



# Town of Shalimar

## Tidbits

Spring 2021

### NOTES FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Traffic concerns have increased. The police department is taking a proactive approach by deploying traffic calming devices. LED stop signs will be placed on certain streets to increase visibility to drivers. Pedestrian safety is a top priority. The police department will have zero tolerance for traffic violations. Driving over a sidewalk to enter a yard is becoming another safety concern. This violates FSS 316.1945. No vehicle shall stop, stand, or park on a sidewalk unless directed by law enforcement. The police department will have zero tolerance when an officer observes a vehicle in violation.

Spring break is approaching. Please obey all traffic laws, secure your vehicles, and do not leave items in plain view while vehicle is unattended. Theft is high during this time period so these few simple steps will help prevent burglaries and theft.

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).

- Keep your car doors locked at all times.
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended.
- Do not leave your car running.
- Double check your vehicles alarm
- Keep windows rolled up.
- Park in a high lit area or high patrol area.

**\*\*\*Sunday, March 14 -- Daylight saving time will start at 2:00 AM\*\*\***

### SPRING CLEANUP 2021!

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 16 - APRIL 26.***

#### **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:**

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|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 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](http://www.ShalimarFlorida.org). There is information under the tab "FAQ" with answers to 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 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.

**\*\*\*NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS BECOME AFFECTIVE MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>\*\*\*  
PLEASE DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS TO TOWN ADMINISTATOR TOM BURNS**

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!*

\*\*\*Visit [www.ShalimarFlorida.org](http://www.ShalimarFlorida.org) for upcoming meeting information\*\*\*