



Town of Shalimar

Tidbits

Fall 2020

NOTES FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Hope everyone is finally drying out after our recent rain/bay event. 25 inches in a little over 24 hours, with no surface water in structures, is a testament to the Town and County's efforts at managing stormwater. Unfortunately, many docks were lost. If you rebuild *to the same dimensions*, no permit is required. Please be cautious about damage to dock electrical systems – replacement of these systems requires a licensed electrician and a permit.

Fiscal year 2020 is ending and the budget for 2021 is set. Thanks to prudent decisions by your Town Commissioners and Mayor, your property tax rate has been reduced by 10% for FY 2021. Capital projects accomplished during 2020 include a Town Hall IT security evaluation and system security upgrades, repair of 49 sidewalk trip hazards, LED upgrade to the street lighting on Eglin Pkwy to include 16 additional lights, and replacement of the Maintenance Department's truck and zero turn mower. Plans for 2021 include additional sidewalk work, renewal of the stormwater pond on Shalimar Dr., and an engineering study of flood mitigation on the low area of Shalimar Dr. Smaller projects include completion of a small children's play area on Brande Ct., refurbishments in Combs Park, and replacement of the fencing in Meigs Park. The Commission also continues to support manning/equipping our Police Department and has added a third position in the Maintenance Department – say hi to new to new hire Tommy Bolin.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the hard work and cooperation of your volunteer neighbors serving as Commissioners and Mayor. They have been troopers during the Covid crises and real supporters of the Town Staff. They contribute daily to the successful government of our Town and deserve a hearty thank-you if you get the chance. Your Planning and Zoning Board is also 100% volunteer and have had to tackle some recent thorny problems. Their support deserves your thanks as well.

It has been a tough year, and I know we are all looking forward to a successful election, the calming of tensions, and strides toward health, peace, and prosperity for all. I think we should all be so proud and thankful to live in "the best small town" in Florida and the most exceptional country on earth.

Yours in service,

Tom Burns, Town Administrator

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NOTES FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall! Shalimar Police Department has hired a new police officer. Phillip Gander was sworn in 1 September and is currently patrolling nights. Officer Gander grew up locally, attending elementary, middle, and high school in Okaloosa County. Officer Gander has a wife and 3 kids (all boys). Officer Gander was an employee for Okaloosa County School District, assigned to Meigs Middle School the past 10 years where he assisted with intellectual and behavior students. Officer Gander holds certifications as a Law Enforcement Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, first responder, first aid/CPR, FEMA emergency response management, and countless hours of behavioral training. Officer Gander has committed to stay with our Shalimar Police Department for the long-term. Officer Gander's personality makes him a great asset to our community policing style of law enforcement. If you see Officer Gander patrolling the neighborhoods, welcome him to the Department.



*****As a reminder Daylight Savings Time ends November 1, 2020.*****

From the Administrator - New Parking Ordinance

After much deliberation, the Commission passed Ordinance 2019-04 at their July 9, 2019 meeting. This Ordinance was changed in December by Ordinance 2020-03 (see below) to permit one passenger vehicle adjacent to a driveway (HOA rules may apply). Crossing sidewalks or other portions of the right-of-way to use the adjacent parking is prohibited (must use driveway). Temporary overflow parking on unpermitted areas of front yards is also 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 tickets will be issued.**

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, except that one passenger vehicle may park in a non-permitted area in a front yard if immediately adjacent and parallel to an existing driveway and that such a vehicle must use a permitted road entry point to access such parking. 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

1. Violation of paragraph A. of this section may be punishable as follows:

- a. 1st offense – \$25 fine;
- b. 2nd offense – \$100 fine;
- c. Subsequent offenses – \$250 fine

2. Violation of paragraph B. of this section may be prosecuted as a public nuisance according to General Ordinance Section 1.01.07 General Penalty and Chapter 6 Environment and Public Nuisances.

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 at the Owner's expense, any automobile or vehicle parked in violation of paragraph A. of this section or, by property owner's consent.

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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