

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR  
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The **TOWN CRIER** newsletter is issued periodically to keep ESHP members and the public informed of our activities. We welcome news and feedback.

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(renewable each January 1)

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## Newsletter



**JANUARY 2013**  
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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Jan 11: Movie Night**, 5:30 p.m., Community Church  
2 episodes from 1960s TV series "The Everglades"  
starring Ron Hayes as patrolman Lincoln Vail  
*free popcorn & soda*, call 695-2905 for info

**Jan 12: Art-in-the-Glades**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
McLeod Park, *ESHP will have a booth*

**Feb 9/10: Everglades Seafood Festival**  
*ESHP will have a booth*

**Feb 15: Movie Night**, 5:30 p.m., Community Church  
"Distant Drums" starring Gary Cooper

**Feb 19-23: MSD Festival**, Museum of the Everglades  
*see [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org) or call 695-0008*

**Feb 22: Annual Meeting & Dinner/Talk**, 6:00 p.m.  
"Remembering the Past – Oral History"  
Everglades Seafood Depot, cost \$25  
*book online or call 695-2905*

**Mar 9: Homes Tour, Art-in-the-Glades**  
*see article inside*

**Mar 15: Movie Night**, 5:30 p.m., Community Church

**Mar 15: Farewell Social Evening**  
*informal dinner at local restaurant*

**Apr 27: Tamiami Trail 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Museum**  
*see [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org) or call 695-0008*

*You can download a calendar of events at our website  
[www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).*

### ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **February 4**. Members are invited to attend.

### MEMBERSHIP

Renewal letters were posted to 57 members at the beginning of January. Thanks to everyone who replied promptly!

You can join or renew online with a credit/debit card at our website [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).



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### HISTORICAL SIGNS

We are ordering signs to put in front of our major historic buildings, such as City Hall, so that visitors can appreciate their age and importance in this remote outpost. The signs are 12 x 24 inches, made of aluminum, and mounted on a pole. The cost is being defrayed by the profit from the Homes Tour.

Last year, we installed 20 signs on original Collier houses. There are still a few available for home owners who want them.



For info, call (239) 784-1896 or see our website.



### *New Events Flyer*

You can learn all about what is happening around our area in the new Everglades Events flyer which has been issued by *The Mullet Rapper*. Copies are available in City Hall and Right Choice Supermarket. You can also download one from our website.

### WELCOME TO NEW DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce that Tod Dahlke has agreed to join the Board of ESHP to fill the vacant 9<sup>th</sup> position.

Tod singled-handedly started the Annual Blessing of the Crab Fleet four years ago and asked last year that ESHP sponsor the event, which he will continue to organize with our help.

He is very interested in history and is restoring the old station next to Joanie's Blue Crab Café in Ochopee.

### Why Join ESHP?

by Marya Repko

Besides enjoying our social events, you will

- learn about the unique history of this area
- be able to tell other people about our Olde Florida heritage
- help to preserve old buildings, artifacts, and memories

ESHP was founded in 2004 to save City Hall, which was in need of major repairs, and obtained a grant from the Division of Historic Resources at the Florida Department of State. However, we can not claim all the credit for the restoration which took place after Hurricane Wilma in 2005; that goes to Mayor Sammy Hamilton and FEMA and the County.

### Farewell to Friends

We are sorry to announce the deaths of members and friends:

Gene Davidson who grew up in Everglades City

Phill Lawry who was married to the late Carol Moseman

Our commiserations to their families.



### EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

One of the buildings on our **Everglades Homes Tour** on **Saturday, March 9**, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. is this little shotgun house, so called because you could shoot a gun from the front door through the back door. This design helped to keep the inside cool as the breezes also went through in the days before air conditioning.

It is thought that the collection of identical shotgun houses at the north end of Everglades City was built in the 1920s during the construction of the Tamiami Trail for workers.

Other buildings on the tour include City Hall (the original Collier County Courthouse) which will be opened specially on that Saturday so that out-of-town visitors can see the beautifully-restored interior.

You will be able to buy the souvenir ticket booklet for the Everglades Homes Tour at \$20 at **Art-in-the-Glades** which takes place on the same day in McLeod Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. An order form is on our website for advanced bookings. For info, call (239) 695-2905.

### *News from the Historical Library*



Recent additions to the library are:

Noles, *Fiddler's Curse*

Reaves, *Legendary Locals of Fort Myers*

Zimmerman, *A History of Smuggling in Florida*

You can see the catalog of books on our website. We also have periodicals and numerous clippings & pictures which may be copied but not taken away.

The next time you have a clean-up, don't throw out old newspapers or photos – they may be of historical interest. If you would like to give them to the Historical Library in City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone us at (239) 695-2905.