



Town of Shalimar

Tidbits

Summer 2016

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Yup, the Shalimar Town Manager is no more. As of March 8 and the approval of our new Code of Ordinances, I'm now the Town Administrator. While the new Code has many changes that really matter, my title change isn't one of them. The new code was a culmination of several years of effort by our volunteer Planning and Zoning Board, our volunteer elected Commissioners, and especially our volunteer Mayor, Gary Combs. These dedicated friends and neighbors reflect the best of small town democracy and home rule government - I'd like to remind everyone of who they are. Our P&Z Board Chairman is John Henderson and his fellow Board Member are Ray Morgan, Mickey Clements, Rebecca Daniels, and Cleo Battle. Your current Commissioners are Ricardo Garcia, Jim Wilton, Brad Gable, and Kevin Grohoske. My personal thank you goes out to each of them.

Speaking of these folks, as I write this, they are in the middle of the process for approving a new home for the Shalimar Library and Thrift Shop. The all-volunteer *Friends of the Shalimar Library* recently lost their long-time lease on the outskirts of our Town boundary and will be constructing a new building on Richbourg Avenue across from the hotel parking lot. As the lot is owned by our Town (you), the Library will be leasing the location from the Town and the building will revert to the Town at the end of the 20-year lease. This should be a win-win for all. They get a new home, our community gets a Library, and the Town gets more revenue than another commercial business would have paid in taxes.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. Don't hesitate to call me, Chief Cash, or anyone on the staff if there is something we can help you with – it really is *Paradise* when we take care of each other. I'm proud to be working for the best small town anywhere.... Tom Burns

NOTES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The school year is ending June 4, 2016 and residents will be going out of Town and others will have out-of-state visitors. When you leave Town please complete a house watch form so an officer can help keep your home and property safe. This can be done by going to www.shalimarflorida.org or stopping by Town Hall to complete the form.

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.

The Police Department has been hand-delivering new Town magnets, pamphlets regarding certain Ordinances, and updating the list of residents in the case of an emergency. If you haven't received this information, please contact the Police Department or Town Hall.

The Police Department will continue to register pets with the Department. We've had several incidents where we have located a stray animal and were not able to locate the owner. Our current policy is to pick the animal up and bring the animal back to the office. We'll keep the animal at the office until all resources are used to locate the owner. By registering your pet, the officer will be able to return the animal back to the owner quickly. You can register your animal by contacting the Department by email jcash@shalimarflorida.org, call (850) 651-1115, or (850) 651-5723.

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 **(850) 428-0148** to speak to an officer directly.

FLOOD AND HURRICANE INFORMATION

Check our website at www.shalimarflorida.org for updated flood information and links to State and County information.

Print out the Okaloosa County Disaster Evacuation Map and store copies in your vehicle and your Disaster Supply Kit.

FEMA Flood Insurance Reminders

Residents can stop by the town hall and check out flood maps for specific flood zone determinations. Copies of elevation certificates for structures located in special flood zones should be on file at Town Hall and applications and instructions for elevation certification are also available.

The Emergency Broadcast System stations in Okaloosa County are: AM 1260, AM 1050, FM 105.5, FM 104.7, and FM 99.5. Listen to one of these stations during a hurricane alert for important information.

Familiarize yourself with evacuation directions at www.co.okaloosa.fl.us any time there is a tropical system in the Gulf of Mexico or off the Atlantic coast of Florida. Compare the directions to a road map, and trace your route to shelters or to a point outside this area. Keep your vehicle's fuel tank topped off, and get some extra cash from the bank. Make sure you have enough prescription medications to last at least a week without refill. Hotels in Alabama fill up fast during an evacuation. Leave early to beat the traffic jams and to increase your chance of finding a hotel. Shelters do not allow pets, but many hotels will allow small pets in the room.

Shelter Locations: (Please note that this is just a convenient name for Evacuation Centers. Okaloosa County cannot guarantee any particular level of safety at a shelter. They are selected because they are outside of hurricane surge zones and are of generally sturdy construction.)

The public should listen for public announcements as to shelter openings and times.

Antioch Elementary School*
4700 Whitehurst Lane
Crestview, FL

Riverside Elementary - 2415 spaces
3400 Redstone Avenue
Crestview, FL 32536

Davidson Middle School**
6261 Old Bethel Road
Crestview, FL

Kenwood Elementary -School
15 NE Eagle ST
Fort Walton Beach, FL

Baker School
1369 14th Street
Baker, FL

Shoal River Middle School - 1980 spaces
3200 Redstone Avenue
Crestview, FL 32536

Crestview High School
Building 11
1304 N Ferdon Blvd
Crestview, FL

Laurel Hill School Bldg. 8
8078 4th Street
Laurel Hill, FL

Northwest Florida State College – Raider Stadium*

90 College Blvd E

***Pet Friendly**

****Special needs / pets**

Note: pets are not kept with populace

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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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