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December Email Newsletter



Ocean Ridge Town Hall & Police Complex



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Calendar of Events: December

- 1 Regular Town Commission Meeting: 6pm
- 5 Light the Lights / Grand Opening of Town Hall and Police Complex. BBQ, open house, networking for Ocean Ridge residents.: 5:30-8:30pm.
- 6 Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup & Toy Drive: 8-10:30am
- 22  First day of Hanukkah (21st at sundown)
- 24  Christmas Eve
- 25-26  Christmas Holiday—Town Hall Closed
- 26  First day of Kwanzaa
- 31  New Year's Eve

Boaters: It's Manatee Season!

November 15 is the beginning of manatee season in South Florida. This is the time of the year when these magnificent creatures head towards our area to enjoy the warm waters. According to the Palm Beach Post (11/23/08), "law enforcement agencies are already on the water asking boaters to slow down in manatee zones, and Palm Beach County allocated \$200,000 for extra marine patrols this year. More boaters are expected to be pulled over this year "because the county now has 10 law enforcement agencies under contract to patrol the manatee zones." (Palm Beach Post 11/23/08)

To report an injured manatee, call 888-404-3922. To view the manatee speed zone map in PBC, click [here](#).



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Thank you to the Ocean Ridge Garden Club for the holiday decorations inside Town Hall and also for organizing the Ocean Ridge library.

Enjoy the email newsletter? Please tell your neighbors about it and encourage them to subscribe!



Scam Alert!

By Inv. Chris Yannuzzi



Two methods on old themes are on the rise.

The first takes advantage of our troubled economic times by sending “phishing e-mails” to people requesting they update their account because their bank or credit card company has gone through a “merger”. **THESE EMAILS LOOK AUTHENTIC BECAUSE THEY INCLUDE THE OFFICIAL LOGO**, i.e.: JP Morgan, Chase, Wachovia, Wells Fargo, and others. If an unsolicited email is received, call the Customer Service number on your statement or credit card. **DO NOT CALL THE PHONE NUMBER IN THE EMAIL!** Per an article in the November 2008 AARP Bulletin, “...such bogus requests defrauded consumers of more than \$3 billion last year.”

The second is the “Grandparents Scam”. The victim receives a phone call from their “grandson” or “granddaughter” requesting money be wired because he or she was involved in an accident, robbery, etc. They ask that the rest of the family not be advised “to avoid getting them upset.” Once successful, the “scammer” may even call back for more money. Investigations have revealed that the caller wasn’t a member of the family and had obtained the grandchild’s cell phone. After listening to voicemail messages and announcements, the scammer is able to imitate the grandchild’s voice and influence the grandparent’s generosity.

“Light the Lights” Parking

By Inv. Chris Yannuzzi

Friday, December 5, 2008 5:30 – 8:30 PM: Town Hall will be the site of the annual “Light the Lights” festivities; including the Grand Opening ceremonies. Due to ongoing Phase II construction of the parking area, parking for all attendees has been arranged for across the street at Oceanfront Park. Ocean Ridge Police Officers will direct you to the designated area and assist you in crossing North Ocean Blvd. Representatives from the Police Support Group will be on hand to provide pet tags, resident vehicle decals, and allow you to update your emergency contact information. In appreciation for your continued support, the members will be handing out water bottles & refrigerator magnets for the adults and plastic badges for the children. Snow, in the form of flavored cones, will also be available for kids of all ages. **SEE YOU THERE!**



Criminal Activity

By Inv. Chris Yannuzzi

There has been an increase in reports of unlocked vehicles and homes being entered in the area north of Woolbright Rd. and N. Ocean Blvd. Most of these crimes are occurring overnight. In addition to asking you to report any suspicious persons or activity, **PLEASE LOCK YOUR DOORS**. Likewise, do not leave anything of value (cell phone, computer, camera, purse, holiday gift, etc.) visible from outside.

10 Tips for Smart Holiday Shopping online

(Courtesy of the Federal Trade Commission)

- Check out the seller: If you're unfamiliar with the site, do independent research.
- Read return policies: Date of purchase usually prevails, not the date of gift giving.
- Know what you're getting: "Knock Offs" are counterfeit, that's why their cheap!
- Don't fall for a false email or pop-up! Red Flag – Any Unsolicited message
- Look for signs a site is safe: Is your info going to a secure site?
- Secure your computer: Install anti-virus and anti-spy software and keep it updated.
- Consider how you'll pay: Some credit cards extend warranty & delivery protection.
- Know the full price and check out incentives: Don't forget Shipping & Handling
- Keep a paper trail: Print & Save your online transactions. Get a tracking number.
- Turn your computer off when finished shopping: and whenever you're not using it.

First Town Commission Meeting in the New Town Hall Chambers



Back: Commissioners Brown and Allison

Front: Vice-Mayor Bingham, Mayor Kaleel, Commissioner Pugh



Volunteer Opportunities



Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup & Toy Drive

What: Join the Sand Sifters by donating new toys to the Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach. We know that the economy is bad but the children receiving your toys are in great need.

When: First Saturday of every month, December 6th

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

Holiday Recipe: Snowman Cups

What you need:

4 cups of cold milk
2 packages JELL-O Chocolate Instant Pudding
20 OREO Cookies, crushes, divided
2 cups thawed COOL WHIP whipped topping
Assorted decorating gels

Make it:

Beat milk and pudding mixes with whisk 2 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir 1 cup cookie crumbs. Spoon remaining cookie crumbs into bottoms of 10 (6-7oz.) paper or plastic cups, cover with pudding mixture. Drop spoonfuls of COOL WHIP onto dessert to resemble snowmen. Decorate with gels for the eyes, noses and scarves.

Tip:

Instead of dropping spoonfuls of COOL WHIP onto desserts, fill resealable plastic bag with COOL WHIP; seal bag. Using scissors, diagonally snip off 1 corner from bottom of bag. Squeeze COOL WHIP from bag to create snowmen. Decorate as directed.

Makes 10 servings, 1/2 cup each.

Source: recipe and picture from Kraft.com



Town Hall will be closed December 25-26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Town Hall will reopen December 29th at 8:30am. There will be no inspections on December 25-26th.