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Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



Happy Holidays!

FUN FACT!



Sorry — We're
CLOSED

Please note, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26th, in observance of Christmas Day. Work in Town shall not be commenced on this day. No Buildings inspections will be performed on this day.



"Legend has it that the candy cane dates back to 1670, when the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany handed out sugar sticks among his young singers to keep them quiet during the Living Creche ceremony," Schildhaus says. "In honor of the occasion, he bent the candies into shepherds' crooks."



Town Hall News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

In the month of December, we celebrated the following employee's Birthday's!

- Chief Richard Jones
- Dispatcher Kristen Moretti
- Officer Keith Ramirez

Did You Know?

Town Hall Staff provides residents with notary services at no charge during office hours. Please bring photo ID.



*Appointments are recommended for documents that take longer than 10 minutes to notarize .

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.



Don't miss any important Town alerts again!

Click [here](#) to sign up.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

In the month of November & December, we celebrated the following employee's anniversaries:

- Sergeant Gary Roy—11 years
- Captain Rick Stang—9 years
- Officer Mario Galluscio—18 years
- Building Clerk Lisa Burns—20 years

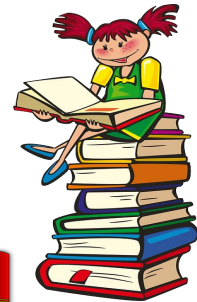


We thank them for their service and dedication to the Town of Ocean Ridge!

Please join us for a monthly Book Club Meeting!

When: January 5, 2023 at 5 P.M.

Where: Town Hall Community Room



Lost or Found A Pet?

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

General Information

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

@OceanRidgeFL - Twitter
OceanRidgeFL—Facebook

Town Hall

561-732-2635 (main) ♦ 561-734-7031 (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

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Steve Coz
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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

November

7: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
 8: Election Day; 7:00 am—7:00 pm
 9 & 10: Town Hall Closed due to Tropical Storm, Nicole
 11: Town Hall Closed—Veteran's Day
 18 & 19: 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

December

2: Annual Light the Lights Event; 4:30 pm—6:30 pm at Town Hall
 5: Building Official Forum begins at 5pm in Commission Chambers.
 5: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
 19: Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting begins at 8am in the Commission Chambers (CANCELED)
 26: Town Hall Closed in observance of 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 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 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 - November Commission Meeting

Mayor, Commissioners & Residents of Ocean Ridge:

The holiday season is upon us and I would like to take a few moments to express my gratitude for the open and friendly welcome I have received from staff, commission members, and residents these past few months. Ocean Ridge is truly a blessed community, and I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve as the Interim Town Manager.



November brought Hurricane Nichole to Ocean Ridge, and we are thankful that it was a small category 1 storm. With that said we did experience street flooding throughout town, drainage problems, and other minor issues. We were very fortunate that our residents and town facilities did not experience greater damage due to the timing of the storm at the full moon and the height of the storm reaching shore at high "king" tide. The public works and police departments did a great job of making sure that the town was protected to the best of their ability and they along with members of the building department made sure that all the construction sites were prepared for the storm in advance. Our team here is one the community can be proud of and everyone in all departments do a great job every day.

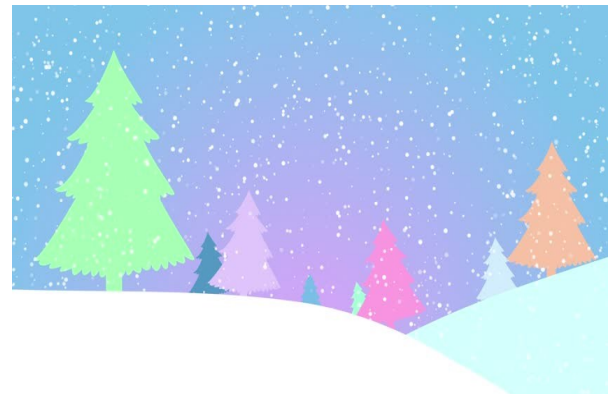
During November, the Coastal Resilience Partnership group has begun meeting again to start considering the next steps we will take to benefit our communities. Currently, we are considering applying to NOAA for a grant to assist the partner communities with an urban heat island mapping project to identify areas that are in need of extreme heat mitigation. In 2022 three communities in south Florida participated in the NOAA urban heat mapping project, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami. I will make sure to keep everyone informed if the CRP decides to pursue the 2023 grant cycle.

With the Commission has approved moving forward with new financial management software for the town I have been working with staff to ensure that we have the right solution for Ocean Ridge moving forward. The difficulties that we have experienced with Tyler Technologies in relation to the building department permitting and code enforcement software have made it important to consider other options and to ensure that if we were to move forward with the Tyler solution that everything has been considered and included in the software quotation to ensure a smooth transition. While considering building software one of the programs that was considered was a full-range solution that would cover Building, Code, Financial Management, and Payroll/HR through BS&A. This cloud-based software is currently in use by Tequesta and Highland Park and received high praise from their staff which had also transitioned to this software from Tyler Tech Fund Balance. Though this is not the solution that has been selected as the best fit for the building department it does seem to be the best fit for the Financial Management and Payroll/HR features that the town needs.

Respectfully,

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

Lynne Ladner
Interim Town Manager & Finance Director



- Message from the Mayor -



Greetings Neighbors,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the Best of Holidays! The Town began its official celebration Friday, December 2, 2022, restarting its 'Light the Lights' event. We had a wonderful crowd, a nice group of children, and a visit by Santa! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Staff & the Police Department for all their hard work bringing this event to fruition. Everyone at Town Hall truly put the extra effort into making this a successful evening for our residents. A big Thank You to the OR Garden Club for providing the home baked treats.

Our most recent Commission Meeting was held on December 5, and we had a packed audience. My personal favorite part of the evening was delivering the 100th Birthday proclamation for long time resident, Dorothy Taylor. We also celebrated the 95th Birthday proclamation for Mr. Charles L. Lea Jr., whose proclamation was delivered by Vice-Mayor Kristine DeHaseth. Please know that our Town Manager search is up and running and we expect to move forward in the next 2 months with publicizing, interviews, & a final decision. There will be a Resident Reception for the final group of candidate, so stay tuned.

There are a lot of positive things on our plate for 2023. Upcoming Workshop, moving forward with our Septic to Sewer Board, continuing with our Capitol projects, our continual move into the digital age, addressing environmental and drainage issues, as well as potable water future. Much work to do in order to keep our wonderful Town moving in a positive direction. I'll also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Susan Hurlburt
Mayor

Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida
Office of the Town Clerk
Town Commission Meeting Summary
December 5, 2022



The following is a list of actions taken at the December 5, 2022, Regular Town Commission Meeting. We hope this helps keep our residents informed in a timely fashion regarding Town Commission and Staff activities. All recordings of the meeting activities are available online at

https://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/government/meeting_agendas_&_minutes.php.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

- **Dorothy Taylor 100th Birthday Proclamation – Presented by Mayor Hurlburt**
- **Charles L. Lea Jr 95th Birthday Proclamation – Presented by Vice Mayor de Haseth**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Regular Town Commission Meeting Monday, January 9th at 6:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Monday, December 19th at 8:00 AM; Joint Workshop Meeting of the Town Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission on Wednesday, January 11th at a time to be determined. All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall.
- b) Please join us on Monday, January 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers for a presentation by our Building Official the topic is yet to be determined.
- c) Town Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26th to observe the Christmas Holiday and Monday, January 2nd to observe the New Year's Holiday
- d) 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.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – All Passed

1. Adoption of the Minutes of September 9, 2022, Regular Town Commission Meeting,
2. Adoption of the Minutes of September 29, 2022, Special Town Commission Meeting,
3. Set regular Town Commission meeting dates for 2023
4. Set dates for Town Holidays to be observed in 2023
5. Approve the Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services for the Town of Briny Breezes
6. Approval of Final Fleet Vehicle Financing for Town Fleet vehicles with the annual rate of \$55,691.18 as established with final calculations based upon current interest rates.
7. Approval of Budgeted funds for Financial Management and Personnel Management Software
8. Approval of Budgeted funds for Checkmate Valve and Installation in the amount of \$10,246 from the Capital Projects fund.

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REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9. Update on Town Manager/Finance Director Search – Colin Baenziger, CB-Associates Inc.- **Mr. Baenziger discussed process and Town Commission passed an updated timeline of the selection process.**
10. Resolution No. 2022-21: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending the Adopted Schedule of Fees for Various Services and Providing for an Effective Date – **Passed Resolution No. 2022-21**
11. Approval of expenditure of budgeted funds for document scanning in the amount of \$97,100.48 to MCCi (Laserfiche) and approval of quote from MCCi based on its National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance pricing - **Passed the expenditure for the document scanning.**

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY DECEMBER 5, 2022

12. Resolution No 2022-22: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Beginning October 1, 2022, and Ending on September 30, 2023- **Passed Resolution No. 2022-22**
13. Request from 10 Harbour Dr. S for building permit extension for Permit #20358 and refund of permit fees in the amount of \$12,222.50 – **Passed the extension & refund**
14. Request from 6660 N Ocean Blvd. #2 for building permit extension for Permit #22247 and a waiver of renewal fees – **Passed the extension & waiver of fees**
15. Discussion and guidance regarding the request to explore providing policing services to Gulfstream Views. – **Town Commission had a consensus to explore providing policing services to Gulfstream Views**
16. Discussion and guidance regarding the possibility of implementing an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program within the Ocean Ridge Police Department. – **Town Commission had a consensus on the implementation of an Emergency Medical Technician Program for the Police Department with the presentation of a check from the Starbright Civic Initiative.**

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. Planning & Zoning Commission – **Presented Report**
18. Town Manager – **Presented Report**
 - a. Set time for Joint Commission/Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on January 11th. – **Town Commission had a consensus on the time frame for the Joint meeting of 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm on January 11th. There was also a consensus on scheduling the July Regular Town Commission Meeting for July 10th.**
19. Town Attorney – **No Report**
20. Police Chief – **Presented Report**
21. Town Engineer & Public Works – **Report provided**
22. Building Official – **Presented Report**

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9TH AT 6:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL. THE JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE TOWN COMMISSION AND PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WILL BE HELD JANUARY 11TH FROM 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM AT TOWN HALL.



Ocean Ridge Garden Club News



Ocean Ridge Commemorative Ornament 2022

- Solid brass with three colors
- Finished in brass lacquer
- Presented in a beautiful gold box for gifting and storage.
- Made in the USA
- Comes with a gold string for hanging your ornament
- Makes a great gift for friends, family, clients and holiday guests
- **QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED!**

\$25 or 2 for \$40
PLUS TAX

**Order now in our online Holiday Shop 2022
at www.oceanridgegardenclub.org**

OR

**Scan the QR code to go directly to the Holiday
Shop page**



Available exclusively from Ocean Ridge Garden Club

*Proceeds help to fund
ORGC scholarships and civic beautification projects*



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Richard Jones, Chief of Police



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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"



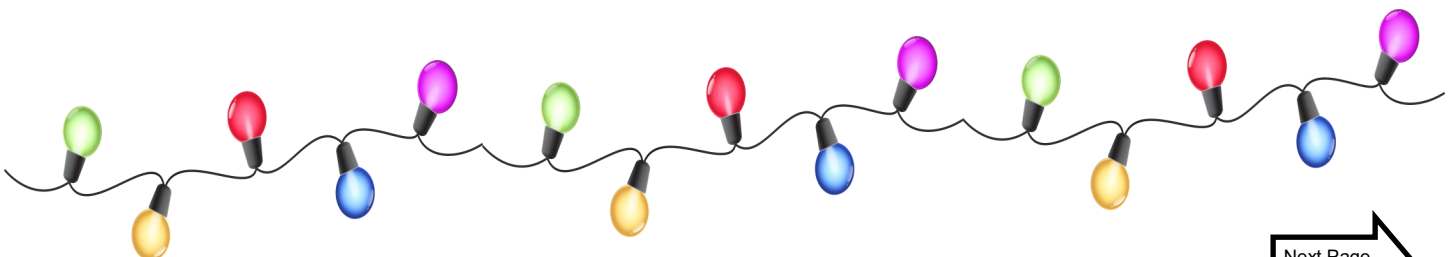
Police Activity:

Here is a listing of significant crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in November 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>
Weapons/Drug Law Violation	11/12/2022	11/12/2022 @ 11:54 pm	6415 N Ocean Blvd	Proactive Police Activity resulting in arrest.
Drug Law Violation	11/21/2022	11/21/2022 @ 10:05 pm	5800 Blk N Ocean Blvd	Proactive Police Activity resulting in arrest.
Warrant Arrest	11/21/2022	11/21/2022 @ 11:42 pm	6300 Blk N Ocean Blvd	Proactive Police Activity resulting in arrest.
Counterfeit License Plate	11/28/2022	11/28/2021 @ 8:48 pm	6500 Blk N. Ocean Blvd	Proactive Police Activity resulting in arrest.

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 of 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:

Holiday Fire Safety Reminders

Fire Safety Edition

Holiday decorations may be visually appealing, but they also increase your risk for a home fire. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), electrical problems cause 38 percent of home Christmas tree fires.

As you deck the halls of your home this season, follow these tips from NFPA and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to prevent serious electrical and fire hazards:

- Check light sets for frayed or damaged wiring before using;
- Connect no more than three mini light sets for decorating;
- Keep your tree at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles or heat vents;
- If you have a live tree, remember to add water to the tree stand daily
- Always turn off holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.

With the Addition of Holiday Lighting to Your Home and Landscape, Now is a Good Time to Ask?

What's Your Extinguisher Type?

In an emergency, a portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property when used to put out a small fire. However, when it comes to extinguishers, one type **does not** fit all.

Did you know there are several types of fire extinguishers? Each one is designed to extinguish different kinds of fires:

- A:** For use with materials like cloth, wood, and paper
- A-B-C or B-C:** Multi-purpose fire extinguishers best suited for home use. Most home improvement stores carry fire extinguishers that cover class A through class C
- B:** For use with combustible and flammable liquids like grease, gasoline, oil and oil-based paints
- C:** For use with electrical equipment like appliances, tools, or other equipment that is plugged in
- D:** For use with flammable metals like aluminum, magnesium, and titanium;
- K:** For use with vegetable oils, animal oils, and fats in cooking appliances.

Before using an extinguisher, please keep in mind that the U. S. Fire Administration recommends that only people trained in the proper use and maintenance of fire extinguishers consider using them when appropriate! Contact your local fire department for training information.

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND YOUR ASSISTANCE

We have recently seen an increase in criminal activity, specifically related to vehicle thefts and vehicle burglaries. We ask that you help protect yourself from becoming a victim by securing your vehicles and valuables. This is your first line of defense.

Lock your doors and use your alarms. We would much prefer responding to a false alarm than to take the report of a crime from you.

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

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

According to NHTSA, 11,654 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2020 that involved an alcohol-impaired driver. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2016 to 2020, and one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 45 minutes in 2020. This is why the Ocean Ridge Police Department is working together with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to the holiday festivities, remember: ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over***



ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Police Department once again conducted our annual toy drive for the holiday season. We again supported the Palm Beach County Guardian Ad-Litem Program. Your gracious support allowed us the opportunity to bring joy to hundreds of children. Although this year's donations started off slow, it was our most successful year so far. We sincerely thank you for your continued support in these efforts.

As always, "See Something-Say Something"

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