

# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

## Rental Registrations

In 2014, the Commission adopted Ordinance 608 which requires anyone renting their property, other than those with governing boards and/or homeowner's associations, to register with the Town.

Renewal letters were mailed at the beginning of November to owners currently on the rental registration list. All new rental properties will need to register at this time. All properties being rented can be included on the same registration form. The annual fee (January 2018-December 2018) is \$35.00 (cash or check only). The ordinance and rental registration form are available on the Town's website. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

## Garbage/Trash & Alarm Monitoring Billing

Town Hall will be mailing the annual garbage/trash and alarm bills to our residents for the fiscal year 2017/18 around mid or late 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.

## Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss *The Heirs* by Susan Rieger. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

## Annual Holiday Celebration

The Town will be holding its annual Holiday Celebration for Ocean Ridge residents on Friday, December 1 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM at Town Hall. 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.

## Candidate Qualifying Period

The Municipal Election Candidate Qualifying period will be from Monday, December 4 at 12PM until Friday, December 8 at 12PM. There are two at-large Commissioners seats available for a 3-year term.

The Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 7AM-7PM in the community room.

For additional information, please contact Tracey Stevens, Town Clerk, at 561-732-2365.

## Town's New SeeClickFix App!

Want to report a non-emergency issue such as solid waste collection issues, potholes, overgrown lots, and more? Report it by using the Town's SeeClickFix app! Staff will respond during regular business hours and you should expect an update to the issue within 72 hours. To download the app and more, please visit [oceanridgeflorida.com/seeclickfix.htm](http://oceanridgeflorida.com/seeclickfix.htm).



## General Information

6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

[www.oceanridgeflorida.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com)

### Town Clerk

Tracey Stevens

[tstevens@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:tstevens@oceanridgeflorida.com)

### Police Chief

Hal Hutchins

[hhutchins@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:hhutchins@oceanridgeflorida.com)

### Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

### Vice Mayor

James Bonfiglio

### Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

Steve Coz

Don MaGruder

### Mayor & Commissioners email

[info@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto: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

### November:

- 1: Book Club meeting begins at 5:45PM in the community room
- 4: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup begins at 8AM at Oceanfront Park
- 6: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in the chambers
- 7: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in the chambers
- 10: Veteran's Day (observed) - Town Hall closed—no inspections but contractors may work
- 11: Veteran's Day—Town Hall closed—no inspections and no contractor work
- 23: Thanksgiving Day—Town Hall closed—no inspections and no contractor work
- 24: Thanksgiving Holiday—Town Hall closed—no inspections but contractors may work
- 25: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

### December:

- 1: Annual Holiday Celebration from 5:30PM-7:30PM at Town Hall
- 2: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup begins at 8AM at Oceanfront Park
- 4: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at **5PM** at Town Hall **\*note time change\***
- 4-8: Candidate Qualifying Period from 12/4 at 12PM to 12/8 at 12PM
- 5: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in the chambers
- 6: Book Club meeting begins at 5:45PM in the community room
- 25: Christmas Day—Town Hall Closed—no contractor work or inspections
- 30: 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 on the second Monday of the month at 8:30AM. 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](http://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."

## Manatee Season Began November 15

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).

## Expiring Building Permits

Every month an expired permit report is generated and letters are sent to the homeowners informing them that an open building permit for their property will expire shortly as per Section 67-52 of the Town's Code of Ordinances. This is an informative and beneficial letter letting the homeowner know that every permit requires a final inspection and no positive inspection has been scheduled for a period of six months. The expired building permit will be considered "not completed and open due to the lack of a final inspection" for any reporting purposes and may present delays when attempting to sell or refinance your home.

If the permit is ready for a final inspection, please call the contractor listed on the building permit to have them schedule the final inspection with the town. Also, make sure the permit with yellow permit card is posted on the job site. If the permit is not ready for an inspection, you may renew the permit one time within 6 months of expiration, if there are no changes to the original permit, and a \$50.00 renewal fee (cash or check only) along with form that must be submitted to the town. If there are changes, a new application with two copies (or 3 if drainage/engineer related) of the back-up material must be submitted to the town and the fee will be based on the new estimated cost of the project.

## Yard Debris Collection

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

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

## 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 in the log book when returned. Please have proof of residency available when checking out books.

Library operating hours are  
Monday through Friday  
from 8:30AM to 3:00PM.

# Town Manager's Report

Below is Town Manager's Report—November's Commission Meeting:

## **FY17 – Year End Process Amendments and GASB Schedules**

The budget amendments under Town Resolutions on the agenda align General Ledger Fund Balance accounts to match policy and actuarial spending in preparation of closing the FY17 fiscal year for annual audit procedures. Our Auditors - Nowlan, Holt & Miner have recommended we engage a third-party accountant to prepare the specific GASB compliant schedules required under State Audit rules. This expenditure will be performed under an hourly billing agreement with the accountant and is already budgeted for within the Accounting & Auditing GL line item in the Town Clerk's budget.

## **8 Inlet Cay Stormwater Outfall**

A seawall construction damaged outfall pipe has been replaced by the contractor working on site under Town Engineer and Building Official supervision. It will be restored to full functionality upon receipt of a special-order Red Valve duckbill tidal flap currently in manufacture. Installation of the tide flap will return the drain system on that cul du sac to full, trouble-free operation.

## **Tropical Storm Phillipe - Tropical Drive Pumping Station**

The Tropical Drive pump system failed to drain the street early morning Sunday, October 29th during Tropical Storm Phillipe. The town received almost 9" of rain in a 24-hour period along with rapid succession lightning strikes reported as the system passed our area.

We are working diligently with FPL, Electrical contractor Carey & Knuth, and manufacturers of the installed components to determine what went wrong and how to prevent future problems. Kudos to our Police personnel who were able to mobilize and manually start the pumps and drain the basin quickly, but unfortunately not before some cars and homes experienced water intrusion in the process. A previous power failure during Hurricane Irma caused damage to the controller electronics and repairs were made at that time, and tested to work. We have asked our electrical contractor to reconfigure the controls system to prevent any future shut-down or non-start of these critical pumps.

## **Hurricane Irma Clean Up**

After "First Pass" debris was cleared in town from Hurricane Irma by storm contractors under FEMA rules, we worked extensively with our regular contract hauler Republic Services to finish up residual service issues. Commercial landscapers and some property owners complicated the task adding extensive trimming and comingled construction materials after the storm debris operations. Please be advised we have returned to normal garbage, vegetation and bulk pick up rules, code enforcement is documenting spot issues and will tag non-compliant debris placed on wrong days, in the ROW.

## November's Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

The following is a list of actions taken at the November 6, 2017 Regular Town Commission Meeting:

1. Adopted the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017.
2. Adopted the Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2017.
3. Approved the expenditure of \$30,915 to Essential Net Solutions (ENS) for budgeted IT Upgrades; Approve Purchase Order No. 14944 in the amount of \$13,592.43 for USA Software Police CAD & Records Management Program Annual Software Support & Maintenance; and Approve Purchase Order No. 14950 in the amount of \$37,494.15 for Hurricane Debris Hauling by Bergeron Emergency Services.
4. Authorized the Mayor and Town Clerk/Treasurer to Execute and Record Delinquent Garbage/Trash and Alarm Monitoring Lines for FY 16/17.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2017-21: A Resolution of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Considering a Special Exception Application by Palm Beach County to Allow Improvements to Ocean Inlet Park; and Providing an Effective Date, with 2 Conditions: 1) Additional Security at the Park from 11 pm to 7 am., and 2) Increased Landscaping.
6. Authorized the Town Manager to Negotiate with Higgins Engineering Inc. on a Project Contract for the Inlet Cay Island Engineering Study and bring the Proposal to the December Regular Town Commission Meeting.
7. Authorized the Town Manager to Negotiate with Chris Wayne Associates for landscaping improvements including curbing and irrigation to the Harbour Drive Entryway with a cost not to exceed \$10,000.
8. Authorized the Town Manager to proceed with Phase 2 of the Town-wide Paving Project in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 as Budgeted.
9. Moved the December 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Town Commission Meeting from 6 pm to 5 pm.
10. Approved Resolution No. 2017-18: A Resolution of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Adopting Budget Amendments for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2016 and Ending September 30, 2017.
11. Approved Resolution No. 2017-19: Designating the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections or Designee, the Town clerk or designee, and Town manager or designee 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 13, 2018 and to Canvass Returns of Such Election Including the Absentee Ballots; and Assigning the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections or Designee to Handle the Absentee Ballots.
12. Approved Resolution No. 2017-20: 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 and the town of Ocean Ridge.
13. Adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance No. 627, An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances by Amending Chapter 63, "General and Administrative Provisions", Article IV, "Site Plan Review Procedures", Section 63-51 "Types of Applications", And Enacting Section 63-56 "Concept Development Plan Review", To Provide for Concept Development Plan Review of New Construction; Providing For Codification, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date of January 1, 2018.
14. Adopted on second reading Ordinance No. 628, An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances by Amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-3, "Definitions" To Clarify the Definition of "Family"; Chapter 67, "Buildings and Building Regulations", Article VII, "Building Standards", Division 3, "Occupancy Limitations", Section 67-205 "Occupancy Limitations", To Clarify Occupancy Limitations; Providing For Codification, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



# 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 2017** for Ocean Ridge:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Vandalism	10/2/2017	Between 9/30/2017 and 10/2/2017	5900 Blk. Old Ocean	Town property spray painted.
Theft from Beach	10/3/2017	10/3/2017 Between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm	6415 North Ocean Blvd.	Items of jewelry left unattended reported stolen.
Traffic Arrest	10/8/2017	10/8/2017 @5:00pm	Ocean Ave.	Traffic stop results in arrest for obstruction and resist officer.
Theft from Vehicle	10/9/2017	10/9/2017 @2:10pm	6238 North Ocean Blvd.	Items taken from car on construction site.
Theft from Vehicle	10/15/2017	Between 10/14/2017 and 10/15/2017	6590 North Ocean Blvd.	Unlocked vehicle entered. Currency taken.
Theft of Vehicle/Recovered	10/21/2017	Between 10/21/2017 and 10/22/2017	Sabal Island Dr.	Vehicle taken while owner in home. Recovered in Lauderdale.
Theft from Vehicle	10/21/2017	10/21/2017 @6:00 am	Harbour Dr. North	Items removed from unlocked vehicle.
Theft from Vehicle	10/21/2017	10/21/2017 @6:00 am	Anna St.	2 Unlocked vehicles entered nothing taken.
Theft from Vehicle	10/21/2017	Between 10/20/2017 and 10/21/2017	Sabal Island Dr.	Unlocked vehicle entered nothing taken.
Theft from Vehicle	10/21/2017	Between 10/20/2017 and 10/21/2017	Spanish River Dr.	Unlocked vehicle entered nothing taken.

In addition to the above listed activity and regular patrols of the beaches and roadways; officers investigated one overdose death, assisted the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office with three investigations, initiated several arrests for outstanding warrants, responded to flooding issues and conducted traffic enforcement activities throughout the Town.

Please note: The above listed activity is just a snapshot and not a total accounting of the activity of officers of your police department engage in on a monthly basis. This snapshot is to help raise awareness and prevent crime through information sharing and proactive involvement with security, such as locking vehicle doors and closing garage doors when away from these areas.

# Crime Prevention Information

By Lieutenant Richard Jones

## Holiday Season

The end-of-year holiday season is fast approaching. With all the distractions and activity, we sometimes forget the basics about safety on the streets and at home. Opportunity is the criminal's key to crime. By staying alert and following a few crime prevention tips, you can ensure a holiday season that is happy and safe. Crime prevention involves being aware of our surroundings and potential areas of danger, thereby closing the criminal's window of opportunity.

Busy shoppers can be targeted for purse snatching and other forms of street robbery. The malls are full of folks with money to spend. As we speed along, focused on getting through our treasure hunt, a criminal can size up a potential victim.

- Outside of the mall, stick to well-lit, well-traveled streets, walkways and parking areas for both walking and parking.
- Stay off the cell phone as you walk through parking lots and streets. It is a distraction that makes you vulnerable to robbers, and your cell phone itself is a tempting target.
- Don't flash large amounts of cash or offer tempting targets for theft such as expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Carry a purse or shoulder bag close to your body, not dangling by straps. Put a wallet in an inside pocket of your coat or front pants pocket.
- Don't fumble for house or car keys. Have them in your hand, ready to use when you reach the door.

Here are some additional tips regarding the car or house you've left behind while on your travels.

- ALWAYS lock your car and residence, even if you are away for only a few moments.
- Do NOT leave valuables - gifts, cell phones, purse or clothing - in open view in your car. Take valuables with you, lock them in your trunk, or cover them in an unobtrusive way.
- Leave lights turned on both inside and outside your residence after dark. Criminals don't like bright places.
- If you will be away from home for several days, make arrangements for someone to pick up your mail, newspapers and any other delivered packages. An overstuffed mailbox is a sure sign that no one is home, and burglars are tempted to check those envelopes for holiday gifts.
- Contact the Ocean Ridge Police Department and request to be placed on the Dark House List.

As discussed in previous crime prevention tips, opportunity is what a criminal thrives on.  
If we take away the opportunity, the criminal will be powerless.



# 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 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 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.

And finally; As Always,

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

REMEMBER

**“IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”**

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

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

**When:** First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **December 2**

**Where:** Oceanfront Park, 6415 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](mailto: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: **November 25**

**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:** [seaangels.org](http://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](mailto: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