

Dear Port St. Lucie Historical Society Members,

Have you driven by the historic homes recently? There has been a great transformation in recent months and even weeks, which is why I am providing you this update on what is happening at the Peacock Lodge aka the "Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center."

In early June, the City worked tirelessly to complete Pioneer Park and Playground which officially opened on June 15th. If you haven't stopped by yet, do so. The park is beautiful and there is nothing like it in our city or even the surrounding areas. Our City did a great job in creating this new venue for our residents and visitors to enjoy.

The Society participated in the opening events and also hosted a Classic Car Show! Everyone who visited us at our booth was very excited to hear about our future museum and we have had many new members join in recent weeks.

But the best part of all the exciting news...we have the key!!! In late May the City's contractor obtained a "move in permit" which allowed the Port St. Lucie Historical Society to begin moving our many boxes and file cabinets of archives and memorabilia into the Peacock Lodge. We have begun to transform the interior into a workable place to display our exhibits and collectibles. We still have a long way to go, but I wanted to let you know, things are beginning to take shape. We have unpacked 40 plus years of collectibles and donated items, organized and arranged some of the furniture, and set up our computer system, among other things.

The City of Port St. Lucie has been working closely with us, as the exterior is completed. Final landscaping went in just last week and gutters are being installed. We aren't ready to open yet, but we are nearing that day.



Last Thursday, (June 27th) Mayor Shannon Martin, Councilmembers Picket, Bonna and Morgan and city staff visited the museum and presented the Society Board with a beautiful plaque which included a watercolor of the Peacock Lodge and ceremonial key which will be displayed on our wall in the museum to commemorate the City turning

the building over to the Society. We are very grateful for the support we have received from our biggest supporter, the City of Port St. Lucie. We are thankful that after countless years, we will finally be fulfilling a dream of the Society to have a history museum for all to enjoy and learn about our beginnings and for us to "preserve our past for the future".

Please be patient a little bit longer and watch for that email announcing our Grand Opening!

Best regards,

*Patricia Christensen*

Chairperson



**Thanks to our members who continually support the Port St. Lucie Historical Society in so many ways!!!!**

## **GIVE A BRICK ... IT WILL LAST FOREVER**

As "The Port" takes shape on Westmoreland Boulevard, and the restoration of the historic homes began, the Port St. Lucie Historical Society took on a brick paver project to build a plaza between the two historic homes. The purpose of the project is to make the Society more financially sustainable, especially with the museum and education center opening sometime in 2023.



Be sure the names of your family, friends or firm will be cemented into Port St. Lucie's history. Show your pride in and support in your community. You can purchase one or more bricks to help build the patio between the historic homes. Engraved bricks will be installed on the plaza between the buildings. Two sizes are available at \$100 or \$200.

Ordering a brick is easy. Go to the PSL Historic Society website at [pslhistory.org](http://pslhistory.org) to complete the form and make your payment. You will be notified when the bricks are being placed, sometime later this year.



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## **Museum Volunteers Wanted**

If you have some time on your hands and you would like to help out at our new museum over the next few months to help us get it ready to open, or if you would like to volunteer even after the doors open, we need looking for you!

We have several areas where your expertise can be utilized. If you like to work on a computer and are familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel or Publisher, our Membership Chair and Media Chair could use your assistance and expertise.

We need photographers, writers and people familiar with social media, to assist our Social Media Chair.

Our Archiving volunteers would love to train you to assist them in archiving the many hundreds of items that we have in our collections.

If you like to organize events, or you would like to assist us in creating our exhibits.....we would like your help. Everyone 18 years or older are welcome.

Most importantly, if you love our city and our history and would like to be a part of this historic time in our history, we are willing to train you to be a docent so you can meet folks who want to know more about our history and community.

For more information, contact [info@pslhistory.org](mailto:info@pslhistory.org) or go to our website at [pslhistory.org](http://pslhistory.org) where one of our members who needs volunteers in your special field(s) will contact you.



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