

Ocean Ridge Tidings

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

SWA's Household Hazardous Waste Tip: Put Some Spring in Your Clean by Recycling Home Chemicals

Save your *shelf* this spring by cleaning out home hazards from sheds, garages and under sinks! But remember that any cleaners, paints, pesticides and automotive products you may want to get rid of don't belong in the regular trash or down storm drains where they can expose people, pets and our environment to harm.



Instead, Palm Beach County residents can dispose of their unwanted chemicals at any of the SWA's seven [Home Chemical and Recycling Center](#) drop-off locations for FREE!

Town Commission Budget Meeting Calendar 2022

Monday, Apr. 18: Town Commission Goal Setting Workshop @ 5pm

Monday, Jun. 6: Budget Workshop—
Presentation of 1st Budget Draft &
Commissioner Discussion @ 2pm

Tuesday, Jul. 5: Budget Workshop—
Commissioner Discussion Set Maximum
Millage Rate @ 2pm

Monday, Aug. 1: Budget Workshop—
Commission to Vote on Finalized Budget for
Presentation to the Public @ 2pm

Tuesday, Sept. 6: 1st Budget Public
Hearing & Regular Meeting @ 6pm

Monday, Sept. 19: Special Meeting – Final
Public Hearing & Adoption of Budget @ 6pm

Check out events that are happening in our area.

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FDOT Bridge Repairs- Notice of Construction

Bridge repairs on the Island Drive bridge, Sabal Island bridge, and Inlet Cay bridge will commence on March 15th for a period of approximately 90 days. Written notices will be mailed to all residents potentially affected by this construction. Residents on these islands shall prepare for potential traffic impacts such as lane closures near the bridges throughout this construction time period. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Announcement: Town of Ocean Ridge Various Board Appointments

The Ocean Ridge Town Commission will consider appointments to the following Board positions at the May 2, 2022 Town Commission meeting:

- 1 Regular Board of Adjustment Member (3 year term)
- 2 Alternate Board of Adjustment Members (3 year terms)
- 2 Alternate Planning & Zoning Commission Members (3 year terms)

Please [click here](#) to view information on how to sign up for a board, and their respective duties and powers. For any questions regarding board appointments, please email Town Clerk, Karla Armstrong, at Karmstrong@oceanridgeflorida.com or call 561-732-2635.

Town Hall News

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

In the month of February , the following employees had anniversaries with the Town, and we thank them for their dedication to the Town of Ocean Ridge:

- Dispatch Manager—Jessica Simpson 17 years
- Police Investigator—Aaron Choban, 4 years
- Police Officer—Lequandra Beckford, 4 years
- Dispatchers— Valentina Clouse and Kristen Moretti, 1 year

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION STATUS & PLAN REVIEW TIMELINES

Curious about the status of your building permit application? You can view the application status via the town's website at the following link: https://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/departments/building_and_zoning/permit_status.php. Alternatively, you may call the Building Department at 561-732-2635 or email Lisa Burns, Building Clerk, at LBurns@oceanridgeflorida.com to request a status update.

After a building permit application has been received by the Building Department, the applicant will receive a notice within 10 days of submittal advising what information, if any, is needed to deem the application complete. Within 45 days after receiving a completed application, staff will notify the applicant if additional information is required to determine the sufficiency of the application and staff will specify the additional information that is required. The Building Department must approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application within 120 days following receipt of a completed application. Florida State Statute 553.792 (1)(a) Various applications may fall under different timelines. Please call the Building Department for more details.

You may request to expedite a building permit application or department related applications plan review process, meaning that the request will bring the application or other related applications to the top of the pile and will be reviewed in an expedited manner. The fee for this service is as follows: Special, Expedited, Out-of-Sequence Plan Review: \$50.00 plus 50% of the permit fee; Special, Expedited, Out-of-Sequence Plan Review: \$100.00 minimum for all other Building Dept. related applications and/or requests.

REMINDER

The Town of Ocean Ridge will be hosting **FREE document shredding on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9:00AM—12:00PM** in the rear parking lot of Town Hall.

This event is open to Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes residents only

* photo identification is required.



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 .



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Building Official will be holding an in-person public educational forum prior to the Regular Town Commission Meeting each month in the Commission Chambers.

To view the schedule, please click [here](#).

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

Town Manager

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Town Commission

Mayor

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Steve Coz
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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

March

- 1: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10am in the Commission Chambers.
- 1: Sea turtle season starts.
- 7: Building Official's Open Forum begins at 5pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 7: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 12: Turtle Talk at 10am in the Commission Chambers.
- 16: Board of Adjustment Meeting begins at 9am in the Commission Chambers.
- 21: Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting begins at 8am in the Commission Chambers.

April

- 2: Save the Seas begins at 8:30am at Town Hall.
- 4: Building Official's Open Forum begins at 5pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 4: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 5: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10am in the Commission Chambers. (Tentative)
- 18: Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting begins at 8am in the Commission Chambers.
- 18: Town Commission Goal Setting Workshop at 5pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 23: Annual Shred-It event at 9am in rear parking lot of Town Hall.

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—March Commission Meeting

Mayor, Commissioners & Residents of Ocean Ridge

The Town is currently under contract to purchase land in Ocean Ridge, with a 60 day due diligence period in order for the Town Commission to have the opportunity to hear from residents and either vote for or against the contract. The property consists of 8.95 acres of land and the contract price is \$1,999,000. I have attached the Legal Notice regarding this purchase, along with information regarding the benefits of the purchase to the Town and its residents.



Repairs on the Island Drive, Sabal Island Drive, and Inlet Cay Drive bridges will commence on March 15th with a duration of approximately 90 days. Residents on these islands shall plan ahead for the potential of lane closures on the bridges throughout this time.

The Town and Ocean Ridge Garden Club are sponsoring the “Save the Seas – Plastics Free” event on Saturday, April 2nd here at Town Hall. Please join us for a day of fun-filled and educational activities. The event flyer is attached with more details.

On March 14-18, 2022, the Florida Government Finance Officers’ Association is sponsoring Government Finance Professionals Week, a weeklong series of activities aimed at recognizing government finance professionals and the vital services that they provide for local governments and the communities in which they serve. During this week, government finance professionals throughout the state will be recognized, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Treasurer, Jean Hallahan for her hard work and dedication to the Town.

It has recently been brought to my attention that bicycles, motorcycles and scooters are being driven on the Town’s crossovers and potentially damaging them. I am recommending that we address this in the Town’s Code of Ordinances so we have legal authority to prevent this in order to protect the Town’s investment in the crossovers and provide an extra layer of safety there, while also preventing a potential liability issue for the Town.

Respectfully,

Tracey L. Stevens, MMC
Town Manager & Finance Director



Town Manager's Report—March Commission Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, at a Regular Town Commission Meeting to be held on **Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.** in the Commission Chambers of the Town Hall, Ocean Ridge, Florida, will have on the agenda for its consideration an option contract for the purchase of the following generally described vacant real property in the Town of Ocean Ridge:

Ten (10) acres off of the North side of that part of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 45 S. of Range 43 E. lying East of the Florida Coast Lien Canal, except that portion containing 1.05 acres deeded to the United States of American in an easement deed dated May 8, 1931 and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 22, for a Point of Reference, and run thence along the South line of said Section 22, South 89°39'17" East One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and Forty-One hundredths feet to an intersection with the Easterly Right-of-Way line of the Intracoastal Waterway; Thence along said Easterly Right-of-Way line, North 7°31'41" East 850.71 feet to an intersection with the South line of the above described 10 acres, for a Point of Beginning;

From said Point of Beginning run thence along said South Line North 89°31'12" west 100.76 feet to an intersection with the Easterly line of the Florida East Coast Canal Right-of-Way; thence along said Easterly line, North 7°31'41" East 458.73 feet to an intersection with the North line of said 10 acres; thence along said north line, South 89°31'12" East 100.76 feet to an intersection with the Easterly Right-of-Way line of the Intracoastal Waterway; Thence along said Easterly Right-of-Way line South 7°31'41" West 458.73 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel Control Number: 46-43-45-22-00-000-7010

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER may appear before the Town Commission at the time and place aforesaid and be heard.

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING OR HEARING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

PERSONS WHO NEED AN ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK AT 561-732-2635 AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING IN ORDER TO REQUEST SUCH ASSISTANCE.

Dated: February 24, 2022

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

Publish: Town Hall and Town website

Karla M. Armstrong

Publish Date: February 24, 2022

Karla Armstrong, Town Clerk

THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 166.045, FLORIDA STATUTES.

Town Manager's Report—March Commission Meeting

The Town is currently under contract to purchase land in Ocean Ridge. The following points support the purchase of the Priest Property:

1. Purchase will Boost the Town's CRS Rating and Lower Flood Insurance Rates for Residents

Purchasing the property will also have the beneficial effect of boosting the Town's CRS ratings in the National Flood Insurance Program in order to gain additional savings on flood insurance rates for its residents, while also preserving the character of the Town and controlling the population and number of dwelling units per our already established Comprehensive Plan cap of 1,730 dwelling units.

2. Purchase Supports County Requested Re-Zoning

Palm Beach County & Spanish Creek, LLC, have both applied to the Town to re-zone their properties from Residential Single Family to Preservation/Conservation in the area to the west and northwest of Town Hall in order to preserve the precious mangrove areas and related marine habitats and resources. The Town would like to join in expanding this Preservation/Conservation area by purchasing the property north of the Palm Beach County property.

3. Purchase Supports Comprehensive Plan Policies and Coastal Resilience Partnership Strategies

- a. Protection of mangroves is key to the Town's environmental health, our resiliency strategies, and is a policy objective in the Town's Comprehensive Plan's Conservation Element and Coastal Management Element. With the ability to store vast amounts of carbon, mangrove forests are key weapons in the fight against climate change. The thick, impenetrable roots of the mangrove forests are vital to the Town's shoreline community as a natural buffer against storm surges (to help with flooding), which is an increasing threat due to rising sea levels. The dense root systems of mangroves inhibit the flow of tidal water, act as a natural filter for pollutants, and encourage the deposition of nutrient-rich sediments, while also offering critical nursing environments for juveniles of thousands of fish species.
- b. Further, consistent with key policies in the Town's Comprehensive Plan, the Town recently joined the Coastal Resilience Partnership (CRP) along with Palm Beach County and five other jurisdictions to perform a climate change vulnerability assessment. According to the assessment, the objectives of the Town are to improve resiliency and address vulnerabilities through the establishment of Adaptation Action Areas (AAAs), or a similar geographic concept as defined by the Town, to identify areas that experience coastal flooding, storm surge and sea level rise and use the AAAs to provide targeted strategies improving resilience, reducing risks, prioritizing funding, creating adaptation planning standards and sharing information. Thus, the Town needs to address the vulnerabilities of neighborhoods or portions of neighborhoods due to coastal flooding, storm surge and sea level rise within the community by establishing Neighborhood AAAs and a map indicating those locations that are at risk by 2040. The property at issue will likely serve as a part of an AAA under the assessment.

Town Manager's Report—March Commission Meeting

4. Purchase Addresses Potential Building, Development, and Flooding Issues

The Town is cognizant of the fact that building on submerged lands or areas with a muck base poses future drainage problems for residents, as we are already experiencing in some areas. Certain areas in Town are continually inundated with water during high tides and moderate to heavy rains, causing nuisance flooding in the roadways. Expenses to the Town and its residents become exorbitant to maintain the drainage systems in these areas over time.

5. Purchase Creates Other Opportunities

Once the Town purchases the property and re-zones the area to preservation/conservation, the Town may be able to utilize the property for mitigation or other conservation and preservation and potential recreational uses to benefit the residents of Ocean Ridge.



Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida
Office of the Town Clerk
Regular Commission Meeting Summary
March 7, 2022

The following is a list of actions taken at the March 7, 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:

- a. Chief Jones commended Sergeant Pilon and awarded him the life-saving pin for saving the life of an individual who overdosed within the town.
- b. Chief Jones commended Police Officer Boyle for saving the life of a resident's dog that was drowning in the intracoastal. The resident thanked the Town by donating a boat to us.

2. Announcements:

- a. The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Regular Town Commission Meeting Monday, April 4th at 6:00 PM; Town Commission Goal Setting Workshop Monday, April 18th at 5:00 p.m.; Code Enforcement Hearing Tuesday, April 5th at 10:00 AM; Board of Adjustment Hearing, March 16 at 9AM; and Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Monday, March 21st at 8:00 AM. All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall.
- b. Please join us on March 12th at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall for Turtle Talk with Kim Jones. Speaker Kim Jones is a Native Floridian and retired engineer, who has worked with threatened and endangered sea turtles for forty years. Kim has been lecturing to private clubs, schools, and governmental entities for decades to increase awareness of these compromised creatures. By bringing attention to the 150-million-year-old species, she hopes to inform the Town about the upcoming activities during the nesting season, so we can better understand and contribute to the vital work on behalf of sea turtles.
- c. Please join us at Town Hall on Saturday, April 2nd for the "Save the Seas" Event from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information regarding this event, please visit the Town's website.
- d. There will be no Municipal Election in March, as only one candidate qualified to fill one Town Commission seat. The candidate that qualified is Steve Coz. Commissioner Coz will be sworn into office on March 9, 2022.
- e. The Town Commission will consider appointments to the following Board positions at the May 2, 2022, Town Commission meeting: Board of Adjustment, one regular member and two alternate members for a three year term; and Planning & Zoning Commission, two alternate members for a three year term. Interested residents must be registered to vote in Ocean Ridge and submit a resume and letter of interest to the Town Clerk by the deadline of April 20th at 3:00 p.m. Incumbents are exempted from the resume and letter of interest requirement.
- f. Bridge repairs on the Island Drive bridge, Sabal Island bridge, and Inlet Cay bridge will commence on March 15th for a period of approximately 90 days. Written notices will be mailed to all residents potentially affected by this construction. Residents on these islands shall prepare for potential traffic impacts such as lane closures near the bridges throughout this construction time period. We thank you in advance for your patience.
- g. Please join us each month prior to the Town Commission meeting at 5:00 p.m. for the Building Official Educational Forum in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall. Details including topics to be discussed each month are on the Town's website.

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- h. 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.
- 3. Public Comment:
 - a. Directed Town Manager Stevens to work with resident Cynthia Archbold on applying for the Tree City designation for Ocean Ridge, which includes an Arbor Day proclamation.
 - b. Approved the Garden Club's request to install a banner in front of Town Hall for two weeks to promote the "Save the Seas – Plastics Free" event.
 - c. Directed Town Manager Stevens to place donation boxes at Town Hall to collect items for displaced Ukrainians as suggested by resident Lynsey Kane with the condition that the Town vet the charity organizations first.
- 4. Approved the Consent Agenda including:
 - a. Adopted Minutes of the Regular Town Commission Meeting of February 7, 2022
 - b. Accepted of the Revenue & Expenditure Reports for January 2022
 - c. Approved Budgeted Expenditure of up to \$70,000 for Force AV to Replace the Audio/Visual System in the Commission Chambers
 - d. Approved Budgeted Expenditure of \$12,935.25 to Axon Enterprise for the Body Camera Maintenance Agreement for FY22
 - e. Approved Budgeted Expenditure of up to \$64,000 to MWI Pumps for the Refurbishment of one 40-hp pump and one 100-hp pump at the Tropical Pump Station
 - f. Approved Budgeted Expenditure of up to \$45,000 to Benchmark Painting & Carpentry for the Painting of the Town Hall Facility
 - g. Adopted Resolution No.2022-03: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Approving An Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County Regarding Regional Funds from Opioid Litigation Settlements; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Such Agreement; Providing for Conflict, Severability, and an Effective Date, and for Other Purposes.
 - h. Adopted the Agreement Between the Town of Ocean Ridge and the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association, Inc. for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024
 - i. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-05: Appointing a Special Magistrate and Approving a Two-Year Professional Services Agreement for Special Magistrate Services with Davis & Associates, Inc.
 - j. Approved One-Year Extension of the Town's Agreement for Iguana Management Services with Blue Iguana Pest Control, Inc.
 - k. Approved One-Year Extension of the Town's Agreement for Town Planner Services with Place Planning & Design, Inc.
 - l. Approved Lien Satisfaction for 101 Bonito Drive
 - m. Approved Unbudgeted Emergency Expenditure of up to \$14,000 to DSC to Replace the Police Department's Alarm Monitoring Receiver
- 5. Adopted on Second Reading Ordinance 2022-03 – An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending its Code of Ordinances at Chapter 58, "Utilities," Article II, Entitled "Fencing and Screening of Sewage Disposal Facilities and Treatment Plants," By Amending Section 58-26, Entitled "Required; Payment Of Costs; Review Of Plans," To Revise the Fencing Requirement To Be By Concrete Block Wall of Up to Eight (8) Feet in Height Around Sewage Disposal Facilities or Sewage Treatment Plants; Providing For Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date.

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6. Approved funding from contingency in the amount of \$10,500, with matching funds of \$10,500 by residents of Sabal Island, for Phase II of the Sabal Island Beautification Project, with the condition that the Sabal Island Beautification committee work with town staff to ensure that the proposed landscaping work will not interfere with the scheduled bridge repair on Sabal Island.
7. Approved Budgeted Expenditure of up to \$55,000 to Ford Credit Municipal Finance for Vehicle Purchases for FY22.
8. Approved Unbudgeted Expenditure of up to \$41,000 to purchase an additional water pump that would be housed at Town Hall and used in the event of any pump failures throughout the Town.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-04: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending the Employee Handbook; Providing for Repeal of Prior Resolutions in Conflict; and Providing for an Effective Date.
10. Adopted a Drug-Free Workplace Policy.
11. Adopted Updated Salary Ranges for Police Officers and Sergeants in Accordance with the Union Contract.
12. Approved Updates to the Construction Site Management Handbook.
13. Deferred Replacement of a Water Valve in the area of 6885 N. Ocean Blvd.
14. Town Manager Stevens presented the monthly Town Manager's Report. Important information in the Town Manager's Report may be found on the Town's website by [clicking here](#).
15. The following additional Staff & Committee Reports were presented: Planning & Zoning Commission, Police Department, Town Engineer & Public Works, and Building Department.
16. Directed the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to explore a possible ordinance change to prevent the use of bicycles and motorized vehicles on the Town's crossovers, and to also address scooter rentals.
17. Mayor de Haseth provided an update on the recent League of Cities meetings, City of Boynton Beach Public Meetings, and Palm Beach County Meetings.
18. Directed Town Manager Stevens and Vice Mayor Hurlburt to explore options for a town resident or other person to serve as Facilitator for the Old Ocean Blvd Pedestrian Safety Task Force at no cost to the Town.

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 4 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL. THERE WILL BE A TOWN COMMISSION GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP ON APRIL 18, 2022 AT 5 p.m.



Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Richard Jones, Chief of Police



Police Activity:

Here is a listing of significant crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in February 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>
Drug Law Violation	02/01/2022	02/01/2022 @1:37 am	6800 Blk N. Ocean Blvd	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Drug Law Violation	02/06/2022	02/06/2022 @12:30 am	6400 Blk N. Ocean Blvd	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Drug Law Violation	02/01/2022	02/14/2022 @2:00 am	Spanish River	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Fraud	02/16/2022	02/16/2022 @ 9:07 am	South Ibis Avenue	Wire Fraud via ACH, fund transfer stopped by Law Enforcement
Fraud	02/16/2022	02/16/2022 @ 2:06 pm	5500 Block North Ocean Blvd	Wire Fraud, assisted out of state agency and Homeland Security
Trespass	02/19/2022	02/18/2022 – 02/19/2022	6200 Block North Ocean Blvd	Not witnessed and complainant refused to prosecute
Seized Gun	02/19/2022	02/19/2022 @ 12:08 pm	6300 Block North Ocean Blvd	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Written Threats	02/22/2022	03/27/2021 – 02/22/2022	5600 North Ocean Blvd	Victim refused to prosecute
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	02/26/2022	02/26/2022 @ 4:30 am	6400 North Ocean Blvd	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Resisting Police Officer	02/26/2022	02/26/2022 @ 10:56 pm	6400 North Ocean Blvd	Refused to obey orders of police officer on traffic stop

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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Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Richard Jones, Chief of Police



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MESSAGES AND REMINDERS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

From Richard Jones, Chief of Police:

HURRICANE SEASON

The official start of the season is June 1st. As such, I would like to remind everyone that the Town has many ordinances designed to protect the Town and it's residents for the effects of these storms and to help us recover quickly and safely.

These ordinances include but are not limited to the requirement to make sure that no foliage is touching any utility wires. In addition, all coconuts and dead or dying fronds must be removed from all coconut trees in the Town by July 1st of each year.

Construction sites are specifically listed in our code. These include the requirement to secure all materials upon issuance of a storm watch, as well as the requirement to bundle all roofing materials at all times during the storm season.



As in past years many residents have had difficulty scheduling tree service as the hurricane season approaches and find themselves in violation of Town Code and facing the prospect of a citation for non-compliance. As this year is likely going to be no different, I wanted to remind everyone early so you can make the necessary arrangements early, rather than struggle to comply.

Again, as we are in our peak season and many residents may leave for northern homes prior to the beginning of the season, we are trying to get this information out to as many residents as possible well in advance of the hurricane season.

Should you have specific questions regarding any Town Code or Ordinance, the information is always available on the Town website at Oceanridgeflorida.com and by calling Town Hall during normal hours at (561) 732-2635.

As always the police officers will begin courtesy notices on June 1st to try and gain compliance before we face a storm. Your actions in helping keep us safe and not allowing foliage to impact our utilities means we will be better able to recover should we be impacted by a tropical event. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated by all of us who stay or wish to return after such an event.

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Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Richard Jones, Chief of Police



OLD OCEAN BLVD SAFETY CONCERNS

Pedestrians, Bicyclist and Motorists

Any pedestrian walking along and upon a roadway shall, when practicable, walk only on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway in relation to the pedestrian's direction of travel, **facing traffic** which may approach from the opposite direction.

A cyclist on a roadway has the same **rights and duties of a motor vehicle**. Roadway cyclists are required to travel on the right **with** traffic. All Cyclists **MUST** obey traffic signals/signs, stopping at all stop signs.



Drivers of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any person propelling a human-powered vehicle. Drivers must stop at all traffic signals/signs.

The wearing of audio ear pieces or headphones while biking along a roadway is a violation of State Law and can prove to be dangerous. Although walkers and runners are permitted to wear earpieces, it can be unsafe when performing this activity on a roadway as it will likely prevent you from hearing vehicle traffic, verbal warnings from bicyclists, vehicle horns, etc.

DOGS ON BEACH

Over the last year, we have seen an increase in complaints regarding "Dogs on Beach". The Town has an ordinance that prohibits dogs on beach and we ask that everyone comply with all Town Codes. Additionally, all animals are required to be leashed when they are not on your own private property. If you witness a violation, we ask that you call the police department to report the violation. We will require your name and address when making any Town Code complaint as a new Florida Statute requires that information.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND YOUR ASSISTANCE

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.

LEAVE IT, LOCK IT, KEEP IT!

As always, "See Something-Say Something"

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

**The Town of Ocean Ridge and the Ocean Ridge Garden Club
are pleased to sponsor**

TURTLE TALK

With Kim Jones

March 12, 2022, 10AM at Town Hall



Kim is a Native Floridian and retired engineer, who has worked with threatened and endangered sea turtles for forty years.

The Town of Ocean Ridge has nearly two miles of beach to accommodate these special creatures during the delicate nesting season, which begins in March and lasts approximately to October 31.

Residents both old and new will be enlightened to the many difficulties facing this species and what we can do to help.

Kim has been lecturing to private clubs, schools, governmental entities for decades to increase awareness of these compromised creatures. By bringing attention to the 150 - million - year - old species, she hopes to inform the Town about the upcoming activities during the nesting season, so we can better understand and contribute to the vital work on behalf of sea turtles.

Save The Seas - Plastics Free

Come Join Us! Fun-Filled Day of Activities!

Saturday, April 2, 2022

**Ocean Ridge Town Hall
6450 North Ocean Blvd.**



8:30 AM Beach Clean Up
Sponsored by Surfrider Foundation

10-11 AM Plastics "Dump", Sort, Recycle
Family activities, awards

10 - 3 PM Conservation Exhibitor Booths
Music by Indigo Dreamers
Food Truck by Nomad Surf Shop

Conservation Presentations
11 AM PlasTrek 2019 – The Story, Bryan Galvin
12 PM Surfrider Foundation,
Rise above Plastics, Tom Warnke



**Limited Parking
Valet Available**



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