

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida**Town Commission Agenda Memorandum****Office of the Town Manager**

Meeting Date: February 1, 2021
Subject: Town Manager's Report

Mayor, Commissioners & Residents of Ocean Ridge:

In the month of January, we celebrated the following employee anniversaries with the Town: Police Officer Billy Ranta, 2 years; Police Officer Keith Ramirez, 2 years; and Town Manager Tracey Stevens, 5 years. We thank them for their service and dedication to the Town of Ocean Ridge!

The photometric plan has been completed for the Crown Colony crosswalk. Engenuity submitted the plan and updated drawings to FDOT for final approval of the crosswalk. We will keep you all updated as to the status of the permit when we receive notification from FDOT.

The Town partnered with the City of Boynton Beach to provide free COVID-19 vaccinations to our residents aged 65 and older on January 21st. Although the amount of vaccinations was very limited for this clinic, around a dozen or so of our residents were able to secure appointments. Governor DeSantis also distributed vaccines to 67 Publix locations around Palm Beach County. Appointments can be made on the Publix Vaccine Website.

The Palm Beach County Health Department has deactivated the email appointments system through chd50feedback@flhealth.gov and is not taking any additional names for the time being, until appointments are given to everyone who has already registered (which is around 200,000 people). Please do not email them for an appointment any longer. If you already emailed them for an appointment, you are in the queue and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County will contact you directly to schedule your appointment.

The Healthcare District of Palm Beach County has created a vaccine scheduler website. If you are 65 or older or meet the Governor's criteria for receiving a vaccine at this time, please visit <http://vaccine.hcdpbc.org> to request an appointment. Please read their website carefully for directions and updates.

Please check the Town's website regularly for important informational updates regarding vaccine opportunities. Town Staff will continue to work tirelessly to gather information regarding vaccines for our residents to ensure everyone who wishes to be vaccinated can do so.

I have attached an updated aerial of the seawall project at the Anna & Edith Street crossover areas. DEP approved the construction of three more seawalls in order to produce a final gap closure near Anna Street. Seawalls will be constructed at 6059, 6057, and 6029 Old Ocean Blvd in order to close the gap between them and the properties to the North and South. Although three more seawalls need to be

constructed, the contractor still needs to have all of this work completed before the beginning of turtle season. No other seawall extensions are being considered by DEP as part of this project. Also, in reference to the seawall project, we received a resident complaint that the contractor was moving equipment along the beach between Anna and Edith Street crossover which the resident noted was not the plan as intended. As noted in my report to you at the December 2020 Town Commission meeting, one of the main concerns of the contractor was the limited timeframe to complete construction before Turtle season begins, and the ability to traverse the area on dry land in safe conditions, as there are two homes that extend eastward onto the beach limiting that area especially during high tide. One of the reasons we closed both crossovers was to give the contractor the ability to complete both projects simultaneously while keeping beachgoers as safe as possible during construction. The movement of equipment along the beach was never precluded; however, it was noted that it would pose challenges during high tide conditions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Stella Kolb and other residents along Beachway Drive for their recent efforts in helping the Public Works Department to clean up and restore the plantings at the Town's Beachway Crossover. We truly appreciate our volunteers for their hard work and community spirit!

The Garden Club is holding a Valentine's Day Roses & Chocolates Fundraiser. Pre-order by February 9th in the online shop at www.oceanridgegardenclub.org and contact-less pick-up will be provided on Saturday, February 13th from 11:00 a.m. to Noon here in the Town Hall parking lot. Proceeds support the Ocean Ridge Garden Club Patrice Mahon Scholarship Fund. We thank the Garden Club again for their continued efforts to make Ocean Ridge a great place to live!

Palm Beach County extended the emergency order until February 21st that mandates facial coverings be worn in all businesses and establishments, in all county and municipal buildings, on Palm Tran, and in any outdoor public places where social distancing cannot be accomplished. We ask that our residents and visitors continue to do your part in wearing a facial covering, maintaining proper social distancing, and washing hands frequently to help slow the spread of this deadly virus. Emergency Orders and other information related to COVID-19 may be reviewed on the Town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com. We hope you all continue to remain safe and healthy!

Respectfully,



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Town Manager & Finance Director