

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Dedicated to our Unique History

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ESHP is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. Our most recent project has been the restoration of the City Hall building which was constructed in 1928 as the original Collier County Court House. The Society is also concerned with preserving all historic sites, structures, documents, artifacts and memories within the Everglades area.

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Public Relations
Historical Research
Architecture & Engineering

If you would like to join any of the Committees, please contact Patty by email or phone 695-2397.

MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed with this newsletter is your annual renewal form. Please make any changes to your addresses and return the form with your check to our PO Box.

We hope that members will renew promptly to so that we do not have to waste postage sending reminders.

If you are confused about the difference between ESHP and the Friends of the Museum, we are separate legal entities with different goals and by-laws. Although some of the people are the same and both organizations have history as a focus, ESHP is broader in scope and not connected to the Museum or any other government agency.

ESHP has 61 members and wants to increase that number to 100 this year. If each of us encourages a friend or neighbor to sign up, that goal could be achieved. We are relying on members to spread the word about the importance of preserving the historical heritage of this unique area.

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CITY HALL CELEBRATION!

Mayor Sammy Hamilton has set the date for the Grand Re-Opening of City Hall, the "Restoration Celebration". It will take place on **Saturday, January 27**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with the official ceremony and a host of celebrities. After the ribbon-cutting, there will be tours of the building.

This community celebration includes a lunch provided by ESHP for everyone present, entertainment by local musicians, and a grand parade through the town.

After all our concern about the building, we are looking forward to this momentous occasion and hope the attendance is spectacular. Be sure to bring your friends and family to witness this historic event and take part in the fun.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

ESHP will have a booth at the festival on the weekend of **February 3-4**. We need volunteers to sell T-shirts and hand out Brick order forms.

If you can spare a few hours in the morning or afternoon on either day, phone 695-2905.

NEXT ESHP MEETING

The ESHP Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 5**, in the City Council Chambers. All members are welcome.

SOCIAL EVENING

We are planning an event, probably on **March 9**, for members and guests. Mark the date in your calendar. There will be more information in the next issue of *The Town Crier*.



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EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH

The “Church on the Circle” was built in 1940 after the Collier Corporation gave the land with the stipulation that the building be completed during that year and that it be a non-denomination Christian establishment. Previous congregations of Presbyterians had met in Everglades City in various locations, including the old Community Center (the “movie theater”) on the east corner of Broadway and Allen Avenue (then called Royal Palm Avenue).

The Church is now researching its history further and would like to restore the main building to its original state. However, they need first-hand reports and photos of how the it looked in the old days. Any pictures or documents will be copied and returned to you.

If you can help, phone Robin Barnes at 695-8475.

BRICK BY BRICK

A new Brick-by-Brick campaign was launched in early December the offer of gift cards for recipients of commemorative bricks. You can get an order form at Art-in-the-Glades on **January 20** or pick one up at City Hall.

The bricks from the previous campaign will be shipped on January 26 and should be installed in time for Seafood Festival.

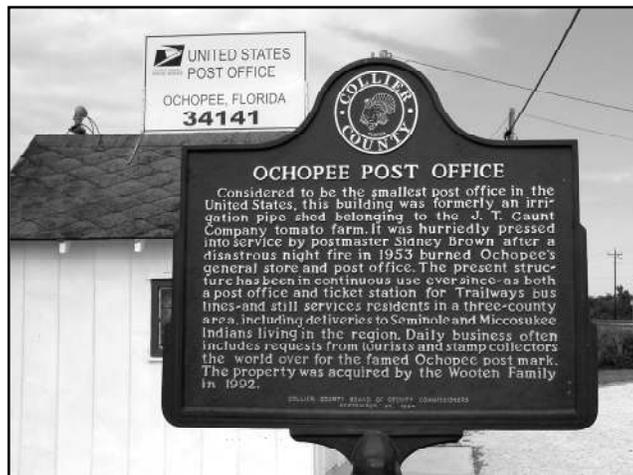


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HISTORICAL SIGNAGE

We are talking to the Collier County Historical & Archeological Preservation Board which makes recommendations for the awarding of County historical signs, like the one above at the Ochopee Post Office.

ADOPT-A-LAMPOST



A new project for our historic town! Since City Hall is almost complete with the Mayor’s Grand Restoration Celebration just around the corner, ESHP would like to help with the expenses in repairing and restoring our old city lampposts which date back to the 1920’s when Barron Collier built Everglades City. Jean Schultz, one of our Board members, spearheaded a similar program in 2004. If you are interested in adopting a lamppost or helping with this project, contact Marya Repko at 695-2905 or Patty Huff at 695-2397.

Thanks to Kathy Tusa, Executive Director of the Naples Historical Society based at Palm Cottage, for getting all the historical societies in southwest Florida together to share their experiences and problems. Kathy is resigning for family reasons. We will miss her and wish her well.