

To All Ocean Ridge Residents  
Re: Spraying for Mosquitoes and No-Seeums

Recently the Town has received requests from some residents that we cease all spraying for mosquitoes and no-seeums. The concern is for potential environmental and health problems. The requests we've received are all from the northern end of Town where we don't presently spray. We don't intend to go into these areas unless the residents request the service.

I would like to assure the residents that the company who does the spraying takes every precaution possible to make sure the spraying is safe. The chemicals used have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency who oversees this program. Several months ago we changed chemicals to make sure we use the safest and newest chemicals available.

We have been spraying for several years with no adverse problems reported. We presently utilize two types of spraying. The first is from the truck and the second is from a backpack on foot. The frequency of spraying varies depending on the time of year and the weather patterns. The spraying is done more often as the insects increase. The backpack is only used around houses in high impact mangrove areas that request it and sign a letter of agreement. At present there are seven areas in Town that use this service.

The truck is used between Woolbright Road and River Drive.

The welfare and safety of the residents is paramount in this process. If anyone has any concerns regarding this service please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,  
Ken Schenck, Town Manager