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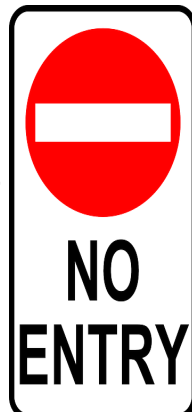
# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



## Porter Street Crossover Closing

Public Works will be working with our contractor to re-furbish the Porter Street Beach crossover beginning **October 3, 2022**. The crossover will be closed for approximately **8 weeks** while the work is being completed.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Historically, Fall was called “harvest” because of the “harvest moon” that occurs close to the autumn equinox.



## Town Hall News



Congratulations to our Public Works Supervisor, Billy Armstrong, for earning employee of the quarter! Billy has worked for the Town for over 12 years. He has used his expertise to accomplish projects with efficiency and without undue cost or burden to the Town. Thank you for your efforts and dedication.!



Employee of the Quarter

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

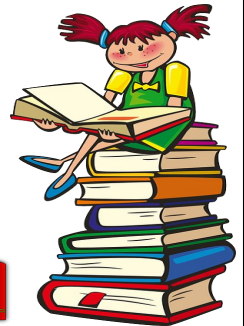
In the month of September, we celebrated the following employee anniversary:

Richard Jones, Chief of Police, 8 years of service. We thank him for his service and dedication to the Town of Ocean Ridge!

### Please join us for a monthly Book Club Meeting!

When: October 6, 2022 at 5 P.M.

Where: Town Hall Community Room



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Building Department will soon have an online system to submit documents electronically. This system will be located in the Town Hall Lobby. We are currently looking for a few volunteers to assist applicants when our system is in place. Stay tuned for any updates! For any questions, please call Town Hall, 561-732-2635 and dial **ext. 49** to reach the Building Official.



### Lost or Found A Pet?

Call 561-732-8331  
to report a  
lost or found pet.

**For Volunteer Opportunities** in the Town of Ocean Ridge, please click [here](#).

## General Information

6450 N. Ocean Blvd.,  
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435  
www.oceanridgeflorida.com

@OceanRidgeFL - Twitter  
OceanRidgeFL—Facebook

### 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 Administrative Officials

### Interim Town Manager

Lynne Ladner  
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### Town Clerk

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### Police Chief

Richard Jones  
Rjones@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Building Official

Durrani Guy  
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## Town Commission

### Mayor

Susan Hurlburt  
shurlburt@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Vice Mayor

Kristine de Haseth  
kdehaseth@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Commissioners

Steve Coz  
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Geoff Pugh  
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Martin Wiescholek  
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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 561-737-8359

### 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  
Tides 561-742-6776

**CLIP AND SAVE!**



## Calendar of Events

### October

- 3: Building Official Forum begins at 5pm in Commission Chambers.
- 3: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 3: Porter Street Crossover Closing
- 4: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am
- 6: Book Club at 5pm at Town Hall
- 10: Town Hall closed in observance of Columbus Day
- 12: Special Town Commission Meeting at 10am - Interviews for the Town Manager Position
- 17: Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting begins at 8am in the Commission Chambers
- 19: Special Town Commission Meeting at 10am - 2nd round Interviews for the Town Manager Position

### November

- 1: Code Enforcement Hearing at 10am
- 7: Building Official Forum begins at 5pm in Commission Chambers.
- 7: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 18 & 19th: OneBlood blood drive at Town Hall; 18th 9:00am—3:00pm; 19th 10:00am—4:00pm
- 21: Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting begins at 8am in the Commission Chambers
- 24 & 25: Town hall Closed in observance of Thanksgiving 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 Monday of the month at 8:00am. 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.oceanridgeflorida.com](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com) 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."

## Town Manager's Report - September Commission Meeting

### Mayor, Commissioners & Residents of Ocean Ridge:

September has been a whirlwind month for me getting up to speed on the many different projects that are in process and will be carrying over into FY 23 as well as preparing for projects that are scheduled for FY 23. Ocean Ridge has several capital projects that will take careful coordination to ensure that their timing doesn't conflict with each other or with planned projects by other jurisdictions, such as FDOT and FP&L.



Tyler Tech has put the building department software implementation off again and are now saying that it will be some time after Feb. of 2023. With that in mind, Durrani and I have been researching other options if the Town were to seek to cancel the contract with Tyler and move in a different direction. We have identified a couple of different options for the building department and one of them includes an alternative option for the Town financial management software. The cost for implementation for that option including data scrubbing and conversion for all departments and systems is less than the total cost of the Tyler contract for the Building Department software alone. We will continue to do more research and hope to have final information to bring to you at the November meeting or sooner if a change in direction is recommended.

We are still waiting for FPL to put up the last light. We are putting pressure on them as they said the parts would be here by the end of September and that time has come and gone and now they will be using Hurricane Ian as an excuse for why they can't do the work soon. I recommend that we place "closed" signs at both entrances to the crosswalk until the necessary lighting upgrades are completed and the permit is finalized by FDOT.

The sidewalk assessment for the areas along N Ocean Blvd (A1A) has been completed and submitted to FDOT. It is in the hands of the FDOT department that handles ROW maintenance at this point. We will keep on them but I don't anticipate seeing it be a priority project for at least a couple of months until after assessments and clean-up from Ian are completed.

After attending the FLC Policy Committee meeting on Finance, Taxation, and Personnel, I want to let you know that it will be important to watch the bills coming out of Tallahassee this year. They are looking at introducing a new classification of non-homestead property exemptions to provide relief to second home/part-time residents with increasing home values.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynne Ladner".

Lynne Ladner  
Interim Town Manager & Finance Director



## **-Message from the Mayor -**



Greetings Neighbors,

Happy October! It truly is, especially in the wake of Hurricane Ian. Ocean Ridge was exceedingly fortunate to have missed the wrath of the horrendous storm. Growing up in this area, I have witnessed multiple storms and the one thing they have in common is their unpredictability. Please know that our wonderful Town Staff was in high preparedness throughout the week before Ian made landfall. Many of the Team was stationed here at Town Hall 24/7 with our Police Dept. and Maintenance Team working double duty patrolling every inch of Ocean Ridge to oversee storm preparations, including overseeing drains & pump stations. And, our Building Department also gets a 'Shout Out' for the work done in the days preceding Ian, checked on construction sites and looking to assist. Thankfully, we came through the situation without damage. Our neighbors across the State were not as lucky. Also, be advised that our Police Department is taking in supplies and donations for First Responders in the hard-hit areas who worked tirelessly on the public's behalf. Do consider stopping into the PD with whatever you might be able to give to help those who were not as fortunate as Ocean Ridge.

On another subject, the new Town Manager Search is well underway. The Commission will hold an initial Zoom interview on Oct. 12th with the six candidates chosen at the Sept. 29 Special Meeting. The next step will be in-person Interviews with the Candidates the Commission chooses at said Zoom meeting. This will take place Oct. 19th I would like to leave everyone with this message: Ocean Ridge is a very special place to live. We are all basically neighbors and, hopefully, looking out for each other. This is most noticeable during tense events, such as Hurricanes, but I would hope everyone will take a minute to reflect on how absolutely blessed we were, and continue to be. Civility and Kindness should be our mantra. People say what a beautiful little Town Ocean Ridge is. I would like to think it's the community and not just the geography!

Susan Hurlburt  
Mayor

# Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

**Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida**  
**Office of the Town Clerk**  
**Regular Commission Meeting Summary**  
**October 3, 2022**

The following is a list of actions taken at the October 3, 2022, Regular Town Commission Meeting. We hope this helps keep our residents informed in a timely fashion regarding Town Commission and Staff activities.

**1. Presentations & Proclamations:**

- a. Boynton Beach Fire Chief, Hugh Bruder, introduced himself and gave a fire response report to the Commission.
- b. Police Chief Jones presented Public Works Supervisor, William Armstrong, with Employee of the Quarter for July – September 2022.
- c. Town Clerk Avery read three proclamations into the record from the Florida League of Cities.

**2. Announcements:**

- a. The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Regular Town Commission Meeting Monday, November 7th at 6:00 PM; Special Town Commission Meeting Wednesday, October 12, 2022, starting at 10 am planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Monday, October 17th at 8:00 AM; and Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearings Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall.
- b. Please join us on Monday, November 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers for a presentation by our Building Official on “Save the Swales”.
- c. Refurbishment of the Porter Street Beach crossover will begin October 3rd. The crossover will be closed for approximately 8 weeks while the work is being completed.
- d. The FDOT Drainage project on Ocean Blvd/A1A at Anna St will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The project is expected to take approximately ninety (90) days.
- e. The Annual Municipal Election will be held on March 14, 2023. There are two Town Commission seats open for a three-year term. Candidate filing dates run from November 7, 2022 at Noon through November 18, 2022 at Noon in the Town Clerk’s Office. / La Elección Municipal Anual se llevará a cabo el 14 de marzo de 2023. Hay dos puestos de la Comisión Municipal abiertos por un período de tres años. Las fechas de presentación de candidatos se extienden desde el 7 de noviembre de 2022 al mediodía hasta el 18 de noviembre de 2022 al mediodía en la Oficina del Secretario municipal.
- f. Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.
- g. Residents who wish to sign up to receive important Town notifications and news through Civic Ready should sign up on the Town’s website or call Town Hall for assistance.

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3. Approved the Consent Agenda including:
  1. Acceptance of the Revenue & Expenditure Reports for August 2022
  2. Adoption of the Minutes of July 25, 2022, Special Town Commission Meeting,
  3. Adoption of the Minutes of September 19, 2022 Special Town Commission Meeting,
  4. Adopt the Annual CRS Floodplain Management Plan & Progress Report
5. The Commission approved the request for renewal fee waiver 95 Island Dr. S.
6. The Commission approved the request for a permit extension and fee waiver 6990 N Ocean Blvd
7. The Commission approved the request for permit renewal and fee waiver 82 Island Dr. S
8. The Commission approved the request for permit renewal and fee waiver 6011 N Ocean Blvd
9. The Commission approved the request for permit renewal and fee waiver 28 Hudson Ave
10. Building Official Guy gave an update on the Building Department Fees that need revised, and the Commission approved the fee revisions.
11. The Commission approved the unbudgeted expenditure of \$12,250 to LineTec for the installation of new 6" valves for an emergency water line repair.
12. The Commission approved Ordinance 2022-10, Amending the Town's Comprehensive Plan to add the Property Right's Element on first reading.
13. The Commission approved Ordinance 2022-11, Amending the Future Land Use Map of the Future Land Use Element of the Town's Comprehensive Plan for 27.04 acres, more or less, on first reading.
14. The Commission approved Ordinance 2022-12, Approving a zoning change request for multiple parcels of land consisting of approximately 27.04 acres, more or less, located between North Ocean Blvd and the Intracoastal Waterway from Single Family Residence to Preservation/Conservation, on first reading.
15. The Commission approved Ordinance 2022-13, Amending Future Land Use Map of the Future Land Element of the Town's Comprehensive Plan for 9.13 acres, more or less, on first reading.





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16. The Commission approved Ordinance 2022-14, Approving a zoning change request for a parcel of land consisting of approximately 9.13 acres, more or less, located between North Ocean Blvd and the Intracoastal Waterway from Single Family Residence to Preservation/Conservation, on first reading.
17. The Commission decided to move the discussion of the clarification of the minimum requirements of size, diameter, etc of shade trees required per x of lot size square footage to the joint Planning & Zoning and Commission meeting.
18. The Commission decided to move the discussion of the grandfathering of existing homes built prior to a certain date in the FSFE District to the joint Planning & Zoning and Commission meeting.
19. Reports were submitted and given by Planning & Zoning Commission, the Police Chief, Public Works, and the Building Official.
20. Interim Manager Ladner presented the monthly Town Manager's Report.
21. Mayor Hurlburt gave an update on the Town Manager Position process.

**THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL.**



# HELPING FIRST RESPONDERS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IAN



THE OCEAN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORT GROUP  
HAVE STARTED A HURRICANE IAN RELIEF PROGRAM.

**Collection Dates:**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>**

This program is intended to support the families of  
*Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS personnel* impacted by Hurricane Ian.

We are seeking financial donations as well as the donation of  
necessary supplies. *As a 501(c) 3 organization, your donation is tax deductible.*

**Drop off Location:**  
**Ocean Ridge Police Dept**  
**6450 N Ocean Blvd**  
**Ocean Ridge, FL 33435**

Make Checks Payable to:  
"Ocean Ridge Support Group"

Necessary items include,  
but not limited to:

- Tarps
- Clothing items such as socks, underwear, t shirts.
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Bug Repellant
- First Aid Kits
- Flashlights & Batteries
- Towels
- Trash bags
- Sports Drinks
- Snacks (Chips, Granola bars, Trail mix, crackers, etc.)

# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Richard Jones, Chief of Police



HONOR • COMMITMENT • INTEGRITY • PROFESSIONALISM • LOYALTY

**ORPD Vision Statement:**  
 The Ocean Ridge Police Department  
 will exemplify leadership in police innovation, professionalism and customer service.  
 Enhancing the quality of life for our citizens and adherence to the belief that all citizens  
 deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, which guides the operation of our agency.

***"Live with Honor, Serve with Pride"***

## Police Activity:

Here is a listing of significant crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in September 2022 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>
<u>Burglary to unlocked vehicle</u>	09/01/2022	08/31/2022 @ 3:00 am	<u>Spanish River Drive</u>	Burglary to unlocked vehicle, suspect identified, ongoing investigation
Trespass	09/08/2022	09/08/2022 @ 11:30 am	<u>Tropical Drive</u>	Unknown subject found trespassing via camera
Fraud	09/14/2022	09/09/2022 @ 1:45 pm	<u>5000 Blk N Ocean Blvd</u>	Suspect contacted victim by phone and swindled the victim.
Criminal Mischief	09/24/2022	09/23/2022 @ 9:41 pm	<u>Sabal Island drive</u>	Mailbox struck by a vehicle that fled the scene
Credit Card Fraud	09/30/2022	09/25/2022 @ 1:15 pm	<u>6000 Blk N Ocean Blvd</u>	Subject used stolen credit card, investigation ongoing

In addition to the above listed activity and regular patrols of the beaches and roadways; officers conducted traffic enforcement activities and completed numerous code enforcement investigations.

Please note: The above listed activity is just a snapshot and not a total accounting of the activity officers of your police department engage in on a monthly basis. This snapshot is to help raise awareness and prevent crime through information sharing and proactive involvement with security, such as locking vehicle doors and closing garage doors when away from these areas.



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By Richard Jones, Chief of Police



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## **MESSAGES AND REMINDERS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**From Richard Jones, Chief of Police:**

### **WORK AT HOME BUSINESS SCAMS**

I am sure that many of you have seen and heard the ads that promise big earnings and a great life for those who choose to work from home. I would caution you to not simply take their word for it as many of these promises and job offers are scams or simply do not deliver on their promises.

Since a work from home setting may benefit your busy lifestyle and allow you to make the money that your lifestyle requires, you may find this tempting. Many people may think they have nothing to lose since the company offers a money back guarantee or refund if you don't succeed. The reality is that the majority of these offers are scams and you are not likely to get a refund.

These types of scams could cost you thousands of dollars. Not only do many people lose thousands of dollars trying these ventures, they also end up wasting a lot of their time and energy working towards their new business goals.

The most common types of Work-At-Home Scams include; Internet Business, Envelope Stuffing, Assembly or Craft Work, Rebate Processing, Medical Billing, Mystery Shopping and Multilevel Marketing. If you are confronted with one of these opportunities, please be very cautious.

One of the most common ways to know that the opportunity is actually a scam is by the promise of a big income and the fact that the process involves up-front money from you. Just because the ad appears legitimate and involved a website, newspaper or other trusted media source does not make the opportunity legitimate.

If you decide to move forward with an opportunity like this, do your homework! Research the company and/or the promoter. This can be as simple as contacting:

The Better Business Bureau <http://www.bbb.org/central-florida/get-consumer-help/>, and/or

The Florida Attorney General [http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/](http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/81bf89afaf04dbeb85256cc6006ff6bf)

[Main/81bf89afaf04dbeb85256cc6006ff6bf](http://myfloridalegal.com/pages.nsf/Main/81bf89afaf04dbeb85256cc6006ff6bf), or even conducting internet searches using the company name followed by "reviews", "scam" or "complaint".

These kinds of scams remind me of the old saying; "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is". Continue to use your better judgement and your gut feeling, followed by good research and you will avoid being a victim to these types of crimes.

For more information on scams like this, feel free to contact the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP or by visiting their website at [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov) or contact me at the Ocean Ridge Police Department.

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## SOME REMINDERS FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DURING STORM SEASON

### Keep Your Cool in Hot Weather

According to the [National Weather Service](#) (NWS), heat is one of the leading causes of weather-related deaths in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year and even more heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke, heat cramps, and heat exhaustion.

The best line of defense against these illnesses is prevention. The [Ready](#) Campaign offers the following tips to stay safe when the mercury rises:

- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun;
- Stay on the lowest level out of the sun if air conditioning is unavailable;
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals;
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible; and
- Avoid doing strenuous work outside during the warmest part of the day.

When necessary, NWS issues heat-related alerts to help you prepare for extreme weather conditions. To learn more about these alerts and how they impact you, visit:

[www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/ww.shtml](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/ww.shtml)

### Know Your Alerts & Warnings

Receiving timely information about emergencies can make all the difference in knowing when to take action to protect yourself and your family. Local police and fire departments, emergency managers, the National Weather Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Communications Commission, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration work together to make sure you can receive alerts and warnings quickly through several different technologies no matter where you are.

If you've ever noticed a unique sound and vibration coming from your cell phone, you probably just received a [Wireless Emergency Alert](#) (WEA) - a nationwide emergency alert system notifying you of a pending emergency in your area. These messages provide information about extreme weather, local emergencies, AMBER Alerts™, and Presidential Alerts during a national emergency.

WEAs look like a text message and show the type and time of the alert, any action you should take, and the agency issuing the alert. If you receive a WEA, follow the directions advised by the message and seek additional information from local media or authorities.

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## Carbon Monoxide Safety during Power Outages

According to the [National Weather Service](#), carbon monoxide poisoning is a leading cause of death after storms in areas experiencing power outages. Using alternative sources of power can cause carbon monoxide to build up in your home and poison your family. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas created by burning fuel when using portable generators, gas ranges, burning wood, or by running your car.

While deaths occur each year in the U.S. from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning, this tragedy is preventable. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers these [tips for staying safe](#) when the power goes out:

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if the doors and windows are open;
- Keep generators at least 20 feet from your home;
- Install battery-operated or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors near every sleeping area in your home; and
- Check detectors every six months to be sure they are working properly.
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The most common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, dizziness, nausea, and confusion. If you think you are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, get fresh air and seek immediate medical attention!

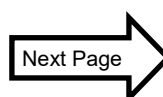
## COMMUNITY STANDARDS REMINDER: PERMITS

Permits are required **BEFORE the START of most jobs**. Please contact Town Hall at (561) 732-2635 if you are not sure that the repair or project you are about to begin does not require a permit. It is much easier to know the answer and start your project properly than it is to be delayed, sometimes for up to several months, and have to pay additional fees that would not be necessary if things were done correctly in the beginning.

Permitting is required under both Town Codes and The Florida Building Code. These rules are in place to assure our safety as a community and to make sure structures and projects are completed in a safe and proper manner.

Section 105.1 of the Florida Building Code, as well as Town Code Section 67 are excellent places to begin checking for requirements. But, easier yet, call the staff at Town Hall during regular hours and they will be happy to guide you through the process. In addition, they will be happy to let you know about the restrictions on hours of work and parking regulations that will help you get through your project faster.

Please remember, both the Building Official and all Police Officers are charged with enforcement of Town Code, but our main goal is to prevent having to take enforcement action.



# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

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On Wednesday November 9, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m., we will be hosting a Crime Prevention & Safety Seminar/Open House. We have partnered with several different organizations that will be on site to provide you with an in depth opportunity to learn about steps and actions you can take to prevent crime and protect your family and property. We encourage everyone to attend as this will provide you with an opportunity to speak with law enforcement and fire safety personnel as well as private sector experts who will be onsite to answer questions and provide you with professional expertise.

## DEA NATIONAL RX TAKE BACK

During the month of October, Ocean Ridge Police Department will be participating in the National RX Take Back Program. Take advantage of the program and clean your cabinets of any unwanted, unused, or expired medication. Our lobby is open 24/7 for your convenience.

Vape pens and e-cigarettes **MUST** have the battery pack removed prior to dropping off.

**No** needles, Inhalers and other compressed air cylinders are accepted.



*Stop by the Ocean Ridge Police Department with the kiddos and pups for some yummy treats. Any time on October 31<sup>st</sup> until 9p.*

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## CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND YOUR ASSISTANCE

**Please lock your cars and take the keys inside. Please do not leave valuables in your car when not necessary and you are not in the car.**

**LEAVE IT, LOCK IT, KEEP IT!**

As always, I and every member of your Police Department welcome you to call or stop in any-time and visit with us. Bring your four-legged friend with you so we can share a treat with them.

*As always, "See Something-Say Something"*

*Report all suspicious behavior to the Police Department at 561-732-8331 or 911*