

# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



The Annual Municipal Election for March 2022 was cancelled, as there was only one candidate that qualified for the open Town Commissioner seat. Congratulations to Commissioner Coz who will serve as Town Commissioner for another three year term. He was sworn in at the April 4, 2022 Commission Meeting.

Town Clerk Armstrong swears in Commissioner Coz.

## Shred-It Event

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.



## **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

## **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](mailto:Karmstrong@oceanridgeflorida.com) or call 561-732-2635.

## Town Hall News

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

- **Police Officer, Nubia Savino—9 years!**



Thank you to Police Officer Nubia to her constant dedication and passion towards serving the Town of Ocean Ridge. She is a leader in the crime prevention program in Ocean Ridge.



**Employee of the Quarter**



Welcome Rob Blanchette to our team at Town Hall. Rob has been hired as a part-time Building Inspector and will assist the Building Official with inspections, plan review, and community standards enforcement. Rob is a Certified General Contractor in the State of Florida with a specialty in masonry and will work under the Building Official with a provisional license.

### 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](#).



## Town Hall News

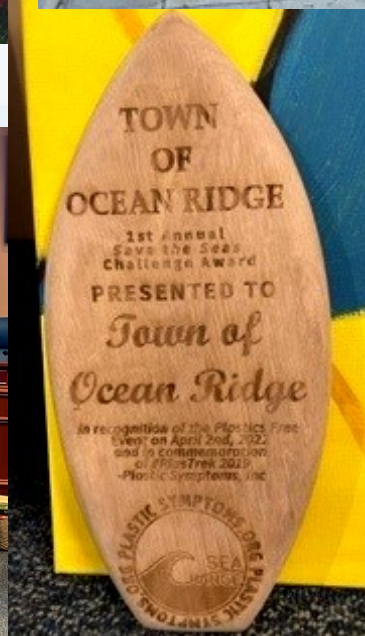
# Save the Seas

We had such a wonderful turn out with Save the Seas! We would like to thank everyone who participated in the beach clean up making our beach beautiful again and a special thank you to Mickey Farley Austin and Garden Club for putting this event together.



## Special Thanks To:

- ◆ City of Boynton Beach
- ◆ Gumbo Limbo
- ◆ Sea Turtle Adventures
- ◆ Plastic Symptoms
- ◆ Surfrider
- ◆ Sandoway
- ◆ Nomad
- ◆ Clearwater Marine Aquarium
- ◆ Surfing Florida Museum Wave
- ◆ Beach Bucket Foundation
- ◆ Lake Worth Waterkeeper
- ◆ Bond Street ale and coffee
- ◆ Pizza Rustica
- ◆ WastePro
- ◆ Palm Beach Park
- ◆ Indigo Dreamers
- ◆ No more Monday Blues





# *Turtle Talk with Kim Jones*

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the "Turtle Talk" with Kim Jones. Furthermore, we would like to thank our speaker Kim Jones for educating the participants that joined us.



## 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  
tstevens@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Town Clerk

Karla Armstrong  
karmstrong@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Police Chief

Richard Jones  
Rjones@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Building Official

Durrani Guy  
dguy@oceanridgeflorida.com

## Town Commission

### Mayor

Susan Hurlburt  
shurlburt@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Vice Mayor

Kristine de Haseth  
kdehaseth@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Commissioners

Steve Coz  
scoz@oceanridgeflorida.com

Geoff Pugh  
gpugh@oceanridgeflorida.com

Martin Wiescholek  
mwiescholek@oceanridgeflorida.com

## 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

### 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.
- 12: Special Town Commission Meeting at 1pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 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.
- 19: Board of Adjustment Hearing at 9am in the Commission Chambers.
- 23: Annual Shred-It event at 9am in rear parking lot of Town Hall.

### May

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- 2: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 3: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10am in the Commission Chambers.
- 6 & 7: OneBlood blood drive at Town Hall 29th 9:00am—3:00pm; 30th 10:00am—4:00pm

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

## Meeting Information

Regular Town Commission meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm. Code Enforcement Special Magistrate holds hearing on demand on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. Board of Adjustment meets on demand on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00am and the Planning & Zoning Commission meets on demand on the third Monday of the month at 8:00am. Any special meetings added to the calendar, date and time changes, as well as agendas and minutes will be updated on the Town's website at [www.oceanridgeflorida.com](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com) as they occur.

## Privacy Policy

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

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



## Town Manager's Report—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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tracey L. Stevens'.

Tracey L. Stevens, MMC  
Town Manager & Finance Director



## Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

### Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida Office of the Town Clerk Regular Commission Meeting Summary April 4, 2022

The following is a list of actions taken at the Regular Town Commission Meeting on April 4, 2022. We hope this helps keep our residents informed in a timely fashion regarding Town Commission and Staff activities.

#### **Presentations:**

- a. Performed a ceremonial swearing in of Commissioner Steve Coz.
- b. State Senator Lori Berman provided a Legislative Update of the recently passed bills.
- c. Town Manager Stevens named Police Officer Nubia Savino as the Employee of the Quarter for January through March 2022.
- d. Police Chief Jones introduced newly hired Police Officer, Courtney St. Hilaire.
- e. Town Manager Stevens introduced newly hired Part-Time Building Inspector/ Plans Examiner/ Community Standards Officer, Robert Blanchette.

#### **Announcements:**

- a. The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Regular Town Commission Meeting Monday, May 2nd 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; Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Monday, April 18th at 8:00 AM; Board of Adjustment Meeting Tuesday, April 19th at 9:00 AM. All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall.
- b. The Town will be providing free shredding services to residents of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes on Saturday, April 23rd from 9 a.m. until Noon in the back parking lot at Town Hall. For more information regarding this event, please visit the Town's website.
- c. The Old Ocean Blvd Pedestrian Safety Task Force Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The public is invited to attend to provide ideas and information to the Task Force.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.

#### **Public Comment:**

Directed Town Manager Stevens and Town Attorney Goddeau to research the signs on the beach discussion brought forth by resident Earl Jones.

Directed Town Manager Stevens to research a request by a resident to install a "No Public Beach Access" sign at the end of Tropical Drive.

#### **Approved the Consent Agenda including:**

- a. Adopted Minutes of the Regular Town Commission Meeting of March 7, 2022.
- b. Accepted the Revenue & Expenditure Reports for February 2022.



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- Adopted Resolution No. 2022-06: A Resolution of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Electing Susan Hurlburt as Mayor.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2022-07: A Resolution of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Electing Kristine de Ha-seth as Vice Mayor.
- Deferred the land purchase and budget amendment discussion to a Special Town Commission Meeting on April 12, 2022 at 1 p.m. to allow time for the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Real Estate Agent to negoti-ate the price of the land in question.
- Approved the Building Permit extension and waived any Building Permit renewal fees for 7 Harbour Drive South.
- Rejected the request from 26 Harbour Drive South to waive the variance application fees.
- Reduce the Work Without a Permit Fine for Campany Roofing to \$3,982.50.
- Approved the Bid Selection Committee's Recommendation to contract with Zabatt Power Systems to complete the generator replacement Capital Improvement Project at the Tropical and Coconut pump stations.
- Adopted Resolution 2022-08: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, In Support of the Potable Water Infrastructure Replacement Capital Improvements Project Along East Side of A1A.
- Approved Engineering Costs for the Potable Water Infrastructure Replacement Capital Improvements Project Along East Side of A1A.
- Adopted on First Reading Ordinance No. 2022-04: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, An Or-dinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances at Chapter 54, "Traffic And Vehicles," By Creating A New Article IV, Entitled "Combat Automobile Theft Program," and Establishing New Section 54-100, Entitled "Town of Ocean Ridge Combat Automobile Theft Program," and Creating New Section 54-101, Entitled "Definitions," and Further Establishing New Section 54-102, Entitled "Registration Require-ments and Procedure," and Creating New Section 54-103, Entitled "Enrollment Implication, Termination and Civil Liability," Which Upon the Enacting of this New Program Will Serve to Permit and Assist Law Enforcement Officers to Detect, Apprehend and Prevent Automobile Thefts in the Town, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date.
- Adopted on First Reading On Ordinance No. 2022-05: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances at Chapter 67, "Buildings and Building Regulations," Article III, Entitled "Technical Codes and Other Construction Standards," By Amending Section 67-51, Entitled "Permit Required Generally; Demolition Permits," To Authorize the Waiver of the Letter of Credit Requirement by the Building Official for a Demolition Permit Issued Pursuant to Subsection (B)(1) or any Other Demolition Permit for the Interior of a Structure; Providing For Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date.
- Adopted on First Reading Ordinance No. 2022-06: First Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-06: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances at Chapter 63, "General and Administrative Provisions," Article IV, Entitled "Site Plan Review Procedures," By Amending Section 63-56, Entitled "Development Plan Review," By Modifying the Authority of the Planning and Zoning Commission to Permit the Deferral of a Development Plan Review Application; Providing For Repeal of Conflicting Ordinanc-es, Severability, and an Effective Date.
- Adopted on First Reading Ordinance No. 2022-07: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amend-ing Its Code of Ordinances to Correct the Name of the "C" Conservation Zoning District to Make it Consistent with the Current Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Map, and the Future Land Use Map Which All Refer to the "C" Conservation Zoning District as the "PC" Preservation/Conservation District, In Chapter 64, Zoning, Article I, District Regulations, Section 64-6, "C" Conservation District and in Chapter 65, Telecommunication Towers and Antennas, Sections 65-3, General Requirements, and Section 65-5, Special Exception Uses; and, Amend-ing Chapter 63, General and Administrative Provisions, Article IV, Site Plan Review Procedures, Section 63-53, Major Development Application and Site Plan Requirements, to Encourage "PC" Preservation/Conservation Re-Zonings by Easing the Submittal Requirements for Re-Zoning Vacant Property to "PC" Preservation/Conservation; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date .

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- Dissolved the Old Ocean Blvd Pedestrian Safety Task Force, and directed Town Manager Stevens to notify the members to form a citizens group that would focus on pedestrian safety on Old Ocean Blvd.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2022-11: 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. Directed Town Manager Stevens to review the rental registration ordinance prior to proposing changes to the Fees schedule.
- Designated Town Manager Stevens as the Primary Voting Delegate and designated all Town Commissioners as Alternate Voting Delegates for the Palm Beach County League of Cities.
- 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](#).
- The following additional Staff & Committee Reports were presented: Planning & Zoning Commission, Police Department, Town Engineer & Public Works, and Building Department.
- Approved \$14,100 for the removal of the wrecked sailboat on the beach within the Town.
- Approved the request to increase the salary for dispatchers by \$7,500 since the starting salary for a Dispatcher is below the average salary of the surrounding communities.
- Approved the Building Official's Temporary Under Ground Program (TUG). The TUG Program would give permission to install a meter connection intended as a future permanent service to a residential single-family dwelling structure.
- Directed Public Works to gather additional information on the warranty for the proposed storage facility.
- Deferred item #27, Roles of the Building Official & Building Department Staff, and #28, Removal of Buller Proof Glass at Town Hall, to a future meeting.

**A SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 12, 2022 AT 1 P.M.**

**THERE WILL BE A TOWN COMMISSION GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP ON APRIL 18 AT 5 P.M.**

**THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**ALL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT TOWN HALL.**



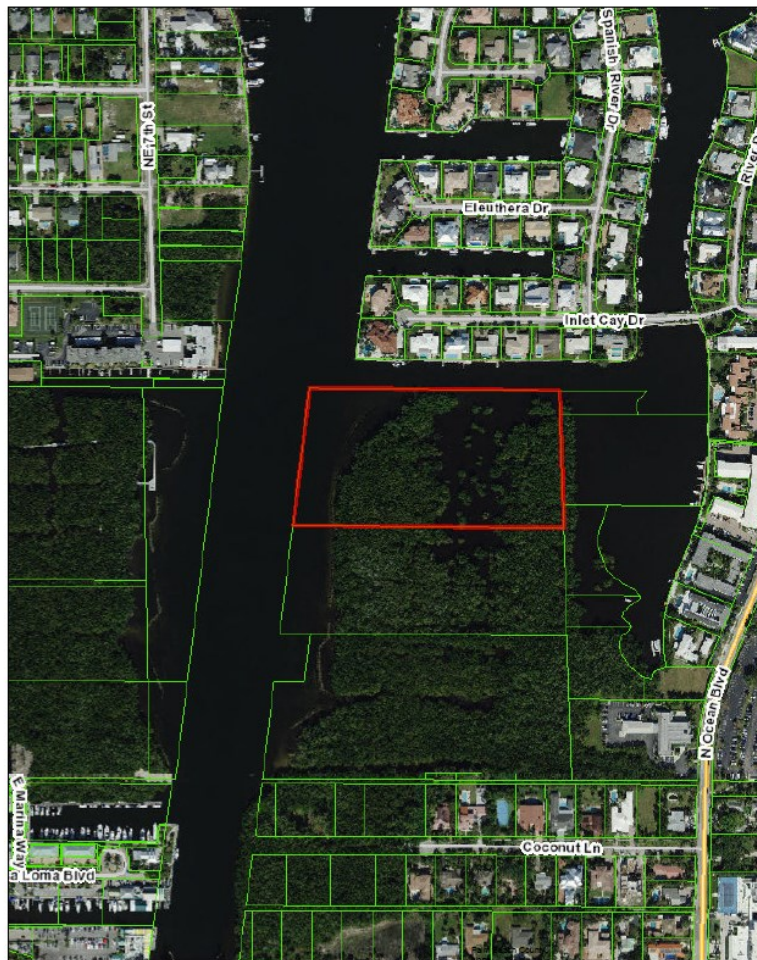
# Special Town Commission Meeting Summary

## Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida Office of the Town Clerk Special Commission Meeting Summary April 12, 2022

The following is a list of actions taken at the Special Town Commission Meeting on April 12, 2022. We hope this helps keep our residents informed in a timely fashion regarding Town Commission and Staff activities.

1. Approved the contract for the purchase of vacant land with the Parcel ID. No. 46-43-45-22-00-000-7010 in the amount of \$1,500,000 and authorized Town Manager Stevens to execute the documents necessary to complete the purchase. Directed the Town Attorney and Town Manager to research possible ways to ensure the property remains conservation/preservation in perpetuity, and to continue working with the Grants Administrator on possible grants or other mitigation opportunities to help recoup the costs associated with the purchase.

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2. Adopted Resolution 2022-09: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, of Palm Beach County, Florida, Adopting Budget Amendments for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 and Ending September 30, 2022, Providing for an Effective Date.

**THERE WILL BE A TOWN COMMISSION GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP ON APRIL 18 AT 5 P.M.  
THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.  
ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT TOWN HALL.**



# 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 March 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	03/01/2022	03/01/2022 @10:30 pm	<u>Ocean Avenue</u>	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Felony Driving While License Suspended	03/03/2022	03/03/2022 @10:26 pm	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Fraud	03/06/2022	03/06/2022 @4:26 pm	6800 Block North Ocean Blvd	ACH Fraud
Drug Law Violation	03/07/2022	03/07/2022 @ 9:57 pm	6100 Block North Ocean Blvd	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Fraud	03/08/2022	03/08/2022 @ 5:19 pm	6100 Block North Ocean Blvd	Identity Theft
Fraud	03/09/2022	03/09/2022 @ 2:54 pm	Osprey Drive	Bank Fraud
Drug Law Violation	03/09/2022	03/09/2022 @ 12:027 am	Midlane Road	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Fraud	03/11/2022	03/09/2022 – 03/11/2022	Dolphin Road	Identity Theft
Drug Law Violation/ Fraudulent License Plate	03/13/2022	03/13/2022 @ 6:20 pm	6400 Block North Ocean Blvd	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Domestic Violence	03/14/2022	03/14/2022 @ 11:03 pm	5000 Block North Ocean Blvd	Verbal Argument/No Arrest
Warrant Arrest	03/22/2022	03/22/2022 @ 2:41 am	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Theft of Beach Sign	03/26/2022	03/26/2022 @ 12:13 pm	5100 Block Old Ocean Blvd	Sign stolen from beach
Fleeing and Eluding	03/27/2022	03/27/2022 @ 12:39 am	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Burglary of Outdoor Storage Compartment	03/27/2022	03/26/2022 – 03/27/2022	6800 Block North Ocean Blvd	Outdoor Storage Closet forcibly entered
Domestic Violence	03/28/2022	03/24/2022 @ 8:30 am	Palm Drive	Victim Battered/Suspect Arrested
Fraud	03/30/2022	03/15/2022 @ 1100 am	5500 North Ocean Blvd	Scheme to Defraud
Drug Law Violation	03/31/2022	03/29/2022 @ 6:07 pm	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a 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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## **MESSAGES AND REMINDERS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

From Richard Jones, Chief of Police:

### **TELECOMMUNICATOR APPRECIATION**

In the Town of Ocean Ridge, our Telecommunicators are the ones who answer emergency and non-emergency calls for service. Additionally, they are the ones who greet you when you visit our police department in person. These men and women are the backbone of our organization and as without them, our response times and ability to assist you would be diminished.

During the second week in April, we honor and thank our Telecommunicators for all they do to flawlessly serve this community. If you happen to call or stop by, please take a moment to thank them for what their service in such a demanding profession.

### **LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT-BEYOND POLICING**

As many of you know, the police department is usually the first to be dispatched to medical emergencies within the Town. Our officers are trained in Basic Life Support and are considered trained Medical First Responders by the State of Florida.

Additionally, several of our officers are trained and State Certified as Emergency Medical Technicians and/or Paramedics. Our agency currently has the following life saving equipment installed in every one of our police vehicles:

- Automated External Defibrillators**
- Quick Clot blood coagulant**
- Trauma Gear**
- Bag Mask Ventilating System**
- Narcan**
- Many other miscellaneous equipment**

The Ocean Ridge Police Department is the first agency in Palm Beach County to purchase the Life Vac Kit, which will be added to our current inventory of medical resources. This new tool is called a Life Vac EMS Kit. This kit is a noninvasive tool designed to remove a foreign object easily and safely from the throat of a choking infant, child, or adult. Officers are currently being

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By Richard Jones, Chief of Police



trained on this device and it will soon be deployed across our fleet.

Each of these tools, combined with the training, allow our agency to serve you beyond the role of policing. We have truly become your full-service Public Safety Agency. We strive to improve the level and skill of service we provide to suit the needs of our community and our residents.

## NATIONAL RX TAKE BACK

From Debra Boyle, Community Policing:

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

No needles will be accepted

Inhalers and other compressed air cylinders will not be accepted

Vape pens and e-cigarettes MUST have the battery pack removed prior to drop off

## CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND YOUR ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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