



## Town of Shalimar

# *Tidbits*

Winter 2015

### **NOTES FROM THE MAYOR**

For the first time since I can remember, there are no big issues in the Town of Shalimar. The weather is great. All of our past code enforcement issues have been resolved – and we don't have any significant complaints. We just sponsored a housing bond issue which will net us a capital investment contingency fund for 2016. Our budget has been finalized even without this new income and, I am happy to report, no increase in property taxes.

In November, I hope to have a final draft of the Town's revised Code of Ordinances. Hopefully, I can report that the document is in ordinance form by the next edition of this newsletter. The Town Commission is committed to simplifying the code and I think it's going to be a model for other Florida cities.

Okay, I have said this before, but we are fortunate to live in the Town of Shalimar. We have great employees who really care about the Town. If you have some spare time, stop by Town Hall, and just say, "Thank you!" to everyone. While in the office, look around, the facility is available for events on a first come, first served basis.

Recent events remind us that bad people are everywhere. Please help the Town Commission and our Police Officer's by reporting to staff or our Police anything which might detract from our goal of keeping everyone safe. Also, if you notice areas in Town which need more maintenance attention, even if they are private property, please let staff or me know and we will attempt to quickly remedy the situation.

Have a wonderful holiday season,  
Gary

### **NOTES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Holiday Season is approaching. Many residents will be traveling out of town to visit family. Some will have family visiting our wonderful town. A few tips for those traveling: Contact the Police Department, Town Hall, or visit our website to complete a house watch form. An officer will conduct a security check of the residence and or business. A few tips for those coming to visit our wonderful town: You will probably have more vehicles than you have room for in your driveway. Call the Police Department, Town Hall, or email us via our website. Inform us that you may require that a vehicle park on the right-of-way. We will allow this parking for those who call. If an officer locates a vehicle that is not on our list of those who called, the owner will face a warning, then a fine of \$25.00. We require notice for vehicles needing to park on the right-of-way so we can alert emergency personnel of possible barriers when responded to a call on a neighborhood street. While shopping, be vigilant to your surroundings. Secure your vehicle and place valuables in areas of the vehicle that aren't in clear view. Limit debit or credit card use to avoid compromise of those cards. Utilizing cash will help to not become a victim of fraud.

The State of Florida and law enforcement within the State conduct extra patrols to combat DUIs and other violations of the Florida State Statutes. If you consume too many alcoholic beverages, please call a taxi service, have a designated driver, or contact the non-emergency number (225-1272) to have an officer assist you with arriving home safely.

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 225-1272 to speak to an officer directly.

## 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 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.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are going to have the Christmas Party and Parade on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 rather than on the Tuesday of the Town Commission meeting. The parade will start at 5:30 at the Town Hall and the potluck dinner will be immediately after the parade. Please contact Sheila at the Town Hall (850-651-5723) to let her know what you plan to bring for the potluck dinner.

## REMINDER OF SHALIMAR'S LEASH LAW - PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER.

Ordinance Sec. 10-82. - Restraint and confinement to property.

**(a) Restraints on owner's or custodian's property.** Owners and custodians of dogs and cats will exercise diligence and reasonable care to prevent their animals from leaving their premises. Restraint exists when the animal is:

- (1) Enclosed within a house, building, fence, pen or other enclosure where the animal cannot climb, dig, jump or otherwise escape. Such enclosure must be securely fastened any time the animal is left unattended.
- (2) On a leash held by a competent person.
- (3) Off a leash but under voice control and obedient to such person's commands and such person is present with the animal at all times.

**(b) Restraint while off owner's or custodian's property.** Owners and custodians of dogs and cats will exercise diligence and reasonable care to keep their animals under restraint while off the owner's or custodian's premises. The only acceptable methods of restraint are:

- (1) Inside a vehicle, parked or in motion.
- (2) Confined within a secure enclosure with permission of the occupant of the property where the animal is temporarily located.
- (3) **On a leash held by a competent person.**
- (4) In a securely fastened cage or animal carrier with adequate ventilation and room for the animal.

## FREE AIR!

**The Town's compressed air station is now open for filling tires, tubes, or footballs. Drive-up station is behind the Town Hall on the middle post of the open maintenance bay. Assorted nozzles and tire gauge are in the box.**

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