

# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

## Manatee Season

November 15 marks the beginning of manatee season in South Florida. This is the time of the year when these magnificent creatures head towards our area to enjoy the warm waters. During this time, boaters need to be aware of speed zones. Please visit PBC ERM's [website](#) for more information.

If you see an injured manatee or to report a death or violation, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-FWCC.

### [Manatee Live Webcam!](#)

[http://www.fpl.com/environment/plant/riviera\\_stream.shtml](http://www.fpl.com/environment/plant/riviera_stream.shtml)

## Annual Holiday Celebration

The Town will be holding its annual Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 12, 2013 (new date!) commencing at 5:30pm and ending at 7:30pm. Light snacks and beverages will be served. The children can expect a visit from Santa with some added fun. Free parking will be available at Oceanfront Park for this event only.

## Mobile Library in Ocean Ridge

Palm Beach County's Book Mobile will be visiting Ocean Ridge on Nov 22. The full schedule for Ocean Ridge is provided on page 10.



Picture Source: PBCLibrary.org

## Ocean Ridge Beach To Be Restored Starting in November

By Tracy Logue, Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management

The second beach renourishment at Ocean Ridge starts in late November after mobilization of equipment to the beach through the staging area in Boynton Beach Oceanfront Park. Shore pipe will be connected via submerged pipeline to the cutterhead dredge just offshore. Sand will be dredged from the sea floor and pumped onshore between Ocean Mews and 150 feet south of Edith Street. The beach will be up to 300 feet wide and is expected to last 6-10 years depending on weather conditions. After all equipment is removed from the beach, the new sand will be tilled to reduce compaction.

The dredge contractor, Marinex, Inc., out of Charleston, South Carolina, will use its cutterhead suction dredge, *Savannah*, for the project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will manage the dredging project, and Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management (ERM) will provide coordination with the public and local agencies during the project.

Dredging is estimated to be completed by mid-January. Construction of beach nourishment projects typically continues 24/7 to reduce costs and to minimize project duration. Although the public will be restricted from immediate work areas, access to the beach will be maintained using sand ramps built over the pipeline at every dune walkover and at 250 ft intervals. Audible back-up signals on all heavy equipment working on the beach are required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. (continued on page 10)

## 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

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Geoff Pugh

### Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

### Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

Ed Brookes

Zoanne Hennigan

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

### *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!**

# November & December Calendar of Events

## November

- 2-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8am-10:15am at Oceanfront Park
- 3-Daylight Saving Time ends (set clocks back one hour)
- 4-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers
- 5-Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am (tentative) in chambers
- 11-Ocean Ridge Garden Club White Fly Presentation at 6:30pm in chambers
- 11-Veteran's Day-Town Hall closed, no inspections, contractors may work
- 14-Lecture Series welcomes musician Bill Hartmann at 7:00pm in chambers
- 28-Hanukkah
- 28-Thanksgiving Day—Town Hall Closed, no inspections, no contractor work
- 29-Thanksgiving Holiday-Town Hall Closed, no inspections, contractors may work, garbage/recycle will be collected
- 30-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park



*Manatee Awareness Month—Manatee Season Begins November 15*

## December

- 3-Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:30am in chambers (tentative)
- 4-Book Club meeting at 5:45pm in Community Room
- 7-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8am-10:15am at Oceanfront Park
- 7-Boynton Beach's Holiday Extravaganza begins at 5pm
- 9-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers
- 12-Annual Holiday Celebration from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Town Hall
- 13-Boynton Beach's Boat Parade begins at 6:30pm
- 25-Christmas Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections, no contractor work
- 28-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park
- 31—New Year's Eve

*Agendas, minutes, and updates to the calendar are available on the town's website and will be posted as they become available.*

## Sharing Your Pictures!

Korian David Allison, Grandson of Vice-Mayor Dr. Lynn Allison and Harvey Sovelove, celebrating his 2nd birthday at his beach party!





# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

## Criminal Activity

Here is a listing of the crimes/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **October 2013** 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	10/01/13	09/30/13 3:15 PM	Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Victim's iPad4 taken from unattended bag while on the beach.
Violation of Town Code – Boat Dockage	10/04/13	10:27 AM	100 blk of Harbour Dr. North	Boat not registered to resident docked at home. After efforts to have resident comply, a Code Hearing confirmed violation existed and fees assessed.
Attempted Burglary	10/05/13	10/04/13 7:00PM – 10/05/13 8:17AM	Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Unknown person(s) attempted to pry open concession stand window.
Robbery	10/17/13	1:43AM	Beach adjacent to 6800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Female victim visiting from Wellington approached by "3 black males" who displayed weapons and took her cell phone. Victim has since refused to cooperate.
Assist to Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	10/17/13	5:59PM	Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd.	While investigating Robbery, ORPD Officers discovered an occupied stolen vehicle. Suspect turned over to PBSO.
Possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia	10/20/13	4:53PM	Old Ocean Blvd and Douglas Dr.	Following a traffic stop, Officer discovered driver in possession of marijuana and a pipe.

## New Face/Voice at ORPD

On October 1, 2013 Courtney Guiddy was hired to fill our last Dispatcher/Clerk position. She is bilingual (Spanish and English) and has excellent typing/clerical skills.

Under the new State-mandated certification requirements to be a 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicator (PST), Ms. Guiddy must attend a minimum of 232 -hours of training within her first year of employment. Since the Ocean Ridge Police Department has received certification from the FL Department of Health as a training facility, all of this training will be done in-house; thereby avoiding the need & expense of sending her to Palm Beach State College.

Welcome, Courtney!



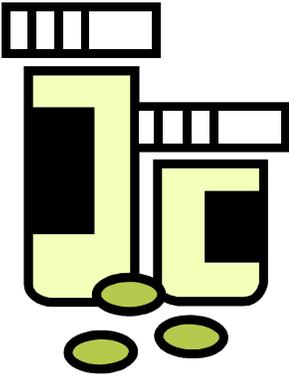
## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative (Update)

In cooperation with the Ocean Ridge Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Miami Field Division (MFD) conducted their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative on Saturday, October 26, 2013. This was a one-day collaborative effort with our Federal, State and Local law enforcement counterparts that was designed to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation's homes. This initiative provided an opportunity for the public to voluntarily surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutically controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.



Here in Ocean Ridge, we turned over nearly 18 pounds of surrendered prescription drugs.

As a reminder, thru the Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition, the Ocean Ridge Police Department has a permanent Prescription Drug Collection Box in the lobby. So, in addition to this event, this drop box is available to the public 24/7 for the disposal of unwanted/outdated prescription drugs.



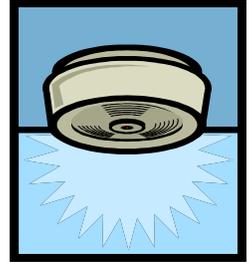
## Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi Joins Fight Against Human Trafficking

Florida ranks high for victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking; especially as these relate to children. Included in this month's newsletter is a flyer that explains the "Pledge for Online Safety" program. Please take some time to review this information with your children and encourage them to take the "pledge". See page 7 for Online Safety Tip Sheet and Pledge.

## When Was The Last Time You Tested Your Burglar and/or Fire Alarm System?

As we enter the Holiday Season, one of the best protections for you, your family and your possessions is a fully functional, activated alarm system.

Regardless of whether or not your system is connected directly to the Ocean Ridge Police Department or it alerts a private monitoring service, annual testing is essential to confirm that it is in proper working order. This is especially important if you have altered your telephone service by installing products such as Comcast's Triple-Play or Xfinity, AT&T's U-verse, Magic Jack, Vonage or any other Voice over IP device. Such services MAY require the installation of additional equipment, and the associated added expense, to insure your alarm system remains fully functional.



It just takes a moment to call whoever monitors your system and let them know that you want to conduct a test. In a matter of a few minutes, you will have determined the status of your system. The resulting peace of mind will allow you to focus on the many other activities associated with the holidays.

This is also a great time to perform the annual task of changing the batteries in the smoke detectors throughout your home.

On behalf of the men and women of the Ocean Ridge Police Department, I wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

Thank you for your attention!

## Did You Hug A Veteran On Veteran's Day?

I have enclosed an article from the Sunday, 11/10/13 edition of the Palm Beach Post that was composed by Kathy Gwynn in honor of Veteran's Day, Monday, 11/11/13. (See page 8 for copy of the article.) The article not only reminded me of the contribution and sacrifice of all of our Service men and women, but also of the brief opportunity I had to meet and coach "Cowboy Mike" while he and my son played hockey together.

Allow me to take this time to remind you that - right here in Ocean Ridge - there is a memorial to PFC Michael Metcalf at the south/east corner of Oceanfront Park. Following the approval of the City of Boynton Beach, the site was selected by his family as a fitting tribute to him as an avid surfer. Next time you visit the park, please take a moment to visit this tranquil spot.





## Attorney General Pam Bondi's Online Safety Tip Sheet

### Don't Let an *Instant Message* Become an *Instant Nightmare*

Victims of human trafficking include children, women and men who are subjected to sexual exploitation or forced labor through force, fraud or coercion. According to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, there are 27 million people enslaved worldwide. Sadly, this horrific crime is happening right here in Florida. In 2011, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center ranked Florida third in the number of calls received by the center's human trafficking hotline.

Attorney General Pam Bondi is dedicated to making Florida a zero-tolerance state for human trafficking, and she asks you, parents, to help protect your children. Human traffickers recruit victims using various means, including the Internet and social media, and they prey on children who are vulnerable and seeking love and approval. Human traffickers have online access, and you can take steps to prevent them from accessing your children.

Follow these tips with your children and ask them to sign the Online Safety Pledge today to help prevent them from becoming the next human trafficking victim.

#### Tips for Parents

- Talk to your children about sex trafficking and sexual abuse. Describe human trafficking as modern-day slavery, where people are captured and treated inhumanely. Awareness is the first step in preventing it;
- Restrict use of the computer to the living room or other area of the house where other family members are present;
- Know your child's screen names and passwords, even if you have your child write them down and put them in a sealed envelope. If anything happens, you will be able to access your child's accounts to trace who he or she has been communicating with;
- Use the parental control settings on your computer to check the Internet history. Look for warning signs in your children, such as: mood swings and anxiety; new friends who are significantly older; and new gifts, pre-paid credit cards, clothes or cell phones that you did not purchase; and
- Let your children know that they can talk to you, or a trusted adult, about anything that makes them uncomfortable.



#### Sign the Pledge for Online Safety

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge:

- NEVER to share inappropriate pictures of myself;
- NEVER to accept a "friend" request or other type of request from a stranger;
- NEVER to agree to meet with someone I've met online, or share personal information, such as my home address, school name, or phone number;
- To tell an adult immediately if a stranger uses a social media site, email, or other form of communication to express love or admiration for me, promises me a ticket to another location, or promises to make me a star; and
- To remember that I can talk to my parents, or a trusted adult, about anything.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Cut out this pledge, and tape it to your computer as a reminder of your commitment to online safety.*

## HOTTOPIC VETERANS DAY

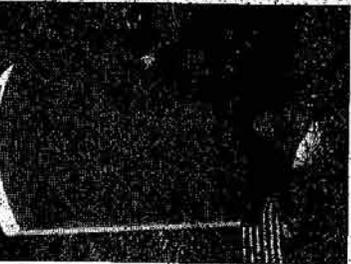
# For 'Cowboy Mike' and all the other heroes

By Kathy Gwynn

It is hard to believe that it has been 19 months since Palm Beach County and Boynton Beach lost their first U.S. Army soldier in Afghanistan. Pfc. Mike Metcalf received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. These were given to him for his heroism and for the ultimate sacrifice.

The Mike I remember — and the one I think we all remember — was the bigger-than-life Mike. My first encounter with him was when he played roller hockey for "West Boynton Beach." He was on my son's team, and there began a friendship that lasted for many

years. They all called Mike "Combat Mike," for his love of wearing fatigues. We all knew he



A headstone marks the grave of Pfc. Michael Metcalf at Arlington National Cemetery. CONTRIBUTED

had a love of the military and would eventually end up serving. Mike's love of sports would lead him to the beach for surfing and to the open fields for horseback riding and a few rounds on bulls. I don't think he was afraid of anything. He had a heart of gold, a smile bigger than Texas and a fantastic sense of humor, and he was a wonderful son to Kim. There wasn't anybody who wouldn't smile when Mike's name was mentioned.

In high school, he played roller hockey with my son, Dan, at Park Vista, at "Skate Zone." Those were great games that made for fond mem-

ories. After sophomore year, we lost track of Mike until that April day in 2012, when my son called with the news of Mike's death. We were all in shock. He was killed by a roadside bomb as he drove a Humvee to rescue some soldiers. On May 17, 2012, Mike was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. That was two days after his 23rd birthday.

One month later, I found myself at Arlington. Mike's grave had just a marker; no sod had been placed. Like others around him, it was all new. A year later, I was back to Arlington, and it's much different. A white

marble headstone stands, marking Mike's grave and all his honors. I thought it was very fitting, especially for "Cowboy Mike." On the ground was a large stone that had a picture of Mike and Kim. You could feel the love.

A voice came from behind me. The young woman asked me if this was my son. I told her that he was a friend, that he was a friend of my son. They played hockey together. I also told her of Mike's wonderful personality, his heroism and his sacrifice. I told her about his life. This woman told me that she was visiting with her family. She wanted her two children to see for them-

selves the sacrifices others have made. She said she was sorry for my loss and then she left. I guess at that point I realized that I was surrounded by "heroes." All the men and women who have served in the military are heroes, and we should acknowledge them.

On this Veterans Day, I think Mike would want us to know that we live in the greatest country on Earth. He would want us to know that no sacrifice is too big or too small. He would want us to be proud that we are Americans.

Kathy Gwynn lives in Boynton Beach.

## October's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the November 4, 2013 meeting:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting of Oct. 7, 2013
2. Directed staff to proceed with obtaining actual costs for the abandonment of a portion of the Old Ocean Blvd. ROW and contact the owners of 5516, 5514, and 5512 Old Ocean Blvd. with what costs they would incur
3. Ratified Change Order #1 for the Inlet Cay cul-de-sac drainage improvements in the amount of \$31,366 funded from the Capital Projects Fund
4. Authorized Internal Budget Amendments for FY 2012/13 and also approved amending the budget to reflect the contingency expenditures during FY 2012/13
5. Approved an expenditure of \$3,200 from the Capital Projects Fund to Engenuity Group to develop the bidding documents and handle the bidding approvals and also Authorize the Bidding for Thompson Street Drainage Improvements
6. Clarified that Ordinance 603 pertaining to Rental Registrations and the \$50 fee applies only to leases or renewals entered into after 6/03/13
7. Discussed the P & Z Commission's recommendation to permit an allowance for garages in the floor area ratio (FAR) and the majority of the Commission did not feel the FAR should be changed (it remains at 36% with a 300 sq ft allowance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor foyer/entrance)
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-09; Amending the 2013/14 Budget to Include a Transfer from the General Fund Restricted Fund Balance and the Unassigned Fund Balance to the General Fund Operating Budget (to fund a Building Permit Refund) provide a Full and Final Release is executed & Atty is to draft a policy for the future
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-13; Providing for Public Participation Guidelines in Accordance with Newly Adopted Senate Bill 50 Which is Codified at Sec. 286-0114, Florida Statutes, as Well as General Rules of Procedure Governing the Town's Public Meetings Including Telephonic Participation by Commissioners and also repeals Resolution No. 2013-07
10. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-14; Urging Members of the Florida Legislature to Oppose Legislation that Would Mandate the Use of Uniform Chart of Accounts for all Governmental Entities to Report Financial Information
11. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-15; Designating the Supervisor of elections and the Town Clerk 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 11, 2014 and to Canvass Returns of Such Election Including the Absentee Ballots; Assigning Supervisor of Elections to Handle the Absentee Ballots
12. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-16; 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
13. Adopted Ordinance No. 604; Amending Article V, Sections 2-191(a), 2-191(b) and 2-193 of the Code of Ordinances to Amend the Code of Ordinances Language Regarding the Applicability of State Law Generally; Remove the Exemption of the Town from Uniform Filing Dates and Election Dates: Conform the Qualifying Time for Candidates for the Office of Town Commissioner to the Time Provided for in Laws of Florida Chapter 83-498
14. **RE-SCHEDULED THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FROM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013 FROM 5:30 – 7:30 PM TO THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013 FROM 5:30 – 7:30 PM SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH THE BOYNTON BEACH/DELRAY BEACH BOAT PARADE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN HELD ON THE SAME NIGHT**
15. REMINDER THAT THE DECEMBER REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013 AT 6 PM

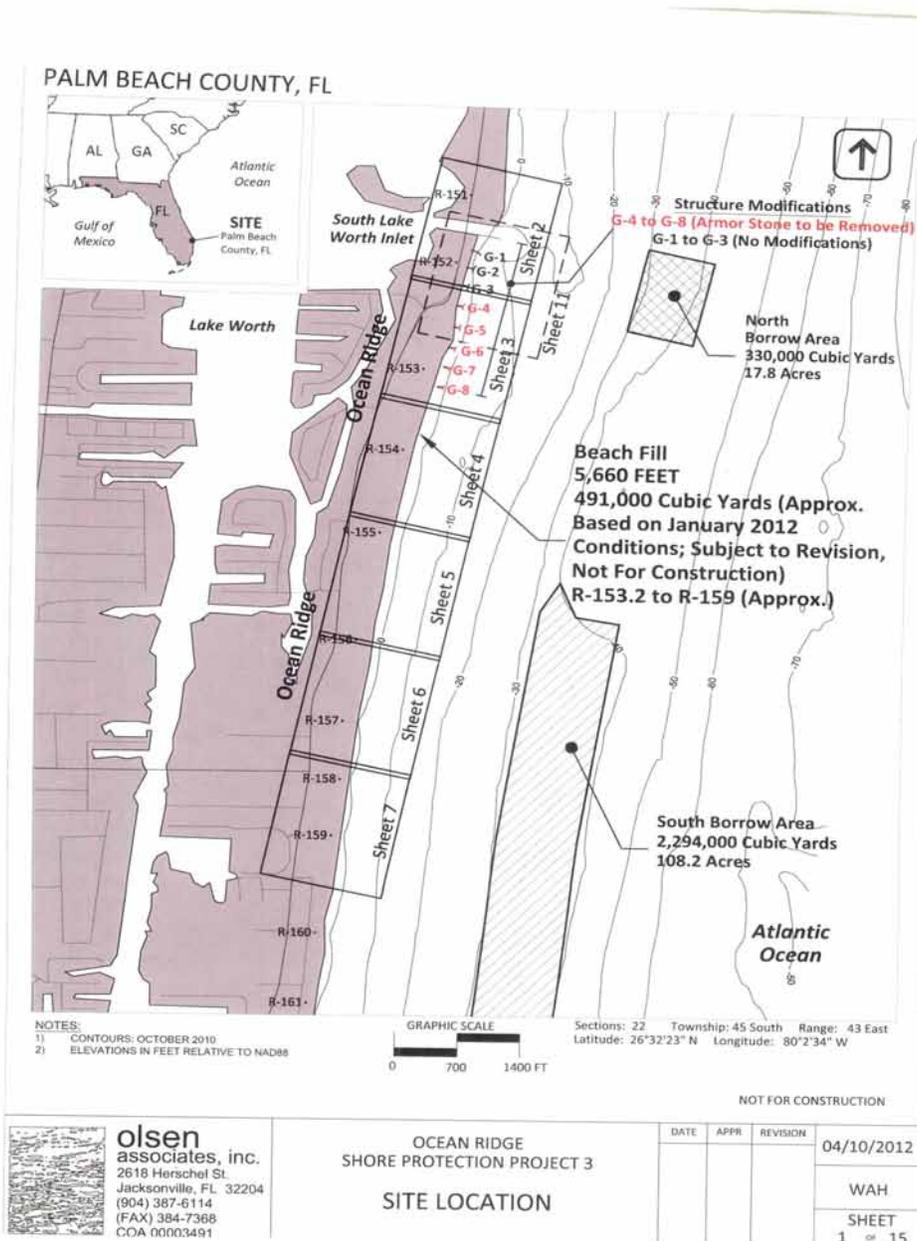
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Concurrent with the beach renourishment project, Palm Beach County will be modifying the south five granite T-head groins near the inlet to improve the southward movement of sand (bypassed by the sand transfer plant) through the groin field. The top layer of rock will be removed from the groin stems and transported from the beach through Ocean Inlet Park. Work on the groins will be conducted during daylight hours only.

The federal government and the State of Florida will fund approximately 74% of the \$7 million project. The remaining 26% percent will come primarily from Tourist Development Tax Funds generated through hotel and motel room taxes. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/erm/coastal/shoreline/ocean-ridge/>



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## Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project Frequently Asked Questions

<b>What is the current situation in Ocean Ridge?</b>	Natural forces and man-made alterations have caused persistent erosion on Ocean Ridge beaches.
<b>What is the purpose of the Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project?</b>	The Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project is designed to restore the beach to its originally designed width. This will improve its recreational value, provide valuable sea turtle nesting habitat, and serve as natural protection against potentially damaging coastal storms common to our area. In addition, the project will provide increased protection for Route A1A, which is the area's storm evacuation route. This work is a continuation of the project that began in 1997 and will continue at 6-10 year intervals in the future.
<b>What is the project area?</b>	1.1 miles of shoreline will be widened beginning immediately south of the southernmost T-head groin at Ocean Club and continuing to 150 ft south of Edith Street. The project area includes the public beach parks, Boynton Beach Oceanfront Park and Ocean Ridge Hammock Park.
<b>Who will pay for the Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project?</b>	Together, the federal government and the State of Florida will fund approximately 76% of the \$7 million project. The remaining 24% percent will come primarily from Tourist Development Tax Funds generated through hotel and motel room taxes.
<b>How will the project be constructed?</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. During the third week of November, Marinex, Inc. will mobilize equipment to the beach, including pipeline, earth-moving equipment, and work trailers.</li> <li>2. Dredging is scheduled to begin as early as November 20, 2013, and will continue for about one month. Sand will be dredged from a borrow site located approximately 2000' offshore and pumped to the beach via a submerged pipeline. Work will progress 24 hours per day until complete. Care will be taken to insure minimal disturbance to residents and visitors.</li> <li>3. After 550,000 cubic yards of sand have been pumped onto the beach and shaped into the design profile, all equipment will be removed from the site, and the new beach will be tilled to a depth of 36" to "fluff" the sand, improving it for sea turtle nesting.</li> <li>4. At or around the same time, the granite T-head groins located just south of the South Lake Worth Inlet will be modified to increase littoral drift of sand on the beach. This will ultimately result in more sand moving to beaches down drift of the inlet.</li> </ol>
<b>Who is responsible for the project?</b>	The Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project is a cooperative project between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Palm Beach County. The Corps of Engineers will manage construction of the project. Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management staff will coordinate local issues and provide post-construction monitoring.
<b>Is there anything else to be aware of?</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residents and visitors are requested to avoid project areas that are under construction.</li> <li>2. Because the sand placed on the beach will be dredged from an offshore area, it will appear grayish in color. The sun will bleach it to normal sand color over time.</li> <li>3. The new sand will naturally erode until the next renourishment cycle.</li> <li>4. Sea turtle nesting activities will not be adversely affected by the Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project, as construction will take place outside nesting season.</li> </ol>
<b>Who benefits from the project?</b>	All Palm Beach County residents and visitors who use the Boynton Beach and Ocean Ridge beaches will continue to enjoy a stable and better beach than exists today. Coastal residents can expect increased protection against coastal storms.

For additional information contact:  
Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management  
Shoreline Enhancement & Restoration Section  
(561) 233-2400  
or visit our website at:  
[www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/erm/divisions/enhancement/shoreline](http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/erm/divisions/enhancement/shoreline)

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# Mayor Steven Abrams Newsletter



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## The County Budget

The Board of County Commissioners recently signed off on the county's \$3.3 billion spending plan without raising the tax rate. The county's current tax rate of \$4.99 (including debt service) for every \$1,000 of taxable value will remain in place for the upcoming year effective October 1, 2013.

This year the county experienced a slight increase in property values which help the Board balance the budget with fewer cutbacks in services, programs and employees. It's a positive signal that Palm Beach County is experiencing a slow recovery after numerous years of declining property values.

Over half of the \$3.3 billion budget goes to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office with a

total of 3,952 positions. This year, they received \$499 million, a 6.2% increase from last year. In comparison, the budget for all the county departments combined is \$278 million which reflects a 22% decrease over the past seven years with a total of 6,280 positions. Funded positions in other offices include the Tax Collector (305); Property Appraiser (266); Clerk & Comptroller (138); Supervisor of Elections (45); and Judicial (25).

With the county working leaner, departments still maintained the same service levels as last year while implementing new efficiencies and privatization efforts such as with NAPA Auto Parts. Last year, the county's Fleet Management Department outsourced its

parts and supplies to NAPA for 3,985 vehicles which has resulted in a savings of approximately \$370,619 to date.

An additional \$1.6 million was allocated for road resurfacing which I fully supported. After years of cutbacks, roads and bridges have been neglected and are in need of maintenance. (The county once spent up to \$6 million a year on road and bridge maintenance).

In these challenging times, nearly every household, business and community in our country has had difficult decisions to make. Having opposed past county property tax increases, I remain committed to finding solutions to decrease spending while providing more efficient and innovative ways of improving services. I welcome your comments and suggestions as we face future challenges together.

## Earn Frequent Flyer Miles When You Park, Shop or Dine at PBIA and other participating airports



"Thanks Again" is a new rewards program at Palm Beach International Airport (PBIA) that offers rewards based on purchases at PBIA and other participating airports and retailers using your own debit or credit card. The Thanks Again program allows you to earn frequent flyer miles or hotel reward points three easy ways:

**At the airport:** earn extra miles or points when you shop, dine, or park at more than 100 participating airports.

**Neighborhood businesses:** earn at thousands of neighborhood businesses such as your local dry cleaner.

**Local attractions:** be a tourist in your own town or other cities and take advantage of bonus opportunities. Check out participating museums, resorts, sports venues, aquariums, zoos, theme parks and other popular attractions.

For more information, visit [www.thanksagain.com/pbi](http://www.thanksagain.com/pbi). Participating airlines include American, Delta, Frontier, United US Airways and Southwest.

# Bookmobile

## Schedule for Ocean Ridge



Palm Beach County Library's Bookmobile will be visiting Ocean Ridge twice a month from November 2013 through April 2014! Use your County Library Card or have one issued to you on the Bookmobile. Library cards are free-of-charge to residents of the Palm Beach County Library District and their children (proof of address, such as a Florida's Driver's License, an envelope cancelled by the Post Office, or a utility bill is required).

### 2013

November 8, 22

December 6, 20

### 2014

January 3, 17, 31

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

April 11, 25

Ocean Ridge Town Hall Parking Lot  
1:00PM-1:45PM



For more information on the Library's Bookmobile program, call 561-649-5500 or visit [www.pbclibrary.org](http://www.pbclibrary.org).

## Mark Your Calendars!

# Town of Ocean Ridge LECTURE SERIES 2013/14

*Free and Open to the Public*

**October 10, 2013**

Tony Marconi, Curator of Education at the Historical Society of the Palm Beaches, will recount the adventurous story of Ponce de León's discovery of Florida 500 years ago.



**November 14, 2013**

Enjoy contemporary music from Bill Hartmann, a very talented 12-string guitarist and vocalist.



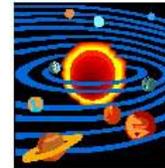
**January 9, 2014**

Dr. John C. Fine will present interesting facts and information about marine life, reefs, and shipwrecks off of Boynton Beach.



**February 13, 2014**

Eric Vandernoot, Astronomy & Physics Lab Coordinator at Florida Atlantic University, will present some exciting information about the new planets found by the Kepler Space Telescope.



**March 13, 2014**

Turtle season is here and Dr. Kirt Rusenko, Marine Conservationist at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, will describe the three turtle species that commonly nest on our beaches and will also provide information on what citizens can do to keep turtles safe during nesting season.



**April 10, 2014**

Join us for an engaging story about the Macedonian King, Alexander the Great, as told by Dr. Christos Papatheodorou.

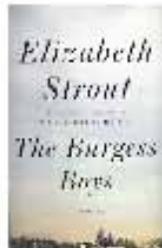


All events begin at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month except for December 2013.

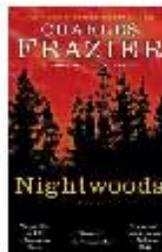
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# Ocean Ridge Book Club

## Book Selections



December 4, 2013  
The Burgess Boys  
By Elizabeth Strout



January 8, 2014  
Nightwoods  
By Charles Frazier



February 5, 2014  
Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots  
By Jessica Soffer

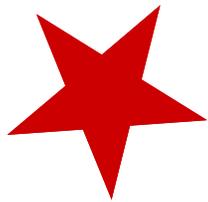
The Book Club meets in the Community Room at Ocean Ridge Town Hall on the first Wednesday of each month (except Jan. 2014) beginning at 5:45pm.

# Boynton Beach Announces Road Closures For Annual Holiday Parade

The City of Boynton Beach announces that several roads will be closed before, during and after the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Parade, scheduled Saturday, December 7, 2013.

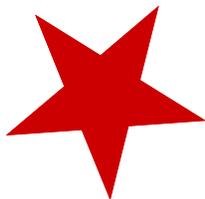
The following streets and avenues to be closed to **ALL** vehicular traffic:

- Ocean Avenue (Seacrest Boulevard to SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street) from 5 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Federal Highway (Boynton Beach Blvd. to Woolbright Rd.), 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m. Parade line up will occur on SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- All avenues between Ocean and SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues from SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street east to Federal Highway, 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.



The Parade will begin at 5:00 p.m. on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Federal Highway and proceed north to Ocean Avenue. Following the Holiday Parade, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the Holiday Extravaganza Tree Lighting will occur at 129 East Ocean Avenue. Roads will re-open after the events conclude.

For more information about the parade, please call 561-742-6641 or 742-6640.



*Boynton Beach Presents*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

❄️ **5:00 p.m. 43rd Annual Holiday Parade**

North on Federal Hwy. from SE 12th to Ocean Ave.

❄️ **6:30 p.m. Lighting Ceremony**

Ocean Ave. between Seacrest Blvd and SE 1st St.

❄️ **7:00 p.m. FREE Concert**

Ocean Ave. between Seacrest Blvd and SE 1st St.

**Live Entertainment**  
TBA

Food & beverages available. No pets.  
Ride the FREE shuttle - park at NE corner  
of E Ocean Ave and Federal Hwy, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Information Line: 561-742-6246 Website: [www.boyntonbeachcra.com](http://www.boyntonbeachcra.com)

Boynton & Delray Beach's Annual Boat Parade

Friday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.

Viewing area at Boynton Harbor Marina

MAKE SURE TO BRING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS



OFFICIAL TOYS-FOR-TOTS DONATION SITE



# Annual Holiday Celebration

Thursday, December 12th, 2013  
5:30pm—7:30pm

\*Beverages & Light snacks

\*Bounce House  
& Face Painter

\*Santa

\*and more!



Ocean Ridge Residents only

Boynton Beach & Delray Beach Present



# Annual Holiday Boat Parade

**Friday, December 13**

**6:30 p.m.**



Parade begins at the Boynton Beach Inlet and proceeds south to the C-15 canal in Delray Beach.

Pre-Party starts at 5:30 p.m.  
Live music, pictures with Santa and more!  
Boynton Harbor Marina  
by Two Georges Waterfront Grille



Additional parking available at the NE corner of Ocean Ave. and Federal Hwy.

Food & Drink Vendors available.  
No Pets Please!

To enter your boat, call 737-3256 x 212

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES A TOY  
FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

Make sure to bring new, unwrapped toys to the Viewing area at Boynton Harbor Marina



OFFICIAL TOYS-FOR-TOTS DONATION SITE



**Event Information: 742-6246 or visit [www.boyntonbeachcra.com](http://www.boyntonbeachcra.com)**

# OP ART ON DISPLAY TO OPEN ON MAY 13 CONNECTS WITH KINETIC ART IN BOYNTON

**BOYNTON BEACH, FL** --- A new Art in Public Places “Op Art” exhibit will open May 13 in the City’s Library, featuring Stanford Slutsky’s Kinetic and Optical artwork. Kinetic Art refers to art that moves, or that gives the sensation of movement, through its optical effects. As viewers enjoy and move around the art, the art work’s light, colors and surfaces change dramatically. Optical art is a method of painting that provides an interaction between illusion and picture plane, between understanding and seeing. Op art works are abstract. When viewed, the impression of movement, hidden images, flashing, vibration, patterns, or alternatively, of swelling or warping.

Slutsky’s optical art is composed of precisely cut wooden geometric shapes all fitting together to give the illusion of depth and distance. Slutsky works are meticulously created by cutting wood with table saws and jig-saws, separating them into pieces with spacers and fitting them perfectly with their counterparts on a canvas or in a frame. Slutsky uses magnets to piece together many of his works, making these removable, though not noticeable at first, they become an interesting surprise to the viewer. He also created painted acrylics pieces on wrapped canvas that have become popular among collectors.



#101 "Blue Light" 40" x 40" Acrylic on canvas



#104 "Vortex" 40" x 44" Framed Acrylic on canvas



#103 "Random" 38" x 42" Framed Acrylic on canvas



#106 "Triangle" 42" x 42" Framed Acrylic on canvas



#107 "Chain & Symmetry" 42" x 42" Framed

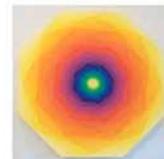


#109 "Spiral" 40" x 40"

Inspired by Victor Vassarely, Slutsky achieves his effects by juxtaposing hard-edged color patterns that disrupt the normal process of vision. Some shapes of color seem to advance and then recede; others appear to pulsate in waves. Slutsky painstaking, semi-scientific approach to painting and mixed media constructions are based on the manipulation of optical devices and depend on subtle color gradations, systematic chromatic harmonic lines and shapes.

All pieces created by Slutsky are one-of-a-kind and for sale with commissions benefitting the Art in Public Places program and Friends of the Library. **The Stanford Slutsky “Op Art” exhibit begins May 13 and continues through December 5.** Art in Public Places and the City Library will host a meet the artist reception Saturday, June 8, 2- 4 pm. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend. The City Library is located at 208 South Seacrest Boulevard, Boynton Beach.

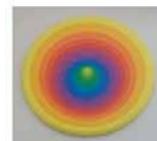
For more information, contact Debby Coles-Dobay, City of Boynton Beach Public Art Administrator, at 561-742-6026. Visit [www.facebook.com/BoyntonBeachArtInPublicPlaces](http://www.facebook.com/BoyntonBeachArtInPublicPlaces) or [www.BoyntonBeachArts.org](http://www.BoyntonBeachArts.org). Stanford Slutsky can be contacted by phone at 561-789-4678 or by email at [geometricartist@aol.com](mailto:geometricartist@aol.com). His website is [www.StanfordSlutsky.com](http://www.StanfordSlutsky.com)



#146 "Radiance" Octagon shaped canvas 48" x 48" Acrylic on canvas



#139 "Symmetry" 48" x 48" Acrylic on canvas



#134 "Radiance" 36" round Acrylic on canvas



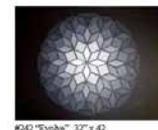
#135 "Sage" 40" x 40" Acrylic on canvas



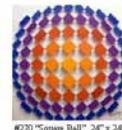
#102 "Surprised" 36" x 42" Hexagon shaped Acrylic on canvas



#130 "Sphered" 36" X 36" Acrylic on canvas



#202 "Evoke" 32" x 42" Mixed Media Construction



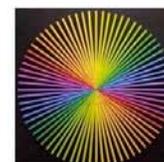
#270 "Globe Ball" 24" x 24" Mixed Media Construction



#206 "Cube & Star" 31" x 36" Hex Shaped Mixed Media Construction



#209 "Spiral Curve" 24" x 24" Mixed Media Construction



#207 "Shimmering Star" 24" x 24" Mixed Media Construction



#200 "Mass 10" 24" x 24" Mixed Media Construction

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

**What:** Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

**When:** First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup **December 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](mailto:JeffLev02@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.SandSifters.us](http://www.SandSifters.us)

### Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

**What:** Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

**When:** Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **November 30**

**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](mailto:info@seaangels.org)

**Website:** [www.seaangels.org](http://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

## Recipe: Better Than Pumpkin Pie Cake

### Ingredients

1 box yellow cake mix (reserve 1 cup)

1 stick butter or margarine, melted

4 eggs

1 can (29oz) pumpkin

1 can (5oz) evaporated milk

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup sugar

1.5 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp nutmeg

### Topping

1 cup yellow cake mix

1 stick butter or margarine, soft

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup mixed nuts, chopped

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350F. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch baking pan. In a mixing bowl using a spoon, mix the cake mix, butter or margarine, and 1 egg. Pour mixture into a pan and level across pan. In another mixing bowl, mix the canned pumpkin, 3 eggs, evaporated milk, brown sugar, sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Pour ingredients into pan and spread over first layer. To make the topping, in a mixing bowl cut butter or margarine into the reserved yellow cake mix, add the sugar and mixed nuts. Sprinkle over second layer. Bake for 50-55 minutes. Cool for 30 minutes. Makes 1 9x13 pan or 12 servings.

-Recipe submitted by Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk