

Okaloosa County News Release

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Volunteers Sought for Okaloosa Co. Trade Industry Boards *Parks Advisory Board Members Sought for District 1, 2, 3*

Okaloosa County's Department of Growth Management is seeking volunteers to serve as consumer representatives on trade industry boards. Vacancies are as follows:

- 2 Electrical
- 1 Plumbing

Consumer representatives must be an Okaloosa County resident, and board representatives must have no involvement in that particular industry. Typically, boards meet once a month in the Okaloosa County Administration Building in Shalimar; however, meetings are dependent on applications. **If you are interested in volunteering for one of these trade industry boards or for more information, contact Renee Lucas at 651-7526.**

The trade industry boards review qualifications for competency cards, hear complaints, and consider disciplinary action against license holders. The positions are designed to give consumers a voice on issues related to those trades, have been in existence for nine years, and trade industry boards are required by local ordinance.

The Okaloosa County Park Advisory Committee (PAC) is seeking a volunteers to serve on the committee for District 1, 2 and 3. The Parks Advisory Committee members meet once a month, unless a special meeting is scheduled, and rotate locations between north and south Okaloosa County. **Interested citizens should contact Sheri Whitman or Amy Allen at 689-5790.** For a list and directions to all Okaloosa County parks, visit www.okaloosaf.com.

Requirements and details are below:

- Members serve a three-year term.
- Member required must be a resident of one of the county's five commissioner districts.
- Parks Advisory Committee is comprised of seven citizens, five coming from the unincorporated areas and two at large, from incorporated and / or unincorporated areas, with each County Commission District being represented by at least one member and at least one member from an incorporated area.
- Purpose of the committee is to serve as advisors to the Board of County Commissioners and the Parks Department.
- Specific duties include identifying potential land opportunities for future community parks and recreational activities, identifying potential funding sources, developing community partnership for cost reductions and assisting in the development of neighborhood parks.

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