



## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

I am very pleased to announce the redesign of the Town's website ([www.shalimarflorida.org](http://www.shalimarflorida.org)) and the publication of a new Facebook page ([Town of Shalimar](https://www.facebook.com/TownofShalimar)). Both of these electronic media sites are maintained internally by the Town's Administrative section. Most meeting records and documents can be found on our website, while photos and temporary announcements will be posted to our Facebook page. Please rate our Facebook page, "Like" us and become a follower to keep up with any new unofficial developments around the Town. If you have any Town of Shalimar-specific photos that you would like us to post, email them to me at [mayer@shalimarflorida.org](mailto:mayer@shalimarflorida.org) or to the Town Hall at [clerk@shalimarflorida.org](mailto:clerk@shalimarflorida.org).

Another update to Town Administration is that we will be accepting credit cards for payments to the Town. A small convenience fee will be included in all credit card transactions.

The Maintenance Department will soon be enclosing the dumpsters inside a fence. Please do not deposit any large furniture items (like couches or mattresses) or large construction debris (long lumber, framing sections or old drywall sheets) in our dumpster. Machinery, metal and hazardous waste should be placed on the designated utility trailer near the dumpsters. Machinery and large items can be placed outside the enclosure and near the trailer.

An ongoing issue in the Town is illegal and/or unapproved parking on Town property. Recently, a resident's personal vehicle was towed after being warned that overnight, prolonged parking of personal vehicles on Town property (to include street/road rights-of-way) must be approved. In most instances, the Town Administrator or Chief of Police can resolve short-term parking issues, but please expect to receive a parking ticket or have your vehicle towed if you do not gain approval. If you have a parking problem to report in your neighborhood, please let us know.

## NOTES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

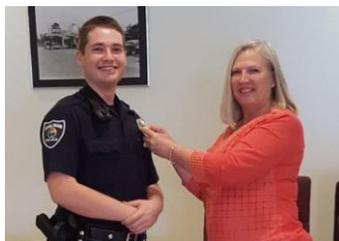
Hello Summer, Goodbye Spring! The Police Department is diligently working on documenting various internal policies. Our Commission has passed 85 new Police Department Directives and acquired new software for electronic management of the directives and training. Through grants, we have also purchased medical/first aid bags for a mass tragedy. All officers will be receiving training to administer additional first aid to better serve our residents.

You may see new hangtags placed on your doorknobs to inform you that an officer has responded to a call when no one was home (one example might be an open garage door). This is a policy that will move the Police Department towards State Accreditation.

The Department has hired two new part-time officers, Carlos Jones and Christian Bigner. If you notice them on patrol, please welcome them to the Town. Contact the Town of Shalimar or visit our website at [www.shalimarflorida.org](http://www.shalimarflorida.org) to complete a house watch form.



Shalimar's newest officer, Christian Bigner, being sworn in by Chief Cash



Christian's mom pinning on his badge



Commissioner Wilton, Patrolman Bigner, Chief Cash, and Officer Jones

## FLOOD AND HURRICANE INFORMATION

Check our website at [www.shalimarflorida.org](http://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 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 the 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 and after a hurricane for important information.

Familiarize yourself with evacuation directions at [www.co.okaloosa.fl.us](http://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 one week without refill. Leave early to beat the traffic jams and to increase your chance of finding a hotel. Some 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

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

**Laurel Hill School**  
Building 8  
8078 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Laurel Hill, FL

**Northwest Florida State College – Raider Stadium\***  
90 College Blvd. East  
Niceville, FL

**Crestview High School**  
Building 11  
1304 North Ferdon Blvd.  
Crestview, FL

**Baker School**  
1369 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baker, FL

**Shoal River Middle School – 1980 spaces**  
3200 Redstone Avenue  
Crestview, FL

**Kenwood Elementary School**  
15 NE Eagle Street  
Fort Walton Beach, FL

\*Pet Friendly

\*\*Special needs/pets (Note: pets are not kept with populace)

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 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 for additional details.

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) or find us on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/shalimarflorida)\*\*\*

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.