TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER 2026

COMMUNITY • GOVERNMENT • EVENTS • UPDATES

Welcome

TO THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

As we enter the final quarter of 2026, we invite residents to stay informed about Town initiatives, upcoming events, community highlights, important reminders, and the latest news from Town Hall.

- TOWN NEWS
- UPCOMING EVENTS
- COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS
- IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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General Information

6450 N. Ocean Blvd.,
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435

www.oceanridge.gov

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Town Hall

561-732-2635 (main) ◊ 561-734-7031 (fax)
561-732-ORFL (Citizen Information Line)
General Email: info@oceanridge.gov
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 Administrative Officials

Town Manager
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Town Commission

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Vice Mayor
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Commissioners
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Carolyn Cassidy
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Lanette Gustafson
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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	561-737-7031
OTHERS	
Abuse Hotline	800-962-2873
Animal Control	561-233-1200
Army Corp of Engineers	561-683-1577
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
DEP—Christian Lambert	561-313-9007
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
FL Dept. of Transportation Traffic Line	511
Florida Fish & Wildlife Comm.	888-404-FWCC
Florida Power & Light (FPL)	561-697-8000
Florida Power & Light (report outage)	800-4-OUTAGE
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 Inspector General	877-283-7068
Palm Beach County Mosquito Control	561-642-8775
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation	561-966-6600
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser	561-355-3230
Palm Beach County Tax Collector	561-355-2264
Palm Beach County White Fly	561-276-1260
Waste Pro USA (trash collection)	561-688-8912
So. FL Water Management	561-686-8800
Solid Waste Authority	561-640-4000
Supervisor of Elections	561-656-6200

CLIP AND SAVE!

Calendar of Events

October

10: Blood Drive at Town Hall begins at 10am—4pm.
12: Town Hall closed—Columbus Day!
19: PBC Bookmobile at Town Hall 2:45pm-3:30pm.
20: Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting begins at 9:00am in the Commission Chambers.

November

2: PBC Bookmobile at Town Hall 2:45pm-3:30pm.| Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
3: General Election 7am-7pm.
5: Community Standards Hearing begins at 10am in the Commission Chambers.
11: Town Hall Closed—Veterans Day!
16: PBC Bookmobile at Town Hall 2:45pm-3:30pm.
17: Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting begins at 9:00am in the Commission Chambers.
26: Town Hall Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday!
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30: PBC Bookmobile at Town Hall 2:45pm-3:30pm.

December

1: Community Standards Hearing begins at 10am in the Commission Chambers.
4: Light The Lights at Town Hall 5:00pm—7:00pm.
7: Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
14: PBC Bookmobile at Town Hall 2:45pm-3:30pm.
15: Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting begins at 9:00am in the Commission Chambers.
25: Town Hall Closed-Christmas Day!

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

Meeting Information

Regular Town Commission meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm.Code Enforcement Special Magistrate holds hearing on demand on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. Board of Adjustment meets on demand on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00am and the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on demand on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00am. Any special meetings added to the calendar, date and time changes, as well as agendas and minutes will be updated on the Town's website at www.oceanridge.gov as they occur.

Privacy Policy

The following is the Town's privacy policy that is noted in Town email signatures and a variation is on the Town's website.

"Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from the Town of Ocean Ridge officials and employees regarding public business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your e-mail communications may be subject to public disclosure. Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing. The views expressed in this message may not necessarily reflect those of the Town of Ocean Ridge. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by replying to this message, and please delete it from your computer. Thank you."

MESSAGE FROM THE *Mayor*

As the holiday season approaches, I am pleased to share that all is well at Town Hall. Our dedicated staff continues to serve our community with care and professionalism while moving forward with important improvements to the infrastructure that supports our Town.

As promised, the **Harbour Drive North drainage project** is underway, with completion expected by the end of the year. **Phase 4** of the watermain replacement project is also expected to reach substantial completion by year's end, with final inspections, minor work, and remaining details continuing through the end of January.

Looking ahead, **Phase 2** of the watermain replacement project is scheduled to go out to bid this November, with construction anticipated from February through July 2027. We also have welcome funding news: the Town has been awarded a **$300,000** grant toward Phase 2 and **$600,000** toward seawall construction to strengthen our resiliency and help mitigate flooding. These grants will support essential improvements while reducing the cost borne locally.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as these projects move forward. We recognize that construction can create temporary inconveniences, and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation as we invest in Ocean Ridge's future. The Commission is committed to ensuring that our Town's infrastructure is reliable, resilient, and ready to serve our community for generations to come.

I also hope you will join us at Town Hall for our annual **Light the Lights** event. This longstanding Town tradition brings neighbors together for fun, festivities, and the simple pleasure of celebrating the season as a community. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new neighbors.

On behalf of the Town Commission and our Town staff, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a healthy, peaceful New Year. It is my privilege and honor to serve our Town.

Warm regards,

Geof Pugh

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Mayor, Town of Ocean Ridge

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

Holiday Memories & Merry Moments

Light the Lights Celebration





Memories from 2025



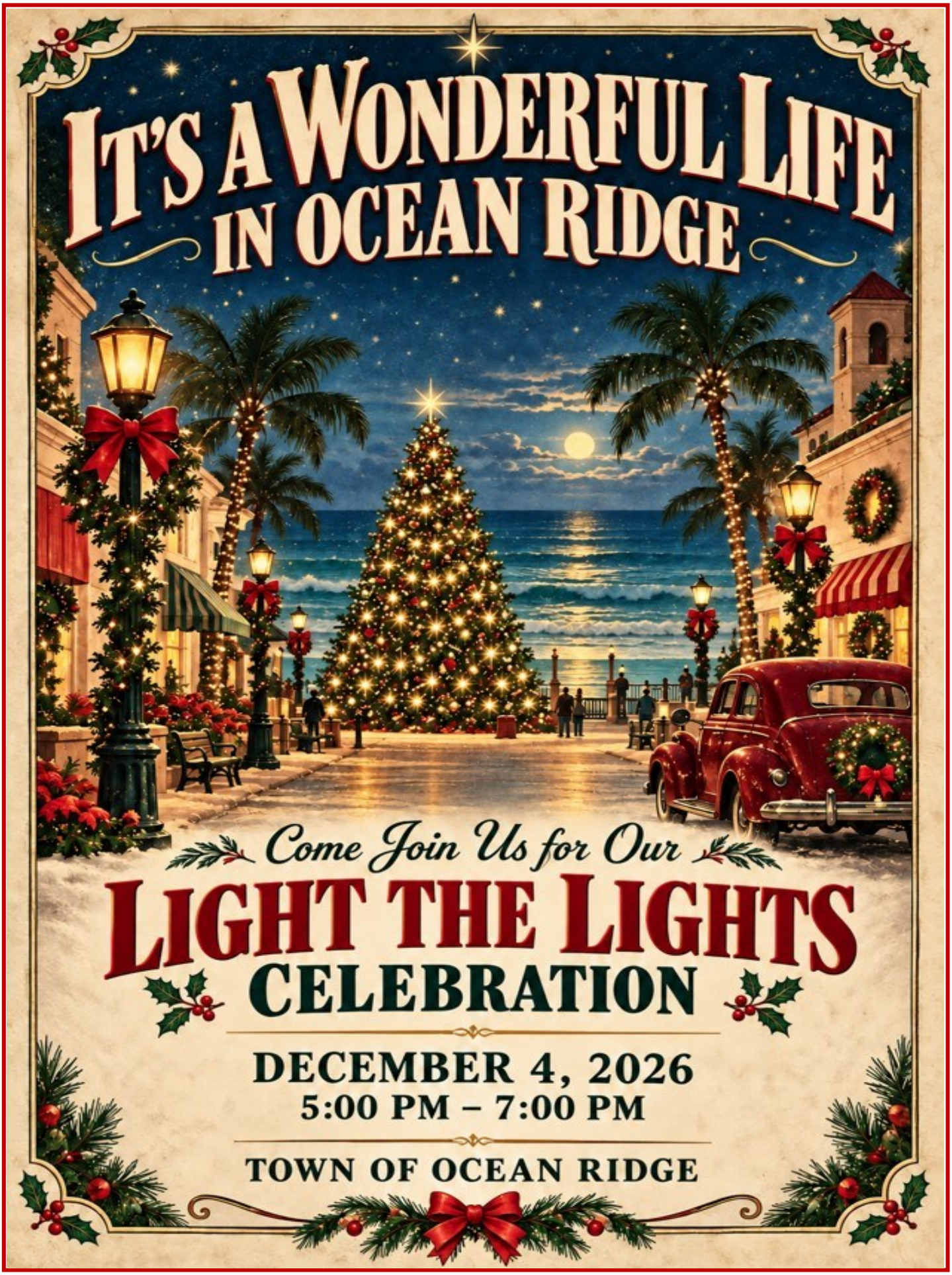


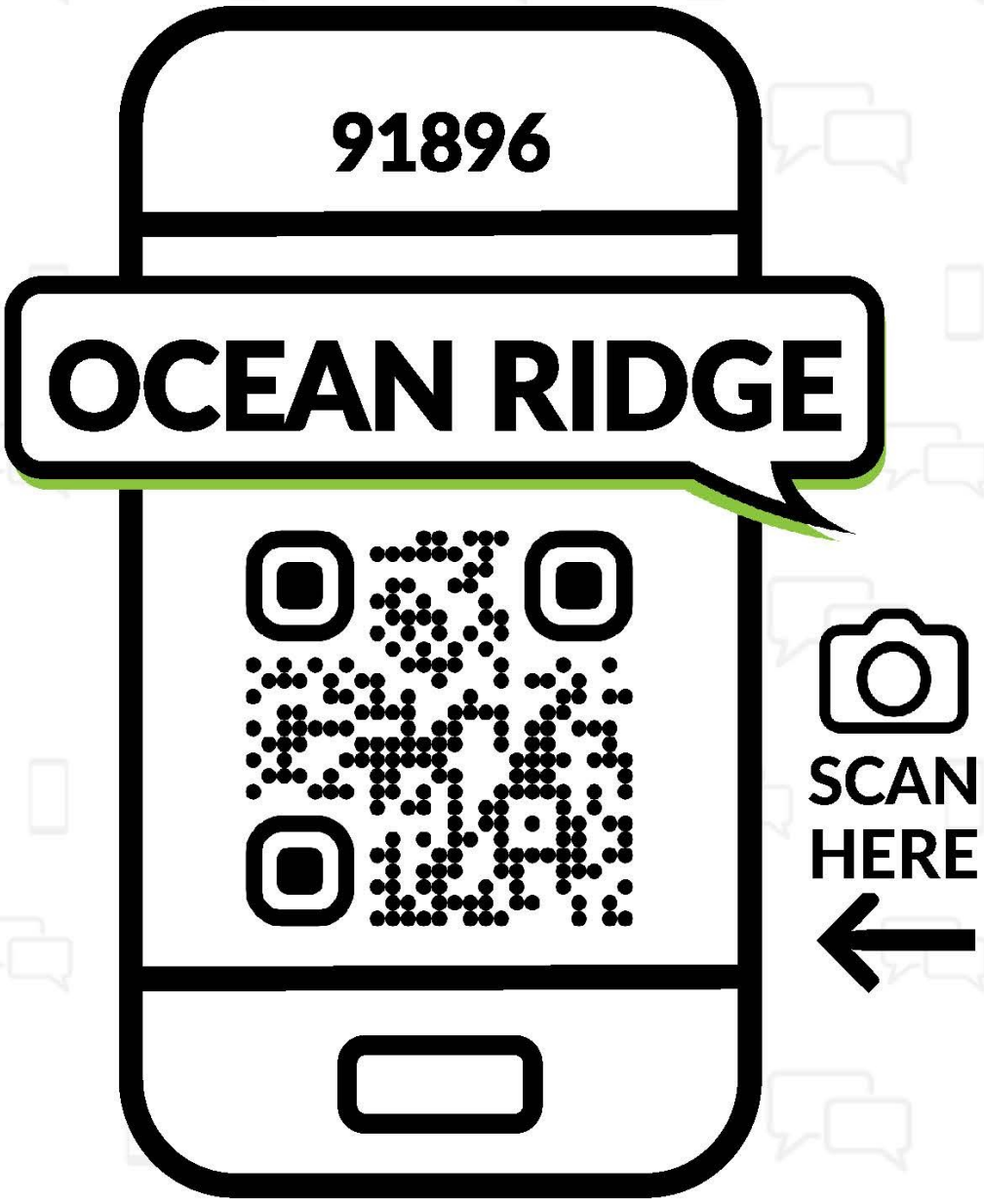
Looking back at last year's holiday cheer—
and looking forward to celebrating together again!

Join us for this year's celebration

December 4, 2026 • 5:00–7:00 PM

Let's make more merry memories!


IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
IN OCEAN RIDGE
Come Join Us for Our
LIGHT THE LIGHTS
CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 4, 2026
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE



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THE OCEAN RIDGE
GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS
Deck The Palms
Holiday Boutique
— Save the date —
10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH
OCEAN RIDGE TOWN HALL, 6450 N OCEAN BLVD.
OCEAN RIDGE, FL 33435
Free Admission
www.OceanRidgeGardenClub.org
Shop our curated collection of
unique boutique vendors!
ORGC is proud to support the Ocean Ridge Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive collecting gifts for children throughout Palm Beach County and distributed by Speak Up For Kids. Please bring an unwrapped toy or gift card appropriate for children aged from birth to 18.



DONATE BLOOD

Town of Ocean Ridge-Town Hall

Saturday, October 10

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

All donors will receive*:
- **$20 eGift Card**
- **Halloween T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Small Act. Big Impact.

Donors Receive



– PLUS –



– PLUS –



Appointments are encouraged, please visit **oneblood.org/donate-now** and use **sponsor code 63824**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.



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Ocean Ridge Police Department

Fall Community Update



Hello, neighbors. As fall begins, we want to share a quick update on public safety, introduce two members of our team, and offer a few simple ways to help protect your property. Thank you for working with us to keep Ocean Ridge safe.

License Plate Reader Program Update

The Florida Department of Transportation recently required law enforcement agencies to remove license plate readers (LPRs) from state roads. This reduces one investigative tool available to our department. Our officers continue to protect Ocean Ridge through patrols, investigations, and partnerships with residents.

We support residents' privacy. Our recent audit of officers' activity in the LPR system found no improper searches or policy violations. Officers who misuse the system will be held accountable.

LPRs have helped investigate burglaries, fraud, missing-person cases, shootings, and stolen vehicles and license plates. Property crime in Ocean Ridge has decreased by 81% over the past three years. That progress reflects the work of officers and residents, with LPRs serving as one of several useful tools. Private cameras can also help identify a suspect or vehicle and develop leads.

We hope to continue using LPR technology where permitted. Our commitment to your safety remains the same.

A Fall Reminder to Lock It Up

A few seconds spent securing your property can help prevent theft. Before you leave home or head inside for the night:

- Lock doors and windows.
- Remove valuables from vehicles or keep them out of sight.
- Secure bicycles, golf carts, and recreational equipment.
- Report suspicious activity to the Police Department promptly.

Around the Department

Congratulations, Sergeant Michael Steel. We are pleased to announce Michael Steel's promotion. His dedication, professionalism, and commitment to residents will serve our community well in this leadership role.

Welcome, Officer Warren Melhorn. Officer Melhorn brings valuable experience and enthusiasm to our team and has already begun serving the community. Please say hello when you see him on patrol.


OCEAN RIDGE PD
ANNUAL
Christmas
TOY DRIVE
OCEAN RIDGE POLICE FL
UNWRAPPED GIFTS
DROP OFF BOX LOCATED
IN THE ORPD LOBBY
6450 N OCEAN BLVD.
NOV. 1ST – DEC. 5TH
SPEAK UP FOR KIDS OF
PALM BEACH WILL RECEIVE
THE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN CARE.
MONETARY DONATIONS
CAN BE MADE OUT TO
SPEAK UP FOR KIDS.
SPEAK UP
FOR KIDS
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY