



# September E-Mail Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

- 09.01.08 Labor Day - Town Hall Closed
- 09.02.08 Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am
- 09.06.08 Beach Cleanup – National Public Lands Day
- 09.10.08 Board of Adjustment Meeting at 8:30am
- 09.11.08 So. Lake Worth Advisory Committee Mtg at 7pm
- 09.15.08 Planning & Zoning Meeting at 8am
- 09.15.08 Tentative Budget Adoption/Regular Meeting at 5:01pm
- 09.24.08 Final Budget Adoption at 5:01pm

*Agendas and meetings are linked when available.*

## Town Hall News and Announcements

### Road and Bridge Closures

6/2-9/9/08 Woolbright bridge closed for repairs. Please use Ocean Avenue bridge as an alternative.

### Gomez Children Trust Fund Proclamation

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Gomez Children Trust Fund at Grand Bank and Trust. Because of your thoughtfulness, enough money was raised to purchase a four-year prepaid college plan for Justin and two two-year college plans for Saxton and Brianna. Click here to read the proclamation.



### Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 is available online in a PDF format. Click here to view. A tentative budget adoption meeting will be held on September 15 at 5:01pm and a final budget adoption is scheduled for September 24 at 5:01pm.

### Building Permit Fee Increase

Beginning October 1, 2008 there will be an increase in building permit fees. The Town contracts zoning and building review with Hy-Byrd Inspections, Inc. It includes all aspects of the process including building permit application submittal, issuance, scheduling of inspections, final inspection, and issuance of



#### **Pet Owners**

*For your animal's safety and the safety of your neighbors, please remember to secure your pets by a collar and leash as you walk them around the Town and especially on Old Ocean Blvd. where pedestrian traffic is very heavy.*

certificate of occupancy when necessary.

The new building permit fee schedule will be as follows:

Estimated cost of job less than \$1,000	\$45.00
Estimated cost of job between \$1,000 and up to \$3,000.00	\$100.00
Estimated cost of job over \$3,000.00 up to \$100,000.00	\$100.00 plus 1.5% of the amount exceeding \$3,000.00
Estimated cost of job over \$100,000.00	\$100.00 plus 1.5% of the amount exceeding \$3,000.00 up to \$100,000.00 plus 1.0% of the amount exceeding \$100,000.00

Re-inspection Fees: A \$50.00 re-inspection fee will be charged for each discipline/trade re-inspection after two (2) failed inspections. Engineering inspections will be charged \$150.00 each inspection after the first initial inspection. Major revisions, as determined by the Building & Zoning Official, will be charged an additional \$45.00 hourly rate for review. Major revisions requiring re-review by the Town Engineer will be charged at the current hourly Town rate for engineering services.

## Police Department News and Announcements

By Investigator Chris Yannuzzi

### 511: Up-to-the-minute Traffic Information

In partnership with FDOT (the Florida Department of Transportation), the Town of Ocean Ridge is announcing the availability of a free informational service to employees and citizens. People can call 511 from their cellular or landline phone for up-to-the-minute information on traffic, accidents, road closures and severe weather on major roads in Florida. Callers can also transfer to seaports and airports for additional information.

A link to this free FDOT service is also available via a link on the Town of Ocean Ridge Website: [www.oceanridgeflorida.com](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com). The 511 hotlink on the Website allows Town of Ocean Ridge residents and visitors to access [www.511SouthFlorida.com](http://www.511SouthFlorida.com) for images of current traffic, 511 tips, incident reports and more.

*Call the  
Citizen Information  
Line at 738-ORFL  
(6735) for Town  
and Police News  
Alerts.*

## Tree and Coconut Maintenance Before Hurricane Season



So why is it that the Police Department is constantly reminding the residents to trim their trees and remove coconuts during Hurricane Season? Well, although the visit by Tropical Storm Fay on August 18-19, 2008 was both brief and relatively mild, the resulting debris and damage still had an impact on the Town and Palm Beach County. As these photos will attest, trees caused power and phone loss to a section of Hudson Ave. and coconuts became identifiable (yet, avoidable) flying objects on Coconut Ln. Please remember that Hurricane Season runs from June 1 - November 30. As this article is being written,



Tropical Storm Gustav is heading into the Gulf and Tropical Storm Hanna is gaining strength to our east in the Atlantic. Now is not the time to let down your guard. Just like the Olympian athletes, proper preparation prevents poor performance!

## Residents Are Urged To Call ORPD When Reporting Suspicious Activities

Once again, the keen eye of a resident resulted in the in-progress arrest of a burglar. At approximately 6:00 AM on August 26, 2008 the Police Department responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting a white male had entered a storage unit and removed several fishing poles. The subject fled, but - based on the description provided - 39yr old, Steven Thomas Gmyrek of Delray Beach was apprehended a short distance away. The subsequent investigation resulted in his being charged with 4 counts of Burglary to a structure, 1 count of Burglary to an Auto, and 5 counts of theft. Everyone is reminded, DO NOT CONFRONT THE SUBJECT(S), simply report any unusual activity to the Police by calling 9-1-1. Your eyes and ears are essential tools in our joint effort to combat crime. Please 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/National Public Lands Day



#### What: **National Public Lands Day Event**

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. Over 125,000 volunteers will build trails and bridges, planted trees and plants, and removed trash and invasive plants. Join us for the 15th annual National Public Lands Day.

When: First Saturday of every month

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.

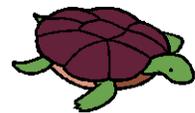
Time: 8-10:30am

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. Free Commemorative Posters & T-shirts(while supplies last). 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



## Nature Watch

### Turtle Season

March 1st - October 31st

Remember to turn the lights out on the beach.

## Contact information

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561-732-2635 Phone, 561-737-8359 Fax

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