



Town of Shalimar

Tidbits

Spring 2017

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

Once again, there are no big issues in the Town of Shalimar. Fortunately, we have great Commissioners who recently qualified to run for 2-4 years longer on the Commission. We have another 5 great volunteers who manage the Town's Planning and Zoning Board. The Town's independent auditors just reported that Shalimar is maybe the most fiscally conservative municipality that they audit and, I believe, in the Panhandle. The Commission has tirelessly worked to make sure the Town had zero debt for many years and this continues.

Our electronic marquee sign has been in and out of order, but currently its working fine. Please note that the marquee is available to all residents, by simply completing the marquee form online or come by and see us at the Town Hall. In January, we upgraded our Town Hall's WI-FI system, so if you are having an event in our conference room, please ask the administrative office for the password.

Okay, I have said in several of these newsletters; we are truly 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, chairs and more) are available to Town residents to use for no charge? Please stop by Town Hall for all the details.

You may have noticed some new faces in the Town. Jessica Varner was recently hired as a Deputy Clerk and Officer Carlos Jones was hired as a part-time Police Officer. In January, we lost a Police Officer to the Fort Walton Beach Police Department. Another one of our full-time guys will soon be returning from a military assignment. So, if the Police Department looks under-manned, well right now, it is.

The good news, 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 Department by reporting to them 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 the staff or me know and we will attempt to quickly remedy the situation.

NOTES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Happy Spring, everyone! I have been working along with the Police Commissioner and Mayor on obtaining accreditation for the Police Department. Achieving this goal increases our agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of Law Enforcement Services to our residents. Our philosophy of community policing is part of the accreditation commitment. The partnership with the citizens will help all to better understand the challenges we face. A common set of goals, objectives, and directives will be implemented. The standard of directives will show the citizens that officers are abiding by the most professional policies that are monitored and documented for control. If certified with accreditation status, our Department will be the smallest in the State to achieve this goal.

We have hired a new part-time officer, Carlos Jones. If you see him patrolling the neighborhoods, welcome him to the Department. Jones has previous law enforcement experience in Alabama and Niceville.

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.

***** Sunday, March 12 -- Daylight saving time will start at 2:00 AM *****

SPRING CLEANUP 2017!

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 14 - APRIL 23.

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 and pick it up. The Town pays approx. 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

Please refer Hazardous Materials questions to Waste Management at (850) 862-7141.

Reminder: In Shalimar **Golf Carts are allowed** - please be a responsible driver.

Ordinance Sec. 14.04.00. – Use of Golf Carts on Public Town Roads and Streets.

(a) Golf carts operating on Shalimar streets in daylight (official sunrise to official sunset) must have:

(1) Efficient brakes, reliable steering, safe tires, rear view mirror, reflectorized warning devices in front and rear.

(2) Golf cart operators must be able to produce current proof of golf cart liability insurance covering liability for personal injury and property damage (required minimum insurance coverage amounts are the same as for other motor vehicles registered in FL). Homeowner policies may provide this coverage in some instances; otherwise, specific golf cart policies are available. Keep proof of insurance with the golf cart.

(b) Additional equipment required for nighttime operation include:

(1) Headlights and taillights, brake lights, turn signals, windshield.

(2) Daylight operation of a golf cart on Shalimar streets is restricted to persons 16 years of age or older. Nighttime operation is restricted to licensed drivers only.

Reminder: Golf carts may only be operated on streets or other areas designated for motor vehicle operation/parking. Operation is specifically prohibited on sidewalks, bike paths, or other areas not designated for motor vehicle use.

Golf carts are subject to all Florida "Uniform Traffic Control" vehicle laws and may be ticketed for failure to observe these laws.

If you have questions on the new ordinance or golf cart operations, contact the Shalimar Police Department or Town Hall. Please use your golf cart safely!

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!*

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