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February Email Newsletter

Ocean Ridge Town Hall & Police Complex

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Calendar of Events: February

2	Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm
3	Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am (tentative)
7	Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup Oceanfront Park 8-10:30am
9	P & Z Commission Meeting at 8am Discuss Various Ocean Ridge Zoning Codes
10	 2009 Municipal Election Hours: 7am—7pm in Community Room
13	Special Meeting to Certify Election Results & Administer New Oaths at noon.
14	Valentine's Day 
16	President's Day—Town Hall Closed -Contractor work permitted -Trash pickup as scheduled on Tuesday, 2/17 

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2009 Municipal Election Elección Municipal 2009

Kenneth M. Kaleel and Geoff Pugh have filed for the two open seats currently held by Kenneth M. Kaleel and Geoff Pugh. A sample ballot is located on page two of this newsletter and also available online at www.oceanridgeflorida.com under the calendar. Absentee ballots can be requested by telephone, email or in writing at the Supervisor of Elections office. Their telephone number is 561-656-6200. Absentee ballots are available prior to election day at any of the SOE office except Belle Glade branch during regular business hours. West Palm Beach office will be open for absentee ballot voting from 9am to 1pm Saturday, January 31st. All registered voters are encouraged to come out and vote.

The Ocean Ridge Municipal Election is on February 10, 2009 from 7:00am – 7:00pm in the Town Hall Community Room. Nancy L. Hogan,

La eleccion municipal de Ocean Ridge es el 10 de Febrero, 2009 en la sala de ayuntamiento comunidad por las 7am hasta 7pm. Nancy L. Hogan, Kenneth M. Kaleel and Geoff Pugh haber presentado los documentos para candidatura de los dos aseintos abiertos que actualmente estan ocupados con Kenneth Kaleel y Geoff Pugh. Un papeleta de muestra se encuentra en la segunda pagina de este boletin y tambien disponible en linea, www.oceanridgeflorida.com en el marko del calendario. Boletas ausentes se puedan solicitar por telefono, correo electronico o por escrito en la oficina de Supervisor de Elecciones. El numero de telefono es 561-656-6200. Austente boletas estan disponibles, antes del dia de eleccion, en cualquier oficina de la SOE, durante las horas normal de nogocio, excepto la rama de Belle Glade. La oficina de West Palm Beach estara abierta para volante ausente de voto de 9am a 1pm Sabado, 31 de Enero. Todos los volantes registridos se anima a salir y votar.

SAMPLE BALLOT



FL50-4032
Precinct: 4032

OFFICIAL BALLOT
BOLETA OFICIAL

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE - GENERAL ELECTION
CIUDAD DE OCEAN RIDGE - ELECCION GENERAL

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONDADO DE PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 10, 2009
10 DE FEBRERO DE 2009




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TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE ARROW(S) POINTING TO YOUR CHOICE(S), LIKE THIS

Mark with a #2 pencil or pen (**DO NOT USE RED INK**)
If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

PARA VOTAR, TERMINE LA(S) FLECHA(S) QUE SEÑALA(N) SU(S) SELECCIÓN(ES), ASÍ

Marque con lápiz #2 o pluma (**NO UTILICE TINTA ROJA**)
Si usted comete un error, no dude en solicitar una nueva boleta. Si usted borra o hace otras marcas, es posible que su voto no se considere.

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE TOWN COMMISSIONER COMISIONADO MUNICIPAL <small>(Vote for not more than Two) (Vote por no más de Dos)</small>		
Nancy L. Hogan	←	→
Kenneth M. Kazeel	←	→
Geoff Pugh	←	→

YOUR POLLING LOCATION is listed on your Voter ID Card. You must notify the Elections Office if you move from the address listed on your Voter ID Card. If you are unsure of the polling location of your new Precinct, call 561-656-6200.

The polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P. M. on Election Day.

SU CENTRO ELECTORAL está nombrado en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Tendrá que informar a la Oficina de Elecciones si se muda de la dirección nombrada en su Tarjeta de Identificación Electoral. Si no está seguro del lugar donde debe votar en su nuevo distrito electoral, llame al 561-656-6200.

LAS URNAS ESTAN ABIERTAS DE LAS 7 AM A LAS 7 PM EL DIA DE LAS ELECCIONES.

PHOTO AND SIGNATURE ID IS REQUIRED when you go to your polling place to vote. Each elector is required to present a Florida Driver's License, a Florida Identification Card issued under s. 322.051, F.S., or any other acceptable photo ID.

TENDRA QUE TENER IDENTIFICACION CON FOTO Y FIRMA cuando vaya a las urnas a votar. Cada votante tiene que presentar una Licencia de Conducir de Florida, una Tarjeta de Identificación de Florida expedida según s. 322.051, F.S., o cualquier otra identificación con foto acceptable.

Police Department News from Lt. Yannuzzi

Solicitation by Law Enforcement/Fire Charitable Organizations

A recent Sun-Sentinel Watchdog article outlined the sometimes overzealous solicitation by telephone and/or mail of fund raising agents seeking donations for the benefit of law enforcement or firefighters. The article went on to describe that some of these businesses actually direct very little to the charity after deducting their costs. In addition, the telemarketers can be very forceful and will pressure you into making a donation. These callers are not subject to the restriction of the Federal “Do Not Call” list.

With the economy in turmoil, charities in general can expect to see a reduction in donations. As a contributor, you should be aware of where your money is going and if the proceeds actually trickle down to a local organization; thereby benefitting you in a more direct way. Here are some examples:

- Ocean Ridge’s “Department of Public Safety Support Group, Inc. only solicits once annually and does so by mail, never by phone. The proceeds are spent locally to improve/maintain equipment, etc. of the Ocean Ridge Police Dept. (O.R.P.D.). There are no paid employees of this 501(c)3 charity.
- In Palm Beach County, there are local offices for the Policeman’s Benevolent Association (P.B.A.) and the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.). Although some employees of O.R.P.D. may be members of these organizations, neither represents these employees for wage or benefit purposes because we do not have a contract. Each of the organizations also has State and National offices. Any donations at that level would have a limited direct impact locally.
- The Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) is present in both the Boynton Beach and Delray Beach Police Depts. Direct donations to those agencies would have a greater local benefit than it would at P.A.L.’s State or National level.
- There are many other charities out there that associate themselves with law enforcement or fire/rescue service and their cause may be legitimate. Before you donate, take a moment to research the charity via the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, which oversees their operation. <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/>

Ocean Ridge Library

Library is open to residents!

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 still donate books and magazines during Town Hall hours.



Bronson Warns Consumers About Jury Duty Scam

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson today alerted consumers to a growing identity theft scam in which con artists posing as courthouse workers claim that the person being called has failed to report for jury duty.

The scam has been reported in 11 states, although it is unclear whether it has surfaced in Florida, officials say.

“If you get such a call, hang up and avoid providing any personal or financial information over the phone,” Bronson said. “Court workers don’t call on the phone to inform you that you’ve missed a jury duty summons.”

The scam typically involves a call from a person claiming to be a jury coordinator who informs the person being called that a warrant has been issued for his or her arrest as a result of the person’s failure to appear for jury duty. When the intended victim protests and reports that he or she never received a summons to report for jury duty, they are asked for a social security number, a date of birth and sometimes even a bank account number.

Providing the information enables the scam artist to clean out the consumer’s bank account and open up other accounts, obtain credit cards and establish other lines of credit in the victim’s name, Bronson warned.

“This is a particularly insidious fraud because most people take jury duty seriously and naturally would want to clear up any misunderstanding about whether they failed to show up for it as quickly as possible,” Bronson said. “Such a call would understandably upset most people, especially with the threat of arrest, and catch them off guard.”

The scam has reportedly surfaced in New York, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, Oklahoma and other states in recent years, and authorities are fearful that it may be spreading.

It is yet another example of how con artists try to rip off consumers.

“People need to always remember to avoid giving any personal or financial information over the telephone to anyone whose identity they have not verified,” Bronson said.

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Police Department Information

Non-emergency 561-732-8331

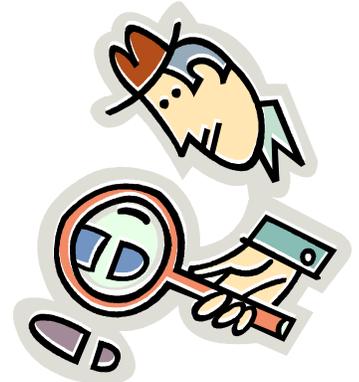
Emergency 9-1-1



“CSI: Ocean Ridge”

The television has become inundated with “Cop” shows that depict the reporting, investigating, and solving of crimes within 48 minutes (12 minutes for commercials). If only that were a reality! However, the technical and laboratory resources shown on TV are available to and used by the Ocean Ridge Police Department. As a recent example, blood evidence collected during the investigation of a residential burglary that occurred in November 2006 was just linked by the Palm Beach County Crime Lab to a subject currently serving 5-20 years in a Michigan prison. This otherwise cold case has been brought back to life as a result of science.

Every citizen’s first priority should be on prevention by taking steps to safeguard their home, property and identity. However, should something happen, every effort will be employed toward solving the crime.



Arrest Leads to Prison Sentence

On August 26, 2008 O.R.P.D officers responded to a Burglary/Theft in progress at the Capri Apartments, 5700 block Old Ocean Ave. A suspect, Steven Thomas Gmyrek, white/male, 10/30/68 was apprehended as he attempted to flee the area. Investigation determined multiple victims at that complex. While still in custody, another Burglary/Theft was reported at 5900 Old Ocean Blvd. Gmyrek was charged with all of these crimes. On December 11, 2008 he pled guilty and was sentenced to 31 months in State prison and ordered to pay restitution to his victims.



Pet Tags

Pet tags, donated by a town resident, are available at the police department. All pet owners are encouraged to place an Ocean Ridge pet tag on their pet’s collar for quick identification. If your pet gets loose, please contact the Police Department immediately so the officers can be on the lookout and can quickly apprehend the pet. This is a unique service and only one of the many advantages of living in Ocean Ridge. Also, in turn, if you find a loose pet please call the Police Department at 561-732-8331.



Volunteer Opportunities



Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup. **Sand Sifters are doing their fundraiser by selling their caps for \$5.**

When: First Saturday of every month, February 7th

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: 8-10:30am

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

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

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

Contact: Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128

Congratulations!
Gary Solomon was named one
of National Public Lands Day
Volunteers of the Year.

Recipe: Valentine Crispy Cutouts

Ingredients

3 Tbsp butter or margarine

1 pkg (10oz) Jet-Puffed Marshmallows or 1 pkg (10.5 oz)
Jet-Puffed Mini Marshmallows

8 drops of red food coloring

6 cups Rice Crispie cereal

Assorted decorating icings



Directions

Melt butter in large saucepan on low heat. Add marshmallows; cook until marshmallows are completely melted and mixture is well blended, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add food coloring; mix well.

Stir in cereal. Press firmly into greased 15x10x1 inch pan. Cool completely.

Cut into heart shapes with greased 4-inch cookie cutters. Decorate with icings as desired.

Makes 12 servings.

Source: Kraft Foods