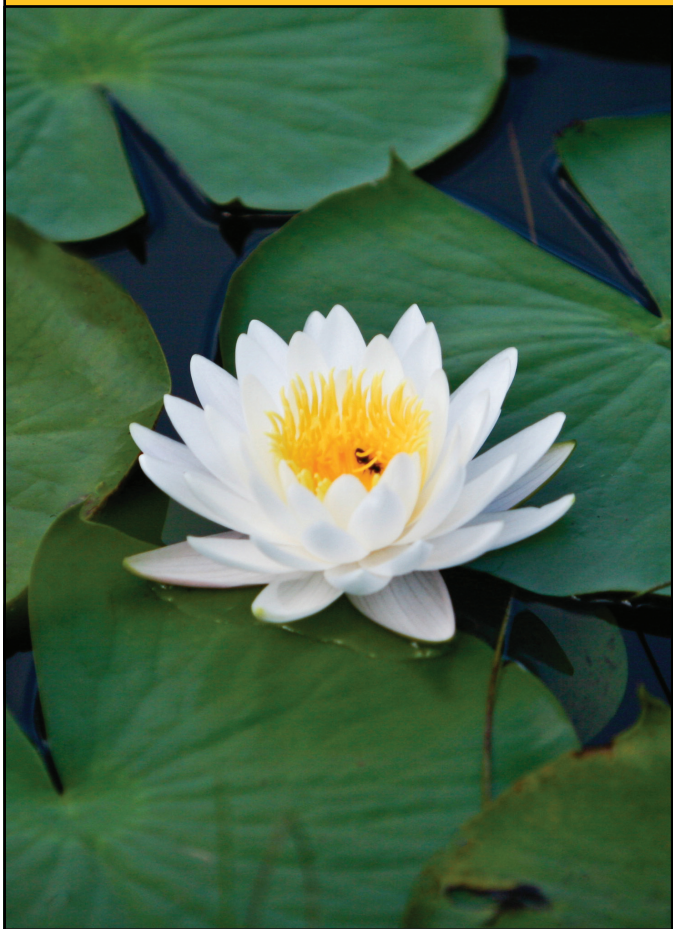




Water Matters

Ranger Drainage District Newsletter, Florida Statutes Chapter 298 – Orlando, Fla.

Spring 2009



Dear fellow home and landowners within the Ranger Drainage District,

Last July, I was elected as your new Board President with strong support from the community. It was a humbling experience to be entrusted with such a great responsibility, at a time when we are facing such conflicting interests. On one hand, we have an ever-growing economic crisis which has directly affected us all. Many of our friends and neighbors in the district are struggling financially and cannot afford to take on any more expense.



Welcome
from Dave Mauck, President

On the other hand, we have many issues within the Ranger Drainage District that must be addressed. This was reinforced during Tropical Storm Fay, when the District received more than 20 inches of rain that severely taxed our system and resulted in rampant post-storm repairs.

The inherent responsibilities of a President and Board member are to: set and enforce policy, establish and adhere to budget and deal with new issues. Beyond these duties, I have also set personal objectives which I will share:

1. Look at every issue before us as a challenge to find the best solution.
2. Be a good listener.
3. Reach out to other Districts, a.k.a. "Don't re-invent the wheel."
4. Build community. Bring the community together toward a common goal.

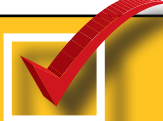
Both the commitment and the benefits have been greater than I could have ever imagined. I've had the opportunity to meet many of you at our meetings and workshops and have come away knowing that we live in the best neighborhood in Central Florida.

Please read on for an overview of what we've accomplished so far, and how we're moving forward to preserve and grow our great community.

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The mission of the Ranger Drainage District is to implement the provisions of Chapter 298 Florida Statutes, in a manner that ensures proper storm water management within the boundaries of the district and to operate with a continued commitment to education and outreach to its residents and landowners.



Vote Today!
Election Ballot Inside

More from Dave Mauck...

A Recap of Our Accomplishments to Date

Working with the other Board members, District staff and District consultants, we've been very busy since July. Here's an overview of what we've accomplished so far:

1. We moved meeting times to Wednesday evenings at the Wedgefield Clubhouse to accommodate landowner schedules and greater attendance.
2. We've held 12 public meetings.
3. We have formed 7 work groups to address specific issues.
4. Over 10 miles of primary canals and 5,000 of the existing 21,000 feet of underground pipe have been examined.
5. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time have been spent in the field to involve and inform the community.
6. Alternate cost savings approaches have been utilized on maintenance activities that have saved the District hundreds of thousands of dollars from the cost of conventional methods.
7. We have pursued and obtained other sources of revenue to help offset current capital project costs. Both Orange County and FEMA have helped fund work. To view a copy of our letter to Governor Crist requesting stimulus funding, please visit the RDD web site.
8. We have begun to prioritize the necessary repairs and upgrades enumerated in the Proposed Third Amended Water Control Plan so that all costs will not 'hit' at once.
9. We're working to get more information out to the community and out to prospective bidders on new work.

Moving Forward

Your Board of Supervisors remains committed to serving the best interests of the Ranger Drainage District, which really means serving each and every one of you. I have often referred to our permit with St. Johns Water Management District as a "Golden Ticket." This permit is the sole mechanism that allowed our system to be built in the 1960's and it enables us to continue today. We are in good standing with St. Johns, the Environmental Protection Division and Orange County, and we will continue to work hard to maintain our status in an effort to protect each and every landowner.

In closing, I want to thank the many people who have become involved. I've been asked many times, "I'm not an engineer or in the construction business like you, but I do want to help. Is there anything that I can do?" The answer is a simple "Yes." Each of you has a vested interest in the future of Ranger Drainage District. The District exists because of you, and we endeavor to best serve you and protect your investment.

Thanks again for your commitment and hard work.

Very truly yours,

Dave Mauck

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What Does it Take to Become a Supervisor?

As the annual District election nears, here is a brief look at the specific requirements and responsibilities a candidate must possess to become a Supervisor:

- Candidates must own land within the District and be residents of Orange County.
- Candidates must attend monthly meetings which occur the first Wednesday of each month.
- Candidates must attend several workshops throughout the year (approximately five in total).
- Candidates must be available to work several hours with the District manager to tour the District and learn District operations.
- Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend a week-long conference (date and place to be determined) with sessions on the Sunshine Law, Chapter 298 and more.
- Candidates should have an understanding of the laws and statutes governing the District, such as Chapters 298 and 189, the St. Johns River Water Management Permit Conditions and the Sunshine Law.

RDD Profiles: Meet Your New Leaders

Dave Mauck, President

Dave has over 20 years of experience in government and commercial engineering, fabrication, construction and equipment installation. Since 1998, Dave has focused on designing and constructing show systems and rides for major theme parks locally and internationally and heads up his company's entertainment systems division as general manager.



"My family and I moved to Wedgefield just two years ago, but we've made so many great friends, we feel like we've been here for years. I'm committed to representing our community by addressing the needs of the drainage system to protect our investments, without placing an undue financial burden on landowners."

Rick McCormick, Supervisor

"As a Supervisor at Ranger Drainage, I hope to be of service in a way that benefits every resident of Wedgefield."

Rick McCormick is a lifelong Florida resident who became part of the Wedgefield community in 2001. He enjoys the many activities this neighborhood offers, such as fishing, camping and horseback riding with his wife and two children. Rick looks forward to representing the people of Wedgefield in the upcoming year.



Notice of Election: June 9, 2009

Annual Meeting & Election

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: The Wedgefield Golf and Country Club Clubhouse at 20550 Maxim Parkway, Orlando, FL 32833

At this meeting, an election will be held to fill one supervisor position on the Board, for a three-year term. All District landowners are entitled and encouraged to vote in the election.

Please return the enclosed ballot one of two ways: (1) Mail completed ballot to the District office at 19950 Nugent Street, Orlando, FL 32833 by June 1, 2009 or (2) in person at the annual meeting at The Wedgefield Clubhouse on June 9, 2009.

For **absentee ballots**, please return the completed ballot to the District office no later than June 1, 2009.

If you choose to submit a copy of the form, please also submit a copy of the reverse side with the mailing label.

This ballot is only effective for the June 2009 election.



Candidates

The following candidates are running for the open position on the Board of Supervisors:

Gus Desautels

A Wedgefield resident for 21 years. "I'm retired and on a fixed income, keeping taxes low while maintaining the integrity of the drainage system is my priority. More now than ever leadership that understands the needs and is mindful of spending is critical. I would appreciate your support."

Gary Mittan

"I'm not convinced the bond issue is the only answer to our problems. The district needs a thorough review of management, daily operations, equipment utilization, spending, productivity and employee compensation. The landowners may benefit by transferring our maintenance and repair requirements to local private contractors."



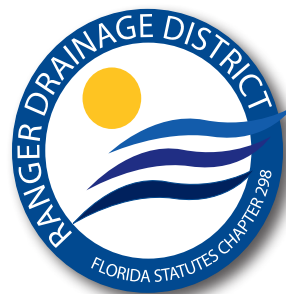
BALLOT: RANGER DRAINAGE DISTRICT

1. To vote for a candidate for Supervisor for a three-year term (term expires in June 2012)

- ☐ Gus Desautels ☐ Gary Mittan
☐ Abstain ☐ Write-in Candidate: _____

2. To vote on the issue of compensation to be paid to the Supervisors for District work as permitted pursuant to Florida Statutes and the previously adopted District Compensation Policy (a maximum of \$50.00 a day):

- ☐ For Supervisors' compensation ☐ Against Supervisors' compensation
☐ Abstain



Enter date of signing:

Sign name as it appears on Deed:

Print name as it appears on Deed:

Print name of any co-owners on Deed: _____

Please return the enclosed ballot to the District office at 19950 Nugent Street, Orlando, FL 32833 by June 1, 2009.

Upcoming Events:

The monthly meetings to review District business are held at the The Wedgefield Golf and Country Club Clubhouse at 20550 Maxim Parkway. The updated calendar, meeting agendas and minutes may be found online at www.rangerdrainagedistrict.com. We encourage all land/homeowners to attend as we continue to discuss different issues relating to the District. Mark your calendar for the following dates*:

- May 6, 2009 – 6 p.m. Regular Board meeting
- June 9, 2009 – 6 p.m. Regular Board meeting followed by the annual meeting and election at 7 p.m.
- July 1, 2009 – 6 p.m. Regular Board meeting

*Please note that the Board meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the Board and its role, please contact any of our current Board or staff members:

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Rick McCormick, Supervisor – rickmccormick@rangerdrainagedistrict.com
Gus Desautels, Supervisor – board@rangerdrainagedistrict.com
Cecil Davis, General Manager – cecild_rdd298@bellsouth.net
Dawn Mullins, Office Manager – dawnm_rdd298@bellsouth.net
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The District office is located at 19950 Nugent Street, just south of Nettleton Street, off Bancroft Boulevard. Our office hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The District office phone number is 407-568-5502.



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