

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



Census 2020—Your response matters!

Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community.

- Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.
- The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.
- It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

Learn more at www.2020census.gov and pages 18-19 of this newsletter

Election News

There will be no Municipal Election in March, as only two candidates qualified to fill the two Town Commission seats.

The candidates that qualified are Susan Hurlburt and Martin Wiescholak. The two candidates will be sworn into office on March 18, 2020.

The Presidential Preference Primary Election will still be held at Town Hall on March 17, 2020. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Garbage and Trash Reminder

Items such as fireworks, pool chemicals, ammunition, fire extinguishers, and any other material classified as hazardous waste are prohibited.

To learn more, please visit :
swa.org/168/Hazardous-Waste

Placement of Garbage Containers

Friendly reminder that garbage containers need to be screened from view of adjoining property and public rights-of-way when not at the curbside out for collection.

For more information, please see
Town Code 42-1 (5)

Need to close a building permit before selling a home?

In order to close permits, homeowners must submit a Change of Permit Status form with the Town.

Keep in mind, these requests can take a minimum of two weeks to research & process.

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

Town Manager

Tracey Stevens
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Town Clerk

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Town Commission

Mayor

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Don MaGruder
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Kristine de Haseth
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Susan Hurlburt
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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 561-355-2266
Palm Beach County White Fly 561-276-1260
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!

Calendar of Events

January

- 4: Sand Sifters Beach clean-up begins at 10AM in Oceanfront Park.
- 6: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in the Commission Chambers.
- 7: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in the Commission Chambers.
- 8: Book Club meeting begins at 5:45PM in the Community Room.
- 9: Septic to Sewer Citizens' Advisory Committee begins at 8:30AM in the Commission Chambers.
- 13: Planning & Zoning Commission meeting begins at 8:00AM in the Commission Chambers.
- 22: BBFD—CPR & Stop the Bleed training begins at 6PM at Town Hall
- 25: BBFD—CPR & Stop the Bleed training begins at 9AM at Town Hall
- 25: Sea Angels Beach cleanup from 8AM–10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park.

February

- 1: Sand Sifters Beach clean-up begins at 10AM in Oceanfront Park.
- 3: Regular Town Commission meeting begins at 6PM in the Commission Chambers.
- 4: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10AM in the Commission Chambers (tentative).
- 5: Book Club meeting begins at 5:45PM in the Community Room.
- 8: Annual Shred-It Event from 9AM-NOON in the back of Town Hall.
- 10: Planning & Zoning Commission meeting begins at 8:00AM in the Commission Chambers.
- 12: ORPD Dessert Social from 6PM—8PM (RSVP to dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com or call 561-732-8331)
- 13: Septic to Sewer Citizens' Advisory Committee begins at 8:30AM in the Commission Chambers.
- 24: Regular Commission & Planning & Zoning Commission Joint Workshop begins at 4:30PM in Commission Chambers.
- 29: Ocean Ridge Garden Club Tropical Nights Gala begins at 7PM at Town Hall.
- 29: Sea Angels Beach cleanup from 8AM–10:30AM at Ocean Inlet Park.

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 second Wednesday of the month at 8:30am and the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on demand on the second 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—January Commission Meeting

Mayor & Commissioners:

Candidate qualifying ended on December 13th, and only two candidates qualified for two open Town Commission seats. According to the Town Charter, we will not be holding a municipal election in March, as the two candidates that qualified become duly elected. Congratulations to Commissioner Hurlburt for holding her seat, and Martin Wiescholek, your new Commissioner beginning March 18th. The County Supervisor of Elections will still be holding the Presidential Preference Primary election here at Town Hall on March 17th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

We received our annual Truth in Millage (TRIM) certification letter from the Department of Revenue, certifying that we are in compliance with all state statutes and regulations regarding our budget process for FY20.

FEMA will be meeting with Town Staff on January 8th for a scoping session in reference to our Hurricane Dorian grant application. The FEMA grant application is a long process, and the scoping session is one of the first steps after the application is submitted. We will not expect to receive grant funding during this fiscal year for Hurricane Dorian, as the process takes over a year to complete. In fact, we still have not received our grant funding for Hurricane Irma, even though the funds have been obligated by FEMA.

We received the preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report. The report describes the flood hazard information updates made to the FIRM and FIS report and the source information used in making the updates. FEMA will be contacting us in the near future to schedule a formal Consultation Coordination Officer meeting to discuss the revised flood hazard information, ordinance adoption, and any questions we may have. There will also be a formal community coordination meeting coming up soon. Staff will be reviewing the maps to identify changes or corrections to non-technical information such as corporate limits and road names on the maps or in the FIS report.

Respectfully,



Tracey L. Stevens, Town Manager

Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

The following is a list of actions taken at the January 6, 2020 Regular Town Commission Meeting. We hope this helps keep our residents informed in a timely fashion regarding Town Commission and Staff activities.

1. Announcements:

a. The next Planning & Zoning Commission meeting will be held on January 13th at 8:00 AM at Town Hall. The next Septic to Sewer Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on January 9th at 8:30 AM at Town Hall. The next Regular Town Commission meeting will be held on February 3rd at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.

b. Town Hall will be closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

c. There will be no Municipal Election in March, as only two candidates qualified to fill two Town

Commission seats. The candidates that qualified are Susan Hurlburt and Martin Wiescholek. The two candidates will be sworn into office on March 18, 2020. The Presidential Preference Primary Election will still be held at Town Hall on March 17, 2020. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

d. There will be a "Meet & Greet" with incoming Town Commissioner Martin Wiescholek at Town Hall on Wednesday, March 4th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for light refreshments and conversation.

e. Residents who wish to sign up to receive Town notifications through Civic Ready should sign up on the Town's website or call Town Hall for assistance.

2. Adopted the Minutes of the Regular Town Commission Meeting of December 2, 2019.

3. Authorized Town Manager Stevens to sign the Small Project Completion and Certification Form for Hurricane Matthew, and Further Authorized Town Manager Stevens to Sign all FEMA grant paperwork in reference to Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Dorian.

4. Approved the First Amendment to Agreement for Iguana Management Services with Blue Iguana Pest Control, Inc. and Authorized Town Manager Stevens to sign said Agreement.

5. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-01: Amending the Employee Handbook.

6. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-02: Strongly Encouraging the State Legislature to Approve Senate Bill 182, and any Companion House Bills Relating to the Preemption of Recyclable And Polystyrene Materials by Amending Section 403.7033 and Section 500.90, Florida Statutes, Repealing the Preemption of Local Laws Regarding the Use or Sale of Single-Use Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Materials.

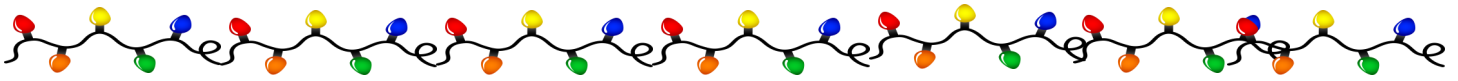
7. Adopted on First Reading Ordinance No. 2019-15: Providing For Regulations Regarding Artificial Turf/Synthetic Grass.

8. Adopted on Second Reading Ordinance No. 2019-14: Clarifying the Maximum Finished Floor Elevation.

9. Scheduled a Joint Workshop between the Town Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission for February 24, 2020.

10. Appointed the Alternates of the Board of Adjustment to Serve as Regular Members to fill two vacancies until April 2020

**THE TOWN COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL.**



Dear Residents,

We would like to announce that our Annual Holiday Event was a success and that there was huge turnout of residents. The huge success was due to great individuals who went out of their way for the residents of Ocean Ridge. We heard compliments such as “This is the largest amount of residents that have come to the Holiday Party since the old building”, “The Town of Ocean Ridge is such a great place to live because they have events like this for their residents.” We would like to give a special thanks to the following for all their hard work:

Mrs. Ziev -The Town of Ocean Ridge would like to give its deepest thanks to you for your time in volunteering your voice at the annual holiday event. Residents were delighted with your voice and it added a touch of magic to the party. The only regret we have is that we wish we had scheduled you for longer. We hope that we get to work with you again. Also, a huge thank you to Mr. Ziev for carrying the equipment.

The Garden Club – The Town Hall was decorated beautifully and the presence of all the people serving desserts and wine was lovely. You all continue to work hard and put in many efforts to ensure the residents have a wonderful time at every event.

The Volunteers – The volunteers showed superb skills while attending the popcorn station, the cotton candy machine and the game stations. We would like to highlight Megan and Jake in particular for donating their time to our residents.

Sincerely,

The Town of Ocean Ridge



Community News



The Palm Beach County Bookmobile
is coming to Town Hall

Browse through more than 3,000 books –
adult and children's, fiction and nonfiction,
regular and large-print.

Starting every other Monday, 3:45-
4:15pm

Nov 12 (Special Tuesday stop), Nov 25,
Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2, Mar 16,
Mar 20, Apr 13, Apr 27

Learn More: www.pbclibrary.org

Community



To report Lost & Found
Pets: Call & Email Photo
with Additional Information

Call 561-732-8331
dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com

Rental Registrations

In 2014, the Town Commission adopted Ordinance 608 which requires anyone renting their property, other than those with governing boards and/or homeowner's associations, to register with the Town.

Renewal letters were mailed at the beginning of November to owners currently on the rental registration list. All new rental properties will need to register at this time. All properties being rented can be included on the same registration form. The annual fee (January 2020-December 2020) is \$35.00 (cash or check only). The ordinance and rental registration form are available on the Town's website. If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 561-732-2635.

Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Annual ORPD Toy Drive. Your generosity assisted in providing many underserved children a happy holiday. Those children in the Guardian Ad Litem program that are the recipients of your generosity are extremely grateful for the gifts and happy times your generosity provided. As you can see from the picture, your generosity was overwhelming.



OUR MOST RECENT CRIME TRENDS

Over the course of the past six weeks, the Town of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes have experienced a marked increase in both fraudulent telephone calls and emails to residents seeking payment of fines to avoid arrest. This phenomenon is not unique to our community. This is a trend that is being seen throughout all of Palm Beach County.

The one factor that continues to emerge from the investigation of these crimes, especially the recovery of some of the funds, is the fact that most all of these crimes could have been thwarted by simply hanging up the phone or not clicking on an email link. While reviewing the reports we receive it is clear that the callers are playing on your fears and place a sense of urgency to your response. Please remember, never assume someone who calls you is legitimate and always take a moment to think before you act upon their request for money or information. As I have been saying for some time now, never react to someone who calls you cold or emails you that you do not expect. Always check twice before giving out your personal information or giving away your hard earned money. Please don't ever buy gift cards and give a caller the numbers as a form of payment, we cannot get your money back, in almost all cases, please reserve this for those you know and love not some stranger on the phone or the other end of an email.

If you are unsure if a caller is legitimate call us and we will try to help before you become a victim. Remember, the Police Department and Sheriff will not call you to tell you to turn yourself in or pay a fee to avoid arrest. We do not make appointments for this type of activity, we just show up! The IRS and Social Security Office will not call you and threaten to close accounts or take away benefits. They do this through the mail and in person at their offices if required and they never ask for gift cards or bank account information over the internet or telephone.

If you feel pressured, hurried, or are in fear that you must act immediately, you are most likely being conned or scammed by a criminal actor. Please use your instincts, they will help you to make good decisions.

Additionally, In a reviewing all of these crime reports of auto theft and auto burglary over the past six months, over 90% of all vehicles entered or stolen were found to have been left unlocked.

Though we live in a very safe community, we are not immune from crime. We must lock our doors and take precautions to secure our property.

We at the Police Department are asking for your assistance. Please be vigilant and mindful of suspicious persons and activities, secure your property by locking your vehicles and houses, and use your alarm. If you observe something unusual, no matter the hour of day, please call us right away.

We are currently working with numerous other agencies to locate those responsible for these crimes and remove them from the street. Please assist us by making it more difficult for them to commit these types of crimes in our community.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Dessert Social and Current Trends in Local Crime Presentation

Please join us at Town Hall, 6450 North Ocean Blvd. on Wednesday February 12, 2020 from 6pm—8pm for our second Dessert Social and a short presentation on recent crimes trends in our area/avoiding becoming a victim of fraud.

We hope to once again answer any of your questions about the functions of the Police Department and Town Government, as well as introduce ourselves.

Light refreshments will be served.

In order for us to get an idea of interest, please RSVP by email to dispatch@oceanridgeflorida.com or by letting the on duty dispatcher know you will be attending by calling (561) 732-8331.

In the meantime, should you have questions or concerns, I and every member of your Police Department are available and you are welcome to call or stop in anytime and visit.

Ocean Ridge P.D.

Dessert Social

Come join us February 12th @6P

6450 N Ocean Blvd

Ocean Ridge Town Hall

*There will be a short presentation
on the latest scams and how to
protect yourself on the internet.*

Dessert will be served.



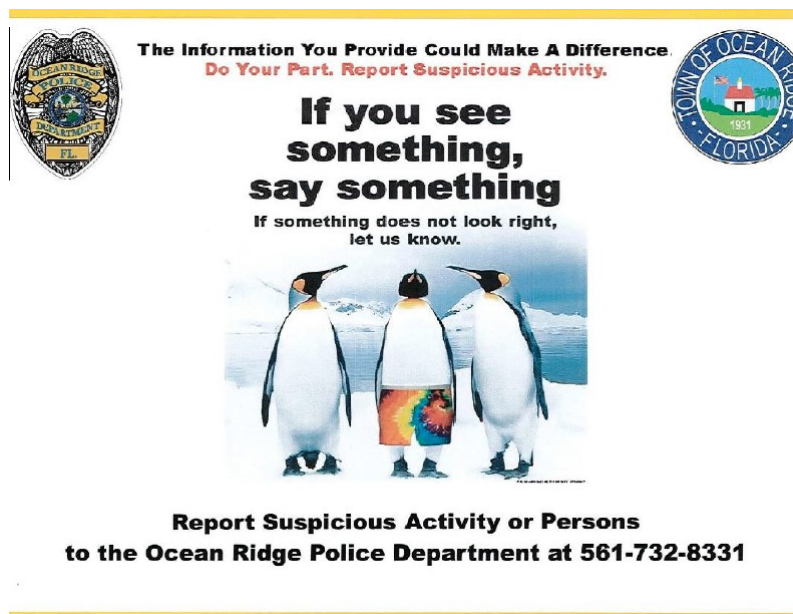
As always, should you have questions or concerns, I and every member of your Police Department are available and you are welcome to call or stop in anytime and visit.

And finally; As Always,

Please report any suspicious person or activity as soon as possible.

REMEMBER

“IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”





January's Crime Prevention Information From Lieutenant Richard Jones

How safe is your purse, wallet and credit card data?

Pickpocket related crimes are on the rise across the country and Palm Beach County is no different. These crimes can involve the actual removal of property from a person's pocket, purse or even the theft of digital data. As society continues to modernize, the majority of citizens rely on the use of credit and or debit cards to make their lives easier and more convenient. This provides criminals with opportunity.

Criminals are among us and are always looking for an easy target to take advantage of. Ocean Ridge residents can easily become the target of these types of crimes. I want you to think for a moment about the last time you were in Wal-Mart, Publix, or at the Mall. How many unattended purses did you observe? How many shoppers were so focused on what they were shopping for that they did not notice what was going on in their surroundings?

Most shoppers and citizens alike have the belief that this kind of crime will not happen to them, but the reality is that everyone of us can easily become a victim unless we choose to make changes in our normal behaviors.

Suspects have been known to follow potential victims for extended periods of time just waiting for that perfect moment when the potential victim turns away from his/her shopping cart. Criminals have and will follow potential victim's into restrooms, food courts, restaurants, parking lots and various other locations.

Several recent victims have simply placed their purse on a coat hook to use the bathroom or placed their phone, wallet or other valuable items on the counter to wash their hands. These are all perfect opportunities for criminals.

Several victims have simply been bumped into while shopping and then minutes or hours later find that their belongings were stolen from their purse or pockets. This can happen to you.

Let's talk about digital data theft now. Digital data theft takes place when a person in close proximity to a potential victim is able to scan the data from the victim's debit or credit card using an RFID Scanner. This scan is done without any knowledge to the victim.

So let's talk about what you can do to prevent yourself from becoming a victim. First and foremost, pay attention to your surroundings. Always maintain physical control of your purse, wallet, checkbook, phone or other valuable items. The safest placement for a purse while being worn is across the chest and not to one side or the other. If your purse has a zipper or button for securing, keep them fastened at all times. Do not ever place or leave your valuables or purse in your shopping cart. Store your wallet in your front pockets rather than your rear pockets as they are much deeper and a lot harder for a criminal to access.

As far as data theft prevention, you can purchase a variety of new “Anti Theft Wallets” or “Anti RFID Wallets” that are designed to be anti-theft devices. These wallets are typically constructed of aluminum or metal and come in a variety of designs and colors. These types of wallets prohibit the scanning of your credit/debit card data due to their construction and are very effective.

Crime prevention is everyone's business.

Ocean Ridge Police Department News

Hal C. Hutchins, Chief of Police

Criminal Activity

Here is a listing of significant crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in December 2019 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>
Stolen Vehicle	12/7/2019	Between 12/7/2019 @ 4:00 am and 12/7/2019 @ 8:30 am	Engle Drive	Theft of vehicle and contents. Vehicle recovered in Hollywood.
Theft of Mail	12/11/2019	Between 12/4/2019 and 12/11/2019	Midlane Road	Mail removed from mailbox to commit theft of checks.
Theft of Wallet	12/12/2019	12/12/2019	Harbour Dr. North.	Wallet reported missing or stolen between Boynton Beach and Ocean Ridge. Contents used to commit theft of money and fraud.
Recovered Stolen Property	12/15/2019	12/15/2019 @ midnight	Ocean Inlet Park.	License plate alert system leads to recovery of stolen vehicle plate.
Theft from Residence	12/16/2019	12/16/2019	5100 Blk. North Ocean Blvd.	\$40,000 worth of jewelry reported missing from residence while work being done.
Recovered Stolen Property	12/18/2019	12/18/2019 @ 1:40 pm	Hudson Ave.	License plate alert system leads to recovery of stolen vehicle plate being used to mask identity of subject on house arrest.
Fraud	12/22/2019	12/22/2019 @ 11:30 am	Island Drive	Scam telephone call results in compromise of bank and computer accounts for the purpose of theft and fraud.

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Theft of Bicycle	12/25/2019	Between 12/24/2019 and 12/25/2019	Oceanview Dr.	Theft of bicycle from behind hedge.
Stolen Vehicle	12/28/2019	Overnight 12/27/2019 thru 12/28/2019	Harbour Dr. North	Unlocked vehicle and contents stolen from driveway overnight.

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

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 thorough information sharing and proactive involvement with security, such as locking vehicle doors and closing garage doors when away from these areas.

Tropical Nights in the Garden of Ocean Ridge

02.29.20



Spend an evening in the Tropics
*Savor fine wines, feast on
gourmet hors d'oeuvres, and
enjoy top notch entertainment*

Get your tickets now!

Tickets are available at Ocean Ridge Town Hall for a pre-sale price of \$110.00 each, until January 29th 2020, after which they are \$125.00

Where:

Ocean Ridge Town Hall

When:

Saturday Feb 29th 2020, 7pm – 9:30pm

Attire:

Tropical Cocktail

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond





Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

 **95%** of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.



 **Almost 5%** of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).

 **Less than 1%** of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.



Ocean Ridge P.D.

Invites You to CPR & Stop the Bleed Training

**When: January 22, 2020 @ 6pm or
January 25, 2020 at 9am**

**Where: Town Hall
6450 N Ocean Blvd**

Taught by: Boynton Beach Fire Dept.

**Please RSVP to:
dboyle@oceanridgeflorida.com**

By: December 20, 2019

Ocean Ridge Residents only. Please join the Department of Health's CLOSED POD Program.



Program Benefits:

- ♦ Arrangement for a closed POD, medicine, and supplies at your organization free of charge, courtesy of DOH-Palm Beach.
- ♦ Exclusive access to only you, your fellow employees, and their families.
- ♦ A convenient location in either a building or community where people live and work.
- ♦ A much faster and more convenient way for you and your employees to protect yourself, your other employees, and their families.
- ♦ Ensure your community can continue a smooth operation during an emergency.
- ♦ POD staffing by those who work or live in the same location as the closed POD.
- ♦ Avoiding any dangerous environment elements, traffic, or long lines that the public may experience when going to an open POD.
- ♦ Members of the DOH Cities Readiness Initiatives (CRI) program. guidance and training to operate your closed POD.



I, _____, wish to volunteer.

My address is:

My email address is:

My phone number is: _____

Best time to call is: _____ Morning _____ Evening

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL ALONG WITH QUESTIONS TO TERRY VINAS
AT VINASFAM@AOL.COM**

Volunteer Opportunities

Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup!

When: First Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **February 1**

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6415 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: 8-10:30AM

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: Jeff at JeffLev02@gmail.com / **Social Media:** facebook.com/SWATJIL

Sea Angels Beach Cleanup

What: Join the Sea Angels for beach cleanup!

When: Last Saturday of every month. Next cleanup: **January 25**

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:** seaangels.org

Closed POD Program Committee

What: Should Ocean Ridge be exposed to an aerosolized airborne anthrax event, Ocean Ridge and FL Dept. of Health will provide needed antibiotics at no cost as part of a program under the auspices of the CDC. Residents are encouraged to become dispensing volunteers.

When: Attend two hours of meetings per year.

Where/Time: TBD.

Who: Ocean Ridge Residents—no experience necessary

Contact: Terry Vinas at vinasfam@aol.com

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, Monday—Friday.

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

