Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

Manatee Season

November 15 marks 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. During this time, boaters need to be aware of speed zones. Please visit PBC ERM's website for more information.

If you see an injured manatee or to report a death or violation, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-FWCC.

Manatee Live Webcam!

http://www.fpl.com/environment/plant/riviera_stream.shtml

Ibis on Inlet Cay Island

Resident and photographer, Joyce Bruck, beautifully captured Ibises on Inlet Cay Island. * If you have an Ocean Ridge photograph you'd like to share, email Lisa at LBurns@oceanridgeflorida.com

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.

Public Crossovers

Hurricane Sandy ruined our beach crossovers. The cost of repair for the 7 crossovers has been approved by the Commission for $23,000. After a contractor has been chosen, we estimate the crossover repairs to be completed by the end of December. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project

According to the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) October 2012 project status report, the Ocean Ridge Shore Protection Project is projected to begin December 2013. A report of the hard-bottom survey and mapping has been completed and the environmental and biological assessments are near completion. The Limited Re-evaluation Report for the Corps is 75% complete and a request for a Section 408 approval has been submitted to the Corps. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to DERM at 561-233-2400.

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
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kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Clerk
Karen Hancsak
khancsak@oceanridgeflorida.com

Police Chief
Christopher T. Yannuzzi
cyannuzzi@oceanridgeflorida.com

Mayor	**Vice Mayor**
Geoff Pugh	Dr. Lynn Allison

Commissioners
Gail Adams Aaskov
Ed Brookes
Zoanne Hennigan

Mayor & Commissioners email
info@oceanridgeflorida.com

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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 at Lburns@oceanridgeflorida.com with your name and email address. Privacy Policy.

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

CLIP AND SAVE!

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, 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.

December Calendar of Events

1-Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup from 8-10:15am at Oceanfront Park

1-Boynton Beach's Holiday Extravaganza begins at 5pm

3-Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in chambers

4-Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am in chambers

5-Book Club Meeting at 5:45pm in community room

7-Boynton & Delray's Annual Boat Parade begins at 6:30pm

8-Hanukkah begins at sundown

14-Light-the-Lights Holiday Celebration begins at 5:30pm at Town Hall

24-Christmas Eve—Town Hall closed (tentative)

25-Christmas Day—Town Hall closed; no contractor work, no inspections. No trash collection. Next trash collection will be on Friday, Dec. 28. However, vegetation will be collected on Jan. 1.

26-Kwanzaa begins

29-SeaAngels Beach Cleanup from 8:00am to 10:30am at Ocean Inlet Park

31-New Year's Eve—Town Hall closed (tentative)

1-New Year's Day—Town Hall closed; no contractor work or inspections; trash will be collected.

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 **October 2012** for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

Type of Incident	Report Date	Time Frame	Location	Synopsis
Prowler	10/01/12	5:51PM	Ocean Club, 6849 N. Ocean Blvd.	Security Officer observed a subject attempting to open unlocked vehicle. When confronted, white male subject fled in a green box-type SUV.
Burglary	10/04/12	11:00AM – 7:20PM	Ocean Ave	Entry made and a handgun was stolen. On 10/25/12 Boynton Bch Police arrested a subject on unrelated charges and he was in possession of the gun.
Identity Theft	10/10/12	09/26/12 – 09/28/12	6700 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Victim's credit card was compromised and used to purchase items.
Theft/Property Recovered	10/13/12	1:00PM – 2:45PM	Oceanfront Park	Unattended cell phone stolen. Tracked and recovered in Boynton Bch. Suspect identified.
Identity Theft	10/15/12	10/12/12 – 10/15/12	Adams Rd	Suspect used Victim's identity to obtain Tax refund.
Stolen Vehicle	10/19/12	10/18/12 9:00PM – 10/19/12 9:30AM	5800 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Victim's vehicle stolen overnight. On 10/19/12 Palm Springs Police arrested a subject on unrelated charges and recovered the vehicle.
DUI Accident	10/20/12	4:00AM	6200 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	While on patrol officers located a in the bushes with a sleeping driver. Investigation resulted in arrest for DUI.

Senior Dispatcher Marcia Martin to Retire

Following 22 years of dedicated service to the residents of Ocean Ridge, Marcia Martin has announced her retirement effective November 30, 2012. She began her service to the public as a Meter Maid in Palm Beach in 1979 and then became one of their Police Dispatchers on 1981.

Marcia's decision to leave us was accelerated due to injuries received by her son – PBSO K-9 Sgt. Mike Anderson. On October 22nd, Mike lost his right leg in an off-duty motorcycle accident and will need assistance following his recovery and rehabilitation. He has a great attitude and, like his Mom, a strong will; including a desire to return to full duty.

Marcia and her husband, retired Ocean Ridge Maintenance Department employee Fred Martin, will spend their leisure time camping.
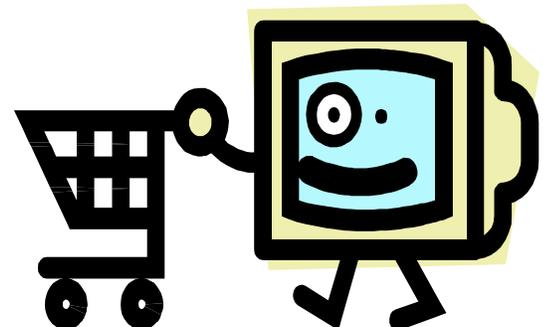
We wish her and her family the best!

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, many sites are offering FREE Shipping & Handling this year!

* 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.

Upcoming Events for December 2012

Boynton Beach Holiday Parade:

On Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 5:00PM the annual Holiday Parade will take place along Federal Hwy. US 1 will be closed between Boynton Beach Blvd. to Woolbright Road from 2:30-6:00PM. Access to/from Ocean Ridge will remain open via the Woolbright Rd bridge or by travelling on Boynton Beach Blvd, across Federal Hwy to Casa Loma Blvd (Two Georges/Banana Boat area), then onto Ocean Ave.

Additional Boynton festivities include a 6:30PM Tree Lighting ceremony and a 7:00PM Concert; both on Ocean Ave between Seacrest Blvd and SE 1st St.

Kids In Distress, Inc. "Inlet Challenge" Bicycle Ride:

On Sunday, December 2, 2012 KID, Inc. will be conducting a fundraising bicycle ride known as the "Inlet Challenge" that will go along A1A from Ft. Lauderdale to the Palm Beach Inlet and back. Oceanfront Park will be a designated rest stop from 7:00AM – 2:00PM.

The mission at Kids In Distress (KID) is to prevent child abuse, preserve the family, and treat children who have been abused and neglected. Further information can be found at: http://www.kidinc.org/
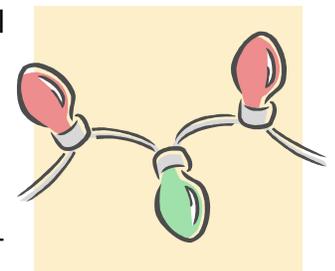
Boat Parade:

On Friday, December 7, 2012 at 6:30PM the annual Boat Parade will take place along the Intracoastal Waterway. The boats will travel southbound from the Boynton Boat ramp to Delray Beach. During the 60-90 minute event, both the Woolbright Rd and Ocean Ave. bridges will be up.

Boynton Beach Fire/Rescue Units will be staged in Ocean Ridge to provide immediate response if needed.

"Light the Lights" Event:

On Friday, December 14, 2012 between 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, Town Hall will be the site of the annual "Light the Lights" festivities. "Santa" will also be here! Representatives from the Police Support Group will be on hand to provide popcorn for everyone and other light refreshments will be served.

Arrangements have been made for additional parking across the street in the lower lot of Oceanfront Park. ORPD Officers will direct you to the designated area and assist you in crossing North Ocean Blvd.

November's Regular Town Commission Meeting Action Summary

1. Approved the Regular Town Commission Meeting minutes of Oct. 1, 2012 and the Final Budget Hearing of Sept. 25, 2012 with a couple of minor revisions

2. Approved Resolution No. 2012-15; Urging Local Retailers Selling Tobacco Products, to Refrain from Selling and Marketing Flavored Tobacco Products , Which Tend to Promote and Influence Underage and/or Youthful Consumption

3. Approved Resolution No. 2012-16; Supporting PROTECT OUR BEACHES, INC., a Coalition to Finding a Permanent Ecologically Sound Solution to Protecting our Beaches and Dunes from Erosion

4. Approved an Expenditure Not to Exceed $23,000 from the Contingency Account to Repair the Damaged Crosswalks as a Result of Hurricane Sandy and also for the Town Manager to Obtain at Least Three Total Quotes

5. Adopted Resolution No. 2012-14; Pertaining to Ocean Ridge Vacant Property Registration (related to Ordinance #600)

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 second reading

7. Directed staff to obtain an FPL Assessment on damaged/obsolete power poles in Town and pursue removal of same

8. Approved Budget Amendments for FY 2011/12 to include transferring $21,000 from the Contingency Account and placing $16,000 in the Inspection Professional Services Account and $5,000 into the Physical Environment Other Contractual Services Account and Acknowledged that the $4,700 overpaid in the Legal Special Counsel Account will be credited in FY 2012/13

9. Consensus to conduct the Town Manager Performance Evaluation in January 2013

10. Voted to Retain the Ocean Ridge Police Department and not contract with PBSO

THE HOLIDAY LIGHT THE LIGHTS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMEMBER 14, 2012 FROM 5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

Boynton Beach Presents

Holiday EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

❄ 5:00 p.m. 42nd Annual Holiday Parade
North on Federal Hwy. from SE 12th to Ocean Ave.

❄ 6:30 p.m. Lighting Ceremony
Ocean Ave. between Seacrest Blvd and SE 1st St.

❄ 7:00 p.m. FREE Concert
Ocean Ave. between Seacrest Blvd and SE 1st St.

Hosted by
Virginia & Jason
from WILD 95.5

The Contours
Performing their Motown Show

Food & beverages available. No pets.
Ride the FREE shuttle - park at NE corner
of E Ocean Ave and Federal Hwy, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Information Line: 561-742-6246   Website: www.boyntonbeachcra.com

Boynton & Delray Beach's Annual Boat Parade
Friday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.
Viewing area at Boynton Harbor Marina
MAKE SURE TO BRING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS

TOYS FOR TOTS
OFFICIAL TOYS-FOR-TOTS DONATION SITE

BOYNTON BEACH CRA

Mark Your Calendars!

Happy Holidays

Light-the-Lights

Friday, December 14th, 2012
5:30pm—8:30pm
*Beverages & Light snacks
*Bounce House
& Face Painter
*Santa
*and more!

Ocean Ridge Residents only

Recipe: Better Than Pumpkin Pie Cake
Submitted by Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk

Town Hall & ORPD Tested and Approved!

Ingredients
1 box yellow cake mix (reserve 1 cup)
1 stick butter or margarine, melted
4 eggs
1 can (29oz) pumpkin
1 can (5oz) evaporated milk
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup sugar
1.5 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg

Topping
1 cup yellow cake mix
1 stick butter or margarine, soft
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup mixed nuts, chopped

Directions
Preheat oven to 350F. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch baking pan.

In a mixing bowl using a spoon, mix the cake mix, butter or margarine, and 1 egg. Pour mixture into a pan and level across pan.
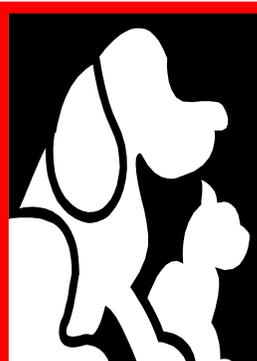
In another mixing bowl, mix the canned pumpkin, 3 eggs, evaporated milk, brown sugar, sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Pour ingredients into pan and spread over first layer.

To make the topping, in a mixing bowl cut butter or margarine into the reserved yellow cake mix, add the sugar and mixed nuts. Sprinkle over second layer. Bake for 50-55 minutes. Cool for 30 minutes. Makes 1 9x13 pan or 12 servings.

Did You Know…?
The following items are available online at www.oceanridgeflorida.com

* Town Manager's Monthly Town Update
* ORPD's Monthly Activity Report for Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes
* Town Budget FY 12/13
* Current/Past Agendas and Minutes
* Event flyers
* Lost & Found pets
* Street, FIRM & Zoning maps
* Flood & Hurricane Information
* Link to Town's Code of Ordinances
* Building Permitting Information & Forms
* ...and much more!

Lost or Found A Pet?
Call 561-732-8331 to report a lost or found pet.

Oceanfront Park Beach Conditions
Call 561-742-6775

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

Join the Sand Sifters for their monthly beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of each month

Time: Beach Cleanup sign-in at 8am ; Event ends at 10:15am

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd (A1A)
Just north of the Ocean Avenue bridge.
Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot.

Community Service Hours Awarded

Pre-Registration:
therecipeexchange@comcast.net
or 561-734-9128

Website:
www.SandSifters.us

Sponsors:
Sand Sifters Volunteers
Town of Ocean Ridge
City of Boynton Beach
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department
Dave Wagner Realty, Coldwell Banker
RecipeExchange.com

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**

or e-mail us at **info@seaangels.org**

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!
When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup **December 1**
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

Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!
When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **November 24**
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
Website: 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

Ask the Town Manager!

The Town Manager would like to answer your questions pertaining to the Town. This column will be added to the newsletter each month or as often as there are questions submitted. Just send your question to kschenck@oceanridgeflorida.com or leave note in drop-box in the Police Department lobby.

Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, December 5 at 5:45pm in the Town Hall Community Room to discuss Land of Marvels by Barry Unsworth. Residents are encouraged to join the discussion.