

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



Garbage/Trash & Alarm Monitoring Billing

Town Hall will be mailing the annual garbage/trash and alarm bills to our residents for the fiscal year 2016/17 around late-October to early-November. The rates for garbage/trash for single family is \$231 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.



Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 6

General Election Information

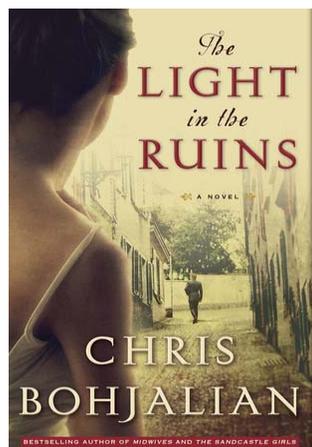
The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8 from 7AM-7PM in the town's community room. Early voting begins October 24 and ends November 6 at various early voting sites in Palm Beach County (Ocean Ridge is not an early voting site.) For a list of sites, click [here](#). For a sample ballot,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

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.

Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss *The Light in the Ruins* by Chris Bohjalian. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.



Edith St. Crossover Closed

Due to beach erosion, the Edith Street Crossover has been temporarily closed until the stair system can be repaired and improved. Keep in mind that we are currently in turtle season and the mitigation efforts are limited at this time.





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

Town Manager

James Titcomb

jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk

Tracey Stevens

tstevens@oceanridgeflorida.com

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



October:

- 1: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 3: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6PM in the chambers
- 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

November:

- 1: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in the chambers (tentative)
- 2: Book Club Meeting begins at 5:45PM in the community room
- 5: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 7: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6PM in the chambers
- 8: General Election from 7AM-7PM in the community room
- 11: Veteran's Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections but contractors may work
- 24: Thanksgiving Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections, no contractor work
- 25: Thanksgiving Holiday—Town Hall closed, no inspections but contractors may work
- 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 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 [October's Regular Town Commission meeting agenda packet](#).



Woolbright Detention Update

We are receiving proposals in for the Woolbright stormwater facility basin upgrades. CWA, DBI/Aquagenics, and Shenandoah Construction are all quoting parts of the maintenance overhaul plans. Clarke Mosquito/No-see-um efforts play a part also. We are coordinating with the Town Engineer, PBC-ERM and direction under our 10 plus year old SFWMD permits.

PBA Contract Update

The PBA membership voted this past week on Tuesday and Wednesday on the Collective Bargaining Members Town Contract with a merit raise system and including the extension for an additional year through FY18. Administration is pleased with the outcome and adjustments are already included in the FY17 Budget for the Public Hearing today, and Town ratification.

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.



October's Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

The following is a list of actions taken at the October 3, 2016 Regular Town Commission Meeting & Final Budget Hearing:

1. Held the final public hearing on the proposed FY16/17 Budget.
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. 2016-10, Adoption of Final Millage Rate for FY2016-17.
4. Approved Resolution No. 2016-11, Adoption of Final Budget for FY2016-17.
5. Approved Resolution No. 2016-12, Updating and Re-appropriating Funds for the Capital Projects Fund for FY2016/2017, as amended.
6. Consensus of the Commission to direct the Town Manager to make changes as discussed to the FY16/17 Budget.
7. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2016.
8. Approved the Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2016.
9. Authorized the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute and record delinquent garbage/trash and alarm monitoring liens for FY15/16.
10. Approved an application submitted by Thomas Olofsson to permit the construction of a new seawall that will extend a maximum of 192.55' (+/-) east of the Coastal Construction Control Line located at 6195 N. Ocean Blvd.
11. Appointed Ken Kaleel, Jamie Titcomb and Jim Bonfiglio to serve on the Audit Selection Committee.
12. Ratified the PBA contract wage re-opener and extension.
13. Consensus of the Commission to add a budget amendment workshop as the last item on the November 7, 2016 Town Commission meeting agenda.

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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 **September 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>
Theft	9/1/2016	Between 8/31/2016 and 9/1/2016	6849 North Ocean Blvd.	Cash stolen from office.
Drug Arrest	9/7/2016	9/7/2016	6400 North Ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop results in drug arrest.
Drug Arrest	9/10/2016	9/10/2016 @ 11:13 pm	5510 North Ocean Blvd.	Suspicious person stop results in arrest for possession of drugs.
Theft	9/13/2016	Between 8/30/2016 and 9/13/2016	6711 North Ocean Blvd.	Theft of fire extinguisher.
Warrant Arrest	9/13/2016	9/13/2016 @ 11:00 pm	Boynton Public Beach	Subject in park after hours arrested on outstanding warrant.
Fraud	9/15/2016	Between 6/27/2016 and 7/31/2016	Ruthmary Ave.	Check taken from mail rewritten and cashed.
Theft from Vehicle	9/16/2016	9/15/2016 overnight	6590 North Ocean Blvd.	Unlocked vehicle entered/ nothing taken.
Theft from Beach	9/17/2016	9/16/2016 overnight	5910 Old Ocean Blvd.	Unsecured paddle board taken from beach.
Domestic Battery	9/18/2016	9/18/2016 @4:00 pm	North Ocean Blvd.	Domestic battery incident results in arrest.
Assist Other Agency	9/21/2016	9/21/2016 @ 4:00 am	6990 North Ocean Blvd.	Armed/Suicidal Alzheimer's patient recovered for other agency.
Drug Arrest	9/30/2016	9/30/2016 @ midnight	6300 North Ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop results in arrest for illegal drugs.



October's Crime Prevention Information From Lieutenant 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 retail costs 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.
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.

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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, pets 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.

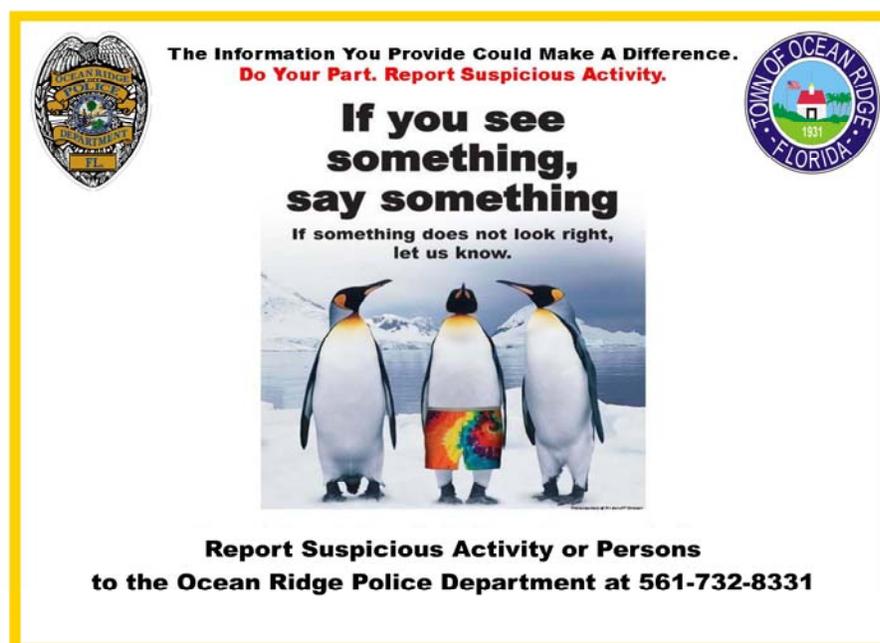
Social media is very popular in today's times. Please follow the steps listed below to safeguard your personal information and your social media accounts.

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 report any suspicious person or activity as soon as possible.

REMEMBER





Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police



Hurricane Season Continues

As noted in last month's Tidings, we are still in hurricane season.

We experienced a practice run and preparation exercise with Hurricane Matthew on the seventh of October. Thank goodness it was just a brush. I hope that everyone has recovered fully and life is back to normal for all. This exercise just shows that we should not let our guard down at any time during hurricane season. Remember Hurricane season does not end until November 30.

On behalf of the whole Police Department, I would like to thank all of the residents in Town, as well as the many contractors we met with, for your support and patience during our preparation and response to Hurricane Matthew. Mobilization of all of the pieces and personnel to properly respond to an event like this can be very labor and emotion intense. Your support and patience, as well as your understanding, certainly helped all of us at the Police Department prepare and respond in a manner which best served the Town. Thank You!

Open Garage Doors

I know you hear this way too much from me; Please keep your garage doors closed and the interior door from the garage to your house locked if you are not in the garage.

To remind you of the importance of this I would like to bring your attention to an event that just happened:

While on patrol at 1:00 in the afternoon a police patrol observed a male exiting a garage along North Ocean Blvd. The patrol, based upon his experience, recognized the individual as not being familiar to the residence. The patrol officer initiated contact with the subject, and while engaging in conversation directed other officers to check the home. Low and behold, they met with the resident who immediately denied knowing the individual who was in his garage but determined the individual had stolen a drink from his refrigerator while in the garage.

The subject was ultimately arrested and taken to jail for burglary and theft as well as drug possession. (A happy ending for this event.)

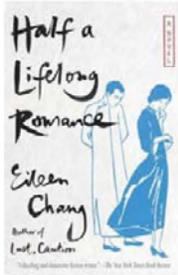
Remember this was during broad daylight... Please help us by being careful to lock your doors and set your alarm. It is obvious this individual, as well as many others, are merely playing on the fact that Ocean Ridge is a safe and nice community and exploiting this to commit their crime of choice.

Please call us if you see anyone suspicious in or around your property or your neighbor's property. We would much rather stop something before it happens, rather than pick up the pieces later.

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.

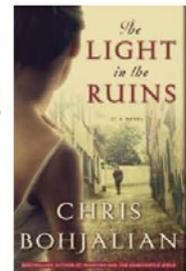
Ocean Ridge Book Club

Book Selections



October 5, 2016
Half a Lifelong Romance
By Eileen Chang

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



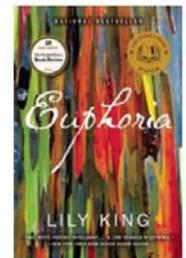
December 7, 2016
The God of Small Things
By Arundhati Roy

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)

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **November 5**

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: **October 29**

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