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# Ocean Ridge Tidings

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



With AlertPBC you will receive important emergency notifications about hazards that may affect your neighborhood, work-place, or loved one's location. You can get notifications via text message, phone call, and/or email. Signing up is easy and FREE! Start getting your notifications today by registering at [www.AlertPBC.com](http://www.AlertPBC.com)



## 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**



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 [here](#) to see how to report lines without an account.



## HURRICANE SEASON HAS BEGUN JUNE 1



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

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

Be Prepared. Pre-register with Palm Beach County for a Pet Friendly Shelter. Please click [here](#) for the application.



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

## Town Hall News



In the months of July, Aug, & Sept we celebrate the following employee Anniversaries:

- Public Works Supervisor - William Armstrong, 13 years.
- Police Officer - Jimmy Pilon, 8 years
- Sergeant - Richard Emeri, 8 years
- Police Chief - Scott McClure, 7 years
- Dispatcher - Taylor Moore, 1 year
- Police Dispatcher - Courtney Hammond, 9 years
- Town Clerk - Kelly Avery, 1 year
- Public Works I - Christopher Sorrell, 1 year
- Town Manager - Lynne Ladner, 1 year

**We thank them for their service and dedication to the  
Town of Ocean Ridge!**



In the month of July, Aug, & Sept we celebrate the  
following employee's Birthdays!

- Police Chief Scott McClure, July 21
- Admin Asst Susan Ammons - Tate, July 27
- Public Works Christopher Sorrell, Aug 4
- Police Dispatch Manager Jessica Simpson, Aug 31
  - Policer Officer Michael Parkerson, Sept 1
  - Policer Officer Debra Boyle, Sept 21
  - Policer Officer Jimmy Pilon, Sept 27

## General Information

6450 N. Ocean Blvd.,  
Ocean Ridge, FL 33435  
www.oceanridgeflorida.com

@OceanRidgeFL - Twitter  
OceanRidgeFL—Facebook

### Town Hall

561-732-2635 (main) ♦ 561-734-7031 (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

Lynne Ladner  
lladner@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Town Clerk

Kelly Avery  
kavery@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Police Chief

Scott McClure  
smcclure@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Building Official

Mike Crisafulle  
permit@oceanridgeflorida.com

## Town Commission

### Mayor

Geoff Pugh  
gpugh@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Vice Mayor

Steve Coz  
scoz@oceanridgeflorida.com

### Commissioners

Phil Besler  
pbsler@oceanridgeflorida.com

Carolyn Cassidy  
ccassidy@oceanridgeflorida.com

Kenneth Kaleel  
kkaleel@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

### July

- 10: Special Town Commission Meeting at 2:00 pm, Budget Workshop &  
Regular Town Commission combined begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 18: Planning and Zoning Commission meeting begins at 9:00 am in the Commission Chambers.
- 22: Blood Drive

### August

- 7: Special Town Commission Meeting at 2:00 pm, Budget Workshop &  
Regular Town Commission combined begins at 6pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 16: Board of Adjustment Meeting at 9:00 am in the Commission Chambers. **(Tentative)**

### September

- 4: Town Hall Closed - Labor Day
- 5: Regular Town Commission Meeting & Tentative Budget Hearing at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 18: Special Town Commission Meeting - Final Budget Hearing at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chambers.
- 19: Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at 9:00 am in the Commission Chambers. **(Tentative)**
- 20: Board of Adjustment Meeting at 9:00 am in the Commission Chambers. **(Tentative)**
- 21 & 22: Blood Drive **(Tentative)**

*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 Tuesday of the month at 9:00am. 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."

## PUBLIC NOTICE TO WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH UTILITY

The City of Boynton Beach Water Utility will be temporarily changing its water treatment disinfection process to free chlorination beginning Thursday, July 6, 2023 through Thursday, July 27, 2023. This is a standard practice in which we switch to a stronger disinfection method in order to ensure that the potable water delivered to the customer remains of the highest quality. As a result, the customer may notice a slight change in odor and taste in their water; during this period, the City's Drinking Water Distribution System will continue to meet ALL Federal and State water quality standards.

Customers particularly sensitive to the taste and odor of chlorine may keep an open container of drinking water in their refrigerators for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate. Because of this change, users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish aquariums and managers of stores and restaurants with holding tanks for fish and shellfish are advised to seek professional guidance on how to operate their equipment. during this period as the method for removing chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals from tap water. Any changes will be eliminated when the Utility reverts to our normal disinfection method at the end of this chlorine flush period.

Please be assured that this is a preventive maintenance procedure to maintain our Water Distribution System. If you would like further information on this matter, please call our Water Quality Division at 561-742-6964 between 7 a.m. -4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



# DONATE BLOOD

**Town of Ocean Ridge**  
**Saturday, July 22**  
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

All donors receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood Swag Bag**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.*



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code 63824**

## ID REQUIRED

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).

Donors  
Receive



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# Town Manager's Report - July Commission Meeting

**Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida**

**Town Commission Agenda Memorandum**

**Office of the Town Manager, Lynne Ladner**

**Meeting Date: July 10, 2023**  
**Subject: Town Manager's Report**

Mayor, Commissioners & Residents of Ocean Ridge:

During the month of June, I announced the promotion of Acting Chief Scott McClure to Chief of Police. I am very excited to continue working with Scott in his new permanent position. Scott has been with the Town of Ocean Ridge since July of 2016 and has worked his way up from patrol officer to sergeant, lieutenant, and now chief.

We are well into the summer; hot temperatures and frequent rains are here to stay for a while. This combination brings certain risks to our residents, and it is important that we make sure that everyone stays safe and healthy.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are serious conditions caused by excessive heat exposure. Warning signs of heat exhaustion include excessive sweating, dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps, and fatigue. If untreated, it can escalate to heat stroke, characterized by high body temperature, confusion, rapid heartbeat, flushed skin, and loss of consciousness. Stay hydrated, avoid prolonged sun exposure, wear lightweight clothing, and take breaks in shaded areas to prevent these conditions. If symptoms arise, seek medical help immediately and move to a cooler environment.

Ensuring road safety during flooding following rains and king tides is of utmost importance. Never attempt to drive through flooded areas, as it is difficult to gauge the depth of the water and the condition of the road beneath. Even a few inches of water can sweep away a vehicle. Turning around and seeking an alternate route or waiting for the water to recede is crucial. Watch out for debris or potential hazards hidden beneath the water's surface, such as fallen trees or power lines. Remember, it's always better to err on the side of caution and prioritize your safety during storm-related road flooding situations.

The town is currently reviewing our use of CivicReady for emergency and non-emergency alerts. We would like community feedback and are encouraging residents to complete short six-question survey. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QC9SDYS>

We have several employees celebrating their anniversaries with the town in July. Taylor Moore is celebrating 1 year, Billy Armstrong is celebrating 13 years, Scott McClure is celebrating 7 years, Richard Ermeri is celebrating 8 years and Jean Hallahan is celebrating 18 years. Chief McClure is also celebrating his birthday in July.

Respectfully,



Lynne Ladner  
 Interim Town Manager & Finance Director

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## Message from Town Manager

As the 2023 hurricane season approaches, it's important to stay informed and prepared for potential storms that may impact our community. The Town of Ocean Ridge is dedicated to your safety, and we want to provide you with the necessary information and resources to navigate this hurricane season successfully.

To begin your hurricane preparedness journey, we encourage you to visit the Town of Ocean Ridge's official website at [\[https://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/storm\\_&\\_flood/hurricane\\_information.php\]](https://www.oceanridgeflorida.com/storm_&_flood/hurricane_information.php). There, you'll find current information and important links information to assist with your storm preparation, including information from FPL, tree trimming contractors and information on disaster assistance from FEMA if a storm happens.

To ensure you have access to comprehensive preparedness information, we recommend visiting the Palm Beach County government's Department of Emergency Management website at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/Preparedness.aspx>. This valuable resource offers a wealth of guidance on preparing your home, creating emergency plans, assembling disaster supply kits, and understanding evacuation procedures. By following these guidelines, you can take proactive measures to protect yourself, your family, and your property.

It's also essential to be aware of your evacuation zone. To determine which zone you reside in, visit <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/Know-Your-Zone.aspx>. By knowing your zone, you'll have a clearer understanding of whether you may be required to evacuate when a hurricane threatens our area. This knowledge will enable you to plan your evacuation route in advance and ensure a timely and safe departure, if necessary.

When it comes to tracking storms and accessing forecasts, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) website is an invaluable resource. Visit <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> to stay updated on the latest tropical weather systems, storm tracks, and forecasts. The NHC provides real-time information from meteorologists and experts, offering insights that can help you make informed decisions regarding your safety and preparedness.

Remember, staying informed is crucial throughout the hurricane season. Regularly check local news sources, listen to emergency alerts, and follow the guidance of local authorities. By remaining proactive and informed, we can work together to protect our community and minimize the impact of any potential storms.

Stay safe, stay prepared, and stay connected!



Town Manager



# Ocean Ridge Police Department News

By Scott McClure, Chief of Police



## MESSAGES AND REMINDERS FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

From Scott McClure, Chief of Police:

### HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION

June 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

The enacted Ordinance (66-152 (a) (b)) speaks of the duty to trim coconut trees. In order to protect life and property during periods of high winds and hurricanes and to protect pedestrians and vehicular traffic where coconut trees overhang walkways and streets, all coconut trees in the town shall be required to be trimmed annually by July 1 of each year, so that on July 1 of each year all coconut trees in the town shall be free of coconuts, coconut blooms, and dead or dying fronds. Should any property owner fail to comply with this section, he/she shall be guilty of a violation of this Code. All property owners are required to trim coconut trees, as described in subsection (a) in the adjacent public right- of-way that is contiguous to the property.

Officers 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup> ).

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



## Dark House Watch

Please remember to lock your doors and use your alarm system. The best defense against crime is a good offense. Please take the initiative to make sure you do not become the victim.

Though using your intuition and being aware of your surroundings is a great start, using other tools available is often necessary to assure you remain safe and do not become a victim.

The Town of Ocean Ridge has an excellent safety record, and through its Police Department, Town Hall, Maintenance Department, and code compliance/enforcement efforts, strives to maintain a safe and pleasant small town environment for our residents to enjoy.

That being said, I would like to remind everyone of some of the services that are available to help maintain the safe environment we all enjoy and desire.

1. The Town, through your Police Department, offers direct monitoring services for your burglar alarm system to enhance our response time in the event of an emergency. Stop by or call Town Hall for details!
2. The Town offers resident vehicle decals to help officers identify those vehicles that belong to our residents so we may better serve you. Stop by the Police Department lobby with your vehicle registration information and the on-duty dispatcher will be very happy to assist you!
3. The Police Department will be more than happy to meet with you and discuss or perform a security survey of your property to help you better protect yourself from becoming a crime victim. This may be done by appointment and at a time convenient for you!
4. The Police Department offers vacation watch for your home. We are more than happy to keep an eye on your home while you are away. To arrange for this service please call the desk at (561) 732-8331 any time of the day or night. WE ARE OPEN 24 HOURS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR/ RAIN OR SHINE!
5. Finally, we are here to assist you! We will always try to help. If we do not have the answer to your question, we will try to assist you in locating the person or agency that does.  
Your well-being is our primary concern.

## CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND YOUR ASSISTANCE

**Lock your doors and use your alarms. We would much prefer responding to a false alarm than to take the report of a crime from you.**

**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.**

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

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

# OCEAN RIDGE PD

## Back to School Supplies Drive

**JUNE 26th - JULY 30th**

**Drop off: POLICE DEPT LOBBY @  
6450 N. OCEAN BLVD.**

### **Supplies Needed Include:**

Backpacks	Crayons
Lunchboxes	Spiral Notebooks
No. 2 Pencils	Composition Notebooks
Pencil Sharpeners	Pocket Folders
Pencil Box/Bag	Lined Paper
Erasers	Rulers
Scissors	Highlighters
Glue Sticks	Hand Sanitizers

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