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Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



DID YOU KNOW?



REMEMBER & HONOR MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 2022



Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day began with an idea from General John Logan as a way to honor the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. The first celebration on May 30, 1868, was held at Arlington National Cemetery with a crowd of 5,000 people decorating the graves of over 20,000 military personnel with flowers. Most experts believe General Logan planned the first Decoration Day for that day because Northern and Southern states would have flowers in bloom by then, though others believe the date was ideal because it didn't coincide with the anniversary of any battles.

Town Commission Budget Meeting Calendar 2022

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

HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1

Solid Waste Authority provides general information about how to prepare for a hurricane. Their guidelines can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Please read important Flood Hazard Info for Hurricane Preparedness by [clicking here](#).

Town Hall News

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

In the month of April, we celebrated the following employee anniversaries:

- Police Officer Alex Sasov — 2 years
- Police Officer Mike Parkerson — 4 years
- Community Officer Debra Boyle — 5 years.



Welcome Danielle Valdes to our team at Town Hall. Danielle started working for the Town in May 2019 serving as Dispatcher for the Police Department and will now serve as Deputy Town Clerk. Danielle is already familiar with the Town's geography and codes, so transitioning her to Deputy Town Clerk will be an asset to the Town. Please join us in welcoming Danielle to her new role at Town Hall.

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

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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

May

2: Building Official's Open Forum begins at 5pm in the Commission Chambers.

2: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.

6 & 7: OneBlood blood drive at Town Hall 29th 9:00am—3:00pm; 30th 10:00am—4:00pm

9: Board of Adjustment Hearing begins at 9am in the Commission Chambers.

16: Planning and Zoning Commission meeting begins at 8am in the Commission Chambers

June

6: Budget Workshop—1st Budget Draft Review begins at 2pm in the Commission Chambers.

6: Building Official's Open Forum begins at 5pm in the Commission Chambers.

6: Regular Town Commission Meeting begins at 8am in the Commission Chambers.

7: Code Enforcement Hearing begins at 10am in the Commission Chambers.

21: Planning and Zoning Commission meeting begins at 8am in the Commission Chambers

Agendas, minutes, and updates to the calendar are available on the town's website and will

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:

Our annual shredding event held on Saturday, April 23rd was a huge success, and we received many compliments and thanks for this service. We had 52 people take advantage of this, with 6 of those being residents of Briny Breezes and the rest Ocean Ridge. I want to thank the team for going above and beyond for the residents by working on their day off to provide this service.



As directed by the Town Commission at the April 18th Goal Setting Workshop, we switched our phones to an automated service. Since then, we have received complaints that there is no longer a small town feel, and that the new system is very cumbersome as the caller cannot remember the extensions that are voiced and they need to hang up and call back to hear the automated message again to hear the list of extensions. The other issue with the new system is that it is shifting work from the front desk to other employees when the Clerk at the front desk could have handled the call without assistance from others. This may create an overtime situation for other employees to handle the increased workload at a higher salary, thus creating a cost increase. It is my recommendation that we shift back to having the Deputy Town Clerk answer incoming phone calls so we can maintain our small town atmosphere for our residents and customers.

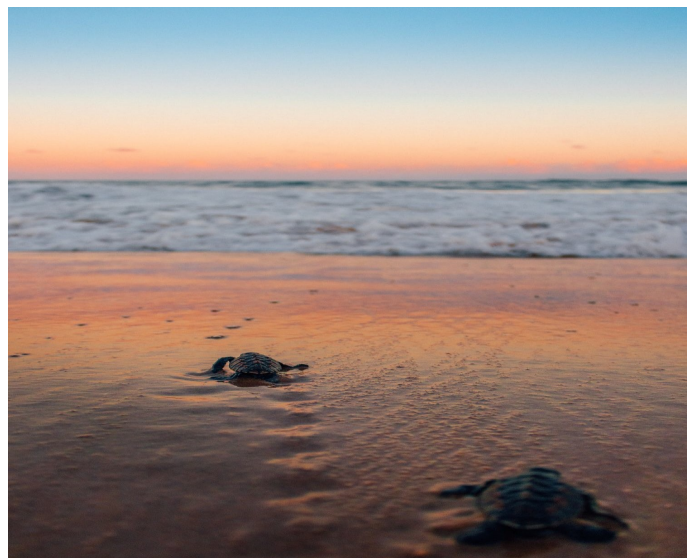
We are closing on the sale of the Priest property on Friday, April 29th. I will continue to work on grant opportunities for the Town, as well as the re-zoning process for this piece of property and the County property.

We submitted a federal appropriation request to Congresswoman Lois Frankel's office to request additional funding for our potable water infrastructure improvements project along A1A. The Town Engineer suspects that the project costs will be more than the ARPA funding we are receiving, so I'm trying to cover the additional costs with another grant or appropriation. We may need to consider hiring a lobbyist to help us secure the funding.

Respectfully,

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

Tracey L. Stevens
Town Manager & Finance Director



Regular Town Commission Meeting Summary

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida Office of the Town Clerk Town Commission Meeting Summary May 2, 2022

The following is a list of actions taken at the May 2, 2022, Regular Town Commission Meeting. We hope this helps keep our residents informed in a timely fashion regarding Town Commission and Staff activities.

1. Presentations & Proclamations:

- a. Town Auditor, Ron Bennett, presented the FY21 Audit report to the Town Commission, and the Town Commission accepted the report.
- b. Adopted a Proclamation Recognizing May 1 through May 7, 2022, as Municipal Clerks' Week.
- c. Adopted a Proclamation Recognizing May 15 through May 21, 2022, as National Police Week and May 15, 2022, as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day.
- d. Adopted a Proclamation Recognizing April 10 through April 16, 2022, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.
- e. The "Concerned Citizens for Public Safety on or near Old Ocean Boulevard" presented recommendations to the Commission regarding public safety along Old Ocean Blvd, and the Town Commission directed staff to review the recommendations and research pricing.

2. Announcements:

- a. The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Budget Meeting Monday, June 6th at 2:00 PM followed by the Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00 PM; Community Standards Hearing Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:00 AM; Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Monday, May 16th at 8:00 AM; Board of Adjustment Meeting Monday, May 9th at 9:00 AM. All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall.
- b. The Town is hosting a blood drive event with One Blood on Friday, May 6th from 9am - 3pm and Saturday, May 7th from 10am – 4pm. The bus will be parked behind Town Hall. All those who wish to donate blood, can sign up through a link posted on the Town's website. All donors will receive a \$20 E-gift Card, a T-Shirt, and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, and iron count.
- c. Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day.
- d. 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.
- e. 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. Approved the Consent Agenda including:

- a. Adopted Minutes of the Regular Town Commission Meeting of April 4, 2022
- b. Adopted Minutes of the Special Town Commission Meeting of April 12, 2022
- c. Accepted the Revenue & Expenditure Reports for March 2022
- d. Ratified the unbudgeted emergency expenditure of \$27,885 to Rapid Equipment Response for Town Hall Generator Fuel Tank Replacement

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- e. Adopted Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town and the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Regarding Section 20.4 of the Agreement to Address Top Outs
- f. Approved Building Permit Extension Requests and Waiver of Permit Renewal Fees for 28 Hudson Ave, 82 Island Drive, and 10 Harbour Drive South
4. Appointed the following residents to the Planning & Zoning Commission as Alternate Members: Roger Brinner and Robert Rodriguez.
5. Appointed resident Bruce Hindin as a Regular Member of the Board of Adjustment, and Nicholas Arsali and John Lipscomb as Alternate Members.
6. Adopted on Second Reading Ordinance No. 2022-04: An Ordinance 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 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.
7. Adopted on Second Reading 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.
8. Adopted on Second Reading 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 Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date.
9. Adopted on Second Reading Ordinance No. 2022-07: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending 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, Amending 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.
10. Rejected on First Reading Ordinance No. 2022-08: An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Chapter 66 Environmental Regulations, Article IV Landscaping, Division 2 Water Efficient Landscape, Providing for Local Implementation of the Mandatory Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures Rule of the South Florida Water Management District (40e-24, F.A.C.); Providing for Intent, Purpose, Applicability and Definitions; Providing for Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation Measures, Exceptions to the Schedule; Providing for Additional Requirements and Variances; Providing for Water Shortages; Providing for Enforcement and Penalties and for Other Purposes; and Providing for Codification, the Repeal of All Conflicting Ordinances, Severability and an Effective Date.
11. Approved with conditions the unbudgeted expenditure of \$45,000 to construct a storage facility at Town Hall.

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12. Deferred the discussion regarding building permit extension for 6273 N. Ocean Blvd until the June 6, 2022 meeting.
13. 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](#).
14. The following additional Staff & Committee Reports were presented: Planning & Zoning Commission, Police Department, Town Engineer, Public Works, and Building Department.
15. Directed Town Attorney Goddeau to educate the Board of Adjustment members regarding their role when reviewing variances, and to make changes to the application for variances as well as the public notices.
16. Discussed the Roles of the Building Department & Building Department Staff.

THE NEXT TOWN COMMISSION BUDGET MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 6, 2022 AT 2:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, WITH THE REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING TO FOLLOW AT 6:00 P.M. 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 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	04/04/2022 2	04/04/2022 @ 10:28 pm	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Fleeing and Eluding after Shooting Incident in Boynton	04/04/2022 2	04/05/2022 @ 10:08 pm	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Fraud	04/08/2022 2	04/07/2022 @ 10:00 am	Ibis Drive	Credit Card Fraud
Weapons Law Violation	04/10/2022 2	04/10/2022 @ 10:24 pm	Oceanfront Park	Proactive policing resulting from officer observation
Aggravated Assault on Law Enforcement and Fleeing and Eluding	04/11/2022 2	04/11/2022 @ 11:08 pm	6800 Block North Ocean Blvd	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Drug Law Violation and Fleeing and Eluding	04/14/2022 2	04/14/2022 @ 11:02 am	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Criminal Traffic Law	04/14/2022 2	04/14/2022 @ 9:25 am	6400 Block North Ocean Blvd	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Drug Law Violation	04/15/2022 2	04/15/2022 @ 4:44 pm	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Theft of Bicycle	04/15/2022 2	04/16/2022 @ 4:00 pm	Oceanfront Park	Theft of Bicycle – No leads
Drug Law Violation	04/19/2022 2	04/19/2022 @ 4:32 pm	Oceanfront Park	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Burglary to Occupied Residence	04/19/2022 2	04/19/2022 @ 11:30 pm	6000 Block North Ocean Blvd	Home was unlocked, suspect was arrested within 72 hours
Aggravated Assault	04/20/2022 2	04/20/2022 @ 1258 pm	Briny Breezes Blvd	Subject threatened to shoot workers and was arrested
Leaving the Scene of a Crash with Property Damage	04/22/2022 2	04/22/2022 @ 8:00 pm	Edith Street Crossover	Subject crash into vegetation and fire hydrant and was arrested
Burglary to Vehicle	04/23/2022 2	04/23/2022 @ 12:58 pm	Midlane Road	Purse and Money stolen from unlocked vehicle
Burglary with Battery	04/25/2022 2	04/25/2022 @ 9:09 pm	6600 Block North Ocean Blvd	One resident burglarized and battered another resident and was arrested
Theft	04/24/2022 2	04/24/2022 @ 3:00 pm	Palm Drive	Golf Cart Charger Stolen from unsecured area
Drug Law Violation	04/27/2022 2	04/27/2022 @ 7:40 pm	Ocean Avenue	Proactive policing resulting from a traffic stop
Attempted Motor Vehicle Theft – Fleeing and Eluding	04/29/2022 2	04/29/2022 @ 2:45 pm	Spanish River	Suspect from Broward County attempted to steal a vehicle without success and then fled from Law Enforcement so warrants were filed for arrest

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

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

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By Richard Jones, Chief of Police

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MESSAGES AND REMINDERS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

From Richard Jones, Chief of Police:

HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION













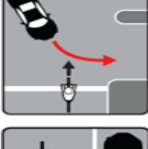










June 1st will mark the start of another Hurricane Season! Although recent years have delivered mild storms, we should not let our guard down. In an effort to protect each resident and maintain utility services for as long as possible, the Town Commission has enacted an Ordinance requiring the trimming of vegetation and trees.

The enacted Ordinance (66-151 (b) (7)) speaks to the required trimming of vegetation and trees located near or under, "...power or other utility lines or facilities..." that are suspended above the ground. This includes the individual services lines directly attached to your home.

Shortly, Officer McAllister who serves as the Community Compliance Officer for the Town will begin to conduct an inspection of the Town to identify vegetation and trees that are in a position or condition to constitute a threat to our power and utility system. We respectfully request that you also conduct a survey of your own property and assist us by eliminating any trees or branches that are encroaching into or touching any utility lines. In addition, we ask that you maintain these areas throughout the entire storm season (June 1st thru November 30th).

We are asking for your voluntary cooperation as it makes the Town safer for all first responders and the citizens we serve.

SHARE THE ROAD

 BIKE ROUTE signs help label roads and direct bicyclists. Specially marked bicycle routes have limited pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic.  Reflective SHARE THE ROAD signs advise motorists that bicyclists will be using the roadway along with motor vehicles.  The BICYCLES MAY USE FULL LANE sign is used on roadways where no bicycle lanes or adjacent shoulders, usable by bicyclists are present and where travel lanes are too narrow for bicyclists and motor vehicles to operate side by side. Treat bicyclists as if they are drivers of slow moving vehicles.  BIKE LANE SIGNS AND PLAQUES are placed at the beginning, end, and at periodic locations along a bicycle lane. They are always accompanied by pavement markings to inform all road users of the location of bicycle lanes.  BEGIN RIGHT TURN LANE YIELD TO BIKES sign may be used to inform both motorists and bicyclists that vehicles entering an exclusive right-turn lane must merge across bicycle traffic in a bicycle lane.  The BIKE WRONG WAY sign and RIDE WITH TRAFFIC plaque may be placed facing wrong-way bicycle traffic, such as on the left side of a roadway.  This sign and plaque may be mounted back-to-back with other signs to minimize visibility to other traffic.  USE PED SIGNAL is used where the crossing of a street by bicyclists is controlled by pedestrian signal indications.  YIELD TO PEDS sign is used where a bicyclist is required to cross or share a facility used by pedestrians and is required to yield to the pedestrians.  The SHARED-USE PATH RESTRICTION sign is used where a solid white pavement marking line on facilities provides a separate designated pavement area for each mode of travel.  The BICYCLE SIGNAL ACTUATION sign may be installed at signalized intersections where markings are used to indicate the location where a bicyclist is positioned to actuate the signal.	 Avoid the RIGHT HOOK Bicyclists proceeding through an intersection should signal and communicate with the motor vehicle drivers behind them. When safe to do so, the bicyclists should move into the main travel lane and proceed through the intersection.  Watch out for the LEFT CROSS Ride big and be predictable. Ride farther left, especially when approaching intersections. This helps drivers know your intended riding direction when crossing the intersection. A bicyclist may use the full lane, especially when approaching intersections.  BEWARE OF THE DOOR ZONE! Stay far enough away from parked cars to avoid car doors opening.  Be PREDICTABLE Ride in a straight, predictable line and don't weave between lanes or around parked cars. <p>For more information about bicycle laws in the state of Florida, please check out www.AlertTodayFlorida.com and www.FloridaBicycle.org Funded by FDOT</p>	 FLORIDA BICYCLE SIGNS, SIGNALS & MARKINGS  Go with the flow of traffic.  Follow the signs and traffic signals.  Be visible at night with white front lights and red rear lights and reflectors.  Watch for pedestrians crossing.  Stop behind the crosswalk at the stop bar.  Ride with caution. Stay clear of parked cars and the door zone.  Keep a distance of at least 3 feet from a bicyclist when passing. <p>www.AlertTodayFlorida.com</p>
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HIJACKED COMPUTER – WHAT TO DO

The following information is provided by the National Cyber Security Alliance, which builds strong public/private partnerships to create and implement broad-reaching education and awareness efforts to empower users at home, work and school with the information they need to keep themselves, their organizations, their systems and their sensitive information safe and secure online and encourage a culture of cybersecurity

If your account has been compromised or hacked, here are ways to regain control.

How do I know if my email or social network account has been hacked?

- There are posts you never made on your social network page. These posts often encourage your friends to click on a link or download an App.
 - A friend, family member or colleague reports getting email from you that you never sent.
- Your information was lost via a data breach, malware infection or lost/stolen device.

If you believe an account has been compromised, take the following steps:

- Notify all of your contacts that they may receive spam messages that appear to come from your account. Tell your contacts they shouldn't open messages or click on any links from your account and warn them about the potential for malware.
- If you believe your computer is infected, be sure your security software is up to date and scan your system for malware. You can also use other scanners and removal tools.
- Change passwords to all accounts that have been compromised and other key accounts ASAP. Remember, passwords should be long and strong and use a mix of upper and lowercase letters, and numbers and symbols. You should have a unique password for each account.

If you cannot access your account because a password has been changed, contact the web service immediately and follow any steps they have for recovering an account.

Protect Yourself with these STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Tips:

- Keep a clean machine: Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.
- Make passwords long and strong: Combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.
- Unique account, unique password: Separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals.
- When in doubt, throw it out: Links in email, tweets, posts, and online advertising are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or if appropriate, mark as junk email.

SOURCE: <http://staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/keep-a-clean-machine/hacked-accounts>

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND YOUR ASSISTANCE

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

LEAVE IT, LOCK IT, KEEP IT!

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

As always, "See Something-Say Something"

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