



Town of Shalimar

Tidbits

Fall 2019

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

My wife and I have had the privilege of meeting many of you in the short time I have served as your Mayor. We have visited the town businesses as much as possible and we attended a reception at our wonderful town library. I am big on community and I hope you will see in time that I truly care about each one of you. At our May Commission meeting we were honored to award the Meigs Middle School AND the Shalimar Elementary Archery teams with Certificates of Achievement for winning the State Championship! I'm proud to say that Meigs Middle School received an A+ rating and has had this top rating for the past 18 years! I also want to congratulate Shalimar Elementary for earning the highest B possible in the state grading system with a 12% increase over last year! Way to go and let me just say that the Town of Shalimar is truly proud of all the staff, teachers, coaches and students.



So, we had our first budget workshop and the commission has tentatively agreed to keep the millage rate at 2.00%. There are several improvements that need to be made around town and repairs to our sidewalks will be a top priority. You will also be seeing improvements made to Meigs Park (pavers) and our town sign which needs a little attention. The commission has also tentatively agreed to install 40 new LED streetlights. The plan is to remove the existing HID lighting along Eglin Parkway from the base of the bridge to Richbourg Ave and install LED lighting. This will give us an additional 13 streetlights and will benefit us in the areas of safety, energy conservation and a more favorable business environment.

Some projects have already been completed this year thanks in part to the half-cent sales tax. We purchased a mobile radar roadside speed display which provides traffic data, new town hall conference chairs and a maintenance dump trailer. We also have two new Ford Explorer Police vehicles coming and we plan to repaint all roadway stripes (approx. 3 miles) which will also be funded by the half-cent sales tax. Lastly, please make sure to read town administrator Tom Burn's section where he addresses the ramifications of Ordinance 2019-04 on residential parking. Please remember that your commission works hard to protect your property values and keep the Town of Shalimar clean and beautiful. I continue to believe that we live in the best municipality in Okaloosa County!

Sincerely,
Mark Franks, Mayor
Town of Shalimar

NOTES FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall! The 2019-2020 School year has started. Children who want to ride their bicycle to school from sunset to sunrise need to be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a lamp and reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear. A bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap and that meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets.

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 3, 2019.*****

From the Administrator - New Parking Ordinance

After much deliberation, the Commission passed Ordinance 2019-04 (see below) at their July 9 meeting. Residents may continue to use their entire permitted driveways for parking if no portion of a vehicle extends into the roadway. Residents will be prohibited from parking in their front yards (forward of the front building set back) except on permitted driveways. As with overflow parking on rights-of way and streets, temporary overflow parking on unpermitted areas of front yards is allowed with prior notification to the Police Dept. (or Town Hall). If you need to expand your currently permitted parking area, please come by Town Hall and talk to me about new driveway requirements. **Parking warnings/tickets will begin this month to enforce this ordinance.**

General Ordinance Section

14.03.00 NO PARKING DISTRICT

A. Prohibition

Parking is hereby prohibited on all roadways and rights-of-way except on residential driveways, where authorized by written agreement approved by the Town Commission, or as part of an approved development. Temporary parking on rights-of-way may be authorized by the Shalimar Police Department for special events (routine visitor parking will not be classified as a special event).

B. Residential No Parking Areas

Parking (other than temporary) of any vehicle on residential areas forward of the front building setback line, and not on a part of a permitted parking area, is prohibited. Owners seeking parking areas in addition to those previously permitted must submit a request for additional parking areas according to procedures prescribed in the Town of Shalimar Land Development Code. This prohibition does not extend to temporary parking of up to 72 hours when approved by the Shalimar Police Department.

C. Penalty for Violation

Violation of this section may be punishable as follows:

1. 1st offense – \$25 fine;
2. 2nd offense – \$100 fine;
3. Subsequent offenses – \$250 fine.

D. Civil penalties

Any person who claims ownership or responsibility for a vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be subject to the civil penalties of this section.

E. Impounding of Vehicles

The Town Police Department is authorized to remove any automobile or vehicle parked in violation of this section at the owner's expense.

FLOOD INFORMATION

Check our website at www.shalimarflorida.org for updated flood information and links to State and County information. Be sure to print out the Okaloosa County Disaster Evacuation Map and store copies in your vehicle and Disaster Supply Kit.

LOCALIZED FLOODING

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

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