

# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



## Date Change: Annual Holiday Celebration

The Town will be holding its annual Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 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.

## Update: Guidance for Police Activities on the Beach

The Commission approved general guidelines for the Police Department to consider when determining the location of public and private property on the beach. The general dividing line will be the Erosion Control Line (ECL) which is established by the State. The ECL is a survey line east of which is considered State land and open to the public. In many areas it is the same as the mean high water mark but not all of the time. It is also used to show public lands after a beach renourishment project such as we had earlier this year. In this case, the new beach is considered public land. Therefore, east of the ECL is considered public and west of the ECL is considered private. However, as all property boundaries are not the same and some do not extend as far as the ECL, the police will address each violation on the beach based on its particular circumstances. However, by law, trespassing violations will have to involve the property owner or their authorized representative. We strongly encourage individuals to notify the Police Department at 561-732-8331 as soon as possible to report violations so the police can take appropriate action. The Commission also approved new signage for the beach access locations.

## Update: Grandfathering Ordinance for the 5011 Building

The Owner's request to modify the Code to grandfather the existing mixed use at the 5011 Building was not approved. The staff is considering options and the appropriate timeframe to phase out the commercial uses. The owner will have to cease commercial operations in the building and allow only residential occupancy.

## Municipal Election Information

The 2015 municipal election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 7:00AM to 7:00PM in the Town Hall community room. Two commission seats (currently held by Geoff Pugh and Gail Adams Aaskov) will be open for a three-year term. Interested candidates must file between 12:00PM on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 and Tuesday, February 10, 2015 by 12:00PM. 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.

La elección municipal 2015 se celebrará el Martes, 10 de marzo 2015 07 a.m.-07:00 PM en el salón comunitario del Ayuntamiento. Dos asientos de comisiones (actualmente en manos de Geoff Pugh y Gail Adams Aaskov) estarán abiertas para un mandato de tres años. Los candidatos interesados deben presentar entre las 12:00 pm del Martes, 27 de enero 2015 y el Martes, 10 de febrero 2015 a las 12:00 AM. Cualquier persona que tenga preguntas o necesita información adicional, deben llamar al Ayuntamiento 561-732-2635 entre las 8:30 AM y las 3:00 PM. Para boletas ausentes y otras consultas de voto, por favor llame al Supervisor de Elecciones al 561-656-6200.



## 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

Kenneth Schenck

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

### Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

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

### Police Chief

Christopher T. Yannuzzi

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

### Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

### Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

### Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

James Bonfiglio

Richard Lucibella

### 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

## December

- 1: Regular Town Commission meeting at 6:00PM in Chambers
- 2: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10:00AM in Chambers (tentative)
- 3: Book Club meeting at 5:45PM in community room
- 6: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM-10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 12: Annual Holiday Celebration from 5:30PM-7:30PM at Town Hall
- 16: License Plate Recognition Camera Presentation at 6:00PM at Town Hall
- 25: Christmas Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections, no contractor work.
- 26: Christmas Holiday—Town Hall closed, no inspections but contractors may work.  
*Garbage/trash/recycle will be collected.*
- 27: SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00AM—10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

## January

- 1: New Year's Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections, no contractor work
- 2: New Year's Holiday—Town Hall closed, no inspections, contractors may work.  
*Garbage/trash/recycle will be collected.*
- 3: Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8AM –10:15AM at Oceanfront Park
- 5: Regular Town Commission meeting at 6PM in chambers
- 6: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10AM in chambers (tentative)
- 7: Book Club meeting at 5:45PM in community room
- 8: Lecture Series begins at 7PM in chambers
- 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Town Hall closed, no inspections but contractors may work
- 31: SeaAngels 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.*

## Recipe: Chicken & Chorizo Pasta Bake

Source: [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)

### Ingredients:

- 3.5 cups penne pasta
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 4 boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 chorizo sausage, cut into chunks
- 1.5 cups tomato puree
- 1 cup light cream
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 375F. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain and set aside.

Heat the oil in a large deep skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken, and cook until firm and lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in the bell pepper and chorizo and cook for 5 minutes until the chorizo is hot and the chicken is no longer pink in the center. Remove from heat. Pour the tomato puree, cream, and red pepper flakes into a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer 5 minutes until the sauce has thickened. Add drained pasta and sauce to the skillet containing the chicken and mix well. Spoon the mixture into an oven proof dish. Sprinkle the Cheddar, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese over the top. Bake 30 minutes, or until the top is golden and bubbly.



## December's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

The following list is actions taken at the December 1, 2014 meeting/s:

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes held on Nov. 3, 2014
2. **Consensus to Schedule a Presentation for the License Plate Recognition Camera System that the Town is Considering to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 6 PM**
3. Consensus for the Town to utilize the Erosion Control Line as the general boundary between public and private beachfront property for enforcement purposes, however; incidents will be addressed on a case by case basis
4. Approved the Proposed Signage with several amendments to include: removing the Beach Access at the top and replacing it with the Town of Ocean Ridge, removing the arrows at the top, removing the No Lifeguard and swimming at own risk, removing the No Unloading line and adding "On Beach" to the No Vehicles line
4. Authorized closing the Administrative Offices on Friday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 with the employees utilizing vacation days for both
5. Approved Resolution No. 2014-16; Authorizing the Town to Approve and Adopt the 2015 Revised Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan
6. Rejected Ordinance #610; Amending its Code of Ordinances, at Chapter 63, General and Administrative Provisions, by Amending Article VII, Nonconforming and Grandfathered Uses Section 63-117, Grandfathered Uses, Lots, and Structures, to permit the Continuation of Existing Non-Residential Uses and Section 63-118, Nonconforming Signs and Uses, to Strike the Expired Provisions Concerning Amortization of Non-Residential Uses; Providing for Severability; Providing for Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing for Codification; and Providing for an Effective
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-14; Designating the Supervisor of elections and the Town Clerk as the Canvassing Board, to be in Attendance for the Testing of the Computer Electronic Systems Tabulating Equipment to be Used for the General Election Scheduled for March 10, 2015 and to Canvass Returns of Such Election Including the Absentee Ballots; Assigning Supervisor of Elections to Handle the Absentee Ballots
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-15; Authorizing the Mayor and Town Clerk to Execute the Agreement for Vote Processing Equipment Use and Election Services by and Between the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) and the Town
9. Authorized the Town Attorney to prepare the Claim Form for a Class Action Suit concerning Municipal Derivatives and Swap Interest Rates/Costs and also review a 2<sup>nd</sup> possible Class Action Suit involving Aqualogics Business Faxes

**ANNOUNCED THAT THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF WAS CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10. 2014 FROM 5:30 – 7:30 PM DUE TO THE BOYNTON BEACH BOAT PARADE DATE BEING CHANGED TO THE TOWN'S ORIGINAL DATE. LIGHT SNACKS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED AND CHILDREN CAN EXPECT A VISIT FROM SANTA AND SOME ADDED FUN.**



# The Abrams Agenda



## Moving Forward and Working Together

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported my successful re-election. I am honored to continue to serve the residents of Palm Beach County as the District 4 County Commissioner.

The past year has been a good one for the county. We have experienced lower unemployment rates, an increase in new construction projects, and a steady growth in real estate values. All are signs of a much-needed recovery!

District 4 continues to be the leading location for new companies relocating to Palm Beach County. As one of my top priorities, I remain committed to bringing new businesses and jobs to the county.

Another priority will be my commitment to keeping the focus on ways to reduce the county's overall budget while keeping property taxes down. I am pleased to report that during the past few years, the county has managed to keep the property tax rate the same or lower. In fact, this past year, there was a slight decrease in the millage rate.

Another important focus I plan to continue is an emphasis on renewable resources. The county is building a new state-of-the-art waste to energy facility, which will generate electricity by burning garbage that would have been tossed into the landfill. The county is also working with South Florida Water Management to construct reservoirs to capture rain water that would otherwise flow out to tide.

Moreover, I remain committed to ensuring infrastructure needs are being met, including roadway repairs and beach renourishment. During the recession, funding was reduced for road repairs. Consequently, I made it a priority to have funds reinstated over the years since so many roads were in dire need of repairs. In addition, because I represent a large number of the coastal cities from South Palm Beach to Boca

### Palm Beach County Commissioner

#### Steven Abrams

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Raton, I will remain a strong advocate for resources to protect our shoreline.

Also, I pledge to continue to build bridges by maintaining working relationships with residents and homeowners' associations, fellow elected officials, and the twelve cities in my district. At the same time, we are building and restoring real bridges too! The county recently completed renovating and rebuilding five Intracoastal bridges, including the Palmetto Park Road bridge and the Ocean Avenue bridge in Lantana.

As a public transportation advocate and regular train rider, I will continue to work on extending Tri-Rail service to local downtowns throughout the region. I will continue to serve on the board of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority advocating for the residents of Palm Beach County.

Most importantly, I am available if you need me. Please feel free to contact me via email at [sabrams@pbcgov.org](mailto:sabrams@pbcgov.org) or at the office at 561-355-2204. My staff and I are thrilled to continue to serve you and look forward to a productive new four-year term!



Swearing-in ceremony at the board meeting on November 18, 2013. Pictured with Debbie Abrams and Clerk & Controller Sharon Bock.

# Coastal Artists: Ocean Ridge Gets Artsy in March 2015

By: Nancy Flinn

During the month of March 2015, Ocean Ridge Town Hall will be the spot in Town to view fine art from a variety of artists. Working with Max Matteson, Beth Sloat, Nancy Flinn, and the Delray Art League, the exhibit will feature works in oil, water color, acrylics, collage and other two dimensional work. Contemporary, abstract, and realist works will be shown.

There will be an entry fee and multiple prizes will be awarded. Ocean Ridge resident and respected artist, Beth Sloat, will be judging the show. All artists will price their submissions 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 15, 2014, complete details for the show participation will be posted at Facebook.com/OceanRidgeCoastalArtists and entry form is on page 7. Digital pictures of the art submissions will be sent to a gmail email account for participation consideration.

Look for to 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 561-366-2948



Painting by Beth Sloat

NOW ACCEPTING NEW MATERIALS!

## Recycling Service

(1 time per week)  
Please have your recycling curbside before 6:00 a.m.  
on your scheduled collection day only.

## ¡ACEPTANDO AHORA NUEVOS MATERIAS!

## Reciclaje

(1 vez por semana)  
Por favor, coloque su reciclaje a la orilla de la acera antes de las 6:00 a.m.  
en el día designado para servicio en su área.



### Yellow Bin

- Newspaper
- Brown Paper Grocery Bags
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Beverage Cartons
- Tissue Boxes
- Dry Food Boxes
- Unwanted Mail
- School/Office Paper
- **Corrugated Cardboard**  
(flatten and cut to 3' x 3' maximum)

### Blue Bin

- Drink Boxes
- Milk and Juice Containers
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Aluminum Foil and Pie Plates
- Glass Bottles and Jars (all colors, no lids or caps)
- Plastic Containers ♻️ thru ♻️

Please

- No Light Bulbs, Mirrors or Plate Glass
- No Plastic Wrap or Bags
- No Styrofoam

For any questions or concerns with the collection  
of your recycling contact SWA at  
697-2700 or 1 (866) 792-4636 toll free  
To order new or replacement recycling bins contact SWA at  
1 (866) NEW-BINS

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### Recipiente Amarillo

- Periódico
- Bolsas de Papel Marrón
- Revistas
- Catalogos
- Cartones (Envoltura) para Bebidas
- Cajas de Pañuelos Desechables
- Cajas de Comida Seca
- Correspondencia
- Papel de Oficina/Escuela
- **Cartón Corrugado**  
(Cartón corrugado es el cartón que tiene las paredes acaneladas.)Corte el cartón corrugado (3' x 3') y aplástelo y colóquelo al lado de su recipiente de reciclar amarillo.

### Recipiente Azul

- Cajitas de Jugo
- Recipientes de Leche y de Jugo
- Latas de Aluminio
- Latas de Acero
- Platos y Papel de Aluminio
- Botellas y Jarros de Vidrio (de todos colores, no incluya las tapas)
- Recipiente Plástico con números del ♻️ al ♻️

Por favor

- No Bombillas, Espejos ó Platos de Vidrio
- No Envolturas ó Bolsas Plásticas
- No Styrofoam

Para mas información o preguntas sobre su servicio de colección  
de reciclaje por favor, llame al SWA libre de cargos al  
1-866-792-4636.  
Si necesita un recipiente de reciclar o un reemplazo llame libre de  
cargos al 1-866-639-2467.

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**CALL FOR ARTISTS — JURIED ART SHOW**

Exhibit Dates: March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**AN ARTIST MAY SUBMIT UP TO TWO ENTRIES • \$20 PER ENTRY FEE • FEE NON-REFUNDABLE**

The show was developed to enhance the cultural experience in Ocean Ridge. In affiliation with the Delray Art League and Coastal Area Artists, the event will be held at Ocean Ridge Town Hall. Proceeds will be donated to the Delray Art League Scholarship Fund and to the Town of Ocean Ridge for Art in Public Places.

**CALENDAR:**

**Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 2015...Deadline to submit Entry Fees, Forms and Art Work**

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015...Delivery of Selected Art Work to Ocean Ridge Town Hall 10AM to 11AM**

**Thursday, March. 5<sup>th</sup> 2015...OPENING PARTY AND AWARDS PRESENTATION AT OCEAN RIDGE TOWN HALL 6PM to 8PM**

**Monday, March. 30<sup>th</sup> 2015...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 artwork 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 not to exceed \$1,000. All art work in this exhibit must remain for the duration of the show, even if sold. Anyone removing their exhibit will be prohibited from entering future shows unless authorized by the committee. All Art Work sold will be subjected to a 30% donation to the Town of Ocean Ridge for Art in Public Places.

**ORIGINAL ARTWORK ONLY - NO PRINTS OR GICLES!**

**CASH PRIZES:**

1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE \$300

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE \$200

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE \$100

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

To download these forms use the link:

<https://db.tt/FBwrkw1y>

For more information call

Nancy Flinn at 561-336-2948 or email: [nancym7@yahoo.com](mailto: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**

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

OR Coastal Area Artists 2015

Nancy Flinn

5900 Old Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge FL 33435

**\$20. Entry Fee (per art submitted for consideration)**

**Nonrefundable**

**DEADLINE FOR ART ENTRY FORMS/PHOTOS: 2/16/15**

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title #1: \_\_\_\_\_

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 arising out of this exhibit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH  
OF ARTWORK SUBMISSION(S) BY 2/16/15  
FOR JUDGING TO:  
ORCOASTALARTISTS@GMAIL.COM**

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

**EMAIL:**

**NANCIYM7@YAHOO.COM**

**OR TEL. 561-336-2948**



# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

## Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **November 2014** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

Type of Incident	Report Date	Time Frame	Location	Synopsis
Drunk Driver	11/02/14	10:43 PM	6100 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Motorist reported vehicle driving all over the road. Officer conducted traffic stop and investigation led to arrest of female driver, who was turned over to the Palm Beach County Jail.
Trespassing & Possession of Marijuana/Arrests	11/03/14	3:40PM	5600 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	While on patrol, Ofc. Savino observed 2 subjects cut thru hedges/shrubs to enter Ocean Ridge Yacht Club. Subjects ran upon seeing officer but were detained nearby. Investigation led to their arrest.
Stolen Vehicle	11/05/14	11/04/14 10:00PM – 11/05/14 8:00AM	6500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	2002 Toyota 4-runner stolen from condo complex overnight.
Identify Theft/Fraud	11/09/14	11/02/14 12:00PM – 11/09/14 3:49PM	5500 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Unknown person attempted to open an American Express credit card account and a Capital One bank account in victim's name. Resident was also targeted last month.
Theft/Bicycle	11/12/14	11/11/14 12:00PM – 11/12/14 10:00AM	5500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Bicycle stolen from rack.
Violation of Town Code/Maintenance	11/14/14	9:00AM	100 blk Island Dr. South	Site of partially demolished home is not being maintained, nor have permits for reconstruction been applied for.
Identity Theft/Fraud	11/21/14	10/17/14 8:00am – 11/12/14 5:00pm	100 blk Harbour Dr. North	Unknown person removed check from checkbook and fraudulently used it to pay a Comcast bill. Other unauthorized activity also discovered on bank account.
Burglary	11/22/14	11/20/14 4:30PM – 11/21/14 8:00AM	6100 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Unknown person entered unsecure condo office and took several checks.
Drunk Driver	11/24/14	11:22PM	6800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Ofc. Roy observed a vehicle being driven on a rim and with a second tire flat. Investigation resulted in male driver being arrested and turned over to the Palm Beach County Jail.

## 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/blog/say-no-thanks-charity-cheats>

- 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.

- Going on a cruise? Here is a new twist that should be avoided. Some travelers pulled up to the dockside porters to unload their luggage. The porter offered to park their vehicle for them AND at a reduced rate (paid in advance). Upon their return from the cruise, they found their car in the lot, BUT the parking attendant had no knowledge of the “pre-paid, reduced rate”. As such, they had to pay the full rate and the “porter” could not be found.

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

## Child Safety Tips for the Holidays

Courtesy of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, included in this month’s newsletter is a page outlining several tips to increase child safety during the holiday season. See page 10 for flyer.

## Alcohol and Driving Don’t Mix

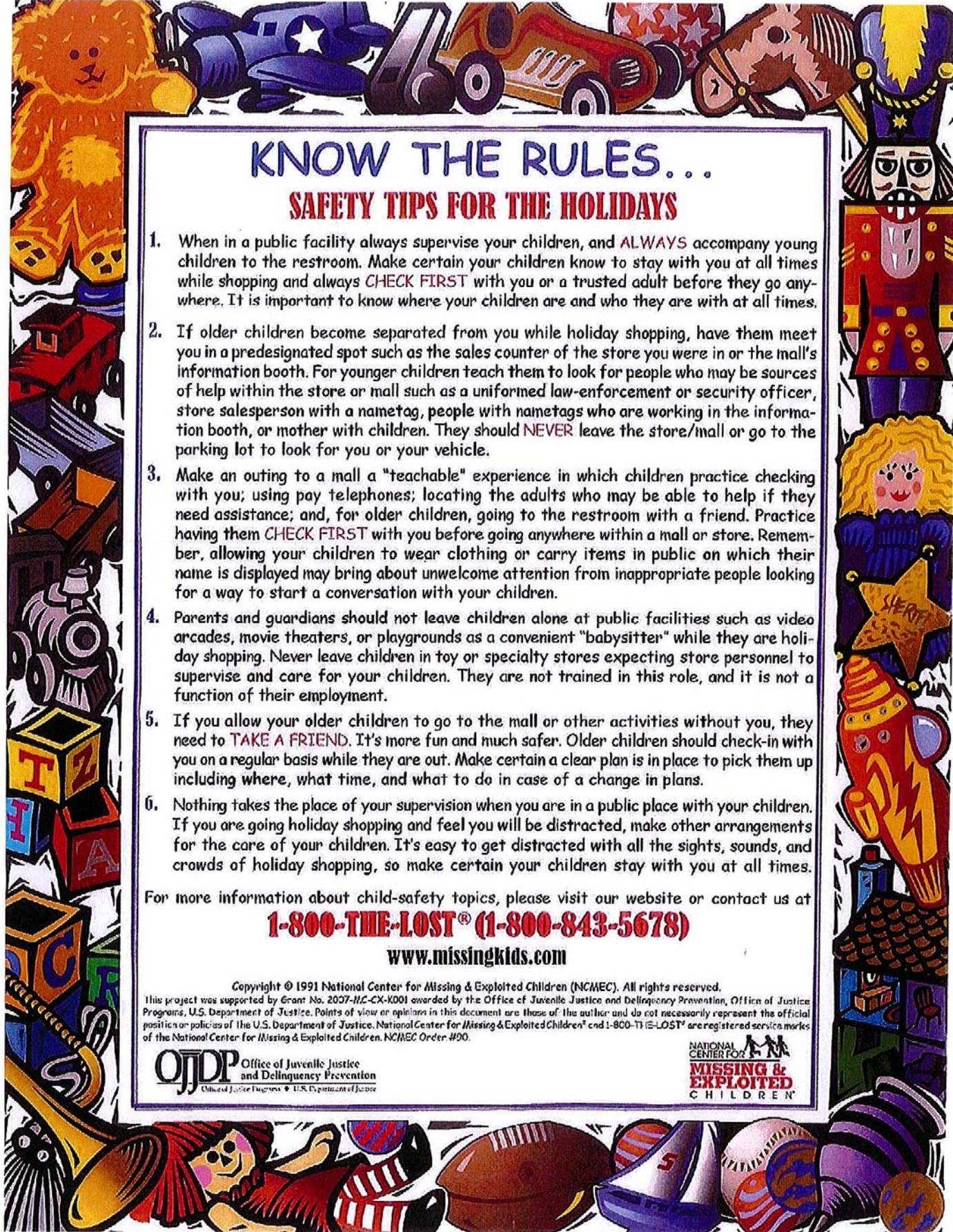
As the 2 Drunk Driving arrests listed in November’s activity will attest, the holiday season creates a potential to over-indulge in holiday “spirits”!

There are alternatives to driving under the influence. Appoint a “DD” (Designated Driver) or call for a taxi. You may also 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 24, 2014 through Jan 1, 2015.

**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 predesignated spot such as the sales counter of the store you were in or the mall's information booth. For younger children teach them 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, people with nametags who are working in the information booth, or mother with children. They should **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; using pay telephones; 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 need to **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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# License Plate Recognition Camera Presentation

By Chief Ross Licata,  
Lighthouse Point Police Department

Tuesday, December 16, 2014  
6:00PM at Ocean Ridge Town Hall  
6450 N. Ocean Blvd.

This is a good opportunity for residents from Ocean Ridge to Highland Beach to listen to the presentation about the License Plate Recognition Camera Program and ask questions.

# Annual Holiday Celebration

Wednesday, December 10, 2014  
5:30pm—7:30pm

\*Beverages & Light snacks

\*Bounce House  
& Face Painter

\*Santa

\*and more!



**Ocean Ridge Residents only**

## Boynton Beach's 2014 Holiday Events

### **Boynton Beach's Holiday Movies in the Park**

**Friday – December 12, 2014** Catch a movie under the stars at our Movies in the Park, located in Dewey Park – 100 NE 4th Street. Bring your favorite beach chair or blanket and enjoy this FREE family night out. Movie begins at 8pm. Holiday feature film to be announced. Food and beverages available for purchase. No pets please. For more information, contact Amy at the Boynton Beach CRA - 561-600-9097

### **Boynton Beach's 43rd Annual Holiday Boat Parade**

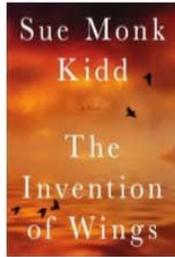
**Saturday - December 13th, 2014** Join in the fun! On December 13th, Boynton Beach CRA presents the 43rd annual Holiday Boat Parade. Festivities begin at 5:30pm with live entertainment and fun kid's activities. The flotilla of brightly-decorated boats line up at the Boynton Beach Inlet and motor south along the Intra-coastal Waterway beginning at 6:30 p.m. Viewing areas are located at the Boynton Harbor Marina and along the parade route. Remember to help a child in need this holiday season! Please bring new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Free community event. No pets please. If you are interested in entering your boat into the parade, contact Amy at the Boynton Beach CRA – 561.600.9097.

Boynton Beach's 6th Annual Toys for Tots Drive: The Boynton Beach CRA is once again partnering with the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County to ensure that every child receives a toy this holiday season! Participate by donating new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Donations may be made Nov. 01 – Dec. 7 at the CRA office as well as several other Boynton Beach locations to be announced. On Dec. 13th, U.S. Marines will make dockside donation pickups during Boynton Beach's Annual Holiday Boat Parade. For more information and drop off locations, contact Amy at the Boynton Beach CRA - 561.600.9097

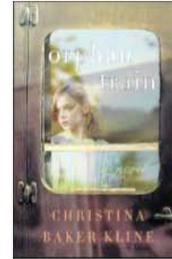
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# Ocean Ridge Book Club

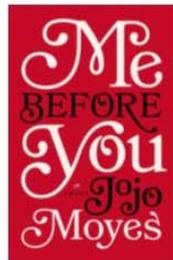
## Book Selections



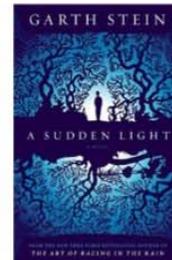
December 3, 2014  
The Invention of Wings  
By Sue Monk Kidd



January 7, 2015  
The Orphan Train  
By Christina Baker Kline



February 4, 2015  
Me Before You  
By JoJo Moyes



March 4, 2015  
A Sudden Light  
By Garth Stein

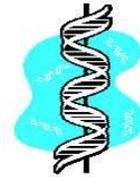
The Book Club meets in the Community Room at  
Ocean Ridge Town Hall on the first Wednesday  
of each month beginning at 5:45pm.

# Town of Ocean Ridge LECTURE SERIES 2014/15

*Free and Open to the Public*

**October 9, 2014**

Dr. Colin R. Hughes, associate professor from Florida Atlantic University, will give an intriguing presentation about human evolution and insights from DNA studies.



**November 13, 2014**

Janet DeVries, president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, will give a captivating lecture about the history of Boynton Beach and the Boynton Beach Hotel.



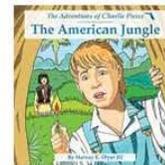
**January 8, 2015**

Dr. Eric Vandernoot, astronomy and physics lab coordination at Florida Atlantic University, will present new and up-to-date theories on the formation of solar systems.



**February 12, 2015**

Harvey Oyer III, fifth generation Floridian and descendent from one of the earliest pioneer families in south Florida, will discuss Florida's history through the eyes of a pioneer family. Mr. Oyer's books will be offered for sale.



**March 11, 2015**

Barry Heimlich, a research affiliate at Florida Atlantic University, will give a presentation on global warming and rising sea levels and how it may impact us.



**April 9, 2015**

Steve Carr, of Barry University & Palm Beach Atlantic University, will give a fascinating presentation on the Seminole Indian Wars.



All events begin at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month except for Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

6450 N Ocean Blvd ♦ Ocean Ridge ♦ 561-732-2635

## Volunteer Opportunity

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](mailto:vinasfam@aol.com) or Ken Schenck at [kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:kschenck@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: [January 3](#)

**Where:** Oceanfront Park, 6451 N. Ocean Blvd. On A1A, just north of the Ocean Ave. bridge in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot.

**Time:** 8-10:15AM

**Who:** Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages.

**What's provided:** Free parking, bags, gloves, and refreshments available to participants only. School and community service volunteer credit forms available.

**What to bring:** Please bring water, sunscreen and a hat.

**Contact:** Jeff at [JeffLev02@gmail.com](mailto:JeffLev02@gmail.com)

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

### Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

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

**When:** Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: [December 27](#)

**Where:** Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd. Check in is at the picnic tables next to the snack bar.

**Time:** 8-10:30AM

**Who:** Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages. Volunteer hours awarded for students.

**What to bring:** Please bring water, sunscreen and a hat.

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

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

### Town Hall Library

**What:** Shelve and organize books in the Town Library.

**When:** Ongoing

**Where:** 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. at Town Hall.

**Time:** Any time between 8:30AM—3PM.

**Who:** Residents of all ages welcome. Those with library experience are encouraged to volunteer.

**What's provided:** School and community service volunteer credit available.

**Contact:** Town Hall 561-732-2635

*The Town of Ocean Ridge would like to wish you and yours a happy and healthy Holiday Season and New Year!*