

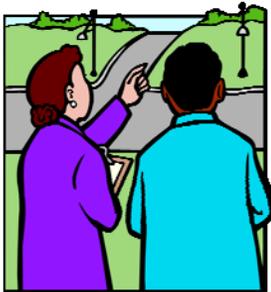
# Ocean Ridge Tidings



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

## FPL: Power & Street Light Outages

Did you know that it is easy to report a power outage or a street light that is out in your neighborhood? To report an outage or to get updates on an outage, call 1-800-4OUTAGE (800-468-8243).



You may also dial this number to report any hazardous conditions. To report street light issue, simply click on this [link](#) and fill out the information or go to [fpl.com](#). You will receive a confirmation email and updates from FPL.



## Ocean Ridge Koi Garden Fund By Dr. James Weege

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

What you may not know is that the maintenance funds for the Koi garden come out of the town's general budget account. With the shortage in our town budget, this does not leave a lot to maintain the pond and garden when something arises. That is why it was drained in December and kept empty for four months before funds were available to repair leaks and get the pond up and running.

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



We are actively seeking residents who share our enthusiasm regarding the Koi garden and invite you to contribute whatever you can to the Ocean Ridge Koi Garden Fund. Please contact Dr. James Weege at 561-523-5705.

## General Information

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### 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

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Dr. Lynn Allison

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Ed Brookes

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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!**

# December Calendar of Events

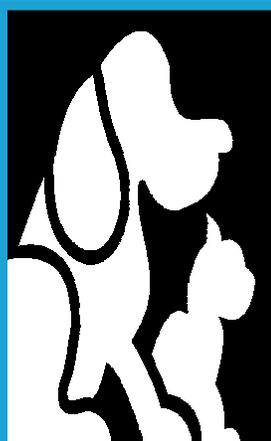
## December

- 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 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 7-Boynton Beach's Holiday Extravaganza Begins at 5:00PM
- 9-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM 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-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park
- 31—New Year's Eve

## January

- 1— New Year's Day—Town Hall Closed, No Contractor Work, No Inspections
- 3-Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 4-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 6-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
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- 8-Book Club Meeting at 5:45PM in Community Room
- 9-Lecture Series at 7:00PM in Chambers
- 17-Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot
- 20-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Town Hall Closed, Contractors May Work, No Inspections
- 25-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park
- 31-Book Mobile 1:00PM-1:45PM in Town Hall Parking Lot

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



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

**Oceanfront Park Beach  
Conditions**

**Call 561-742-6775**



# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

## Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crimes/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **November 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	11/02/13	2:00-4:12 PM	Edith St. Crossover	Unattended/Unlocked bicycle stolen. The bicycle was recovered abandoned within 24 hours in Boynton Beach.
Violation of Town Code/Permits	11/04/13	10:39 AM	5500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Investigation of business conducting remodeling found no permit had been issued for the work.
Burglary/Arrest	11/05/13	11:50 AM	100 blk Island Dr South	The location is in foreclosure. Officers on patrol observed the home occupied. Further investigation identified a subject who had illegally attempted to claim possession. Suspect turned over to the Palm Beach County Jail.
Attempted Burglary	11/08/13	11:43 AM	100 blk Ixora Way	Officers responded to a burglar alarm activation and found front door pried. Entry not gained and nothing taken.
Violation of Town Code/Permits	11/19/13	7:45 AM	100 blk Harbour Dr. N.	Investigation of construction being done found no permit had been issued for the work.
Violation of Town Code/Unsafe Conditions	11/19/13	11:05 AM	5700 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Previously permitted remodeling work had not been finished, leaving hazardous stairways. Joint investigation with the Building Official resulted in location being posted as unsafe.
Theft/Arrest	11/22/13	4:27 PM	100 blk Hudson Ave.	Maid/Nanny charged with stealing jewelry and other items from home. Subject also found to be an illegal alien and action pending by Border Patrol.
Theft	11/26/13	12:00 –2:30 PM	5600 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Victim left beach bag unattended with purse. Items taken.
Theft	11/27/13	11:08 AM	100 blk Harbour Dr. N.	Follow up investigation of Maid/Nanny from previous case resulted in identifying another victim/employer.

## More New Faces at ORPD

On December 9, 2013 the Town Commission authorized the hiring of a full-time Police Officer and the appointment of a Reserve Officer; both filling previously authorized positions.

Frederick Stang: “Rick”, as he prefers to be called, comes to us from Arkansas. His latest law enforcement employment was with the Hot Springs Police Department where he performed general patrol work, accident investigations, community relations and the training of junior officers. Prior to his 6 years with Hot Springs, he was an officer with the Flippin (AK) Police Dept for 2 ½ years.



Rick moved to our area due to family issues. He has completed the necessary cross training to become Florida certified. In addition, he has an extensive record of training in a multitude of areas that will be beneficial to the Ocean Ridge Police Department and the citizens we serve.

Aaron Zawistowski: Aaron has approximately 9 years of law enforcement experience; with his latest being with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office (IRSO) until 2010. While with IRSO, Aaron was a Patrol Deputy and a Narcotics Detective; eventually being assigned to a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force. Previously he was with the Seminole Tribal Police Department.



Aaron has attended several training classes, to include those needed to reactivate his Florida law enforcement certification. He will be an asset to the Ocean Ridge Police Department and the residents of the Town.

## Soliciting On The Rise

The annual migration of solicitors has begun. The colder weather in the North has driven these folks to our more temperate climate. As a result, these “entrepreneurs” will be going door-to-door soliciting funds for magazine subscriptions, bogus sports teams (lacrosse, “Irish” soccer, baseball, etc.), and other causes.

The good news is that residents of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes have been very good at calling the Police Department to report these visitors and/or suspicious persons. These calls are greatly appreciated.

Our initial response is to meet with and identify the violators, issue them and their company warnings and, as long as they did not have a warrant, send them on their way. However, re-offenders sometimes require a stronger message, so the issuance of a citation or physical arrest may be needed.

Again, it is important to note that our investigations determined that several of these folks have warrants and/or criminal histories, and their companies have had numerous Better Business Bureau complaints filed against them.

Soliciting without a Permit is a Town Code violation. Please continue to call us when you encounter or observe suspicious persons. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## Holiday Scams

During the holiday season, many criminals will attempt to take advantage of those who are moved by the spirit of giving. Did you know that the Federal Trade Commission has helpful hints on ways to determine the legitimacy of the charity you are thinking of sending a donation?

Here is a link that provides information on how you can confirm that the organization is legal and authentic: <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0074-giving-charity>

Another opportunity to be victimized is via the Internet. Malware and viruses can be easily attached to email that looks legitimate. The opening of email from an unknown/unreliable source or downloading of an electronic greeting card or other attachment could allow access to your most prized possession – your identity.

Please avoid opening unsolicited emails. The safest button to push on your computer is “Delete”.

## Alcohol and Driving Don't Mix

With the holidays upon us I would like to share a personal experience with you about drinking and driving.

As you may know, many people have brushes with the authorities from time to time on the way home after a "social session" out with friends.

Well, last night I was out for the evening at a holiday party and had several cocktails. Feeling jolly I still had the sense to know that I may be over the limit. That's when I did something that I've never done before ... I took a cab home!

Sure enough on the way home there was a police road block, but since it was a cab they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident. This was a real relief and surprise because I had never driven a cab before.

I don't even know where I got it from and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it!

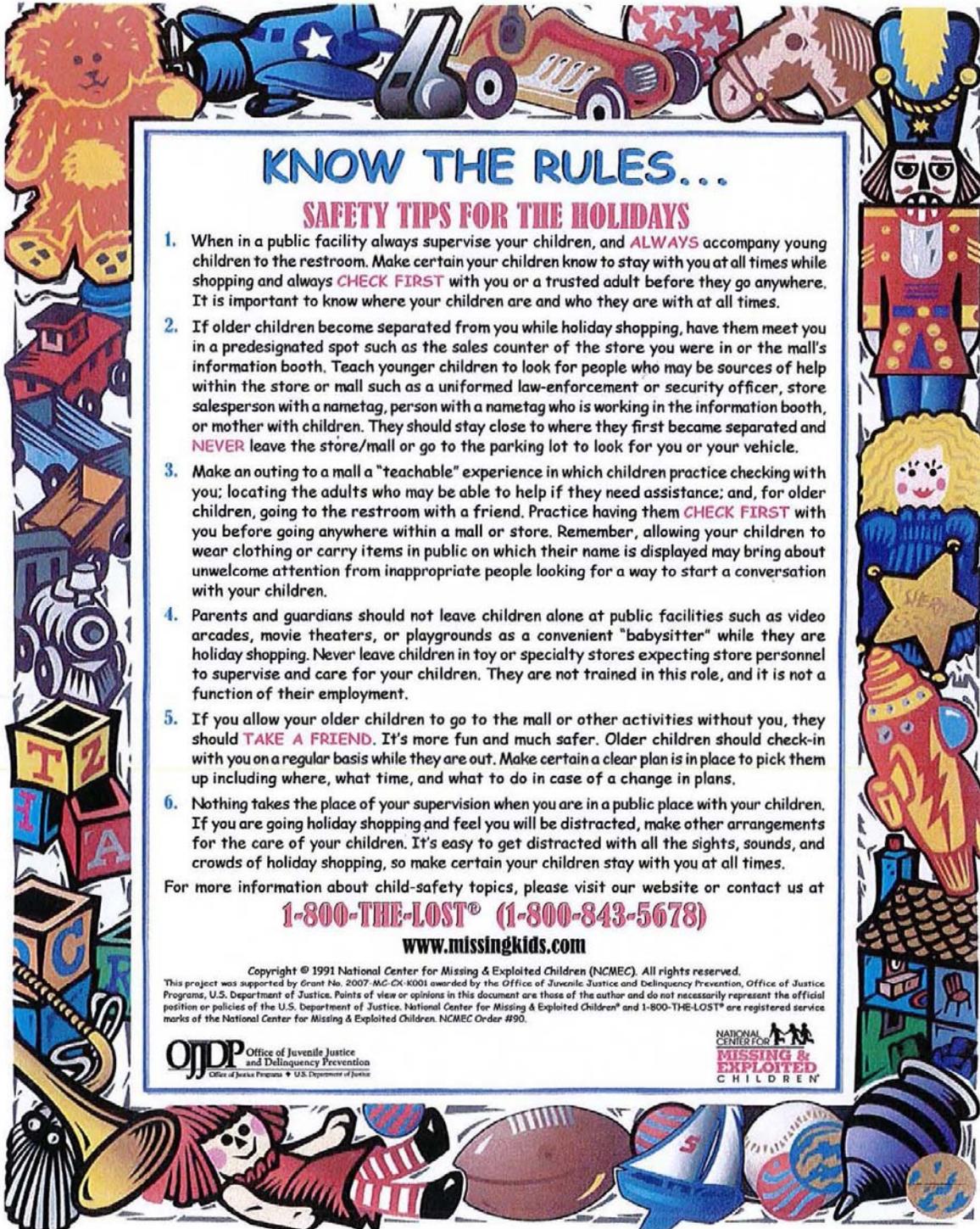
**Only kidding!** But I'm using this to remind everyone that there are alternatives to driving under the influence. Appoint a “DD” (Designated Driver), or call for a taxi or use the annual, free service offered through the AAA “Tow-to-Go” program at [http://autoclubsouth.aaa.com/safety/tow\\_to\\_go.aspx](http://autoclubsouth.aaa.com/safety/tow_to_go.aspx) or (855) 2-TOW-2-GO or (855) 286-9246. This service is available Dec 20, 2013 through Jan 1, 2014.

Remember, “Over the Limit, Under Arrest!” and “Buzzed” Driving is “Drunk” Driving.

Please don't drink and drive!

On behalf of all of the members of the  
Ocean Ridge Police Department,  
I wish you a healthy and safe Holiday Season  
and a Happy New Year!





## KNOW THE RULES...

### SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1. When in a public facility always supervise your children, and **ALWAYS** accompany young children to the restroom. Make certain your children know to stay with you at all times while shopping and always **CHECK FIRST** with you or a trusted adult before they go anywhere. It is important to know where your children are and who they are with at all times.
2. If older children become separated from you while holiday shopping, have them meet you in a pre-designated spot such as the sales counter of the store you were in or the mall's information booth. Teach younger children to look for people who may be sources of help within the store or mall such as a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a nametag, person with a nametag who is working in the information booth, or mother with children. They should stay close to where they first became separated and **NEVER** leave the store/mall or go to the parking lot to look for you or your vehicle.
3. Make an outing to a mall a "teachable" experience in which children practice checking with you; locating the adults who may be able to help if they need assistance; and, for older children, going to the restroom with a friend. Practice having them **CHECK FIRST** with you before going anywhere within a mall or store. Remember, allowing your children to wear clothing or carry items in public on which their name is displayed may bring about unwelcome attention from inappropriate people looking for a way to start a conversation with your children.
4. Parents and guardians should not leave children alone at public facilities such as video arcades, movie theaters, or playgrounds as a convenient "babysitter" while they are holiday shopping. Never leave children in toy or specialty stores expecting store personnel to supervise and care for your children. They are not trained in this role, and it is not a function of their employment.
5. If you allow your older children to go to the mall or other activities without you, they should **TAKE A FRIEND**. It's more fun and much safer. Older children should check-in with you on a regular basis while they are out. Make certain a clear plan is in place to pick them up including where, what time, and what to do in case of a change in plans.
6. Nothing takes the place of your supervision when you are in a public place with your children. If you are going holiday shopping and feel you will be distracted, make other arrangements for the care of your children. It's easy to get distracted with all the sights, sounds, and crowds of holiday shopping, so make certain your children stay with you at all times.

For more information about child-safety topics, please visit our website or contact us at

**1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678)**

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## December's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the December 9, 2013 meeting/s:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting of Nov. 4, 2013
2. Directed staff to place an item on the January 6, 2014 Agenda to replace the Town sign at the Beachway Drive Crossover to include "Public Access"
3. Directed staff to proceed with the process of abandoning 30' of the western right-of-way (ROW) along Old Ocean Blvd. in front of 5516, 5514, and 5512 at a cost to those property owners
4. Authorized 2 code Enforcement lien reductions that originally totaled \$29,721.17 to \$16,000 and also still required full payment for the garbage/trash liens in the amount of \$967.82 for the new owner of 28 Ixora Way
5. Confirmed the hiring of new Police Officer Frederick (Rick) Stang and also Police Reserve Officer Aaron Zawistowski
6. Authorized the purchase of telemetry equipment for the Woolbright and Tropical Drive pump stations at a cost of \$9,800 from budgeted funds originally set aside for a bucket truck
7. 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
8. Consensus for the Town Manager's Evaluation to be placed on the Jan. 6, 2014 Agenda
9. ANNOUNCED THAT THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013 FROM 5:30 – 7:30 PM



# The Abrams Agenda



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## County sells Mecca property

In 2004, well before my time on the BCC, the county purchased the 1,900-acre Mecca Farms property, a former orange grove site for \$60 million. The purchase was part of the plan to lure the Scripps Research Institute to Palm Beach County to build a biotech park. Due to a complicated permitting process and major opposition from numerous environmental groups, a federal court intervened, causing permitting delays. With pressure to move forward with Scripps, new sites in Jupiter and Boca Raton became contenders.

I was mayor of Boca Raton at the time, and I fought hard for the Boca site, which I believed was the best choice for many reasons. This site had much lower costs to the taxpayers, existing infrastructure, and an already-thriving biotech community. Ultimately, a majority of the county commission voted in favor of the current Jupiter site. In the end, in addition

to the \$60 million purchase price, the county would also invest \$40 million on planning, permitting and initial construction costs for the Mecca property. The backup plan was to sell the property to developers, but the South Florida building boom went bust and the county was stuck with 1,600 acres of unused farmland with annual costs of \$4 million in debt service and \$250,000 for upkeep.

Today, I am pleased to report that the county has finally sold the property. In October, with support from environmental groups and others, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the sale to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for \$26 million. Some are disappointed the county didn't receive more, but it did sell above appraised value. In addition, the alternative would have been to sell it to a developer, which would have just invited more needless and costly litigation. The

County's cost is now spread over the entire water district, which covers 16 counties. The SFWMD plans to use the property to clean and store water that will replenish the Loxahatchee River and flow south to the Everglades.

In addition, the SFWMD will give 150 acres to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to build a shooting range that will meet Olympic competition standards. The plans include a shooting range capable of attracting national shooting events and include trap and skeet shooting, pistol and rifle ranges along with a pro shop, clubhouse and spectator seating.

Instead of debt-ridden, vacant, overgrown farmland, the property finally has a future with a multitude of public purposes. The whole saga was unfortunate, but I am pleased that now the "Mecca monkey" is off the county's back.

## Bridge to somewhere



The new Ocean Avenue Bridge in Lantana officially opened to traffic on November 16, 2013. With a \$37 million cost, it is the most expensive county road project ever. Kudos to the county's Engineering Department and the contractors on an incredible job. Not only were they on time, they were also under budget by \$4.3 million! The bridge is taller, wider, and safer featuring 6-foot sidewalks and a fishing pier.

## Changes on the right track.....

On November 5, 2013, I joined other local officials at a press conference to announce a \$13.7 million federal transportation grant to construct rail crossovers in South Florida. What this means for Palm Beach County is that commuter service can finally be expanded to Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter. For motorists, the grant will enable some of FEC's freight trains to switch over to the western CSX tracks at the north end of the

county, which means drivers won't have to wait at the crossings for as many long freight trains to go by.



## Happy Holidays

The holiday season is upon us. While it is a wonderful time of year, it is also important that we stay alert and be reminded that not everyone's intentions are good during the holidays. Some safety tips are:

- Park in a well-lighted area and lock all doors.
- Store valuables in the trunk and out of sight

- Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious persons or activity.
- Ask for assistance from store security to escort you to your vehicle if you don't feel safe.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or wearing expensive jewelry.
- Always carry identification with you.
- Stay in groups (safety in numbers).



# The Abrams Agenda



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## A year in review.....

I would like to wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous New Year. This past year, I was honored to serve as Palm Beach County's first mayor. Having a mayor helped to heighten public awareness, build stronger alliances with neighboring counties, and create more exposure to economic development opportunities.

Palm Beach County continues to be top leader in the state in recruiting new businesses and creating jobs. In 2013 alone, the Board approved incentives resulting in the creation of more than 5,000 jobs.

In addition, there were no tax rate increases in 2013 for property owners and there was a

significant reduction in the county's garbage collection rates.

The county also signed a beach management plan to address the erosion issues afflicting the county's treasured coastline.

As I continue to serve as your District 4 county commissioner, I look forward to a productive year with a continued focus on public safety, economic prosperity and sustainability. I welcome your feedback and comments and my staff and I are always available to assist if you have any questions or problems.

## *Saving our beaches*

One of the ways the County's Environmental Resources Management Department is working to combat beach erosion is through a coastal engineering process called "groin field modifications."

A groin is a long, narrow structure built out into the water from a beach in order to prevent beach erosion by trapping and accumulating sand that would otherwise drift along the coastline. Groins are generally made of wood, concrete or rock piles and are placed in groups or groin fields, which can stabilize a larger beach area.

A project in Ocean Ridge involves five groins from which a top layer of stones will be removed to improve the southward movement of sand. Much of the rock will be hauled to the north jetty at the Boynton Inlet and placed beneath the deck surface to protect it against wave action. The entire project will take about 10 days to complete.

## Road striping projects

The county's Road and Bridge Division has been hard at work restriping the following roads in south county: Yamato Road – Park of Commerce Blvd.; I-95 - Park of Commerce Blvd.; I-95 ramp – Linton Blvd.; Linton Blvd. – W. Atlantic Avenue; and Lake Ida Rd. - SW 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Work is expected to be completed by the end of February 2014.



Boynton Beach Ocean Front Park

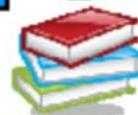


Ocean Hammock Park

## Beach erosion caused by Hurricane Sandy in 2012

# 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.



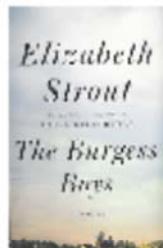
All events begin at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month except for December 2013.

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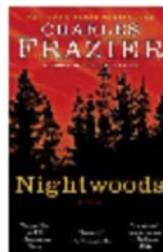
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## Ocean Ridge Book Club Book Selections



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.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

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

**When:** First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup **January 4**

**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

### Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

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

**When:** Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **December 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

## We Want To Hear From You!

Do you have a favorite recipe?

- \* A new edition to the family you'd like to announce?
- \* A favorite pet, wildlife, beach, or nature picture?

We'd love to add them to the newsletter and share them with your neighbors.

Email submittals to Lisa at  
Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com

## Add Us To Your Contacts!

To ensure that you receive the e-newsletter, news alerts and other town information please add the following email addresses to your contacts (especially if you have a Comcast email address!)

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Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com

dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com