



## Town of Shalimar

# *Tidbits*

Spring 2016

### NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

Hopefully, you are aware that we are updating all of our Code of Ordinances. Over a year ago, the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map were updated. Within the next couple of months, the Code of Ordinances, to include Land Development Codes and Zoning Map, will become law. All of these documents are and have been available on the Town's website. The Town Commission (especially me) would really appreciate any constructive input before this document is finally approved

Once again, there are no big issues in the Town of Shalimar. Yes, our electronic sign is out of order but we are working on getting it repaired.

Okay, I said this last month, but we truly are fortunate to live in the Town of Shalimar. Did you know that many of the Town's equipment items (golf cart, trailers, tractor, concrete mixer, tables and more) are available to Town residents to use for no charge? Please stop by Town Hall for all the details.

No, we do not live in a high crime area, but petty theft and vandalism can occur anywhere. Please help the Town Commission and our Police Officers by reporting to Town Staff or our Police Department ((850) 428-0148) anything which might detract from our goal of keeping everyone safe. Also, if you notice areas in Town which need more maintenance attention, even if they are private property, please let Town Staff or me know and we will attempt to quickly remedy the situation.

Gary Combs

### NOTES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town Maintenance Crew will be conducting work along neighborhoods streets and intersections so please be vigilant. Complaints continue about vehicles parking on the right -of-way. Review the following Ordinance: **Parking: No person who owns or is in possession of, in charge of, or in control of any lot, trac, or parcel of land shall park any vehicle, trailer, or any equipment of any type on any public sidewalk or cross over a public sidewalk to enter upon any public or private land except where a designated right of entry or deeded driveway exist. Parking on the right-of-way is prohibited except on private driveways unless there is a parking agreement with the town allowing such use. Temporary and intermittent use of public right-of-way for special event vehicle parking may be approved by the Town Chief of Police or Town Clerk.** The Police Department will issue parking warnings or tickets for this violation.

The Police Department continues to gather information from residents who wish to register their pets with the Department. We've had several incidents in which we have located a stray animal and were not able to locate the owner. Our current policy is to pick up the animal and bring it back to the Town Hall. We'll keep the animal at the Town Hall until all resources are used to locate the owner. By having your pet registered, the Officer will be able to get the animal back to the owner quickly. I strongly recommend that pet owners participate in the registry. You can register your animal by contacting the Department by email [jcash@shalimarflorida.org](mailto:jcash@shalimarflorida.org), call (850) 651-1115, or (850) 651-5723. Remember that your pet is required by Ordinance to wear a rabies tag and if your pet is off your property, the pet has to be on a lease.

The Police Department has a new non-emergency number to directly reach an officer. The number is **(850) 428-0148**. A new magnet will be delivered to each resident in the next few weeks. A Shalimar Police Officer will deliver the new magnet with important numbers that are commonly asked for. I suggest placing the magnet on your refrigerator.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Police Department; please do not hesitate to call Town Hall (651-5723) or the Police Department (651-1115). Refer to **(850) 428-0148** to speak to an officer directly.

## FLOOD AND HURRICANE INFORMATION

Check our website at [www.shalimarflorida.org](http://www.shalimarflorida.org) for updated flood information and links to State and County information.

Print out the Okaloosa County Disaster Evacuation Map and store copies in your vehicle and your Disaster Supply Kit.

### FEMA Flood Insurance Reminders

Residents can stop by the town hall and check out flood maps for specific flood zone determinations. Copies of elevation certificates for structures located in special flood zones should be on file at Town Hall and applications and instructions for elevation certification are also available.

## Spring Cleanup 2016!

Two dumpsters will be located in the Town for disposal of household items and yard waste - no household garbage please. One will be placed in the lot next to Town Hall and the other will be on the corner of Shalimar Drive and Erwin Fleet.

**DUMPSTERS WILL BE IN PLACE FROM APRIL 16 - APRIL 24**

**These dumpsters are NOT for Hazardous Materials (HazMat).**

There will be a pallet for HazMat somewhere near each dumpster designated as the HAZMAT DISPOSAL AREA. Please ONLY PUT HAZMAT IN/ON POSTED RECEPTACLE. If it is full, you may lay your item next to the HAZMAT DISPOSAL AREA, drop it off at Town Hall behind the green dumpster, or call us and someone will come pick it up. The Town pays approximately 700% more if HazMat is found in spring clean-up dumpsters.

### Hazardous Materials include:

smoke alarms	paint thinners	engine degreasers	fluorescent bulbs	pesticides	paint strippers
brake fluid	used oil filters	oil	furniture polish	anti-freeze	gas cylinder
solvents	tar	pool chemicals	explosives	gasoline	fire extinguishers
insecticides	flares	paint	batteries	ammo	TVs & ACs

## LOCALIZED FLOODING

If you are concerned about localized flooding on your property, please contact the Town Manager at 850-651-6925. The Town Manager can also visit your property and provide mitigation assistance based on many successful projects and also provide guidance from the Town's engineering firm – Poly-Engineering, Inc.

## NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides Standard Flood Insurance Policies (SFIPs) which are designed for properties lying within special flood zones (usually zones AE and VE on the Flood Rate Map). Those of you who may have one of these policies on property that is outside the special flood zones (in areas designated zone X -the old zone C) may well be eligible for what FEMA calls a Preferred Risk Policy (PRP). Premiums for a PRP policy are less than for the Standard Policy, and policies may now be changed anytime during a policy's term. In addition, there is a new V-Zone Risk Factor Rating Form that may provide maximum insurance discounts for properties that are built (or modified) according to best construction practices as outlined in the updated Coastal Construction Manual. Contact your flood insurance provider or Town Hall (850-651-5723) for information on the floodplain, historical flooding, or elevation certificates.

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