

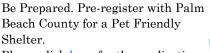
HOW TO REPORT DOWNED LINES & OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION DURING HURRICANE SEASON:

If you see a downed power line or other damaged electrical equipment, be sure to stay far away and immediately call 911 or FPL at 1-800-4OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243).

Please read important Flood Hazard Info for Hurricane Preparedness by clicking here.

Did you find drooping wires, downed lines, or AT&T equipment in a yard or on the street? Call anytime at 800.288.2020.

Click <u>here</u> to see how to report lines without an account.



Please click \underline{here} for the application.

HURRICANE SEASON BEGAN JUNE 1

Solid Waste Authority provides general information about how to prepare for a hurricane. The guidelines can be viewed by <u>clicking here</u>. Please read important Flood Hazard

Info for Hurricane Preparedness by

clicking here.





Town Hall News

PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT!

What is property fraud?

Scammers file fake deeds, making it appear as if they own homes that are not actually theirs. These scammers then trick people into giving them money to rent or buy homes.



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Click here for more information and to register to receive free alerts!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Building Department will soon have an online system to submit documents • electronically. This system will be located in the Town Hall Lobby. We are currently looking for a few volunteers to assist applicants when our system is in place. Stay ["] tuned for any updates! For any questions, please call Town Hall, 561-732-2635 and dial ext. 49 to

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Town Commission Budget Meeting Calendar

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

All meetings to be held in the Commission **Chambers at Town Hall**

The Town of Ocean Ridge Police Department is having a School Supply Drive. Please click here to view the flyer.

Please drop off school supplies at the lobby of the Police Department from July 1 - August 1! School supplies will be distributed through the Guardian Ad Litem of Palm Beach County.



OCEAN RIDGE FLORIDA TOWN HALL, 1962

Small building with signs declaring it as the town hall, police station at 802 E. Ocean Avenue. Published in the Boynton Beach Star, 28 June 1962, with the caption: "Smallest town hall in the state."





Lost or Found A Pet? Call 561-732-8331 to report a lost or found pet.

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

<u>Town Hall</u>

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 Ľ

<u>Police</u>

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 Vacant

<u>Police Chief</u> Richard Jones Rjones@oceanridgeflorida.com

<u>Building Official</u> Durrani Guy dguy@oceanridgeflorida.com

Town Commission

<u>Mayor</u> Susan Hurlburt shurlburt@oceanridgeflorida.com

<u>Vice Mayor</u> Kristine de Haseth kdehaseth@oceanridgeflorida.com

<u>Commissioners</u> Steve Coz scoz@oceanridgeflorida.com

Geoff Pugh gpugh@oceanridgeflorida.com

Martin Wiescholek mwiescholek@oceanridgeflorida.com

Numbers to Know						
	044					
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 Listing	000 000 0070					
Abuse Hotline Animal Control	800-962-2873					
Animal Control Army Corp of Engineers	561-233-1200 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 561-697-8000					
Florida Power & Light (FPL) 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						
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 Tides	561-656-6200 561-742-6776					
Tiues	301-742-0770					

CLIP AND SAVE!

Calendar of Events July

4: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Independence Day. No construction work allowed. No inspections performed.

5: Budget Workshop—Begins at 2pm in the Commission Chambers.

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

<u>August</u>

1: Budget Workshop— begins at 2pm in the Commission Chambers.

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

15: 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 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 - July Commission Meeting

Mayor, Commissioners & Residents of Ocean Ridge:

In the spirit of interlocal cooperation, I have been asked to serve on the Audit Selection Committee for the City of Greenacres and will begin those duties at the end of the month. It will be an honor to serve one of our fellow municipalities.



The Crown Colony crosswalk installation is expected to happen the week of July 11-15; however, we are still waiting for FPL to install the necessary lighting. FPL updated us that they expect to receive the necessary supplies for this project by July 1st, so we should be on track to install the crosswalk during our FDOT permitted dates of 7/11-15.

As we bid farewell and wish all the best to our Town Clerk who is going back to school to study law, we have conditionally offered the position to a candidate who is currently a Deputy Town Clerk in another municipality in Palm Beach County. The offer is contingent upon the candidate passing the necessary background check. Stay tuned for more information!

I attended the Palm Beach County League of Cities meeting recently and received information regarding property fraud alerts. Please see our website at <u>https://</u> <u>www.oceanridgeflorida.com/news detail T6 R428.php</u> for more information and to sign up for this service. In addition to the website and social media, we will also post a story in our next newsletter to alert our residents.

I attended a Finance Officers' Association seminar recently, and the speaker was the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser, Dorothy Jacks. She shared that Ocean Ridge is in the top 10 (we rank #6) for property valuation increases this year. That is incredible! We've never been in the top 10 before, and it just goes to show you how busy our Building Department has been for the past two years! The downside of that is our small staff is becoming very overwhelmed. With our Town Clerk leaving along with her knowledge of our codes in reference to land development, we may see a backlog of land development permits and building permits for the next several months. We appreciate our residents' patience as we are shortstaffed and move forward with training new staff.

FDOT is currently performing concrete spalling repairs on the bridge near Ocean Inlet Park on A1A and should be finished by the first week in July.

Respectfully,

Tracey L. Stevens Town Manager & Finance Director



Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida Office of the Town Clerk Budget and Regular Commission Meeting Summary July 5, 2022

The following is a list of actions taken at the July 5, 2022, Budget and Regular Town Commission Meeting. We hope this helps keep our residents informed in a timely fashion regarding Town Commission and Staff activities.

- 1. The Town Commission consented to the Following Budget Items for FY23:
 - a. Maintain the Flat Mil Rate of 5.50 to incorporate into the next version of the budget, and set 5.50 as the maximum mil rate. The Town Commission may decide to lower this mil rate throughout the budget process; however, they may not exceed this rate.
 - b. Allocated \$250,000 to a drainage project on Harbour Drive North.
 - c. Allocated \$50,584 for the upgrade of the Town's finance software.
 - d. Allocated \$150,000 to replace the generator at Town Hall.
 - e. Reduced the funding for a lobbyist from \$40,000 to \$20,000.
 - f. Approved the starting pay for the Public Works I position at \$62,000 as the prospective employee has an electrician's license.
 - g. Allocated \$10,000 for signage in reference to the Old Ocean Blvd Pedestrian Safety Program, and directed staff to provide a map of the new sign locations.
 - h. Directed staff to provide additional salary survey information at the next meeting.
 - i. All other line items approved as presented by Management.
- 2. Announcements:
 - a. The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Budget Meeting Tuesday, August 1st at 2:00 PM followed by the Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6:00 PM. The Planning & Zoning Commission meeting for July has been cancelled.
 - b. There will be no Building Official's forum in the month of August.
 - c. 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 Special Town Commission Meeting of June 6, 2022
 - b. Adopted Minutes of the Regular Town Commission Meeting of June 6, 2022
 - c. Accepted the Revenue & Expenditure Reports for April & May 2022
 - d. Approved Resolution No. 2022-10: A Resolution of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Approving the Unity of Title for 5512 Old Ocean Blvd
 - e. Designated Mayor Hurlburt as the Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate for 2022

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- 4. A Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Update was Provided by Rhonda Giger, General Counsel, Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics.
- 5. A State of Education Report was Provided by School Board Member, Erica Whitfield.
- 6. Building Official Durrani Guy Received the Employee of the Quarter Award.
- 7. Adopted on First Reading Ordinance No. 2022-09 An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances, Specifically the Land Development Code, to Extend the Architectural Requirements for Front Elevations to All Elevations for Single Family Dwellings and Accessory Structures and to Permit Flat Roofs With Restrictions on Single-Family Residential Dwellings and Accessory Structures by Making Revisions to Chapter 64, Zoning, Article I, District Regulations, Section 64-1, RSF And RSE Single-Family Residential Districts, Section 64-3, Ocean View Special Area, Article III, Supplemental Regulations, Section 64-50, Location of Exterior Residential Equipment and Accessories, and Section 64-60, Decks, Patios, Driveways, Parking Areas, Steps, Stoops, and Terraces (Unenclosed and Uncovered); Chapter 67, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Technical Codes and Other Construction Standards, Division 1, Generally, Section 67-37, Roof Systems; Providing for Codification, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date.
- 8. 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 <u>clicking here</u>.
- 9. The following additional Staff & Committee Reports were presented: Planning & Zoning Commission, Police Department, Town Engineer, Public Works, and Building Department.
- 10. Growth Management Considerations was Presented by Vice Mayor de Haseth, with a map showing the new developments that are planned by the City of Boynton Beach along the Federal Highway Corridor near Ocean Avenue.

THE NEXT TOWN COMMISSION BUDGET MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 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.



Police Activity:

Here is a listing of significant crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in June 2022 for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	Location	<u>Synopsis</u>	
Resist/Obstruct	<u>Date</u> 06/05/2022	06/05/2022	Corrine Street /	Proactive arrest resulting from a	
		@7:44 pm	<u>A1A</u>	traffic stop	
Fraud/Identity Theft	06/06/2022	05/09/2022 - 05/31/2022	<u>Island Drive</u> <u>South</u>	Bank of America Credit Card Fraud	
Drug Law Violation	06/08/2022	06/08/2022 @ 10:44 am	<u>Ocean Avenue</u> <u>East</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop	
Driving While Li- cense Suspended (20+ Times)	06/10/2022	06/10/2022 @ 9:02 am	<u>6800 Blk N</u> Ocean Blvd	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop	
Drug Law Violation	06/12/2022	06/12/2022 @ 8:58 am	<u>6415 N Ocean</u> <u>Blvd</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop	
Drug Law Violation	06/13/2022	06/13/2022 @ 3:10 pm	<u>6800 Blk N</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop	
Drug Law Violation	06/14/2022	06/14/2022 @ 1:10 pm	<u>6800 Blk N</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop	
Fraud/Identity Theft	06/14/2022	05/27/2022 - 05/28/2022	<u>5900 Blk Old</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Seacoast Bank Check Fraud	
Warrant Arrest for Homeland Security	06/21/2022	06/21/2022 @ 9:50 pm	<u>6600 Blk N</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop (Subject has been on the run for more than 10 years)	
Habitual Traffic Of- fender (Felony)	06/21/2022	06/21/2022 @ 5:55 pm	<u>6400 Blk N</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop	
Possession of Con- cealed Firearm	06/24/2022	06/24/2022 @ 4:09 am	<u>Ridge Blvd / A1A</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from officer encounter with an armed pedestrian.	
Fraud/Identity Theft	06/24/2022	05/24/2022 - 06/17/2022	<u>6450 N Ocean</u> <u>Blvd</u>	Fraud involving Town of Ocean Ridge Check	
No Driver's License	06/25/2022	06/25/2022 @ 10:20 pm	<u>5900 Blk Old</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop	
Fleeing & Eluding	06/25/2022	06/25/2022 @ 2:25 pm	<u>6400 Blk N</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Proactive event resulting from a traffic stop (Warrant Requested)	
Burglary (Unlocked Vehicle)	06/25/2022	06/25/2022 @ 11:50 am	<u>6415 N Ocean</u> <u>Blvd</u>	Unlocked vehicle entered while visiting beach at Oceanfront Park	
No Driver's License	06/27/2022	06/27/2022 @ 4:37 pm	<u>6100 Blk N</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Proactive arrest resulting from a traffic stop	
Battery (Domestic Violence)	06/29/2022	06/29/2022 @ 9:10 pm	<u>Confidential</u>	Investigation revealed no Proba- ble Cause for Arrest (Peace Re- stored)	
Fraud/Identity Theft	06/29/2022	06/02/2022 - 06/13/2022	<u>Tropical Drive</u>	Fraud involving stolen and al- tered check (no loss to victim)	
Fraud/Identity Theft	06/30/2022	01/10/2022 - 06/30/2022	<u>5500 Blk N</u> <u>Ocean Blvd</u>	Fraud involving Credit/Debit Card	

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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.

MESSAGES AND REMINDERS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT From Richard Jones, Chief of Police:

POLICE ACTIVITY AND STATISTICS UPDATE

As you are all aware, I was appointed as your Chief of Police in August of 2021. Since that time, I have made many changes within the police department which has led to Proactive Policing and Crime Reduction. Proactive Policing is a strategy that involves police officers seeking out criminal activity through traffic stops and face to face encounters with the public.

On January 10, 2022 I instituted a new unit, which we call ACE (Aggressive Criminal Enforcement). This unit is made up of three (3) Police Officers whose primary focus is Proactive Policing. Although every officer participates in this process, the Ace officers work a unique schedule designed to support enforcement during the busiest hours and when we have identified the higher likelihood of criminal presence.

Since that time, we have been tracking the Ace team's performance in connection with criminal activity to see how the unit and the police department are working to combat crime while increasing our police presence. The numbers in the table below represent numbers from the first half of 2021 compared to the first half of 2022.

	January 1, 2021 – July 5, 2021	January 1, 2022 – July 5, 2022
Traffic Stops	315	1962
Arrests	14	44
Stolen Vehicles	4	2
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	1	3

As you can see from these numbers, this new unit has been a success. The unit has also clearly started the process of building a reputation that the Town of Ocean Ridge Police Department does not tolerate crime and will use every resource to combat it. We want this message to be clear to criminals, so they avoid our community altogether.

Not only have we reduced crime, we have also increased the public services that we offer to our residents during this same time. These improvements and increases in public service have been accomplished without any budgetary increases to the Town and ultimately the residents.

We thank you for the opportunity to Protect and Serve you and your family. Should you ever need us, we would be pleased to assist you.



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PROPERTY FRAUD

According to the FBI, property and mortgage fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime in the United States. Scammers file fake deeds, making it appear as if they own homes that are not actually theirs. These scammers then trick people into giving them money to rent or buy those homes.

The Palm Beach County Clerk of Court & Comptroller now offers a tool to help combat this type of Fraud. This tool is free and available at <u>https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/FLPalmBeach</u>.

This tool is called "Property Fraud Alert" and is a completely free service that monitors the documents recorded in Palm Beach County. We encourage you to use the link above to register your name and/or your business name to begin receiving these alerts immediately.

HOW PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT WORKS:

- Register for free at the link above.
- Choose the name or names you wish to monitor.
- When a document is recorded, you will receive an email alert.

From Debra Boyle, Community Policing:

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

On behalf of the Town of Ocean Ridge we want you all to have a safe summer. Please follow some basic rules of the road to ensure your safety.

- 1. Pedestrians need to walk against vehicular traffic on the side of the roadway, and if a sidewalk is provided it must be utilized.
- 2. Bicycles need to travel with vehicular traffic following all the rules of the road.

• This means Bicyclists follow the same rules as a vehicle. **Bicyclists MUST stop at ALL stop signs and traffic lights**.

- 3. Bicyclists need to ride single file, NOT two abreast.
- 4. Make sure your headlight and taillight are operational prior to riding from dusk to dawn.
- 5. All bicycle riders under the age of 16 are required by Florida Law to wear a helmet, properly fitted, and securely fasten the strap.
- 6. Be seen, wear bright reflective colors on clothes, shoes and hats when walking or riding in the dark.

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PET SAFETY

"Did you Know"

- Asphalt temperatures can be much hotter than the air temperature.
- Air Temperature Vs. Pavement Temperature

77° F	125°	F
87° F	143°	F

- Dogs need exercise, but it may be too hot to walk on the pavement. Walking on dirt or grass is a safer alternative.
- If walking on pavement is the only option, consider using dog shoes, socks, or booties. This is an effective way to protect dog paw pads from injury. Paw wax is another alternative to a dog wearing socks or boots.
- Walking your dog early in the day before the pavement heats up, or later in the day after the pavement cools down, will help prevent injury.
- We have a Puppy fountain outside of the Police Departments entrance. Please feel free to stop and give them fresh water, then stop in and see Jessica or Courtney for a puppy treat.
- NEVER leave your pets in your car, even if the windows are cracked. Temperatures are warmer inside than the air temperature outside by 20 degrees.

(site references: four-paws.org; aspca.org; sprucepets.com)

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DROP OFF



WHEN: JULY 1st-AUGUST 5TH

WHERE: 6450 N OCEAN BLVD Lobby of the Police Dept

SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

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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