



## Town of Shalimar

# *Tidbits*

Summer 2020

### NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

Well, I think you would agree that it has been a tough three months. These unprecedented times have left us questioning many aspects of our lives as we have known it. In March, the commission passed a resolution declaring the Town of Shalimar in a state of emergency. As Mayor, I have been encouraging you to support our local businesses as much as possible, keeping our dollars circulating where we live. Many local restaurants offered carry-out while doing their very best to minimize social interaction. They have worked hard and thought outside the box in order to keep their doors open and support the citizens of Shalimar. I am proud to say that you responded to their offer by showing YOUR support because you understood this was the time to unite as a community. I truly thank you.



The town has still been moving forward through all of this, and I am excited to say that our Gulf Power conversion is complete. We now have LED lighting along Eglin Parkway from the base of the bridge to Richbourg Avenue. This conversion provides an additional 13 streetlights and will benefit us in the areas of safety, energy conservation and a more favorable business environment. I have already heard from several business owners saying how much they appreciate the additional (brighter) lights.

Also, your town maintenance team has been busy making improvements to the Meigs Park dock and sign. They have also been clearing out Shalimar Drive Pond which looks so much better! On the south side of town, we have had continual problems with speeders on Gardner Drive, so a new speed bump has been installed. I recently drove around town with Town Administrator Tom Burns to look for areas that could use some TLC. If you see an area that could use some beautification or maintenance attention, please let staff or me know.

Lastly, the 24-hour news and social media reminds us that we unfortunately live in a dangerous world. Please help the Town Commission and our Police Officers by reporting to staff or our Police anything which might detract from our goal of keeping everyone safe.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Stay safe, remain informed, continue to look out for each other with compassion and love, and support our local businesses. United we stand.

Mark Franks

Mayor, Town of Shalimar

### NOTES FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

#### Question's about waste removal?

The Shalimar Town Hall 8-Yard dumpster. NO Hazardous material. Do **NOT** overfill or put anything on the ground. Dumpster is emptied M-W-F. Please keep gates closed.

The Shalimar Town Hall recycle bin. **ONLY** the materials listed on the sign (same as recycle below). Do not overfill and nothing on ground. Town Maintenance Staff will take metal items for recycle. Recycle bin is emptied early on Thursdays.

The Shalimar Town Hall hazardous waste trailer. Located behind the dumpster enclosure. HAZMAT Only. Nothing leaking. Nothing on ground. Emptied when full on Thursdays.

**\*\*\*Due to continued abuse, these facilities to be electronically surveilled.\*\*\***

## **Waste Management residential curbside pickup - normal services.**

**Household** (green container) Pickup - Mondays and Thursdays.

**Yard waste** - Mondays. Yard waste includes grass, shrubbery cuttings or clippings, leaves, palm fronds, small trees, and branches. Leaves, grass clippings, etc., should be containerized and larger material should be stacked. Limbs should be no longer than 6 feet and a maximum of 4 inches in diameter, weighing no more than 50 pounds. Yard waste does not include material from tree services, clearing, or construction and demolition. Max of 4 cubic yards per pickup - larger amounts will only be picked up with additional fee - call 850-301-2822, **to be environmentally friendly**, use biodegradable yard trash bags or place yard waste into a separate garbage container (residents can buy at a local store) which will be picked up by WM.

**Bulk (furniture, mattresses, bicycles, bulky items)** - Mondays.

**Recycle (small 18-gallon container)** - Thursdays. No plastic bags or glass - only the following: plastic bottles and containers, food and beverage cans and cartons, paper, flattened cardboard.

**Appliances (white goods)** - Call for Saturday pickup. Fridges and AC's need "Freon removed" sticker. 850-301-2822

## **Other area information. (utility trailers available at Town Hall - no fee, sign waiver)**

### **Rubble and Construction Debris**

South Okaloosa County Transfer Station, 630 Transit Way, FWB, FL 32547 • (850) 244-7642

Takes everything except hazardous and yard waste. Treated lumber OK. M-F 6am-5pm, Sat 6am-noon. Fee, Residential garbage-\$2.97/100lbs. Construction debris-\$3.24/100 lbs.

### **Waste Tires**

Waste tires can be disposed of FREE at the Okaloosa County Transfer Station, 630 Transit Way, FWB. This applies only to local households, not businesses. Tire sizes are limited to passenger car and light truck tires. Quantities limited - 5 tires per household/month.

### **Appliances (white Goods)**

Appliances (white goods) collected FREE at the County Transfer Station, 630 Transit Way, FWB.

### **Used Oil**

Used oil is collected FREE from local residents at the following locations; please call for collection times:

Okaloosa County Recycling Office (850) 689-5772 or 651-7394

Okaloosa County Environmental Services (850) 651-7394

Super Lube (850) 689-1455

Webb's Transmissions (850) 862-1824

### **Yard Waste**

Wright Landfill - N. Beal Pkwy Extension. M-F 7am-3:30pm, Sat 7am-noon. No stumps, 16" diameter max, 6 ft. max length, no plastic bags, lumber-OK if NOT treated. Fee, \$45/ton, prorated if less.

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## **Questions about parking in your yard?**

General Ordinances of Shalimar, Section 14.03.00,

B. Residential No Parking Areas

Parking (other than temporary) of any vehicle on residential areas forward of the front building setback line, and not on a part of a permitted parking area, is prohibited, except that one passenger vehicle may park in a non-permitted area in a front yard if immediately adjacent and parallel to an existing driveway and that such a vehicle must use a permitted road entry point to access such parking. Owners seeking parking areas in addition to those previously permitted must submit a request for additional parking areas according to procedures prescribed in the Town of Shalimar Land Development Code. This prohibition does not extend to temporary parking of up to 72 hours when approved by the Shalimar Police Department.

See info on next page.

**So, what do you need to do to be in compliance with this law? (HOA rules may supersede)**

1. Ensure all vehicles at your residence are parked on previously permitted parking areas at all times. These areas usually include your driveway and any driveway enhancements that you may have permitted and constructed since your residence was built. Prohibitions on parking on streets and rights-of-way will continue to be enforced (unless overflow for a special event is coordinated with the Police Department).

Or,

2. Increase your parking area by adding permitted enhancements built of concrete or paver stone. Other construction methods may be approved by a "no fee" application to be approved by the Shalimar Planning and Zoning Board. If you are leasing your residence, please contact your property owner about this issue.

Or,

3. Ensure that temporary parking of any vehicle (up to 72 hours) in your front yard (areas not previously approved), are coordinated via prior notification to the Shalimar Police Department or Town Hall, as per the ordinance.

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**Tree removal process changes.**

**All trees in Shalimar greater than 8 inch in trunk diameter require a permit or documentation as listed below.** Due to a recent change to a Florida statute on tree protection, Certified Arborists and Landscaping Architects may now classify trees as dangerous. Trees so designated may be removed without a Town permit (see requirements below). **The Town Administrator may still permit tree removal in the following cases:**

- Safety hazard. Necessity to remove trees that pose a safety hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic or threaten to cause a disruption of public services, or that pose a safety hazard to person or buildings;
- Diseased or weakened trees. Necessity to remove diseased trees, or trees weakened by age, storm, fire or other injury;
- Good forestry practices. Necessity to observe good forestry practices;
- Necessity to remove trees in order to construct improvements;
- Necessity for compliance with other Town codes, e.g., building regulations, health provisions, zoning regulations, etc.

**In lieu of A Town Permit, the following documentation may be submitted to Town Hall** (according to Florida Statute):

1. Written and signed **statement** from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree to be removed presents a danger to persons or property.
  2. Written **documentation of the above cited credentials** of the arborist or landscape architect providing the above dangerous tree statement.
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## 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. Be sure to 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.myokaloosa.com](http://www.myokaloosa.com) 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\*\*\***

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.