

# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

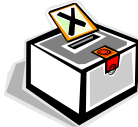
## Garbage/Trash & Alarm Billing

This week, Town Hall mailed the annual garbage/trash and alarm bills to our residents for the fiscal year 2012/13. The new garbage/trash rate is \$225 for single family and \$157.50 per unit for multi-family. The alarm annual rate increased to \$200 with user fee of \$2.00.

## Election Information

From PBC Commissioner Steven Abrams

I wanted to pass on some helpful information concerning the upcoming November election. In addition to the candidates, the ballot has multiple pages dedicated to 14 state and local amendments, which are wordy and sometimes complex. Here is a simplified overview of the ballot amendments, including who is supporting or opposing them and any potential budgetary impacts.



In an effort to make the voting process easier, registered voters can go online to request a ballot and vote by mail. Visit <http://www.pbcelections.org/items.aspx?id=28> to complete a quick and easy form that can be submitted online requesting a ballot by mail (which will take approximately one week). Once received, the ballot can be completed at your convenience and returned by mail or in person at one of the four elections offices around the county. For my south county constituents, the Delray Supervisor of Elections office, located at 345 S. Congress Avenue in Delray Beach, is very accessible.

Plus, you can track your mail-in ballot online at <http://registration.election.myflorida.com/CheckVoterStatus> to confirm that your vote has been counted!

As you know, voting is an important and valuable right that we have, and I encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

## Board Appointments

At the September 10th Regular Town Commission meeting the Commission appointed Dr. Richard Bajakian as a regular member to the Planning & Zoning Commission (replacing Ward Northrup). One alternate position is now open. Interested residents must be registered voters of the Town. Please submit a resume to the Clerk's Office by 3:00pm on October 30, 2012. Any questions please call 561-732-2635.



## Light-the-Lights! (Holiday Celebration)

The Town will be holding its annual Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 14, 2012 commencing at 5:30pm and ending at 8:30pm. Light snacks and beverages will be served. The children can expect a visit from Santa with some added fun. Free parking will be available at Oceanfront Park for this event only.

## Early Voting—Oct 27 thru Nov 3

Below are links to early voting sites and information as well as what will be on the ballot in the Ocean Ridge district

[Early Voting Information/Sites](#)  
[Sample Ballot Info](#)


For more information or for absentee ballot information, please contact the Supervisor of Election directly at 561-656-6200 or [pbcelections.org](http://pbcelections.org).

Election day is on Tuesday, November 6 in the community room from 7am to 7pm.

## 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

Kenneth Schenck

kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Town Clerk

Karen Hancsak

khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Police Chief

Christopher T. Yannuzzi

cyannuzzi@oceanridgeflorida.com



### Mayor

Geoff Pugh

### Vice Mayor

Dr. Lynn Allison

### Commissioners

Gail Adams Aaskov

Ed Brookes

Zoanne Hennigan

### 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

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

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

Florida Fish & Wildlife Comm. 888-404-FWCC

Florida Power & Light (FPL) 561-697-8000

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 Parks & Recreation 561-966-6600

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser 561-355-3230

Palm Beach County Tax Collector 561-355-2266

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

### Sign up to receive e-newsletter and news alerts

If you would like to receive the e-newsletter, news alerts, and other information emailed to you from the town please send an email to [Lisa Burns](mailto:Lisa.Burns@oceanridgeflorida.com) at [Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com) with your name and email address. [Privacy Policy](#).



**CLIP AND SAVE!**

## October Calendar of Events

- 1-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers
- 3-Book Club Meeting at 5:45pm in community room
- 6-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8am-10:15am at Oceanfront Park
- 8-Town Hall Closed for Columbus Day
- 27-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park
- 31-Halloween



## November Calendar of Events

- 3-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8am-10:15am at Oceanfront Park
- 4-Daylight Saving Time ends (set clocks back one hour)
- 5-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers
- 6-Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am (tentative) in chambers
- 6-Election Day from 7am-7pm in community room
- 7-Book Club Meeting at 5:45pm in community room
- 12-Veteran's Day-Town Hall closed, no inspections, contractors may work
- 22-Thanksgiving Day-Town Hall Closed, no inspections, no contractor work
- 23-Thanksgiving Holiday-Town Hall Closed, no inspections, contractors may work, for Columbus Day, garbage/recycle will be collected
- 24-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park



*Manatee Awareness Month—Manatee Season Begins Nov. 15*

*Agendas, minutes, and updates to the calendar are available on the town's website and will be posted as they become available.*

### We Want To Hear From You!

Do you have a favorite recipe?

- \* A new edition to the family you'd like to announce?
- \* A favorite pet, wildlife, beach, or nature picture?

We'd love to add them to the newsletter and share them with your neighbors.

Email submittals to Lisa at  
[Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com)

### Add Us To Your Contacts!

To ensure that you receive the e-newsletter, news alerts and other town information please add the following email addresses to your contacts (especially if you have a Comcast email address!)

[info@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:info@oceanridgeflorida.com)  
[Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com)  
[dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com)



# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Chief Christopher T. Yannuzzi

## Criminal Activity

Here is a listing of the crimes/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in **September 2012** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Auto Burglary	09/03/12	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Car keys taken from beach. Vehicle opened and purses taken. Credit Cards later used in Delray and Boynton.
Corruption by Threat & Resisting Arrest	09/05/12	3:24 AM	5500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Ofc. Payne observed a suspicious vehicle in condo lot. Occupants pretended to visit Apt. Investigation resulted in threats to Officers. Subject arrested.
Auto Burglary	09/09/12	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd.	Car window smashed and purse & wallet taken.

## Miami Dolphins Cycling Challenge (D.C.C.)

Just in case our November Newsletter is published late, we wanted to announce that on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 2012 the Miami Dolphins will be sponsoring their third annual two-day bicycling event that will travel between Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens and City Place in West Palm Beach. Saturday's ride is 100 miles long and Sunday's route will cover 70 miles. This is a fundraising event with the proceeds going to cancer research at the University of Miami's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. The previous two rides raised a total of over \$1.6 Million.

The D.C.C. is modeled after the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, the most successful athletic fundraiser in America; which has raised over \$300,000,000 for cancer research and care in the last 33 years.

The ride will travel thru Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes on A1A on both days. As of this writing, the plan anticipates the riders will be in our area during the following periods:

- On Saturday, Nov 3 between 10:15 AM – 3:30 PM, with a designated water stop at Ocean Front Park.
- On Sunday, Nov 4 between 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Further information can be found at [www.RideDCC.com](http://www.RideDCC.com).

## “Tis the Season”

October marks the beginning of the pilgrimage of those returning from the “Great White North”. As they rush to escape the cooler temperatures, their presence will be felt via the volume of vehicular traffic, lines at our favorite eateries & attractions and increased Calls for Service.

Fall not only brings a change in season, it marks the return of two types of “Snow Birds” – those that are law abiding and those that are criminals. We continue to be faced with hard economic times. For those of us in law enforcement, experience tells us that such a combination of events will result in an increase in crime. Therefore, we remind you that every citizen is an integral part of the crime prevention effort – whether you are in Town, shopping at a nearby Mall or going to the Movies.

This is the season for solicitors of all things from magazine subscriptions to driveway resurfacing – all without permits, licensing, insurance, etc. Remember, call the Police immediately when you are contacted by anyone you are not expecting or something that just doesn't look right.

Therefore:

- \* Keep your doors locked – homes and vehicles – and, if you have an alarm system, activate it.
- \* Any unsolicited visitors offering to perform services or attempting to sell products should be denied access to your home.
- \* IMMEDIATELY report any suspicious activity to the Police.

The Police Department asks those who have been getting this monthly newsletter to tell their neighbors about it and the safety/crime prevention tips that we share. Encourage them to subscribe by contacting Lisa Burns in Town Hall at [lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com](mailto:lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com) or phone 561-732-2635. The extra eyes and ears will be beneficial to all.

## Recycling Information

### Place These Items In Your Yellow Bin

Beverage Cartons  
Tissue Boxes  
Dry Food Boxes  
Newspapers  
Magazines/Catalogs  
Unwanted Mail  
School/Office Paper  
Phone Books/paperback books only  
Paper Bags  
All Cardboard Boxes (flattened & cut to 3x3max or next to yellow bin)

### Place These Items In Your Blue Bin

Plastic Containers #1-#7  
Steel Cans  
Aluminum Cans  
Aluminum Foil NO: Styrofoam  
Aluminum Pie Pans NO: Plastic Bags  
Drink Boxes  
Milk & Juice Cartons  
Glass Bottles & Jars

Recycling is collected on Fridays!

# KNOW THE RULES<sup>®</sup>

## Halloween Safety Tips

1. Instruct your older children to **TAKE FRIENDS** when "Trick or Treating."
2. Make sure a **TRUSTED ADULT**, an older child, or you accompany your younger children when "Trick or Treating." A trusted adult is a person parents/guardians have come to rely on and with whom they and their children feel comfortable. Discuss with your child who will accompany him or her and make sure you are both comfortable with the choice.
3. Accompany, or make sure a trusted adult accompanies, your younger children to the door of every home they approach. Become familiar with each home your child visits and the people who are providing Halloween treats to your children.
4. Teach your children to only enter homes with your prior permission and only approach homes that are well-lit both inside and outside.
5. Teach your children to **NEVER** approach a vehicle unless they are accompanied by you, even if it appears no one is inside the vehicle.
6. Make sure your children wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight or glow stick when traveling during the evening hours.
7. Make sure your children are able to see and breathe properly and easily when using facial masks. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
8. Teach your children to always stay in well-lit areas, never take shortcuts, and never go into isolated areas.
9. Teach your children to stay alert for any suspicious incidents and report anything unusual to you and/or law enforcement.
10. Teach your children if anyone tries to grab them to draw attention to themselves and loudly yell "This person is trying to take me," or "This person is not my father/mother." Instruct your children to make every effort to escape by walking, running, or pulling away; yelling; kicking; attracting attention; and/or otherwise resisting.
11. Consider organizing or attending parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to "Trick or Treating."



Have a safe and fun Halloween!



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## Halloween Safety Tips

### No Scaredy Cats This Halloween: Top 10 Safety Tips for Pet Parents

Attention, companion animal caretakers! The ASPCA would like to point out these common-sense cautions that'll help keep your pets safe and stress-free this time of year. If you do suspect your pet has ingested a potentially dangerous substance, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.



1. No tricks, no treats: That bowlful of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy.

- Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for dogs and cats. Symptoms of significant chocolate ingestion may include vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, increased thirst, urination and heart rate—and even seizures.
- Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol sweetener can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar, which leads to depression, lack of coordination and seizures. In cases of significantly low blood sugar, liver failure has been known to occur.
- Ingesting tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can pose a choking hazard or cause intestinal blockage.

2. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered to be relatively nontoxic, yet they can produce gastrointestinal upset should pets ingest them. Intestinal blockage could even occur if large pieces are swallowed.

3. Keep wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations out of reach of your pets. If chewed, your pet could experience damage to his mouth from shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

4. A carved pumpkin certainly is festive, but do exercise extreme caution if you choose to add a candle. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned or singed by candle flames.

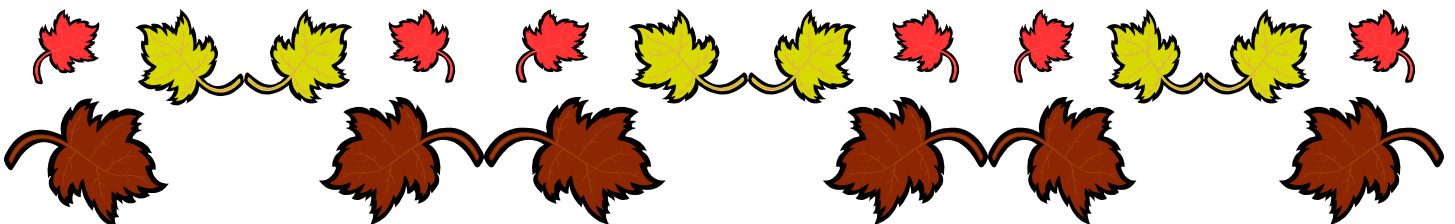
5. Dress-up can be a big mess-up for some pets. Please don't put your dog or cat in a costume UNLESS you know he or she loves it (yup, a few pets are real hams!). For pets who prefer their "birthday suits," however, wearing a costume can cause undue stress.

6. If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the animal's movement or hearing, or impede his ability to breathe, bark or meow. Also try on costumes before the big night. If your pet seems distressed, allergic or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting him go au naturel or donning a festive bandana.

## **October's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary**

The following list is actions taken at the Oct. 1, 2012 meeting/s:

- 1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting minutes of Sept. 10, 2012 and approved the Tentative Budget Adoption/Special Town Commission minutes with several amendment and additions**
- 2. Authorized the Mayor and Town Clerk to Execute Delinquent Garbage/Trash and Alarm Monitoring Liens for FY 2011/12**
- 3. Proclaimed October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"**
- 4. Awarded the Inlet Cay Piling Repairs to Admiral Boatlift at a Cost of \$46,180 and an Additional \$5,000 to Bridge Design Assoc. for Related Professional Services to be Funded through the General Fund Transfer to the Capital Projects Fund**
- 5. Adopted Resolution No. 2012-13; concerning Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution Which, if Adopted, would Create Additional Inequities in Florida's Tax System by Granting Certain Tax Breaks to Some Taxpayers at the Expense of Other Taxpayers**
- 6. Adopted Ordinance 600; Amending its Code of Ordinances, at Chapter Thirty by Creating a New Article IX Registration and Maintenance of Properties in Foreclosure on first reading**
- 7. Adopted Ordinance 599; Amending Chapter 67, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Technical Codes and Other Construction Standards, Section 67-32, Floor Elevations on Second and Final Reading**





# Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

Harvest Beach Cleanup & Food Drive!  
Join the Sand Sifters Volunteers for a Beach Cleanup & Food Drive benefitting the Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach!

Saturday November 3, 2012  
8:00am-10:15am  
Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd  
Meet at pavilion in the lower parking lot.



**Activities Include:**

Sand Sifters-Monthly Beach Cleanup,  
Food Drive Benefitting the Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach,  
Republic Services-Recyclable Craft-making & Recycle Truck  
Manatee Awareness-PBC Environmental Resource Mgmt  
PBC Parks & Recreation Dept-Volunteer Opportunities  
SWA-Solid Waste Authority-Community Services & Recycling Information,  
Green Market Café-Free Florida Tropical Harvest Smoothies,  
Nature Walk-Tom Mahady, Ocean Rescue Chief,  
Sand Sifters Commemorative T-Shirts-Just \$5.00,  
Sand Sifters Crafts with Apples!

**Food Drive Wish List:**

Non-perishable Foods  
Peanut Butter, Jelly,  
Pasta, Cereal, Rice,  
Canned Vegetables,  
Cranberry Sauce,  
Apple Sauce, Stuffing Mix,  
Pumpkin Pie Filling, Gravy Mix,  
Cornbread Mix, Spaghetti Sauce

**You Bring:** Hat, Sun Screen & Water

**We Provide:** Gloves, Bags & Grabbers/Reachers

**Community Service Hours Awarded**

**Visit our Website:** www.SandSifters.us

**Pre-Registration Requested:**  
therecipeexchange@comcast.net or (561)734-9128

**Sponsors:**

Sand Sifters Volunteers  
Town of Ocean Ridge  
City of Boynton Beach Recreation & Parks Department  
Palm Beach Co. Board of County Commissioners  
Palm Beach Co. Parks & Recreation Department  
Palm Beach Co. Environmental Resources Management  
Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach Co.  
David Wagner, Realtor Coldwell Banker 561-329-6796  
RecipeExchange.com  
Green Market Café  
Republic Services



# Sea Angels



SeaAngels are dedicated to help in cleaning up our beaches, waters and parks from the continual litter that threatens our wildlife and natural environment.

Come join the SeaAngels for a beach cleanup. We do give volunteer hours for students.

**WHEN:** Every last Saturday of the month

**TIME:** 8:00-10:30am

**WHERE:** 6990 N. Ocean Boulevard, Ocean Ridge

(Check in is at the picnic tables next to the snack bar)

For more information go to [www.seaangels.org](http://www.seaangels.org)

or e-mail us at [info@seaangels.org](mailto:info@seaangels.org)

*Please join us so we can make a difference one piece of litter at a time.*

## LANTANA greenfest 2012

Saturday, October 20, 2012  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Town Hall - 500 Greynolds Circle



**\$ SAVINGS & GREEN IDEAS**



**FUN GREEN VENDORS**

**BUSCH WILDLIFE SHOW AT NOON**



**Free Family Fun & Free Food**

**Free Plant Raffles**



[www.lantana.org](http://www.lantana.org) for info.

## Found Kitten



9-2012

Found approximately 6 month-old black and white kitten on Hudson Avenue. If this is your missing pet, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

**What:** Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

**When:** First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup **November 3**

**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:** 8-10:15am

**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

**Website:** [www.SandSifters.us](http://www.SandSifters.us)



### Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

**What:** Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

**When:** Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **October 27**

**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](mailto:info@seaangels.org)

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

### 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.

**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



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 4.

### Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, November 7 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss Laura Hillebrand's "Unbroken". Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.

