

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



Meet Our New Town Manager James S. Titcomb

“Jamie” as he is known to most people, has lived and worked in the local area over 35 years, though most recently served as the Town Manager of Melbourne Beach, FL for the last year and a half. As the longest-serving, full-time executive director of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, working daily for over 230 local officials in 38 municipalities along with county, state and intergovernmental entities, Jamie continuously helped craft better public policy for all concerned in our county. Prior to serving at the League, Jamie was an elected City Commissioner and Vice Mayor of Boynton Beach. He also served as a manager in other local communities after the League. Prior to his public positions, Jamie spent 20 years as the creative director/CEO of his award-winning advertising design agency business. He holds an Industrial Design degree from Pratt Institute.



Having grown up in a small New England town, Jamie appreciates the unique charm and challenges of a small community, managing issues and policies to be the best community we can be, while preserving quality of life amenities and a high level of personal service expected for our residents. To assure good communication, Jamie strives to provide maximum access to Town officials, staff and residents alike to identify any problems early on to seek proactive solutions at every step. “A small town presents special challenge, we have many of the issues of larger communities, yet often fewer options or resources to mitigate them...” he says.

“Working together, we will always come up with the solutions that seem just right for our town, taking pride and responsibility for our own community while protecting the beautiful natural surroundings, which is our simple prescription to get the job done right. While we can’t always



Dr. Jim Weege speaking at the Nov. 2 regular meeting. Also shown is Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk, and James Titcomb, Town Manager.

fix everything immediately, knowing how you want things to be here and having persistence to see it through will leave this barrier island community a treasure for future generations to come.”

“Please do take the time to introduce yourself, attend our town meetings, volunteer for town boards and be involved to make a difference. We can always find ways to engage you to help your town or your neighbors. I hope to get to know and work with all of you.”



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

James Titcomb

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Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

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Police Chief

Hal Hutchins

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Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

James Bonfiglio

Richard Lucibella

Mayor & Commissioners email

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Numbers to Know

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance 911

NON-EMERGENCY

Ocean Ridge Police Dept. 561-732-8331

Boynton Beach Fire Dept. 561-742-6600

TOWN HALL

Building Dept., Town Clerk, Town Mgr. 561-732-2635

Fax 561-737-8359

OTHERS

Abuse Hotline 800-962-2873

Animal Control 561-233-1200

Army Corp of Engineers 561-683-1577

Beach Conditions 561-966-6600

Boynton Beach City Hall 561-742-6000

Boynton Beach Water Dept. 561-742-6300

Clarke Environmental Services 800-203-6485

Comcast 800-266-2278

Declare Domicile 561-355-2962

Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) 561-245-2118

DEP—Christian Lambert 561-313-9007

Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) 561-681-6333

Elder Affairs 866-882-2991

FEMA 800-621-3362

FL Dept. of Transportation (DOT) 866-374-3368

FL Dept. of Transportation Traffic Line 511

Florida Fish & Wildlife Comm. 888-404-FWCC

Florida Power & Light (FPL) 561-697-8000

Florida Power & Light (report outage) 800-4-OUTAGE

Marriage Licenses & Ceremonies 561-355-2986

Oceanfront Park Beach Conditions 561-742-6775

Oceanfront Park Events/Weddings 561-742-6240

Palm Beach County Building Dept. 561-233-5100

Palm Beach County EOC 561-712-6400

Palm Beach County Health Dept 561-840-4500

Palm Beach County Inspector General 877-283-7068

Palm Beach County Mosquito Control 561-642-8775

Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation 561-966-6600

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser 561-355-3230

Palm Beach County Tax Collector 561-355-2266

Palm Beach County White Fly 561-276-1260

Republic Services (trash collection) 561-478-9590

So. FL Water Management 561-686-8800

Solid Waste Authority 561-640-4000

Supervisor of Elections 561-656-6200

Tides 561-742-6776

CLIP AND SAVE!

Calendar of Events



November:

- 1: Daylight Savings ends
- 2: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in chambers
- 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

December:

- 1: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in chambers (tentative)
- 2: Book Club meeting from 5:45PM-7PM in community room
- 4: Holiday Celebration from 5:30-7:30PM at Town Hall
- 5: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup at Oceanfront Park from 8AM-10:15AM
- 7: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in chambers
- 25: Christmas Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections, no contractor work, no trash collection
- 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.

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."

November's Regular Town Commission Meeting

The following list is actions taken at the Nov. 2, 2015 meeting/s:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes for Oct. 5th and the Budget Hearing Meeting on Oct. 19th, 2015
2. Authorized the showing of artwork from 6 artists from November through January and a reduction in art sale proceeds to 20%
3. Continued the Re-plat Application for Lots 92-94 Island Drive So. to the Dec. 7, 2015 Regular Town Commission Meeting
4. Authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to distribute a letter to Potential Town Attorney replacements and the results presented at the Dec. Regular Meeting
5. Authorized the temporary closing of Midlane Road at Woolbright Rd. with the placement of stop posts and "No Outlet – Local Residents Only" signage at the entrance to Ridge Blvd. Residents in Ocean Ridge Beach Subdivision to be notified and the closure information will also be included in the Newsletter and an email blast. Item to be re-addressed at the June 2016 Regular Meeting
6. Consensus to Schedule the Workshop Meeting in January regarding converting Old Ocean Blvd. to a One Way street and closing entrances to Old Ocean Blvd. on several streets (date to be announced at the Dec. 7th Meeting)
7. Approved Internal Budget Amendments for FY 2014/15
8. Adopted Ordinance No. 612; Amending Article IV, Division 1, Section 66-117 of the Code of Ordinances to Make the Landscape Provisions of division 1, Parking Are Landscape, Applicable to Single Family and Duplex Dwelling Units (First Reading)
9. Adopted Ordinance No. 613; Amending Section 1-3, Definitions, of the Code of Ordinances to Include Partial Demolitions of Improvements; and Further Amending Article III, Technical Codes and Other Construction Standards, Division 2, Administration and Enforcement, Section 67-51, Permit Required, to Include Requirements Relative to Partial Demolition Permits and the Prevention of Blight (First Reading)
10. Consensus for Town Manager to present short list of potential Town Clerk candidates for the Dec. 7, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

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-November. 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.

Annual Holiday Celebration

The Town will be holding its annual Holiday Celebration for Ocean Ridge residents on Friday, December 4, 2015 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.



Commission Votes to Install Trial Street Closure at Midlane

At its regular meeting on November 2nd, the Town Commission discussed a trial closure of Midlane Road at the Woolbright Road intersection. The purpose is to help alleviate through-traffic volume, speeding and a perception of heightened criminal activity in the immediate area at the request of area residents. The Commission heard input from the residents attending the meeting, discussed pros and cons, and then voted unanimously to execute a trial closure.

Soon, the Town will erect signs alerting motorists to pending traffic pattern changes. Signs may read "No Thru Traffic - Local Access Only" or similar. In about 30 days, we will then erect street-mounted "Safe-Hit" Hazard Markers (plastic pole delineators) to close off ingress/egress at the Midlane and Woolbright intersection. This road closure pilot project will be revisited in about June 2016 by the Town Commission to assess the effectiveness, and review any issues the new configuration may create.

Initially there may be added confusion or unintended consequences of reconfigured traffic flow in the immediate area of the "Ocean Ridge Beach Subdivision" neighborhood affected. Residents should be extra vigilant, patient and exercise due caution while driving and traversing the neighborhood day to day. You should also let your property services providers and delivery vendors know of the impending route changes and related cautions.

Municipal Election Information

The 2016 municipal election will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 7:00AM to 7:00PM in the Town Hall community room. Because this election coincides with the Presidential Primary Election (run by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections) **qualifying dates will be much earlier**. One commission seat will be open for a three-year term. Interested candidates must file between 12:00PM on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015 and Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 by 12:00PM. This has been noticed in the Palm Beach Post and also the El Latino newspaper. Anyone that has questions or needs additional information should call Town Hall at 561-732-2635 between 8:30AM and 3:00PM. For absentee ballots and other voting inquiries, please call the Supervisor of Elections at 561-656-6200.

Old Ocean Blvd. Workshop Meeting

The Workshop Meeting to discuss possibly converting Old Ocean Blvd. to one way and also possibly closing several streets to Old Ocean Blvd. will be scheduled after the holidays, in January 2016. The meeting date will be announced at the December 7th Regular Meeting.

Annual Rental Registration

In 2014, the Commission adopted Ordinance 608 which requires anyone renting property in Ocean Ridge to register with the Town. Condos and co-ops with their own Boards are exempt. All properties being rented can be included on the same registration form. Renewal letters will be mailed mid-November to owners that are currently on the rental registration list and all new rental properties need to register at this time. The annual fee (January 2016-December 2016) is \$35.00 (cash or check only). The ordinance and rental registration form is available on the town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

Ordinances Adopted On First Reading

Ordinance No. 612 amends the Code of Ordinances at Section 66-117 extending the prohibition for planting invasive planting to single family and duplex residences.

Ordinance No. 613 amends the Code of Ordinances at Section 1-3 and Section 67-51 to include requirements relative to partial demolition permits and the prevention of blight.

Manatee Season Begins

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 Palm Beach County's Environmental Resources Management's [website](#) for more information. Manatee season officially ends on March 31.



If you see an injured manatee or would like to report a death or violation, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Photos From Ken Schenck's Retirement Party



Coastal Artists: Ocean Ridge Gets Artsy in March 2016

By: Nancy Flinn

During the month of March 2016, Ocean Ridge Town Hall will be the spot in Town to view fine art from a variety of artists. Working with Nancy Flinn and the Delray Art League, the exhibit will feature works in oil, watercolor, acrylics, collage, and other two-dimensional media. Contemporary, abstract, and realist works will be shown.

There will be an entry fee and multiple prizes will be awarded. All artists will price their submission for sale.

We look forward to a festive opening reception and gathering of artists. This exhibit is our opportunity to celebrate the uplifting social value of art with our neighbors and friends.

Beginning November 14, 2015, complete details for the show participation will be posted at [Facebook.com/OceanRidgeCoastalArtists](https://www.facebook.com/OceanRidgeCoastalArtists) and an entry form is on page 8. Digital pictures of the art submissions will be sent to a Gmail account for participation consideration.

Look for more information in future issues of Ocean Ridge Tidings. If you have any questions about participation or the art show in general, please contact Nancy Flinn at nancym7@yahoo.com or call 561-336-2948.

Ocean Ridge Coastal Artists Will Exhibit In Town Hall

By: Nancy Flinn

The success of the 2015 exhibit has prompted the decision to repeat the cultural program in March 2016. To recognize the efforts of participation in the 2015 show, Ocean Ridge artists and show judges Beth Sloat and Max Matteson will display their art along with multiple pieces from each of the six winning artists from the 2015 Coastal Artists Exhibit. They are: Irwin Goldman (1st place), Louise Loranger (2nd place), Roxene Sloate (3rd place), Judy Harris (honorable mention), Joseph Rotella (honorable mention), and Judith Shah (honorable mention).

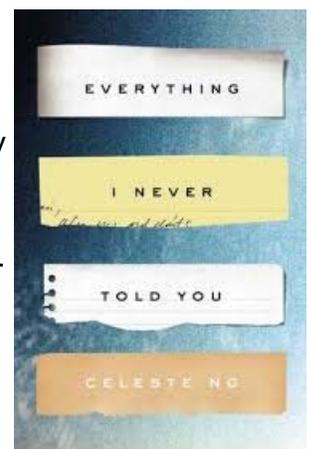
The art will be displayed from mid-November through January 2016. All pieces will be available for sale. We welcome your visit throughout the holidays.

FPL Outage Reporting

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.

Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, December 2 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss Celeste Ng's *Everything I Never Told You*. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion. January's selection will be *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro.



OR

OCEAN RIDGE COASTAL ARTISTS

Winter 2016-Ocean Ridge Town Hall
6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge FL

CALL FOR ARTISTS – JURIED ART SHOW

Exhibit Dates: March 3rd to March 31st, 2016

AN ARTIST MAY SUBMIT ONE ENTRY - \$20 PER ENTRY FEE - FEE NON-REFUNDABLE

CALENDAR:

Monday, February 15th 2016...Deadline to submit Entry Fees and Art Work

Monday, February 29th 2016...Deliver of Selected Art Work to Ocean Ridge Town hall 10AM to 11AM

Thursday, March 3rd 2016...OPENING PARTY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION AT OCEAN RIDGE TOWN HALL 6PM to 8PM

Friday, April 1st 2016...Pickup of ALL Art from 9AM to 10AM

(NOTE: THESE PICKUP & DELIVERY TIMES MUST BE OBSERVED.)

Eligibility:

Art Work is subject to judged approval; up to 30 pieces will be selected for the show. All Art Work must be no larger than 30" x 40" (including Frame), properly framed, or gallery wrapped (no staples showing on the canvas sides), wired, and ready to hang. Wire should be placed on the upper third of frame to hang close to the wall or rack grid. All Art Work must be labeled (on the back, upper right-hand corner) with artist's name, title, address, medium, and price PRIOR TO DELIVERY. The Maximum value of Art Work must not exceed \$1,000. All Art Work in this exhibit must remain for the duration of the show, even if sold. Anyone that removes their exhibit will be prohibited from entering future shows unless authorized by the committee. All Art Work sold will be subject to a 20% donation to the Town of Ocean Ridge for Art in Public Places.

ORIGINAL ART WORK ONLY - NO PRINTS OR GICLÉES!

CASH PRIZES:

1st PLACE \$300

2nd PLACE \$200

3rd PLACE \$100

Honorable Mention: 2 @ \$50 ca. (\$100)

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

OR COASTAL ARTISTS 2016

Nancy Flinn

5900 Old Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

\$20 Entry Fee (per art submitted for consideration) NON-REFUNDABLE

DEADLINE FOR ART ENTRY FORMS/PHOTOS: MONDAY, 2/16/2016

Artist: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____ Price: _____

LIABILITY:

I understand and agree that the Town of Ocean Ridge and the Show Manager shall have no responsibility for the care and safekeeping of any exhibit piece and any loss or damage shall be the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold the Town of Ocean Ridge harmless against any and all claims out of this exhibit.

Signed: _____

For more information call:

Nancy Flinn at 561-336-2948 or email:

Nancym7@yahoo.com

RETURN OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM and
\$20 Check (per submission) made payable to:

OCEAN RIDGE COASTAL ARTISTS

Mailed to:

**Nancy Flinn at 5900 Old Ocean Blvd.
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435**

**PLEASE SEND A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH OF
ARTWORK SUBMISSION BY 2/15/2016**

FOR JUDGING TO:

ORCOASTALARTISTS@GMAIL.COM

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR SUBMISSIONS
PLEASE CONTACT NANCY FLINN BY**

EMAIL: NANCYM7@YAHOO.COM

OR TEL. 561-336-2948

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



CATCH THE
Holiday
Spirit
 IN BOYNTON BEACH

BOYNTON BEACH
HOLIDAY PARADE

Holiday
 2015

HOLIDAY
 BOAT PARADE
 Boynton Beach

HAPPY HOUR
 FRIDAY!
**MUSIC ON
 THE ROCKS**



Friday,
 December 4th, 2015
 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM
 44th Annual Boynton Beach
 Holiday Tree
 Lighting & Concert
**129 EAST OCEAN
 AVENUE**

Saturday,
 December 5th, 2015
 3:00 PM
 45th Annual Holiday Parade
 featuring Holiday Floats,
 Marching Units, Bands
 and Dance Troops
**FEDERAL HWY BETWEEN
 WOOLBRIGHT RD
 & OCEAN AVE**

Friday,
 December 11th, 2015
 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
 43rd Annual Boynton Beach
 Holiday Boat
 Parade
**735 CASA LOMA
 BOULEVARD**

Friday,
 December 18th, 2015
 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 Join us for a
 FREE
 music performance!
**129 EAST OCEAN
 AVENUE**

Ocean Ave Amphitheatre Downtown Boynton Beach Boynton Harbor Marina Ocean Ave Amphitheatre





Ocean Ridge Police Department News

Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police

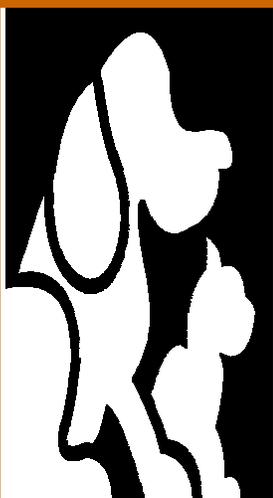
Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **October 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>
Drug Arrest	10/1/2015	10/1/2015 @6:40 pm	6600 North Ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop results in drug arrest of two individuals.
Theft	10/6/2015	10/6/2015 @3:45 pm	6415 North Ocean Blvd.	Theft of bicycle from Boynton Public Beach.
Robbery	10/9/2015	10/9/2015 Between 1:30 am and 2:30 am	6415 North Ocean Blvd.	Delayed report of robbery by force to person in park after hours. Cell phone and wallet reported as taken by hands. No weapon seen.
Drug Arrest	10/9/2015	10/9/2015 @ 4:32 pm	6990 North Ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop results in drug arrest of two individuals.
Theft from Unlocked Vehicle	10/10/2015	10/10/2015 Between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm	6415 North Ocean Blvd.	Theft of purse from unlocked vehicle.
Theft from Open Vehicle	10/11/2015	10/10/2015 Between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm	6415 North Ocean Blvd.	Delayed report of theft of wallet from open vehicle.
Theft from Open Vehicle	10/12/2015	10/12/2015 @ 3:54 pm	6415 North Ocean Blvd.	Subject arrested while breaking into vehicle and stealing purse as part of surveillance.
Theft of 2 Vehicles and Theft from 1 Vehicle	10/14/2015	Between 10/13/2015 and 10/14/2015	Waterview Dr.	Three unlocked vehicles entered overnight. Two vehicles stolen using keys left in unlocked vehicles. Both vehicles recovered in Palm Beach County.

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Burglary To Residence	10/15/2015	10/15/2015 @ 2:00 am	6000 Blk. North Ocean Blvd.	Known subject entered residence without permission. Resident desired not to prosecute.
Internet Fraud	10/20/2015	Between 9/20/2015 and 10/20/2015	Douglas Dr.	Craigslist investment scam.
Drug Arrest	10/20/2015	10/20/2015 @ 1:30 pm	6415 North ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop results in drug arrest.
Trespass	10/21/2015	10/21/2015 @ 12:39 am	Harbour Dr. North	Subject arrested for trespass after warning.
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	10/21/2015	10/21/2015 @ 4:00 pm	5700 Old Ocean	Vehicle reported stolen from Boynton Beach recovered abandoned in private parking lot.
Drug Arrest	10/21/2015	10/21/2015 @ 4:30 pm	6450 North ocean Blvd.	Traffic stop results in drug arrest.
Drunk Driver	10/23/2015	10/23/2015 @ 5:30 pm	Beachway Dr.	Anonymous complaint results in location and arrest of drunk driver.
Identity Theft	10/24/2015	Between 10/20/2015 and 10/24/2015	Harbour Dr. North	Pay Pal Account compromised resulting in unauthorized purchases.



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

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



November's Crime Prevention Information From Investigator Richard Jones

Work-At-Home Business Scams

I am sure that many of you have seen and heard the ads that promise big earnings and a great life for those who choose to work from home. I would caution you to not simply take their word for it as many of these promises and job offers are scams or simply do not deliver on their promises.

Since a work from home setting may benefit your busy lifestyle and allow you to make the money that your lifestyle requires, you may find this tempting. Many people may think they have nothing to lose since the company offers a money back guarantee or refund if you don't succeed. The reality is that the majority of these offers are scams and you will likely not get a refund.

These types of scams could cost you thousands of dollars. Not only do many people lose thousands of dollars trying these ventures, they also end up wasting a lot of their time and energy working towards their new business goals.

The most common types of Work-At-Home Scams include; Internet Business, Envelope Stuffing, Assembly or Craft Work, Rebate Processing, Medical Billing, Mystery Shopping and Multilevel Marketing. If you are confronted with one of these opportunities, please be very cautious.

One of the most common ways to know that the opportunity is actually a scam is by the promise of a big income and the fact that the process involves up-front money from you. Just because the ad appears legitimate and involved a website, newspaper or other trusted media source does not make the opportunity legitimate.

If you decide to move forward with an opportunity like this, do your homework! Research the company and/or the promoter. This can be as simple as contacting the Better Business Bureau <http://www.bbb.org/central-florida/get-consumer-help/>, The Florida Attorney General <http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/81bf89afaf04dbeb85256cc6006ff6bf>, or even conducting internet searches using the company name followed by "reviews", "scam" or "complaint".

These kinds of scams remind me of the old saying; "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is". Continue to use your better judgement and your gut feeling followed by good research and you will avoid being a victim to these types of crimes.

For more information on scams like this, feel free to contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP or by visiting their website at ftc.gov or contact me at the Ocean Ridge Police Department.



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police



THE SEASON IS HERE

The season is upon us. For all of you who have been away, welcome back!

As always, we like to remind everyone that now is a great time to update your information with the Police Department regarding emergency contacts and any other changes that may have occurred over the summer. Please feel free to call or stop by the dispatch center at your convenience should you need to update information or a key we may have on file. We are open twenty-four hours a day to serve you.

CRIME PREVENTION

Over the past month we have experienced several crimes as a result of folks leaving vehicles and homes unlocked. Sometimes the only thing that is necessary to prevent a burglary is locking your doors, removing keys and valuables from vehicles, and activating your alarm. As always, we would much rather respond to a false alarm than to a real crime.

KEEPING OUR TOWN BEAUTIFUL

With the upcoming season we are seeing an increase in garbage and trash placed roadside. Please be aware that garbage and trash should be placed as close to the curbside as possible on the property from which the trash and garbage was generated so as not to obstruct the roadway or public right of way. Yard trash created as the result of excessive yard services or contractors should be removed by the contractor.



Please remember that it is your responsibility as a property owner to maintain your property in accordance with all town codes especially those relating to maintenance and appearance standards.

Additional information on these and many other subjects is available on the Town website at <http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com> in the new resident information handbook. This handbook is also a great source of information regarding many activities and goings on within the Town.

SEASONAL TRAFFIC ISSUES

Over the course of the summer, Sergeant Stang has been working to enhance the Town's traffic enforcement activity to make travel safe and convenient year round. As a part of his duties he has successfully engaged the Town in a partnership with the University of South Florida to help educate those using the roadways as to their rights and responsibilities. Over the next several months the Police Department will be conducting an educational and enforcement campaign to insure traffic safety of all those who use our roadways; Motor Vehicles, Bicycles and Pedestrians. This initiative will be in addition to our involvement with the Florida Safe Roads Task Force. Through our efforts, we hope to help make your travels in town more convenient and safer at the same time.

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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.

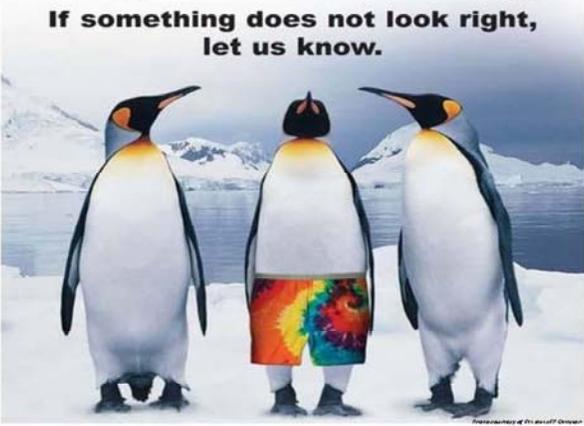
REMEMBER



**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 James Titcomb at jtitcomb@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: **November 28**

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

Follow Us On Social Media

In addition to the newsletter and email blasts, the Town of Ocean Ridge utilizes the following social media platforms to provide information to our residents:

[Twitter](#) @OceanRidgeFL

[YouTube](#) (audio of meetings only)

[NextDoor](#) (click link to join)

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. We also accept only fiction hardcover books during business hours. Library operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 3:00PM.