

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

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**Meeting Date: January 4, 2021**  
**Subject: Town Manager's Report**

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Mayor, Commissioners & Residents of Ocean Ridge:

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season!

In the month of December, we celebrated the following employee anniversaries with the Town: Building Clerk Lisa Burns, 18 years; Sergeant Rick Stang, 7 years; Police Officer Mario Galluscio, 16 years; and Dispatcher Zoie Arnold, 4 years. We thank them for their service and dedication to the Town of Ocean Ridge!

The annual Municipal Election will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Candidates running for Town Commission are: Carolyn Cassidy, Kristine de Haseth, John Kramer, Jr., and Geoff Pugh.

We received our annual Truth in Millage (TRIM) certification by the Department of Revenue. This certifies that the Town of Ocean Ridge followed all the rules and regulations for our budget process for this year. The certification is attached for your review.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we held our first annual Cruising Santa event where Town Commissioners and Staff cruised the Town with Santa and Mrs. Claus on golf carts and handed out holiday candy and dog treats to our residents and furry friends. The event was held in a safe, socially distanced manner, and we all had a blast spreading holiday cheer to our friends and neighbors. We want to thank those who donated their golf carts for this event: Gary & Penny Kosinski, Richard Lucibella, and Marie & Glen Chapman. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

The Town partnered with the Palm Beach County Health Department to provide free COVID-19 testing to the public on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Health Department administered 197 tests that day, which is a great turnout!

The Public Works Department installed two dog sanitation systems along Old Ocean Blvd in an effort to clean up the area. We are continually monitoring this and may install more in the near future.

The tree inventory has been completed and staff was trained on how to use the software recently. The inventory has already proven to be useful, as we were able to save a few specimen trees along Edith Street that were going to be taken down during construction. We will continue to use this valuable tool to help keep Ocean Ridge beautiful and environmentally friendly.

Town Staff has been working alongside the Town's vendor, Raftelis, on the water service area analysis for the past couple of weeks. We hope to complete this work

within the next few months so we are in a better position to negotiate our potable water contract in 2021.

Great news! Iguana Control agreed to service Ocean Inlet Park for us at **NO ADDITIONAL COST**. We received a letter from the County giving Iguana Control permission to enter their property and they have begun servicing the area already.

The State has been changing the rules frequently for who will receive the COVID-19 vaccine and when. The Health Department estimates that the vaccine will be available to the general public around April or May of 2021 and will be administered through Walgreens and CVS, though the Governor is accelerating that timeframe for residents of Florida who are 65 and over.

Palm Beach County extended the emergency order until January 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com). We hope you all continue to remain safe and healthy!

Respectfully,



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Town Manager & Finance Director