

Town of Ocean Ridge

May Email Update and Information

Revised: 5/12/08

May Calendar of Events

- [5/5/08 Town Commission Public Hearing/Regular Meeting at 6pm](#)
- [5/6/08 Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am](#)
- [5/14/08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 8:30am](#)
- Planning & Zoning Meeting TBA

Agendas and calendar updates available here:

<http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/Calendar.htm>

Town Hall News

[News Alert from Police Chief Hillery](#)

Town Logo Contest

The Town Commission of Ocean Ridge wishes to change the Town logo to show a more updated and appropriate design. They have decided to have a contest in order to get ideas for the logo. Anyone interested in submitting their idea for the new Town logo must submit it to the Town Clerk by July 1, 2008. The Commission will then review the submittals. Prize to be awarded.

Clarke Mosquito Control – Noseem Spraying Schedule

Memo from Town Manager: Spraying for Mosquitoes and Noseems

May: weekly Wednesday spraying

[backpack applications and night time ULV (ultra low volume - truck application) spraying weather permitting]

Woolbright Bridge Closure

Palm Beach County Road and Bridge Department has notified the Town of the closing of Woolbright bridge to vehicle and pedestrian traffic starting Monday, June 2nd. The bridge will be closed for repairs and painting. The bridge will reopen Tuesday, September 9.

Worth Contracting, Inc. will be working on the bridge 7 days a week and in 12 hour shifts beginning at 7am each day and ending at 7pm.

Ocean Avenue will be the designated detour route for vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

For more information, you may contact [Palm Beach County Road and Bridge Department](#) at 561-233-3950.

New Water Restrictions Began April 18.

Odd numbered addresses are allowed to water on Wednesdays and Saturdays and **even numbered addresses** are allowed to water on Thursdays and Sundays. Watering would be allowed between 12 a.m. and 10 a.m. or between 4 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.

Hand-watering with one hose fitted with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed for 10 minutes per day for landscape stress relief and to prevent plant die-off. Additional watering days and times are allocated for the establishment of new lawns and landscapes.

No restrictions apply to other outside water uses, such as for car and boat washing, pressure cleaning of paved surfaces, decorative fountains and water-based recreation (e.g. swimming pools, water slides.)

For more information, please go to South Florida Water Management District's website: <http://www.sfwmd.gov>

Turtle Season March 1- October 31

Town's Code: Chapter 66, Sec. 66-2 Protection of Sea Turtles

(a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to protect the threatened and endangered sea turtles which nest along the beaches of the town, by safeguarding the sea turtles and hatchlings. For the purposes of this article the area comprised of the dry sandy beach and the dunes is a protected area.

(b) **Lighting restrictions along beach.** All oceanfront property owners must ensure that no artificial light illuminates any part of the protected area which may be used for turtle nesting and hatchlings. In order to accomplish this, all lighting must be positioned or shielded so that the light is not a visible source from the beach or is not a source that indirectly illuminates areas seaward of the crest of dune or seawall during the night period from March 1 to October 31 of each year. The night period is defined for purposes of this section as being that time after sunset through sunrise.

To view the entire Sec. 66-2, please go to:
<http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/News.htm>

For more sea turtle information, visit <http://myfwc.com/seaturtle>

Boaters Beware of Migrating Manatees

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission offers the following steps to avoid harming the endangered manatee:

- Stay in marked channels

- Wear polarized sunglasses to improve vision
- Obey posted boat speed zones
- Use poles, paddles, or trolling motors when close to manatees

For more information, visit <http://myfwc.com/manatee>

Police Department News/Alerts

Article to appear in the new Ocean Ridge Reporter

Identity Theft – AGAIN!

By Inv. Chris Yannuzzi

I wish I did not have to repeat this message, but recent police reports tell me otherwise. In the past 4 weeks, officers of ORPD have filed 5 cases involving the Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards and/or Identity Theft. These cases have run the gambit from the illegal “skimming” credit card information following a legitimate purchase to an attempt to hijack entire bank accounts. Likewise, the actual or potential monetary loss inflicted by the perpetrators of these crimes is equally broad - \$100.00 to \$2.2 Million. But, as I’ve mentioned in previous article, the real harm is the impact these cases have on the victim’s credit. Long after the bank or credit card company has absorbed the financial loss and reimbursed the victim’s account, the suffering will continue as evidence of additional criminal acts will surface and impact their credit history.

As an example, when was the last time you checked to see who is listed as the registered owner of your home? There are criminals who use the Internet’s access to public records to determine the loan-to-value ratio on a give parcel. If there is high equity, they will create fraudulent records to actually transfer the property into their name. An entire sale can occur or perhaps a line of credit created, without the true owner ever knowing about it until it is too late. It is a simple task to check on any property you own. Simply go online to the respective Property Appraiser’s Office and follow the instructions to check by name, address, property Control number (PCN), etc. Take a minute to check your Ocean Ridge property by contacting the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser’s Office at: <http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/papa/index.htm>

Are you lucky enough to have a “Home Equity” or other line of credit that you have created “just in case” but have not drawn on recently? If so, good for you! But, because you have no outstanding balance owed, you may not get a regular statement. As a result, while the money remains available to you, it is also available to anyone who might obtain your personal information and infiltrate the system. Your first notification of unauthorized activity **might** be when that statement arrives. Then again, the criminal may have sent the bank a change of

address notice and you would never get that statement either . Again, the bank may eventually reimburse your account and absorb the loss, but the impact of being so personally violated may never heal.

Do you throw your old statements, unsolicited credit card applications, or aged Tax Returns in the regular trash? Get a shredder! Make sure it is one that makes confetti out of these documents and “Junk Mail”. Everyone knows when garbage pickup takes place; including the bad guys!

The Internet is a wonderful thing; for both the law abiding citizen and the criminal element. One of the latest e-mail frauds involves sending a “Grand Jury Summons” electronically. The unsuspecting recipient opens the official-looking attachment, clicks on the appropriate box, and their computer system has suddenly been compromised. The “spammer” now can access your banking records and/or the malicious code has been installed to create havoc. Should you desire to research or report such acts of “cyber crime”, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) have created a website to receive, develop, and refer criminal complaints. You may access the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at: <http://www.ic3.gov/>

Please continue to call the Police Department at 561-732-8331 to **report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity** that you observe. These calls are never a bother and could provide the information necessary to stop a crime from occurring and/or result in the identification of suspects in other cases.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup
Saturday, May 3, 2008
8:00-10:30 a.m.
Boynton Beach Oceanfront Park

6415 N. Ocean Blvd. (A1A).
Just north of the Ocean Avenue Bridge.
Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot.
Community Service Hours Awarded.
Bring your own Water, Sun Screen and Hats.

Visit: www.SandSifters.org
Pre-Registration Suggested
Gary Solomon
GSolomon@SandSifters.org
(561)734-9128

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