



Town of Shalimar

Tidbits

Spring 2018

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

Did you know that property values in the Town of Shalimar are significantly higher than the surrounding unincorporated Okaloosa County? I would have to attribute this factor to several benefits of living in Shalimar. First, we have two full-time maintenance persons who have multiple skills. The Town has its own well trained, highly equipped police force and we have one of the most current code of ordinances in all of Okaloosa County. The Commission seeks to equitably enforce our code of ordinances to maintain property values. The Town Commission is currently entertaining ordinance updates which will require residents to maintain a hard surface for all visible permanent parking areas. For redevelopment, the calculation of parking space requirements is being discussed. Additionally, the Commission continues to grapple with residents blocking sidewalks which are inside the Town right-of-way, even in an approved driveway.

By the time you read this article, the Town will have installed two new speed humps on Gardner Drive. There are three exits onto Eglin Parkway in the south portion of the Town. Gardner Drive is the only one without a traffic light and it gets a lot of through traffic. There are other roads in Town which have speeding problems, and the solution may be more traffic calming devices like these new speed humps. Speaking of the south side of Shalimar, in January the Okaloosa Gas Company began replacing old gas lines on Gardner Drive, Old Ferry, Cherokee Road, and Clifford Drive. The plan is to bore the new pipes, so hopefully, no road or property damage will occur. Within this calendar year, the Town Hall parking lot portions now hardened with aggregate (rock) will be surfaced with asphalt to include improvements to storm water retention. This capital improvement has been a long term project, and finally, it made the FY18 budget approval. Even though crime in Shalimar is lower than any of the surrounding areas, it still occurs. Whether it is an internet scam, juvenile mischief, damage to your property or worse, please notify the Town police department ASAP. For an emergency always call 911.

NOTES FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

I hope all had a blessed and joyful holiday season. Over the holiday season, all Officers and some Town staff received certification for the administration of Narcan and recertification in the use of the Defibrillator. Our Officers are now equipped with both Narcan and Defibrillators.

The Mayor mentioned that the Town has acquired movable speed humps to deter speeders on our neighborhood streets. The speed humps were acquired through part of a Law Enforcement Safety Grant. The Police Department continues to work towards state accreditation. Electronic reporting and record keeping are being implemented for efficiency in the Shalimar Police Department. This goal has the support of the Town Commission. Each officer has a welcome package for new residents. If you are or know of a new resident that hasn't received a welcome package, please contact Town Hall or the Police Department.

If you see, suspect, or have questions in regards to suspicious activity contact the Police Department or Town Hall. Please contact us with any concerns, complaints, or suggestions. Myself or any officer will be happy to attend any HOA or other neighborhood meetings to address any questions.

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 11 -- Daylight saving time will start at 2:00 AM*****

SPRING CLEANUP 2018!

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 13 - APRIL 22.

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 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.

Please visit The Town of Shalimar's website www.ShalimarFlorida.org. There is information under the tab "FAQ" it's a section that answers frequently asked questions that Town residents may have.

For Example:

- Will the Police Department watch my house while I'm on vacation?
- What is the garbage schedule and how do I report any problems?
- What services does the Town provide?

LOCALIZED FLOODING

If you are concerned about localized flooding on your property, please contact the Town Administrator at 850-651-5723. The Town Administrator can also visit your property and provide mitigation assistance based on many successful projects and also provide guidance from the Town's engineering firm – Poly-Engineering, Inc.

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 (850-651-5723) for information on the floodplain, historical flooding, or elevation certificates.

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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