

## HOW TO NOMINATE A DIRECTOR



Any member of SWUCI can nominate a candidate for election to the Board of Directors by following these guidelines:

1. The individual(s) being nominated must be an eligible member of SWUCI.

- To be an eligible member of SWUCI the individual must have an active account as of the nomination record date of **September 24, 2008**.
- Once elected to the Board of Directors, an individual can serve on the Board only so long as that individual remains an eligible member of the company.

2. You must prepare a petition nominating the individual of your choice (a separate petition for each individual being nominated) on which you have presented sufficient information to validate that individual's status as an eligible member of SWUCI.

- The petition must include the signatures, addresses and account numbers of fifteen (15) eligible members of SWUCI **in addition to the individual being nominated** who is eligible as of the nomination record date of **September 24, 2008**.

3. You must provide a short (one page) biography of the individual being nominated which specifically sets forth the qualifications you feel this individual possesses, which will make him/her an asset to the Company and its members by serving on the Board of Directors. Please keep in mind that this individual, if elected, will be expected to attend the monthly Board meetings, the Annual Members meetings and any special meetings as properly called.

4. All of this information must be delivered to the Company by mailing or delivery to the Administrative Offices of SWUCI, 369 Miramar Beach Drive, Miramar Beach, FL 32550-4938.

- This information must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **October 3, 2008**.
- This time frame is required to permit the individual's name and biography to be included on the printed ballot that will be mailed to all members.
- Petitions received after that date cannot be accepted and will not be considered.

5. Nominations for Directors will not be accepted from the floor at the Annual Member Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

# Make Your Vote Count

South Walton Utility Company, Inc. (SWUCI) is a member-owned and operated utility that relies on a key group of volunteers to keep the company headed on the right track. As a member of SWUCI, you have a chance to decide who sits on the Board of Directors.

"Each of our members has a voice in the operation of SWUCI through the Board of Directors," said Pete DeBogory, SWUCI General Manager. "Make your voice heard in the upcoming election."

Members of the Board of Directors are elected to three-year terms. The current board appoints a nominating committee to recommend candidates for upcoming vacancies. Individual members can also make board nominations.

Directors and officers receive no compensation for their services.

Current Board members are:

**Jack J. McGill** – President, Board member since 1997

**Mike Flynt** – Vice-President, Board member since 2000

**Mike Richardson** – Secretary, Board member since 1997

**Bill Berberich** – Treasurer, Board member since 2001

**David Brown** – Board member since 2004

**Ray Kinard** – Board member since 2005

**Bill McQuillan** – Board member since 2006

## A Brief History

Beginning in 1966, Col. Michael Grimaldi spearheaded the organization of prospective customers in Miramar Beach for the purpose of obtaining a community water and wastewater system.

"The story goes that several friends were sitting around Colonel Grimaldi's dining room table in 1966, and the decision was made that a water system and a wastewater system were needed," says Pete DeBogory, SWUCI General Manager. "They needed 80 founding members to contribute \$10 each. Once they reached 80 members, the company was born."

A Certificate of Incorporation was filed on August 9, 1968, under Charter No. 715080 for South Walton Development Company, Inc. as a corporation not-for-profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

The purpose of the corporation was to "own, construct, maintain and operate a water and wastewater system for the use and benefit of its members."

A Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was filed on November 2, 1978, officially changing the name to South Walton Utility Company, Inc.

### Original Directors in 1968:

Ms. Barbara Grimaldi

Mr. George T. Miller

Dr. J.C. MacKenzie

### President's List:

Barbara Grimaldi, 1968-1969

George T. Miller, 1969-1970

Earl. W. White, Jr., 1970-1971

Alton H. Christopher, 1971-1973

Manzia V. Rouden, 1973-1974

S.A. Patterson, 1974-1977

Darryl W. Reddick, 1977-1978

S.A. Patterson, 1978-1981

Art Skibbe, 1981-1982

John F. Main, 1982-1996

Greg Featherson, 1996-1997

Bill V. Brown, 1997-2005

Ken Creel, 2005-2006

Jack McGill, 2006-Present

# A Letter From the President



We are pleased to report that our new office building located at 369 Miramar Beach Drive was completed in early August

and our administrative offices were relocated to that facility on August 15th. Our telephone number remains the same (837-2988) and the drop-off payment box has been relocated to the parking lot adjacent to the new building.

The new facility combines our maintenance facility and our engineering, project management, accounting, customer service, meeting room and management offices in a single structure. The administration portion of the building has approximately 6,500 square feet of office space and is 50 percent larger than our old facilities on Scenic Gulf Drive, thus providing badly needed additional office space.

The new building is designed to provide meeting space for community

activities and is available during non-business hours to organizations desiring meeting room facilities. Please call us at (850) 837-2988 and ask for Mary to make arrangements.

We are planning a Founder's Day OPEN HOUSE on September 24th from 11 am to 2 pm for our members and special guests. We will display the new facility and discuss our history and our prospects for future growth. Please plan to come to our new facilities, enjoy a hamburger or hot dog and meet the people who make our system work.

An important facet of our member-owned corporation is our Annual Members meeting and election of Directors. Each Board member is elected for a three year term. This year three of those terms expire, and an election of replacement board members will be held on November 18th at the Annual Members meeting to be held in the new building at 5:00 p.m.

Any member wishing to be considered for a seat on the Board

should read inside this issue the "Rules for Nomination from the Membership" which describes Board member qualifications requirements, dates of submittal, etc. We urge all members to be alert for further information regarding our election.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Barbara Grimaldi for her life-long interest in this community. Colonel Michael Grimaldi, her father, homesteaded some land in what is now Miramar Beach. Col. Grimaldi was the founder of our member-owned, non-profit company and Miss Barbara was our first President. Miss Barbara still keeps an eye on us to make sure we are operating as her father would have wanted. Please come meet her at our Founder's Day Celebration on September 24.

As always, I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve the community.

Jack McGill, President

## AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS

### SOUTH WALTON UTILITY COMPANY, INC.

369 MIRAMAR BEACH DRIVE • MIRAMAR, FL 32550-4938  
Phone: (850) 837-2988 • Fax: (850) 837-7648

CUSTOMER NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

SWUCI \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Please deduct payments from my:

- Checking Account
- Savings Account

**Direct debits will occur on the 1st of the month. If the 1st falls on a weekend or holiday, direct-debit entries will be deducted on the next working day after the 1st. Please allow two (2) weeks processing time before your direct-debit order is operational.**

SOUTH WALTON UTILITY COMPANY, INC., IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PROCESS AN ELECTRONIC DEBIT — FROM THE ACCOUNT DESCRIBED ABOVE — ONCE A MONTH IN THE AMOUNT OF MY MONTHLY WATER/SEWER BILL.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be sure to include a voided check for bank account verification, and mail together with this completed form to:**

**South Walton Utility Company, Inc.  
369 Miramar Beach Drive, Miramar Beach, FL 32550-4938**



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### *In the Pipeline*



#### Upgrade in the Works at WWTP

The Advanced Wastewater Treatment Wastewater Plant Upgrade is well under way. This method of treatment will make the plant reclaimed water very close to drinking water quality. With this new advanced wastewater treatment expansion, SWUCI will be able to meet our area's growing needs well into the future. Capacity will increase from 2.75 million gallons a day to 4.75 million gallons a day. The 18-month project is scheduled to be complete in October 2009.

#### Rate Increases

Rate increases for water and wastewater rates as well as connection fees will go into effect October 1, 2008. A rate study consultant determined the amount of increase needed.

Water rates will increase approximately 5.6 percent or .08 per thousand gallons used for the first 5,000 gallons. The increase is based on an increased cost of living.

Wastewater will increase approximately 11 percent or .43 per thousand gallons of water used. Residential wastewater is capped at 10,000 gallons of water used.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.



**SWUCI Annual Meeting**  
**November 18, 2008, 5 p.m.**  
**South Walton Utility Company, Inc. - Main Office**

**369 Miramar Beach Drive, Miramar Beach**

All members are encouraged to attend. Elections for the SWUCI Board of Directors will be held. For nomination instructions, see page 2.

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A Newsletter of South Walton Utility Company, Inc.

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## South Walton Utility Company Mission Statement

"From water to wastewater, our mission is to provide our members quality and reliable service in a responsive and equitable manner."



## We've Moved!

The administrative portion of South Walton Utility Company, Inc., has been re-located to a 6,300 square foot addition to the Field Maintenance Facility on 369 Miramar Beach Drive.

The new facility provides additional office space as well as more storage room. The move allows us to have the majority of our operation under one roof and to take advantage of the many existing amenities at the Field Maintenance Facility, including the 400kW generator, which provides backup should there be a disruption in our electrical service.

Please check out the new facility at our upcoming Open House which will celebrate our 40th anniversary.

## You're Invited!

Open House to Celebrate Founder's Day and New Office Location

It's SWUCI's 40th birthday!

Join us for a Founder's Day celebration at our new location at 369 Miramar Beach Drive on September 24, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Members will enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs while chatting with the staff and learning about all that goes on in their water company.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Mary Locke at [mcl@swuci.org](mailto:mcl@swuci.org).

## MEET BARBARA GRIMALDI

### Director Emeritus

Barbara Grimaldi is a true local – her family homesteaded in the area in 1924 when she was a baby. More than 40 years later in 1966, Barbara's father, Colonel Michael Grimaldi, organized the creation of a community water system – the beginning of SWUCI. Miss Barbara served as SWUCI's first president in 1968.

Miss Barbara is very active in the community and remains invested in the success of SWUCI, attending Board Meetings whenever she can. In March 2004, she was elected Director Emeritus.



Barbara Grimaldi and General Manager Pete DeBogory in SWUCI's new building in front of the room named in honor of Miss Grimaldi and her father.