



Town of Shalimar

Tidbits

Fall 2018

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

The **Good** is that the Town's property tax (millage) rate will not increase in FY2019 and most of our residents could see a decrease in overall property taxes. On the November 2018 ballot, voters will be asked to approve a referendum that would increase the homestead exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The average homeowner would see a property tax savings of about \$230. The **Bad** is this measure is a blow to all Florida cities and counties, whose services are largely funded by property taxes. State government, by contrast, is largely funded by sales taxes, while the federal government is funded by income taxes. If the referendum passes, chances are good you will see increases in property taxes, or, cuts in a variety of services and amenities, such as parks, libraries, community health centers, homeless programs, transportation projects and even public safety - schools are exempt from the proposed property tax cut. I personally predict voters will approve this extra exemption – thus the Town, and Okaloosa County and all other Florida municipalities will probably receive less property tax revenue as a result. The **Ugly** is the cost of maintaining existing services continually increases – so revenue sources must also increase. In Okaloosa County, the politicians hope to offset the decreased property tax revenue with a ½ cent sales tax measure. This local ½ cent sales tax measure will also be on the November 2018 ballot (another referendum - last on ballot). For big ticket items, the extra sales tax is limited to the first \$5K, so the extra tax on a new car would only be \$25. Reputable sources report that up to 40 percent of the proposed additional sales tax will be funded by tourists, while property tax is paid only by property owners. See the Town's web site for additional information - You be the judge of **how you want** to fund local government services.

Also on the **Ugly** side, people are abusing the Town Hall dumpsters. We are forced to add security cameras to the area, and those who abuse the site may be subject to large fines. If the dumpster is full or your items are too large to fit inside, you must not depose of these items around or inside this area. There are other methods to dispose of large items – I recommend you ask a Town employee for assistance if there are any questions regarding disposal of lots of waste or large items, and **see the info in this edition of Tidbits**. Large amounts of construction debris, couches, mattresses and/or appliances should never be deposited in Town Hall dumpsters.

In closing, if you see anything in your neighborhood which is suspect, please contact a Town Hall employee or elected official ASAP. Shalimar is truly special and we want to keep it that way!

NOTES FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall! As we all know, the new school year has started, which means the Police Department will increase their patrols around school areas and school properties. We hired a new part-time officer, Kerri Holloway. If you see her patrolling the neighborhoods, welcome her to the Department.

Please remember to abide by the "No Parking on Right-of-Way" Ordinance. 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 may be written. 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 428-0148 to speak to an officer directly.

*****As a reminder Daylight Savings Time ends November 4, 2018.*****

Town Hall Waste Collection - Shalimar Residents only - NO contractors.

The Shalimar Town Hall 8-Yard dumpster. NO Hazardous material. Do **NOT** overfill or put anything on the ground. Dumpster is emptied M-W-F. Please keep gates closed.

The Shalimar Town Hall recycle bin. **ONLY** the materials listed on the sign (same as recycle below). Do not overfill and nothing on ground. Town Maintenance Staff will take metal items for recycle. Recycle bin is emptied early on Thursdays.

The Shalimar Town Hall hazardous waste trailer. Located behind the dumpster enclosure. HAZMAT Only. Nothing leaking. Nothing on ground. Emptied when full on Thursdays.

*****Due to continued abuse, these facilities to be electronically surveilled.*****

Waste Management residential curbside pickup - normal services.

Household (green container) Pickup - Mondays and Thursdays.

Yard waste - Mondays. Yard waste includes grass, shrubbery cuttings or clippings, leaves, palm fronds, small trees, and branches. Leaves, grass clippings, etc., should be containerized and larger material should be stacked. Limbs should be no longer than 6 feet and a maximum of 4 inches in diameter, weighing no more than 50 pounds. Yard waste does not include material from tree services, clearing, or construction and demolition. Max of 4 cubic yards per pickup - larger amounts will only be picked up with additional fee - call 850-301-2822, **to be environmentally friendly**, use biodegradable yard trash bags or place yard waste into a separate garbage container (residents can buy at a local store) which will be picked up by WM.

Bulk (furniture, mattresses, bicycles, bulky items) - Mondays.

Recycle (small 18-gallon container) - Thursdays. No plastic bags or glass - only the following: plastic bottles and containers, food and beverage cans and cartons, paper, flattened cardboard.

Appliances (white goods) - Call for Saturday pickup. Fridges and AC's need "Freon removed" sticker. 850-301-2822

Other area information. (utility trailers available at Town Hall - no fee, sign waiver)

Rubble and Construction Debris

South Okaloosa County Transfer Station, 630 Transit Way, FWB, FL 32547 • (850) 244-7642

Takes everything except hazardous and yard waste. Treated lumber OK. M-F 6am-5pm, Sat 6am-noon. Fee, Residential garbage-\$2.97/100lbs. Construction debris-\$3.24/100 lbs.

Waste Tires

Waste tires can be disposed of FREE at the Okaloosa County Transfer Station, 630 Transit Way, FWB. This applies only to local households, not businesses. Tire sizes are limited to passenger car and light truck tires. Quantities limited - 5 tires per household/month.

Appliances (white Goods)

Appliances (white goods) collected FREE at the County Transfer Station, 630 Transit Way, FWB.

Used Oil

Used oil is collected FREE from local residents at the following locations; please call for collection times:

Okaloosa County Recycling Office (850) 689-5772 or 651-7394

Okaloosa County Environmental Services (850) 651-7394

Super Lube (850) 689-1455

Webb's Transmissions (850) 862-1824

Yard Waste

Wright Landfill - N. Beal Pkwy Extension. M-F 7am-3:30pm, Sat 7am-noon. No stumps, 16" diameter max, 6 ft. max length, no plastic bags, lumber-OK if NOT treated. Fee, \$45/ton, prorated if less.

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