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April Email Newsletter

Ocean Ridge Town Hall & Police Complex

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Calendar of Events: April

4	Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup Save The World Earth Day Event Oceanfront Park 8-10:30am
6	Regular Town Commission Meeting at 6pm
9	Passover
12	Easter Sunday Sunrise Services at Oceanfront Park 5am-8am For more information call 732-3774
18	Ocean Ridge Garden Club and Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful Cleanup 8:30-10:30am.
20	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at 8am

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Attention Residents!

Want to report a lost pet? Do you have Ocean Ridge pictures that you would like to share in the newsletter? How about a favorite recipe? Email your submittals to Lisa at ocean-ridge@comcast.net. Pictures and recipes could be featured in future newsletters. Lost pet alerts will be posted on our website and an alert emailed. Also, please tell your neighbors about the newsletter and encourage them to sign-up today!

Rename the Newsletter!

We would like our residents to rename this monthly email newsletter. Please submit your ideas along with your name via email at oceanridge@comcast.net by April 24th. The new name will be revealed in May's issue.

Ocean Ridge Library

The Ocean Ridge Library opened to residents in early January 2009. Checking out books is based on a honor system. However, we ask that you sign out the books (paperbacks excluded) at Town Hall and date when returned. Please have proof of residency available.



You may still donate used hardcover books (in good condition) during Town Hall hours, 8:30am to 3pm. We are no longer accepting paperbacks or magazines.

The 2010 Census Information

US Census Bureau ♦ Census 2010

Source: census.gov

Within the next few weeks you will be receiving the census questionnaire for the 2010 Census. The census is a count of everyone living in the US every 10 years. The census is mandated by the US Constitution. The next census is in 2010. Your participation is required by law. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census. Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state, and tribal governments each year. All residents need to complete and mail back the questionnaire.

We encourage you to assist any census personnel that you may come into contact with. Each temporary census employee will have an official ID card that includes the employee's signature and an expiration date. ID cards for temporary employees do not include a photograph. Each regional level employee's ID cards will have the bearer's photograph and expiration date. In addition, field office managers will have the bearer's photograph and expiration date.

SAMPLE: Temporary decennial field/office employees



SAMPLE: Permanent/temporary regional level staff and temporary field office managers



If you have any questions please call the Regional Census Center in Atlanta at 1-877-591-3755.

Police Department News from Lt. Yannuzzi

Motorists/Bicyclists/Pedestrians

There has been much media attention and discussion recently regarding the apparent inability of members of each of these three groups to “Share the Road”. Therefore, it is probably a good idea to provide everyone with a reminder of the law:

- * In Florida, when operated on the roadway, bicycles are vehicles. Therefore bicyclists are required to abide by the same provisions as the driver of a car or truck. That is, they must stop at red lights and Stop signs, drive on the right side of the roadway, have lighting at night, signal their intentions, and not operate a bicycle while under the influence. Basically, whatever you are required to do or limited from doing when in a car applies to the bicyclist.
- * Motorists are required by law to provide 3-FOOT CLEARANCE when passing a bicyclist. Based on the width of some of our roadways, this may require the driver to move into the oncoming lane in order to pass safely and legally. It would be the motorist’s obligation to make sure there is no traffic approaching that would interfere with making this move safely.
- * Pedestrians have the Right-of-Way when crossing in a crosswalk or when cleared to cross at a signaled intersection. Motorists and bicyclists MUST yield to pedestrians when crossing in a designated crosswalk.
- * By law, bicyclists MAY NOT ride more than two abreast except for “paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.” HOWEVER, there are no such paths or designated roadways in Ocean Ridge; so, SINGLE FILE IS THE RULE and the operation must be as close to the right edge or curb of the roadway as “practicable” (safe).
- * When riding on a sidewalk, a bicyclist has the rights and duties of a pedestrian. Therefore, the cyclist must yield to pedestrians and provide an audible signal when passing.

We have been are very fortunate in that ORPD

officers have only had to respond to a small number of mishaps involving the interaction of motor vehicles, bicycles, or those of foot. However, any of these could have resulted in severe injury or death.



Members of the Police Department enforce the traffic laws when violations are observed or when an investigation determines fault. Please drive, cycle and walk safely! Let’s not meet by “accident!”

Dark House Information, Pet Tags, Vehicle Decals

Dark House Information

The ORPD is requesting that you update the Dark House Information Form (on next page and attached via email) to ensure that we have your most current information in our system. You may return the form via email to oceanridgepd@comcast.net, or by hand delivery, mail, or via facsimile.

Pet Tags

If you have a pet, we encourage you to fill out the Pet Tag Form and hand deliver it to the Police Department. Please have proof of residency available. Each pet that is registered will be issued a pet tag. Having a tagged pet ensures a quicker and safer return of your pet should it be found when displaced. Should your pet become lost, please contact ORPD. If you have a flyer of your lost pet, we will post on our bulletin boards, post on our website, and Town Hall will send out a mass email to residents. It is also helpful to contact the following shelters: PBC 561-233-1200, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League 561-686-3663, Boynton Beach Animal Control 561-742-6210.

Vehicle Decals

Vehicle decals are available free of charge at the ORPD. These decals, when placed on the rear window of an automobile, identify the vehicles as belonging to an Ocean Ridge resident. ORPD encourages residents to obtain one of these decals which have an individual number and will identify the vehicle immediately. Please have proof of residency available when requesting the vehicle decal.



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(561) 732-8331 ♦ (561) 732-8676 ♦ oceanridgepd@comcast.net

Dark House/Alarm Information

Please email, fax, hand deliver, or mail this form to the police department at your earliest convenience. To return via email: Please fill out attached form (PDF format) in newsletter email and email back as attachment to oceanridgepd@comcast.net.

Owner(s) Name: _____

Local Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Business Phone: _____ Other: _____

Local/Emergency Contact (name): _____

Emergency Contact (phone): _____

Alarm Company: _____ Phone: _____

Reset Code: _____

Vacation Address: _____

Pets Yes / No Type: _____

Names: _____

Name of Person(s) allowed at your residence while you are away:

Any other pertinent information that could be helpful:

Vehicle Information (i.e., make, model, license plate #):

This form must be submitted in person at the Ocean Ridge Police Department and a tag will be issued.

Tag I.D. Number: _____ Type of Pet: _____ Male or Female

Pet's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Owner's Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Vet's Name: _____ Vet Phone: _____

Is your pet micro-chipped? _____

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Volunteer Opportunities



Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup: "Save The World! Earth Day Event!"

What: Join the Sand Sifters for beach cleanup.

When: First Saturday of every month, April 4th

Where: Oceanfront Park, 6451 N. Ocean Blvd. On A1A, just north of the Ocean Ave. bridge in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot.

Time: 8-10:30am

Who: Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages.

What's provided: Free parking, bags, gloves, and refreshments available to participants only. School and community service volunteer credit forms available.

What to bring: Please bring water, sunscreen and a hat.

Contact: Gary Solomon at 561-734-9128

Great American Cleanup

Join the Ocean Ridge Garden Club and the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful for the Great American Cleanup.

What: Great American Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 18

Where: There will be registration and supply tables set up along Old Ocean Blvd. at Thompson Street and Beachway.

Time: 8-10:30am

Who: Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations, and families are all encouraged to participate. All ages.

What's provided: Please call (561) 686-6646 for details. Community service hours given.

Contact: To pre-register or for more information, please contact Penny at 561-239-2468.

Recipe: Easter Egg Brownies



Ingredients

4 squares BAKER'S Unsweetened Chocolate

3/4 cup (1.5 sticks) butter

2 cups sugar

3 eggs

1tspn vanilla

1 cup flour

1 cup chopped walnuts

Assorted decorating gels and candy.

Directions

Preheat oven to 350F. Line 13x9inch pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides. Grease foil; set aside. Microwave chocolate and butter in large microwaveable bowl on HIGH 2 min. or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Add sugar; mix well. Blend in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour and nuts until well blended; spread into prepared pan. **BAKE** 30 to 35 min. or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy crumbs. (Do not over bake.) Cool completely. **USE** foil handles to lift brownies from pan. Cut into egg shapes with 3-inch oval cookie cutter. Decorate with decorating gels and candies to resemble Easter eggs.

Makes 24 servings Source: Kraft Foods