So what can you provide manpower and equipment relief partnership among utilities to quickly. Additionally, we are a partner in FLWARM, a disaster relief partnership among utilities to provide manpower and equipment to communities hardest hit by a storm.

So what can you do to get ready? First and foremost, ensure that your family and business are prepared by visiting www.floridaemeraldcoast.com to create customized plans. Additionally, to limit the amount of water lost due to storm-damaged lines, turn off water at the valve supplying your home or business. This will minimize water loss should lines become damaged. During mandatory evacuations, water valves will be turned off to entire subdivisions.

Have a printed copy of SWUCI’s instructions for boils water on hand, so you’ll know how to sanitize water if pollutants are present after water service is restored. Our boil water notice is available online at www.swuci.org/pdf/flood2001/Precautionary-Boil-Water-Notice.pdf.

Please be sure to pay close attention to weather advisories as the storm approaches. You can monitor our local weather station at 850.255.4938, as well as listen to local radio stations for emergency information and advisories.

A Letter From the President

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 on the right track. And we know that SWUCI has a chance to decide who sits on the Board of Directors.

“We believe our customers are also our owners. We are able to keep a strong focus on what matters most: service and value. Through the Board of Directors, each of our members has a voice in the operation of SWUCI,” said Pete DeLugowy, SWUCI General Manager. “Be sure to exercise that voice 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 Plynt – Vice-President, board member since 2000
- Bill Berberich – Treasurer, board member since 2001
- Mike Richardson – Secretary, board member since 1997
- Dave Brown – board member since 2004
- Ray Kinard – board member since 2005
- Bill McQuillan – board member since 2006

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. You 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 21, 2007.

2. To signate a petition nominating the individual of your choice, you must prepare a petition nominating the individual of your choice (a separate petition for each individual being nominated) on which you have provided sufficient information to validate that individual’s status as an eligible member of the company.

3. You must provide a short (one page) biography of the individual being nominated which specifically states 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 South Walton Utility Company, Inc., 79 Scenic Gulf Drive, Miramar Beach, FL 32550-4938.

The board will be held 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.

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.

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

South Walton Utility Company, Inc., 79 Scenic Gulf Drive, Miramar Beach, FL 32550-4938

Jack McGill, President

A Newsletter of South Walton Utility Company, Inc.
In the Pipeline

Base Rate Increase Effective October 2007

During the SWUCI Board Meeting on March 20, 2007, rate study results showing a need for a base rate increase were approved. As a result, the base rate for water and wastewater will increase slightly in October 2007. For example, the average water and wastewater bill for 5,000 gallons per month will be approximately $42.37 versus the current rate of $39.67. The increase only affects the base rate and does not affect water usage rates.

Please contact our office at (850) 837-2988 with any questions regarding the new rates.

Meet Bruce Morrison, Operations Manager

Bruce Morrison began working for SWUCI in June of 1989 as a Field Manager. In 1996, he was promoted to Operations Manager. In this position, Bruce is responsible for the wastewater treatment plant and for field operations which include setting new meters, repairing broken lines and running new water lines. He also oversees the water operations of our 10 wells and four water tanks. Additionally, as new developments go into our area, Bruce coordinates the installation of water lines and verifies they are in accordance with our utility specifications. Bruce also serves as president of the Florida Rural Water Association.

“For over eighteen years, Bruce Morrison has been a leader and a role model for our operations staff,” said General Manager Pete Dellogorgy. “We are fortunate in our community to have a man like Bruce who shows the ‘can do’ spirit in everything he does.”

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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.”

Mark Your Calendar!

SWUCI Annual Meeting
November 27, 2007, 5 p.m.
South Walton Utility Company, Inc. – Main Office
79 Scenic Gulf 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.