

Phone Numbers To Know

Abuse Hotline	800-962-2873	
Animal Control	561-233-1200	
Boynton Water Dept (This is your water dept)	561-742-6300	www.boynton-beach.org
Comcast	800-266-2278	www.comcast.net
Consumer Services	800-435-7352	
County Commission	561-355-2001	
DMV	561-681-6333	
Dept. of Environmental Protection	850-245-2118 561-245-2118	www.dep.state.fl.us
Elder Affairs	866-882-2991	
FEMA	800-621-3362	www.fema.gov
FL Dept. of Transportation	866-374-3368	www.dot.state.fl.us
FL Power & Light	561-697-8000	www.fpl.com
Insurance Helpline	800-342-2762	
Lottery Winning Numbers	900-737-7777 (charges apply)	
PBC Building Department	561-233-5100	
PBC Health Dept	561-840-4500	www.doh.state.fl.us/chdpalmbeach
Palm Beach Post	800-926-POST	www.palmbeachpost.com
Public Service Commission	800-342-3552	
Palm Beach Co. Sheriff	561-688-3400	
Palm Beach Co. Tax	561-355-2622	
Republic Services	561-478-9590	www.republicservices.com
SF Water Management	561-686-8800	www.sfwmd.gov
Solid Waste Authority		www.swa.org



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

New Resident Information Booklet

Inside:

- Alarm Monitoring
- Beach Decals
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- Parks
- Pet Tags
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- Vehicle Decals
- And much more!



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Town Officials

Mayor

Kenneth Kaleel

Vice Mayor

Geoff Pugh

Commissioners

Dr. Lynn Allison
Elisabeth Bingham
Terry Brown

info@oceanridgeflorida.com

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Kenneth Schenck
kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak
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Police Chief

Edward Hillery
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6450 North Ocean Boulevard ♦ Ocean Ridge, FL 33435
561-732-2635 ♦ 561-732-2635 (fax)
Town Hall Hours: 8:30am-3:00pm

Police
Non-emergency 561-732-8331 ♦ Emergency 9-1-1

www.oceanridgeflorida.com

State and County Representatives

US Senators

(6 year term)
www.senate.gov

Mel Martinez (R)
202-224-3041
561-842-8300
Martinez.senate.gov

Bill Nelson (D)
202-224-5274
561-514-0189
billnelson.senate.gov

U. S. Representative

(2 year term)
house.gov
District 22
Ron Klein (D)
202-225-3026
klein.house.gov

Governor

Charlie Crist (R)
850-488-7146
charlie.crist@myflorida.com

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Jeff Kottkamp (R)
850-488-7146
Jeff.kottkamp@myflorida.com

Atty. General

Bill McCollum (R)
850-414-3300
myfloridalegal.com

State Senator

(4 year term)
District 25
Jeff Atwater (R)
561-625-5101
Atwater.jeff.web@flsenate.gov

State Representatives

(2 year term)
District 87
Adam Hasner (R)
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adam.hasner@myfloridahouse.gov

Palm Bch Co Commissioner

(4 year term)
District 4
Steven Abrams
561-355-2204

Supervisor of Elections

Susan Bucher (NP)
561-656-6200
pbcelections.org

Property Appraiser

Gary Nikolits (NP)
561-355-3230
pbcgov.com/papa

Tax Collector

Anne Gannon (D)
561-355-2264
agannon@pbcgov.com

Myflorida.com
www.election.dos.state.fl.us

Work Hours

After proper registration and permitting (please call Town Hall to confirm that a permit is required for certain types of work) contractor's may work Monday through Saturday 8am-6pm. Contractors may not work on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Additionally, no inspections will occur on the above holidays as well as on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, and the day after Thanksgiving when Town Hall is closed. Please remember that permits are required to be posted at the permitted job site while permitted work is open. If work is done without a permit, additional fees will be imposed.

To receive alerts, monthly newsletter, and additional information via email please email lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com your name and email address.

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.

Welcome....

The Town of Ocean Ridge is a small, beautifully landscaped and diverse seaside community built around the family and civic pride, state of the art public services and infrastructure that enhances the natural beauty of our Town.

The Town is approximately three (3) miles long and is bounded on the south by the Town of Briny Breezes, on the west by the Intracoastal Waterway and on the east by the Atlantic Ocean and on the north by the Boynton Inlet. Ocean Ridge was incorporated in 1931 as the Town of Boynton Beach and changed its name in 1937 to the Town of Ocean Ridge. It is home to approximately 1,700 permanent residents and peaks to approximately 2,700 in season. Ocean Ridge is predominantly a low density residential land use with several areas that provide for medium multi-family density and the area north of the Boynton Beach Oceanfront Park to the Boynton Inlet as high density. Commercial will be totally phased out by an ordinance adopted in the 1960's. There are a few Public Ownership and Preservation Conservation areas.



Ocean Ridge uses the council-manager form of government and has two additional boards consisting of a Board of Adjustment, which hears appeals and requests for variances from the Land Development Code and also the Planning & Zoning Commission, which hears petitions for land development district boundary changes, and reviews and recommends major site plans and any changes to the Land Development Code. Ocean Ridge enforces code enforcement through a Special Magistrate when necessary.

The Town currently has 26 employees: 13 police officers, 5 dispatchers, 2 maintenance personnel, and 5 administrative personnel.

The Town of Ocean Ridge wishes to welcome you to the area.

Alarm Monitoring

The Police Department provides an alarm monitoring service for residents that want to have their alarms come directly to the center. The current cost for the service is \$15 per month plus a \$2 alarm user permit fee which is billed annually. Interested residents should call Town Hall to ensure that the alarm company chosen is currently registered with the Police Department.

Although your Police Department also responds to these calls, Ocean Ridge contracts with the Boynton Beach Fire/Rescue Department to handle fire alarms, smoke conditions, fires, and sick/injured persons. Two things have occurred recently that the residents of Ocean Ridge should be aware of: BBF/RD's upgraded insurance rating and their alarm ordinance.

All Fire Departments are rated by the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) on a scale of 1-10; with 1 being the best. Current BBF/RD's rating rose from a 4 to a 2. This is of significance to every homeowner in Town because property insurance premiums are based on the ISO rating. You are encouraged to contact your insurance company to let them know of this change and you may find that your premium will be lowered.

Those of you who have a monitored fire alarm system have probably received a letter from BBF/RD regarding Boynton's Alarm Ordinance. We have received many phone calls asking if the letter and the cost for the alarm permit outlined therein are legitimate. The answer is Yes! A part of the contract between the municipalities required that Ocean Ridge comply with all related Boynton Beach ordinances. Therefore, you are responsible for this one-time fee.

Pet Tags

Pet tags are also available free of charge at the Police Department. The tags were donated by a Town resident and say "Town of Ocean Ridge," the Police Department's phone number and an identification number assigned to the pet. The pet's tag number together with the owner's name, telephone number, and a description of the pet is entered into the Town's computer system which will save time in identifying a particular animal.

Schools

Ocean Ridge children are assigned to schools in Boynton Beach for elementary school, junior high and high school. To check the boundaries, please go to www.palmbeachschools.org. Click on boundaries and then type in your address. For further information about the school district, to www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us.

Town Meetings

Ocean Ridge Town Commission Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, unless otherwise noted. Town Commission Meetings and Public Hearings are held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00 PM. The Board of Adjustment meets on demand on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 AM. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on demand. Code Enforcement Hearings are also on demand and are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. Agendas, minutes and other public notices are posted in three shadow boxes located at Chickasaw Street & A1A, Island Drive & A1A and in front of Town Hall. They are also posted on our website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com when they become available. Residents are welcome to request items be placed on the meeting agenda and are encouraged to participate in Town meetings.



Parks

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Ocean Ridge Hammock Park

Entrance: 6620 North Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

Hours: Sunrise-Sunset

Acres: 8.54 acres

Facilities

- Unguarded beach frontage
- Fishing (salt water)
- No on-site restroom facilities, outdoor shower
- Parking

Information

- Beach conditions information: **(561) 276-3990**
- General park information: **(561) 966-6600**

Ocean Ridge Natural Area

Entrance: access to Natural Area by boat, walking, or biking at the west end of Corrine St.

Hours: Sunrise-Sunset, including holidays.

There are no toilets or drinking water on site.

Prohibited: smoking, hunting, firearms, feeding wildlife, alcoholic beverages, pets or domestic animals, bicycles or motor vehicles, collecting plants or animals.

There is no parking area. Access to Ocean Ridge Natural Area is by boat, walking, or biking.

Acres: 12.53 acres



Beach & Vehicle Decals

Beach Decals

Ocean Ridge residents are entitled to purchase parking decals for the Boynton Beach Oceanfront Park. These decals are offered at the same cost as the Boynton Beach residents and can be purchased at the Boynton Beach City Hall located at 100 E. Boynton Beach Blvd. (corner of Boynton Beach Blvd. & Seacrest Blvd) 561-742-6000. Please bring proof of residency or ownership, including a utility bill with the name of the individual seeking a parking decal, a current tax bill, a property deed or current executed lease agreement. Vehicle registration is also required. Oceanfront Park parking decal is \$40 (at time of this publication). For more information call 561-742-6650.

Vehicle Decals

Free automobile decals are available free of charge at the Police Department. These decals, when placed on the rear window of an automobile, identify the vehicles as belonging to an Ocean Ridge resident. The Police Department encourages residents to obtain one of these decals which have an individual number and will identify the vehicle immediately.

Building Permit Information

The Town handles all building permit applications. **If contemplating work, please contact Town Hall to discuss if a permit is required.** Any company doing work also needs to register with the Town. Forms, fee schedule, business registration, and more information is available at Town Hall or online at www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

Community Room Reservations

The Town now has a Community Room/Commission Chambers, courtesy of the new Town Hall and Police Facility completed in October 2008, that may be requested for civic uses, sponsored uses, or certain resident uses. Please contact the Clerk's Office for specific information if you are interested in using the facility.

Dark House Program

When you plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time please visit the Police Department and fill out the "Dark House" information form. By doing so it allows police officers to know who is allowed at your residence while you are away and provides contact information in the event of an emergency.

Flooding Information

The Town of Ocean Ridge has been verified as a Class 7 in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). NFIP policies issued or renewed for properties in the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) will receive a 15% premium discount.

The NFIP is a federal program enabling property owners to purchase insurance protection against losses from flooding. This insurance is designed to provide an insurance alternative to disaster assistance to meet the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods.

Many people do not realize that homeowner's insurance does not cover losses due to flooding. Informing yourself about flood protection is very important for protecting your family, possessions, and home. Information and links are provided on our website to assist you in increasing your awareness about flood protection. Additionally, the County Library System provides flood protection information, and maintains copies on the flood insurance rate maps for the entire county along with explanations on their use to determine flood zones and elevations. Elevation certificates in the floodplain may be available at Town Hall. Please call or email oceanridge@comcast.net to inquire about a particular property.



Parks

There are several parks within the Town of Ocean Ridge. These parks are owned and operated by entities other than the Town. Additional information about the parks is located at the Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department. Stop by and visit Town Hall to pick up your free guide to Palm Beach County Parks called "Leisure Times".

Boynton Beach Oceanfront Park (Public Beach)

Entrance: North Ocean Boulevard (A1A) about ½ mile north of Ocean Avenue.

Note: There is a fee for parking at this location.

Boynton Beach Town Hall: 561-742-6000 for more information on how to obtain a park pass.

Ocean Inlet Park

Entrance: 6990 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

Hours: Sunrise-Sunset (Inlet Fishing 24 Hours)

Acres: 11.39 acres

Facilities

- Intracoastal Waterway frontage (1100 feet)
- Guarded beach frontage (600 feet) (salt water fishing, surfing not permitted in guarded swimming areas)
- Jetty, marine, rental boat slips
- Playground, ocean overlook, seating pavilion
- Snack bar, family picnic shelters
- Single table picnic area with grills
- Restroom facilities, outdoor showers, parking

Information

- Beach conditions information: **(561) 276-3990**
- Boat slip rental: **(561) 966-6646**
- General park information: **(561) 966-6600**
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Independent Organizations

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Ocean Ridge Garden Club

They have some strategic directions set, and they have had tangible accomplishments this past year. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Barbara Barlage at bbarlage@bellsouth.net or call at 736-0828. You can also contact the President, Zoanne Hennigan, at zhennigan@gmail.com.

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

Volunteer with the Sand Sifters for a monthly beach cleanup which helps to keep our beaches clean. Sand Sifters will provide you with free parking, bags, gloves, and refreshments. All ages are welcomed and it's a good opportunity for students to obtain community service hours they need. Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations and families are encouraged to participate. Beach cleanup in Ocean Ridge is on the first Saturday of each month at Oceanfront Park, 6715 N. Ocean Blvd. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. Cleanup time begins at 8am and ends at 10am. Contact Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128 for more information.



Library



Ocean Ridge Library opened at the beginning of January 2009. Checking out books is based on a honor system. However, we ask that you sign out the books at Town Hall and date when returned. Please also have proof of residency available. You may donate hard-cover books and magazines and check out books during Town Hall hours.

Garbage & Trash Service

Garbage (household refuse) is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Town sends invoices annually (Oct—Sept) for the garbage and trash pick-up which is separate from the County Tax Assessment disposal fee. If you have a question on an item that needs to be picked up please call Republic Services of Palm Beach at 561-478-9590.

Pick-Up Days and Location:

Garbage is picked up twice weekly on Tuesday and Friday. Miscellaneous items such as lawn chairs, boxes, hoses, et cetera will be picked up on Tuesdays only.

Yard Trash is picked up once weekly on Tuesday.

Recycling is picked up once weekly on Friday.

All pick-ups are curbside.

Containerization:

All garbage shall be properly containerized. All yard trash shall be containerized and/or bundled. Generally, loose items such as grass clippings and loose small tree trimmings will not be taken unless bundled or containerized. All recycling materials shall be rinsed and the lids removed and then placed in the recycling bin. No limbs or items should be longer than six feet (and not heavier than 50 pounds), thus tree limbs should be cut to that maximum length. (continued on next page)

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Earliest time for placing garbage, yard trash or recycling at curbside is a maximum of 12 hours before the day of the scheduled pick-up. In other words, no sooner than 12:01 PM the day before pick-up. Latest time for containers to be removed from curbside is 11:00 PM on the day of the scheduled pick-up. 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.



Garbage and trash generated by persons other than residents shall be the responsibility of the person generating it for proper removal. In other words, yard trash (other than normal weekly vegetation) generated by lawn care people or contractors will not generally be picked up by the Town trash contractor, but should be properly removed by the vendor who generated it.

Special trash or garbage pick-ups may be arranged with the Town contractor at the expense of the resident. Contact [Re-public Services at 561-478-9590](tel:561-478-9590) to inquire or arrange for a special pick-up.

Enforcement of Chapter 42 will be on fair and reasonable basis to accomplish the intent of the law. However, mutual cooperation and understanding will make enforcement much more palatable. Again, these regulations are designed to protect and enhance the health, welfare and character of residents of the Town.

If any problems are encountered, such as a missed collection of trash, please call Town Hall at 732-2635. For additional information, please visit www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

Independent Organizations

As a resident of the Town you may be interested in joining the Garden Club, supporting the Ocean Ridge Police Department Support Group, and/or volunteering a couple of hours a month at the Beach Cleanup. The following are three independent organizations located within or serving in the Town.

Ocean Ridge Police Department Support Group

The Ocean Ridge Support Group, Inc., adopted on April 13, 1976, is a non-profit 501(C)(3) corporation, the objective of which is to organize the residents and property owners in the Town of Ocean Ridge and surrounding area into a benevolent, educational and social corporation in order to provide scientific instructions and training for the purpose of protecting lives and property, and promoting good will within the Towns of Ocean Ridge, Briny Breezes, Gulfstream, Manalapan and surrounding areas.

The only donations given to the Ocean Ridge Support Group are ones solicited directly by the Support Group annually. No other sources fund its donations. If you would like to donate to the Support Group, please send donations directly to Ocean Ridge Police Department Support Group, Inc. at 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435.

Ocean Ridge Garden Club

The Garden Club, established in 1966, currently has 44 male and female members. Their season is from October through May, meeting monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. Meetings are rotated at various member's homes and they have guest speakers and hands-on activities at the Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, April meetings. The evening typically runs from 6:30-9pm. Annual dues are \$50 per member which pay for guest speakers and also contribute to student scholarships and to horticulture camp, among other activities. This club has made great progress in the past couple of years. The dedication and motivation of all its' members has really made a difference. (continued on next page)