one-way street with bike and pedestrian lanes was discussed at the October Regular Town Commission meeting. The project would include the closure of the entrances to Old Ocean Blvd. from Adams Road, Beachway, and Thompson. The Commission appreciated the comments provided at the meeting by the residents. There were no decisions made. The Commission proposed having a workshop for further discussion and resident comments sometime in the winter.

Garbage/Trash and Alarm Billing

Town Hall will be mailing the annual garbage/trash and alarm bills to our residents for the fiscal year 2015/16 mid-October. The rates for garbage/trash for single family is \$231 for single family and multi-family is \$161.70 per unit. The annual alarm monitoring fee will continue to be \$202. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

Yard Debris Collection

Yard trash shall consist of vegetation only, including, but not limited to grass clippings, bush or tree trimmings, leaves, and weeds, and shall be placed near the street no sooner than 36 hours, or the Sunday prior to the regularly scheduled day of collection.

Yard trash (other than normal weekly vegetation) generated by lawn care companies will not be collected by the Town's trash collector and should be properly removed by the vendor who generated it. Any questions please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.



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

Kenneth Schenck

kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Chief

Hal Hutchins

hhutchins@oceanridgeflorida.com

Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

James Bonfiglio

Richard Lucibella

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



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
- 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

November:

- 1: Daylight Savings ends
- 2: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in chambers
- 3: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in chambers (tentative)
- 4: Book Club meeting from 5:45PM-7PM in community room
- 7: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park from 8AM-10:15AM
- 11: Veterans Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections, contractors may work
- 26: Thanksgiving Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections, no contractor work
- 27: Thanksgiving Day Holiday—Town Hall closed, no inspections but contractors may work
- 28: 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.

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."

October's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the Oct. 5, 2015 meeting/s:

1. Approved the Tentative Budget Adoption/Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes for Sept. 10, the Special Town Commission Meetings for Sept. 8th and Sept. 17, 2015
2. Authorized the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute the delinquent Garbage/Trash and Alarm Monitoring Liens for FY 2014/15
3. Announced the Requirement for a Re-Hearing for the Final Budget Adoption for FY 2015/16 due to an error in the Notice of Tax Increase advertisement (tentatively set for Oct. 19th at 5:01 PM)
4. Proclaimed October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"
5. Continued the Re-plat Application for Lots 92-94 Island Drive So. to the Nov. 2, 2015 Regular Town Commission Meeting
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-11; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Joint Powers Agreement between the National Joint Powers Alliance and the Town for purpose of accessing available contracts for goods and services from the NJPA Awarded Vendors
7. Adopted the Procurement Policy and Procedures Effective Oct. 5, 2015
8. Approved Change Order #1 and #2 for the Additional Repair Costs for the Inlet Cay (\$8,723) and Sabal Island (\$5,445) Bridges in a total amount of \$14,168 to be Funded from the Capital Projects Fund
9. Approved the Town Manager contract with Jamie Titcomb with a few amendments with a starting date of Oct. 26, 2015. Provided that Ken Schenck's last day would be Oct. 31st with an approved one month consultant agreement at a rate equivalent to one month salary
10. Directed staff to notice the residents through email and the newsletter of a possible trial closure of the entrance to Midlane Road from Woolbright Rd. to be discussed further at the Nov. 2, 2015 Regular Meeting
11. DISCUSSED THE CONCEPT OF CONVERTING OLD OCEAN BLVD. TO A ONE WAY STREET, CLOSING ENTRANCES TO OLD OCEAN BLVD. ON SEVERAL STREETS, AND CHANGING THE NAME OF OLD OCEAN BLVD. TO OCEAN RIDGE BLVD. AND HEARD INITIAL FEEDBACK FROM 13 RESIDENTS - APPROVED THE SCHEDULING OF A WORKSHOP MEETING IN DECEMBER TO DISCUSS FURTHER

REMINDER - 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

Ocean Ridge Koi Garden Fund

I am sure that by now most residents of Ocean Ridge have visited Town Hall and Police Department and observed the Koi pond and garden. If you have, I am equally convinced that you feel it adds a special ambience to the entryway of the new town buildings.

What you may not know is that the maintenance funds for the Koi garden come out of the town's general budget account. With the shortage in our town budget, this does not leave a lot to maintain the pond and garden when something arises. After several maintenance issues, the pond was refurbished courtesy of the Pugh Family.

Several residents and I feel the garden and Koi pond adds uniqueness to our town and the new town hall. We have started a fund — The Ocean Ridge Koi Garden Fund—to keep the garden and pond at its finest. With this fund we will be able to help the town maintain the garden should problems arise that need repair. These funds would be used exclusively for the garden and be overseen by a committee of interested residents.

We are actively seeking residents who share our enthusiasm regarding the Koi garden and invite you to contribute whatever you can to the Ocean Ridge Koi Garden Fund. Due to recent maintenance issues, contributions are greatly appreciated. Please contact Dr. James Weege at 561-523-5705 for more information.

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

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.

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

Sign up to receive e-newsletter and news alerts

If you would like to receive the e-newsletter, news alerts, and other information emailed to you from the town please send an email to

[Lisa Burns](mailto:Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com) at Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com with your name and email address. [Privacy Policy](#).

Annual Holiday Celebration

Friday, December 4, 2015

5:30pm—7:30pm

*Beverages & Light snacks

*Bounce House
& Face Painter

*Santa

*and more!



Ocean Ridge Residents only



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 **September 2015** 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>
Criminal Mischief	9/1/2015	Between 8/31/2015 and 9/1/2015	5004 Old Ocean Blvd.	Town sign cut down.
Drunk Driver	9/6/2015	9/6/2015 @10:50 pm	5930 North Ocean Blvd.	Drunk Driving Arrest.
Drunk Driver	9/9/2015	9/9/2015 @3:00 pm	5000 Blk. North Ocean Blvd.	Drunk Driving Arrest.
Domestic Battery	9/17/2015	9/17/2015 @ 1:30 pm	5000 North Ocean Blvd.	Grandson arrested for battering grandmother.
Theft from Unlocked Vehicle	9/18/2015	Between 9/17/2015 and 9/18/2015	6590 North Ocean Blvd.	Theft from unlocked vehicle overnight.
Theft from Open Vehicle	9/18/2015	Between 9/17/2015 and 9/18/2015	6660 North Ocean Blvd.	Theft of driver's license from open vehicle.
Trespassing	9/20/2015	9/20/2015 @ 2:01 am	6306 North Ocean Blvd.	Subject arrested for trespass after warning.
Theft of Bicycle	9/20/2015	9/20/2015 between 7:15 pm and 8:00 pm	6800 North Ocean Blvd.	Bicycle stolen from driveway of home.
Stolen Vehicle	9/23/2015	9/23/2015 @ 5:30 pm	6400 Blk. North Ocean Blvd.	Vehicle stolen from driveway. Recovered in Boynton Beach. Juvenile arrested for auto theft.
Identity Theft	9/29/2015	Between 7/29/2015 and 9/29/2015	Sabal Island Dr.	Credit Card issued using victims information under false pretense online.



August's Crime Prevention Information From Investigator Richard Jones

Protecting Your Personal Information

As you are all aware, Fraud is the leading crime, both Domestic and Foreign. Fraud is a crime that affects every one of us, whether we become a victim or not. We all become financially responsible through increased interest costs, increases in item prices due to the increased cost of doing business and even an increase in taxes due to additional government expenses associated with Fraud investigations.

First and foremost, you must safeguard your personal information. Do not give out your Social Security number unless it is absolutely required. For instance, medical providers cannot force a patient to provide them with a social security number. Your medical insurance provider has that information on file and it is not required for billing purposes. These providers may require you to provide identification, which is expected. Your Name, Address, Date of Birth and Driver's License or Identification Number is all that is required to identify you.

Do not randomly complete or fill out applications for credit unless you truly intend on making a purchase. For instance, if you do a test drive for a new vehicle, do not complete a credit application until you have decided that you are serious about the purchase.

The fewer times that your personal data is shared will reduce the probability and risk of Identity Theft. If you fear your personal information may be compromised, do not use a private credit monitoring company, but instead contact Experian, Transunion and Equifax directly at;

- <http://www.transunion.com>
- <http://www.equifax.com>
- <http://www.experian.com>

I would also suggest that you check your credit report for accuracy at least annually. This can be done for free at www.annualcreditreport.com.

If you use online bill pay, banking, social media, email or any other form of web based software, follow these steps;

1. Install Anti-Virus and Malware software on your computer and keep it up to date.
2. Keep all operating systems up to date.
3. Set your browser and your email spam/junk filter to Medium or High.
4. If you see something suspicious in email, do not open it. DELETE it.
5. Avoid using unfamiliar computers or hot spots, this includes airports, hotels, café's, etc.

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6. Make sure your personal wireless network WI-FI is secured using a password, see onguardonline.org for more information.
7. Establish a stronger password which includes; upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers and symbols.
8. Change your password every 60 to 90 days.
9. Never share your usernames, passwords, or personal information via email. Companies will not request this information via email.
10. Never use personal information as part of your password. Things such as your name, child's name, pet's name, birthdays, address or social security number should not be used.
11. Simple passwords such as "121212" are not safe.
12. Never use any portion of the phrase "Password" as the actual password.
13. Do not allow your computer or mobile device to save or auto store your password.

Social media is very popular in today's times. Please follow the steps listed below to safeguard your personal information and your social media accounts.

1. Make sure you close any social media accounts that you do not regularly use.
2. Set your private settings to "friends only".
3. Never post that you are going to be away from home or on vacation.
4. When using a mobile device, ensure that the "Tag Location" setting is disabled.
5. Keep your friend list short and easy to manage.
6. Don't forward another individual's post or email.
7. Never share your email or contacts list.

If you do receive an email that you believe is suspicious in nature and you wish to report it to the FTC, you may forward it to spam@uce.gov where it is entered into a database used to find and prosecute cybercriminals.

Please Welcome the Newest Members of Our Police Department

Odalys Del Rio started on September 14, 2015 as our newest Dispatcher/Clerk. This is Odalys' first foray into dispatch. She is a graduate of the Clewiston High School Criminal Justice program and comes to us with dispatch certification through that program.



Jeffrey Van Camp comes to us from the panhandle of Florida. Jeff joined us on September 28, 2015. Jeff has worked with Pensacola PD, Escambia County Sheriff's Office and most recently after retiring from Escambia worked for the Okaloosa County Airport Police Department. Jeffery brings over 20 years of experience to the agency and has relocated to be closer to his family, specifically his new granddaughter.

Thank You

My thanks to everyone who was able to attend the first Coffee with a Cop on the morning of October 7, 2015. Both the officers who were able to attend and I had a very enjoyable time meeting and speaking to all of you.

A special thanks goes to our anonymous sponsor for all of the breakfast items and coffee.

I hope that all of you, especially those who were unable to attend the event, can join us at the beginning of 2016 for the second of what we hope to be many Coffee with a Cop events (time and date will be announced soon). If you are not sure whether to come, please ask anyone who attended, I am sure they will encourage you to join us. Again, please stop in for a quick bite and some coffee or juice.

If you have any questions or concerns before we have the opportunity to meet at the next public event, please feel free to stop us on the street, call us, or stop by the police station for a visit.

—Chief Hal Hutchins

Please Be Vigilant

From: Hal C. Hutchins, Jr., Chief of Police

During Town Commission meetings security and safety are a regular topic of discussion. As part of the discussions, those present in the audience often hear 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.

As we approach the winter season and see the normal influx of seasonal residents, we will also see the return of those wishing to exploit our residents. Please keep your guard up and be aware of your surroundings. (continued on next page)

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We urge you not to let strangers posing as workers, or as individuals in need, distract you, allowing their accomplices the ability to enter your home and take your valuables. Now more than ever, it is important to lock your doors, secure your valuables, and set your alarm. Remember if you do not know the person who is at your door, and if you did not request them to come to your home, caution and concern should exist. If you feel unsure please do not open your door; answer through the door and if you are still uncertain contact us and we will send someone to assist you in verification of the persons true purpose.

As we enter the winter season, we often see an influx of travelling door-to-door sales forces. These individuals are required to be licensed through the Town, and in general, a call to the police department is appropriate to report this type of activity. If the business is one of the licensed few we will inform you, if not, or there is any uncertainty, we will immediately respond to investigate the activity.

As always, 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,

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**

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: **November 7**

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: **October 31**

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

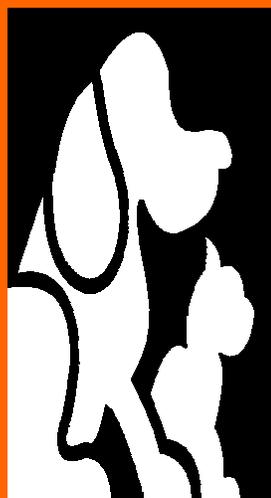
Where: 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. at Town Hall.

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, November 4 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

