

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

Lane Closures

- **Ocean Avenue Bridge Painting:** One lane may be closed in each direction, 6AM-4PM, Monday through Saturday, for bridge painting operations. As there is only one lane in each direction on the bridge, flaggers will be on-site to direct traffic. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained on one side of the bridge at all times. Advanced notice: Nighttime full bridge closures are currently scheduled for August 13 through 15, and August 20 through 22. As the date approaches, will confirm timeframes and provide detour information.
- **FPL Permit Project:** A1A/N. Ocean Blvd., from Thompson Street to Little Club Road in Delray, will have one lane closed in each direction, 9AM until 4PM, Monday through Friday, through July 2017, for FPL pole replacement. Flaggers will be on-site to direct traffic. Sidewalks may also be closed, as needed, on the east and west sides of A1A/N. Ocean Blvd. (Source: FDOT 7/17)

Expiring Building Permits

Every month an expired permit report is generated and letters are sent to the homeowners informing them that an open building permit for their property will expire shortly as per Section 67-52 of the Town's Code of Ordinances. This is an informative and beneficial letter letting the homeowner know that every permit requires a final inspection and no passing inspection has been scheduled for a period of six months. The expired building permit will be considered "not completed and open due to the lack of a final inspection" for any reporting purposes and may present delays when attempting to sell or refinance your home.

Should the permit is ready for a final inspection, please call the contractor listed on the building permit to have them schedule a valid inspection with the town. Also, please make sure that the permit with yellow permit card and back-up material is posted. If the permit is not ready for an inspection, the contractor may renew the permit one time within 6 months of expiration, if there are no changes to the original permit, and a \$50.00 renewal fee (cash or check only) must be submitted to the town. If there are changes, a new application with two copies of the back-up material may be submitted and the fee will be based on the new estimated cost of the project with no eligible refunds.

Upcoming Budget Meetings

Below is a list of scheduled upcoming budget meetings:

- ◇ Budget Workshop:
August 15, 2017 at 4:00PM
- ◇ Budget Workshop:
August 22, 2017 at 4:00PM
- ◇ Regular Town Commission Meeting:
September 11, 2017 at 6:00PM
- ◇ Special Town Commission Meeting:
September 21, 2017 at 6:00PM

Town's New SeeClickFix App!

Want to report a non-emergency issue such as solid waste collection issues, potholes, overgrown lots, and more? Report it by using the Town's SeeClickFix app! Staff will respond during regular business hours and you should expect an update to the issue within 72 hours. To download the app and more, please visit oceanridgeflorida.com/seeclickfix.htm.





General Information

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

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

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

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jtitcomb@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk

Tracey Stevens

tstevens@oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Chief

Hal Hutchins

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Mayor

Geoffrey Pugh

Vice Mayor

James Bonfiglio

Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

Steve Coz

Don MaGruder

Mayor & Commissioners email

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

July:

- 1: Boynton Beach's 4th of July Events begin at 6PM. See event flyer.
- 4: Independence Day—Town Hall closed. No contractor work, no inspections. Republic Services will collect garbage/trash/recycling on the 4th.
- 5: Book Club Meeting begins at 5:45PM in the community room
- 10: Special Town Commission/Budget Meeting begins at 5:01PM and then the Regular Town Commission will follow beginning at 6PM in the chambers.
- 29: Sea Angels Beach Cleanup from 8AM-10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park

August:

- 14: Planning & Zoning Commission meeting begins at 8:30AM in the chambers
- 15: Budget Workshop begins at 4PM in the chambers
- 15: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in the chambers
- 22: Budget Workshop begins at 4PM in the chambers
- 26: Sea Angels 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.

Meeting Information

Regular Town Commission meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00PM. Code Enforcement Hearings meet on demand on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00AM. Board of Adjustment meets on demand on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30AM and the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on demand. Any special meetings added to the calendar, date and time changes, as well as agendas and minutes will be updated on the Town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com and on Twitter @OceanRidgeFL as they occur.

Privacy Policy

The following is the Town's privacy policy that is noted in Town email signatures and a variation is on the Town's website.

"Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from the Town of Ocean Ridge officials and employees regarding public business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may be subject to public disclosure. 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. The views expressed in this message may not necessarily reflect those of the Town of Ocean Ridge. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by replying to this message, and please delete it from your computer. Thank you."

Town Manager's Report

Below is Town Manager's Report—July's Commission Meeting—Newsletter Edited Version:



FGFOA Conference

I attended the "Public Investment Strategies" workshop at the FGFOA (FL Government Finance Officials Assoc) conference in Hollywood, FL Saturday June 24th. The attendance fulfills my FL 8-hours CPE (continuing professional education) unit requirement as Finance Director position.

FY17 Phase One Paving Project

The Phase-One (mill/overlay) paving segment projects have been completed within the authorized budgeted amounts appropriated for this fiscal year. All County Paving, Inc. (M&M) has been great to work with and responded promptly on collateral issues in real time during their paving project schedule. As asphalt curing takes several months and residual issues are identified, we will continue working with the contractor to resolve any outstanding items requiring their attention.

Two street segments originally included on the proposed paving priority list, when PBC Penny Sales Tax revenues were considered for the additional funding, Island Drive South and Beachway Drive will be first on the Phase Two list appropriations for October 1st fiscal year unless additional monies are appropriated prior. Beachway is also being studied for "One Way" options and traffic calming initiatives.

Budget Appropriations & Audit

Today's (7/10) earlier meeting sets the Maximum Millage threshold for FY18, which helps prioritize included capital projects and operational appropriations for the coming year. July & August meetings to complete the budget process are listed in the announcement section of this meeting agenda.

The completed FY16 Audit will be presented for your review and adoption under tonight's agenda.

Happy July 4th Holidays

Hope everyone enjoyed safe, fun Independence Day festivities; and enjoy your summer travel plans or vacations wherever they may take you.

July's Special & Regular Town Commission Meeting Summaries

The following is a list of actions taken at the July 10, 2017 Special Town Commission Meeting & Regular Town Commission Meeting:

1. Certified the Rolled Back Rate for Millage for FY18 at 5.0847 per \$1,000.
2. Set the Maximum Millage Rate for FY18 at 5.3500 per \$1,000.
3. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017.
4. Adopted the Palm Beach County Interoperable Radio Communications Agreement.
5. Announced that the FY18 Budget Meeting Schedule is as follows: Budget Workshop August 15 at 4:00 p.m.; Budget Workshop August 22 at 4:00 p.m.; First Public Hearing and Adoption of Tentative Budget September 11 at 6:00 p.m.; and Final Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Budget September 21 at 6:00 p.m.
6. Directed the Town Attorney to draft an Ordinance Limiting Hours for Commercial Maintenance and Lawn Service on Saturdays to 1:00 p.m.
7. Directed the Town Attorney to Draft an Ordinance Regulating Nuisance Issues in Relation to Rental Properties and Group Living Facilities.
8. Accepted the FY16 Annual Audit Report by the Town Auditors.
9. Confirmed the Hiring of Dispatcher/Clerk Catherine Anatra.
10. Adopted Job Descriptions for the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, Building Clerk, and Administrative Assistant.
11. Directed the Town Attorney to draft an RFP or RFQ for an Engineering Study Regarding Drainage on Bimini Cove/Spanish River Drive to Evaluate the State of the System and Costs for Improvements.
12. Directed the Police Chief to Gather Information Related to Erecting Stop Signs Along Beachway Drive.
13. Granted a Partial Release of Claim of Lien in Reference to 9 Ocean Ave as it Applies to Property in Delray Beach.
14. Voted down on second reading Ordinance No. 619: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances By Amending Chapter 63, "General and Administrative Provisions", Article IV, "Site Plan Review Procedures", To Provide for Site Plan Review of New Construction That Meets A Certain Threshold and to Clarify the Review of New Construction Involving Certain Thresholds; Providing for Codification, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date.
15. Adopted on second reading Ordinance No. 623: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Section 1-3, "Definitions"; Amending Chapter 66 "Environmental Regulations", by Repealing Article II, "Flood Damage Prevention" and Enacting a New Article II, "Floodplain Management", to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps, to Designate a Floodplain Administrator, to Adopt Procedures and Criteria for Development in Flood Hazard Areas and for Other Purposes; and Amending Chapter 67, "Buildings and Building Regulations", Article III, "Technical Codes and Other Construction Standards", Division 1, "Generally", to Clarify the Minimum Floor Elevation and to Adopt Technical Amendments to the Florida Building Code; Providing for Codification, Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date.
16. Directed Mayor Pugh to give Town Manager Titcomb written notice that his contract will not be renewed on October 1, 2017, and directed the Town Attorney to negotiate with the Town Manager on a new agreement.



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police

Criminal Activity

Below is a listing of the crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **June 2017** for Ocean Ridge:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Tools Stolen from Construction Area	6/1/2017	Overnight 6/1/2017	5900 Blk. Old Ocean	Tools from unlocked work area removed overnight.
Burglary to Home	6/3/2017	Between 5/31/2017 and 6/3/2017	Ridge Lane	Home broken into when resident away.
Fraud ID Theft	6/8/2017	6/3/2017	Spanish River Dr.	Checks recreated to defraud victim.
Aggravated Assault/ Drug Arrest	6/18/2017	6/18/2017 @6:50 pm	6415 North Ocean Blvd.	Subject arrested for attempt and threat to stab another. Drugs found during arrest.
Identity Theft	6/26/2017	6/12/2017	Harbour Dr. South	Persons unknown used personal information to take over credit card accounts.
Trespass and Warrant Arrest	6/28/2017	6/28/2017 @9:13 am	5505 Old Ocean	2 Subjects arrested for trespass on posted/fenced property and outstanding arrest warrants.
Burglary to Home	6/28/2017	6/28/2017 Between 10:15 am and 2:30 pm	5550 North Ocean Blvd.	Residence entered by prying door open/ property taken.

In addition to the above listed activity and regular patrols of the beaches and roadways, officers initiated contact with numerous suspicious persons and initiated: three traffic pursuits of vehicles reported stolen from other areas, one arrest for an outstanding warrant, 2 narcotics related arrests, and completed the annual hurricane season survey for trees affecting utility wires.



July's Crime Prevention Information From Lieutenant Richard Jones

Close The Door On Crime

An old crime trend continues to pose problems. Criminals posing as utility workers, pest control providers, tree trimmers and any other service provider will simply knock on your door and give you one excuse after another in an effort to convince you to let them enter your home. Once inside your home, you become the victim of theft, assault and even more serious crimes. The majority of these criminals may wear work related clothing, so at first sight you may think that everything is legitimate even though it is not.

Some of the previous cases involve one criminal requesting that you exit the home to point out an issue or show you something relating to your home or property. Once you exit your home, another criminal you do not even know is present will enter your home and begin taking your hard earned property. Many times, you are unaware of this theft until hours or even days later.

Although we cannot prevent someone from knocking on our door, we do have the ability to choose the outcome. I don't have all the answers for every scenario, but I will give you several thoughts to consider.

What about requiring identification prior to opening the door? Or looking out a window for a clearly marked and familiar vehicle before opening the door? You can even ask the person "What number can I call to verify your identity?" as most criminals will not know the local utility company number by memory. Common sense should also be employed. If your power is out and you see several FPL trucks in the neighborhood, it may be likely that someone from FPL may need to enter your property. On the other hand, if someone shows up stating that they are from Comcast and you have not requested their appearance, you should become alert and aware and contact the Police immediately.

Take a moment to verify the person's true identity before giving them access to your property, home and all your personal belongings. If this seems like too much of an inconvenience to the person knocking, they are probably true criminals with bad intentions. As always, feel free to call the Police Department at 561-732-8331 and request an officer regarding an unknown visitor. We will gladly respond and identify the visitor's true identity.

If your home is armed with an alarm that has a panic feature, use it. We will respond promptly. Your safety is our business and our main concern.



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police



Keep Your Cool in Hot Weather

Summer is in full swing and temperatures are heating up across the nation. According to the [National Weather Service](#) (NWS), heat is one of the leading causes of weather-related deaths in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year and even more heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke, heat cramps, and heat exhaustion.

The best line of defense against these illnesses is prevention. The [Ready](#) Campaign offers the following tips to stay safe when the mercury rises:

- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun;
- Stay on the lowest level out of the sun if air conditioning is unavailable;
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals;
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible; and
- Avoid doing strenuous work outside during the warmest part of the day.

When necessary, NWS issues heat-related alerts to help you prepare for extreme weather conditions. To learn more about these alerts and how they impact you, visit:

www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/ww.shtml

Uptick In Number Of Vehicle Break-Ins

We are noticing an uptick in the number of vehicle break-ins once again. Though we have been lucky in the Town, many surrounding agencies are seeing a large volume of these types of crimes.

In review of these types of crimes, we find that about 85% are to unlocked vehicles or are the result of valuables being left in plain sight.

Please remember when you leave your vehicle for any reason, remove all valuables from your vehicles and lock your doors. This is extremely important at night at your residence and when you are parking in a public place where you will be away from your vehicle, such as the beach or fitness center, as these areas are often targeted by criminals.

Please remember: **If you leave it, Lock it!**

Allow Us To Help You Remain Safe

Please remember to lock your doors and use your alarm system. The best defense against crime is a good offense. Please take the initiative to make sure you do not become the victim.

Though using your intuition and being aware of your surroundings is a great start, to reinforce the information provided by Lieutenant Jones, using other tools available is often necessary to assure you remain safe and do not become a victim.

The Town of Ocean Ridge has an excellent safety record, and through its Police Department, Town Hall, Maintenance Department, and code compliance/enforcement efforts, strives to maintain a safe and pleasant small town environment for our residents to enjoy.

That being said, I would like to remind everyone of some of the services that are available to help maintain the safe environment we all enjoy and desire.

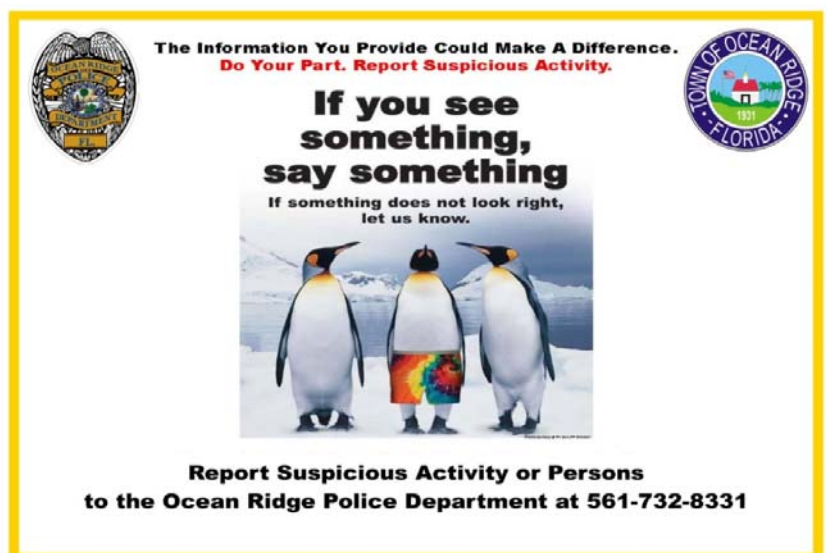
1. The Town, through your Police Department, offers direct monitoring services for your burglar alarm system to enhance our response time in the event of an emergency. Stop by or call Town Hall at 561-732-2635 for details!
2. The Town offers resident vehicle decals to help officers identify those vehicles that belong to our residents so we may better serve you. Stop by the Police Department lobby with your vehicle registration information and the on-duty dispatcher will be very happy to assist you!
3. The Police Department will be more than happy to meet with you and discuss or perform a security survey of your property to help you better protect yourself from becoming a crime victim. This may be done by appointment and at a time convenient for you!
4. The Police Department offers vacation watch for your home. We are more than happy to keep an eye on your home while you are away. To arrange for this service please call the desk at 561-732-8331 any time of the day or night. WE ARE OPEN 24 HOURS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR/ RAIN OR SHINE!
5. Finally, we are here to assist you! We will always try to help. If we do not have the answer to your question, we will try to assist you in locating the person or agency that does. Your well-being is our primary concern.

And finally; As Always,

Please report any suspicious person or activity as soon as possible.

REMEMBER

**“IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING”**



Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **None July or August**

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6415 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: Jeff at JeffLev02@gmail.com / **Social Media:** [facebook.com/SWATJIL](https://www.facebook.com/SWATJIL)

Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **July 29**

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

Anthrax Committee

What: Should Ocean Ridge be exposed to an aerosolized airborne anthrax event, Ocean Ridge and FL Dept. of Health will provide needed antibiotics at no cost as part of a program under the auspices of the CDC. Residents are encouraged to become dispensing volunteers.

When: Attend two hours of meetings per year.

Where/Time: TBD.

Who: Ocean Ridge Residents—no experience necessary

Contact: Terri Vinas at vinasfam@aol.com / [Volunteer Form](#)

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, Monday—Friday.

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