

As we begin 2017 I wanted to update you on the work I have been doing for the past year or so with the Okaloosa Transit Cooperative. The Transit Cooperative is a group of elected officials representing Crestview, Niceville, Ft. Walton Beach, Destin, and Cinco Bayou as well as Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel. The Cooperative, which meets monthly, is working to provide efficient and reliable public transportation for the citizens of Okaloosa County. Approximately ninety percent of the cost for our local public transit system, E C Rider, is funded by state and federal grants. These grants are contingent on a system that provides both fixed route and para transit services.

E C (Emerald Coast) Rider has fixed route vehicles that travel from Crestview through Niceville, Shalimar, Cinco Bayou, Ft. Walton Beach, and Destin as far as the Silver Sands Outlet Mall in Walton County. The specific routes can be found at ecrider.org or by calling 833-9168. For a small fee you can ride an E C Rider bus and transfer to other routes. The most convenient stop for citizens of the Town of Cinco Bayou is located at Uptown Station on Eglin Parkway.

Para transit services, or dial-a-ride, are available to persons who meet specific criteria under the Transportation Disadvantaged Program. If you are eligible for this service, which includes wheel chair accessible vehicles, you may not be charged for utilizing this form of public transportation. Information specific to this program, as well as the application to qualify for this service, can be found at ecrider.org or by calling 833-9168. Dial-a-ride operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can transport individuals to doctor's appointments, medical procedures (such as dialysis) as well as other necessary errands. If a cost is involved in this service, you will be told the charge when you call to schedule a ride.

As traffic becomes more of a concern in our county, as well as the issue of limited parking in certain areas, public transportation can provide a low cost alternative for many of our citizens. The Cooperative is working to make public transportation more attractive to tourists and locals in Okaloosa County. Please visit ecrider.org or call 833-9168 if you would like additional information about this system.

On behalf of the Town Council and staff of the Town of Cinco Bayou I want to wish each of you a happy New Year as we strive to provide the best in local government in 2017.



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Council Corner

Happy New Year to one and all! I would like to thank the LITTLE ELVES from Town Hall for making our town so special for the holidays. As I think about it, why does it take a special time to bring us together?

I am delighted to see four persons wanting to take a more active part in Cinco Bayou by filing for a seat on the Council. By becoming more involved with the activities of the town, you will quickly see that there is much to be done. Even though we are small, we have the same obligations and responsibilities as larger town has but on a smaller scale. The jobs are the same. Plus, it is fun to see the progress. It gives one the feeling of accomplishment. However, the Council needs YOUR HELP. We need to know what you would like to see done in Cinco Bayou. It is YOUR TOWN, YOUR TAXES, and we need YOUR VOICE!

Some of you may remember when we had a monthly "pot luck" dinner. Everyone brought a dish to share and have fellowship, sharing ideas and projects. Would you like to try that again? It is a family oriented function. We don't recommend doing the dinner on the night of the council meeting because of time restraints. Please give it some thought and let us hear from you.

If we can be of any help to you, please feel free to call the office or contact me.

Sincerely,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit our Facebook Page: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CINCOBAYOUOFFICIAL

Or our website at: WWW.CINCOBAYOU.COM for upcoming events.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 16, 2017 FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE AS SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED

FEBRUARY 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. 2ND PUBLIC HEARING AND CINCO BAYOU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 23, 2017 FOR THE PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY

MARCH 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. CINCO BAYOU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 14, 2017, MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (CINCO BAYOU HAS 4 PEOPLE RUNNING FOR 3 COUNCIL SEATS)



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