

Ron Ormond found Eleuthera and Rainbow Bay through an ad in the back of a sailing magazine. After a quick trip to the island, he and his wife, Bess, purchased property on Man O War Road, built a home and have been enjoying Eleuthera since 1993. Ron loves the laid-back lifestyle, getting to know the Bahamians, and swimming and talking to people at Rainbow Beach.

Ron has extensive experience in city government and public service. He was elected mayor of Butte Falls, Oregon and served over 20 years in that position. During his tenure he gained funding for and oversaw the installation of a new sewage system and wastewater treatment plant. He also led the town through the challenge of installing a new water system and started a city-owned water company, selling spring water to larger bottling companies, while using the proceeds to better the life of the Town residents. Under his management, the town maintained low taxes while increasing services. Ron has a hand-on approach, never hesitating to do whatever work is needed. Ron's goal of meeting the needs of all residents, common sense, and fiscal responsibility has made him a respected leader throughout his years of public service.

Ron has been a member of the Rainbow Bay Property Owners Association (RBPOA) board for the past two years. During that time the Board has steadily moved the Association into the 21st Century. The Board, working together, passed resolutions (some with member participation) codifying the Associations by-laws to ensure they are compliant with Bahamian law. All the while protecting the rights of the property owners of Rainbow Bay. Representing the legal department of the Board, Ron worked with numerous lawyers, including the law firm representing the Association, to eliminate issues that could have resulted in additional lawsuits. One such issue was a 2009 claim for \$900,000 filed by a collection agency on behalf of a Bahamas government department that turned out to not apply to the RBPOA owing to research conducted by the RBPOA legal team.

Ron wants to continue to bring his years of experience to the Rainbow Bay Board. His goal is to continue to balance the needs of the Rainbow Bay residents without losing what brought us to Eleuthera in the first place.

