



Town of Shalimar

Tidbits

Fall 2016

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

Hurrah, there are no big issues in the Town of Shalimar. Yes, our electronic sign has been repaired. We just finished our first 2017 Budget Workshop and the Town continues to maintain a balanced budget with no increase in the 2.0 millage rate. The Town has zero debt and a healthy reserve in the bank which has allowed the Commission to pay cash for capital improvement projects, I just wish the County, State and Federal Government could function financially more like the Town of Shalimar

If you've been watching the news, you already know that South Florida has reported cases of mosquito-infected spread of the Zika virus. We do have a lot of mosquitoes, hopefully none of them with the virus, but it's everyone's responsibility to assist in limiting the birth of mosquitoes. Stagnant standing water is a fertile breeding ground for these pests, so do your part and make sure your property is clean of water catchers. With all the rain we have received in July, you should not have any problem isolating potential mosquito havens

We have a really safe neighborhood so don't forget to thank each of our policemen for keeping our Town safe. Please help the Town Commission and our Policemen ((850) 428-0148) by reporting to staff or our Police Department 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 staff or me know and we will attempt to quickly remedy the situation.

NOTES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A new school year has begun. Prepare for the neighborhood streets to be busy. Expect extra vehicle and pedestrian traffic. School zones will become active for the safety of the children. Remember traffic fine violations in these areas double during an active school zone. When you leave, Town please complete a house watch form so an officer can check your home and property. This can be done by going to www.shalimarflorida.org or stopping by Town Hall.

Please remember to abide by the "No Parking on Right-of-Way" Ordinance. An increase in this violation has been occurring. If you have guests and need to utilize the right-of-way, please contact Town Hall or the Police Department. The Police Department needs to approve this and, if we are not notified, a citation ***WILL*** be written.

With a rise of vehicle burglaries in the Okaloosa County areas, I advise residents to lock their vehicles. Keep valuables out of visible sight or remove any items from the vehicle that you deem valuable. The Sheriff's Office is being proactive to catch the culprits in the County areas. The Shalimar Police Department is conducting additional investigative patrols to prevent any burglaries within the Town limits. Report any suspicious activity to the Police. If something looks questionable, please report it to the Police Department.

The Police Department has been hand delivering new Town magnets, pamphlets regarding certain ordinances, and updating the list of residents in the case of emergencies. If you haven't received this information, please contact the Police Department or Town Hall.

The Police Department will continue to register pets with the Department. We've had several incidents where we have located a stray animal and have not been able to locate the owner. Our current policy is to pick the animal up and bring it back to the office. We'll keep the animal at the office until all resources are used to locate the owner. By registering your pet, the Department will be able to return the animal quickly. You can register your animal by contacting the Police Department by email jcash@shalimarflorida.org, call (850) 651-1115, or (850) 651-5723

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 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.

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 for additional details.

Reminder: Shalimar ordinances state that no person shall throw or place any debris in any drainage ditches, drainage easements, catch basins, or any part of the storm water management system. It is also illegal to dispose of any pollutants that may end up in any of these areas. These include yard trash, earthen fill, and all trash/litter. Please notify Town Hall if you observe any illegal dumping in our storm water drainage systems – *let's stay high and dry and help keep coastal waters clean!*

LOCALIZED FLOODING

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

*** Visit www.shalimarflorida.org for upcoming meeting agendas ***