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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table

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SAVE BANK OF EVERGLADES!



April 17, 2021

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Rummage Sale Fundraiser
 At Bank of Everglades**

Come to the Bank of Everglades building and find the perfect treasure - and help the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation Save the Bank of Everglades building.

Furniture, lamps, pictures, collectibles and more. **EVERYTHING MUST GO!**

You never know what you may find in this old building. All proceeds of the sale will go towards the Save Bank of Everglades fund!

If you can donate time, we could use some labor help during the fundraiser!

**Bank of Everglades Building
 201 W. Broadway, Everglades City**

Can the Iconic Bank of Everglades Building Be Saved?

New Owner, The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Says Yes it Can
 By Kathy Brock, ESHP President

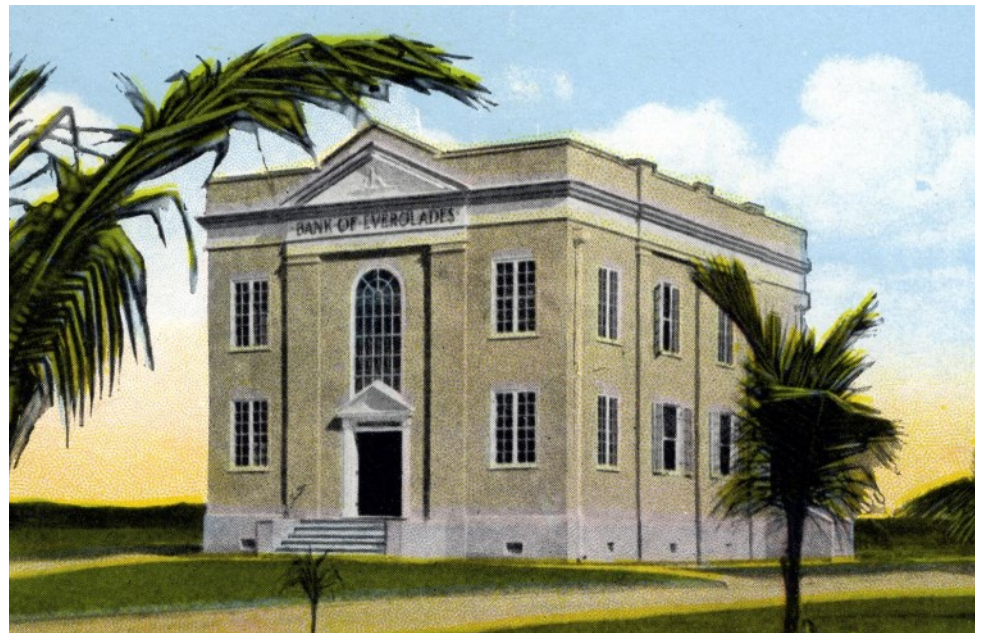


Photo: Bank of Everglades Building Circa 1929. Collier Museum Photo Archive

On July 9, 1923, the Bank of Everglades opened its doors for the first time. In 1926, the bank moved to the 2-story iconic building across from the historic Rod & Gun Club on Broadway Ave. in Everglades City.

Since its heyday, the bank has been the home to several businesses. It was the headquarters for the old Everglades Echo Newspaper, and later it became bed and breakfast on and off for about 15 years.

Once the bed and breakfast closed, it fell into disrepair including windows missing, a leaky roof, and some structural damage.

Undeterred, the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) remained focused on finding a way to Save Bank of Everglades...and it looks like we may be on our way.

In late March, the owner, Robert Flick, gifted the building to ESHP so that we could develop a plan to restore the building. Immediately our group started working in the building to remove debris and clear it

out so that the building can be secured until renovations can begin.

The Bank of Everglades was the first bank in Collier County. It literally helped put the County on the map. It is incumbent upon us to save old buildings so future generations have more than just old photos. Preserving history is not easy.

The biggest obstacle? Money. Renovations will be costly, just how much is still being determined, but no matter the number, ESHP will push on.

Over the next several weeks, ESHP will have a clearer picture of the scope and cost of the entire project. Once the goal is clear, the fundraising will begin in earnest.

Details of the project including future plans, renovation plans, estimated cost, and fundraising goals will be made public once the initial evaluations are completed.

ESHP is committed to the preservation of the historic buildings, culture, and heritage of the Everglades area.

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