# SPRING 2015 TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU NEWSLETTER



# THANK YOU! FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE

We celebrated the many years of service from Councilman Jim Bratton who served on the Town Council from 2003 – 2015. Among some of his many accomplishments during his tenure was the Cinco Bayou Bat House that was placed under the bridge to combat the mosquito problem in Cinco Bayou along with the Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the Streetscape Project, just to name a few. Mr. Bratton was recognized and honored with a plaque at the March 12, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

### A FOND FAREWELL TO CAPTAIN MATTHEW SIEVERS



The Town of Cinco Bayou would like to express our sincere thanks to Captain Matthew Sievers who served on the Town Council from April 2013 until being deployed to Afghanistan in August of 2014. Before, during and after his deployment Matt has continued to serve our community by creatively updating and enhancing our website. Matt, along with his wife Kate will join the faculty at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We wish them much success and happiness in their next adventure.



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## **COUNCILMAN AND MAYOR PRO-TEM CAROL KOCH**



Hello – Please let me introduce myself. I am Carol Koch, one of your Council members and the Mayor Pro-Tem of Cinco Bayou. I've lived in Cinco Bayou on Kidd Street since 1992. I previously sat on the Council for 12 years, but took a break before returning last year. Thank you for your confidence.

I would like to tell you we have a very well run Town. Your Council is excellent, and our staff is outstanding. This year we are celebrating our 65th anniversary. Activities are being planned for our Town in conjunction with Okaloosa's 100th birthday. As in my previous tenure as your Councilman we accomplished several projects; to name a few: phases 1 & 2 of our streetscape project, repaving of Sea Way Street and the repair of our boat launch and look forward to more projects. The priority for this year is to establish a Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF). We have observed the success in other cities in the State, large and small with projects suggested by their CATF. We are required to have a long-term plan which must be updated every 5 years. There are grants, matching funds for various projects, some fully funded, etc., but we need help in just what it is you would like to see accomplished in our wonderful Town.

Please feel free to visit Town Hall anytime to keep abreast of what is happening in Cinco Bayou or give a call at 833-3405. Most of all, please join us for the monthly Board Meetings. They are normally held the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 6:00 p.m. We would really like to see you! Thank you for letting me express some of our ideas. We have a lovely small town and we would like to continue to provide what you would like. Welcome aboard. We are striving to have an ongoing committee. I don't believe it would take a lot of time for your participation. Please, I'm asking you to give this serious thought. If you would like more information, contact Keith Williams, our Town Manager, or Linda Barringer, our Deputy Clerk, or one of your councilmembers.

Carol Koch Nana22@cox.net

#### **RETURNING COUNCILMEMBERS**

#### **NEW COUNCILMEMBER**

For those of you that do not know me, I served on the council from March of 2008 to March of 2013. When I heard a vacant seat was open I considered it my civic duty and an honor to reapply. I have seen this town make great strides and I would like to be a part of it again! I want to thank the current council members and Mayor Hood for their outstanding work to date, because I know first-hand it takes a lot of time and energy to keep things running smoothly around town. That being said, I will work hard to get up to speed on the town's current projects and budgets.

I love being a part of this small town where everyone comes together in times of need. In Cinco Bayou's last newsletter the call went out for the community to come together and clean the parks. I saw first hand a volunteer on an inclement day clean Glenwood Park; he filled over 10 trash bags and hauled the trash away himself. It is people like this that make up our great community!



#### COUNCILMAN PAULA ANDREWS





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COUNCILMAN DANNY MYERS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015, MEMORIAL DAY TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE

Regular Council Meeting, June 11, 2015, 6:00 p.m.



SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015 (MORE INFORMATION COMING) 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT TOWN HALL COME JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL AFTERNOON



FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015, TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2015 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Regular Council Meeting, July 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting, August 13, 2015, 6:00 p.m.



Okaloosa County and all Municipalities will begin their 2 month long Centennial Celebration starting September 5, 2015. Be sure and check the local paper for the calendar of events and festivities.

#### SPRING CLEAN UP!

THE TOWN HAS PLACED DUMPSTERS AT 2 SIGHTS: LAGUNA PARK AND IN THE K-MART PARKING LOT NEXT TO KELLY STREET. UNTIL MAY 27, 2015, TO HELP WITH YOUR SPRING CLEANING NEEDS! NO HAZARD PRODUCTS!





# MAYOR PRO-TEM

COUNCILMAN NICK CHUBB CAROL KOCH DANNY MYERS PAULA ANDREWS LAURA DRIVER

TOWN MANAGER

TOWN ATTORNEY C. JEFFREY MCINNIS

TOWN PLANNER JACK DORMAN

TOWN ENGINEER JOE RECTOR CLIFF KNAUER



I want to recognize the outstanding individuals who work for the Town of Cinco Bayou. All three of them go above and beyond what is required in their official job descriptions. Keith Williams, our Town Manager, recently raised funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Our Maintenance Manager, Jerry McNamara, is working with the Emerald Coast Chivers to organize a 5 K run to raise money for Coach Ron Crawford, a teacher at Liza Jackson Preparatory School, who was critically injured in a work-related accident. Linda Barringer, our Town Deputy Clerk, has been organizing events to celebrate both Cinco Bayou's 65th anniversary and the centennial birthday of the founding of Okaloosa County. These employees always represent Cinco Bayou with pride and professionalism. We are so fortunate to have them working for our Town. Thank you Keith, Jerry, and Linda for all you do. And thanks to each of the citizens of Cinco Bayou who go out of their way to make this neighborhood a special place to live and work. Please join us on Saturday, June 27, for our 65th anniversary celebration.

Mayor Jean Hood hoodsdj@cox.net



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