

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR
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BRICKS ARE HERE

The bricks that we ordered in October were delivered at the end of January and will be ready to view after Seafood Festival.

They will be installed on the pathway leading from the circle up to the front steps of City Hall.

Another brick campaign began before the holidays and will close at the end of February. Forms are available at City Hall or contact Marya at 695-2905 or ESHP@hotmail.com

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 to help, phone Marya on 695-2905 or stop by our booth opposite the Museum on West Broadway during the weekend.

NEXT ESHP MEETING

The ESHP Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 6**, in the City Council Chamber. We will be discussing the **Adopt-a-Lamppost** campaign. All members are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to members who renewed promptly after the annual membership forms were sent with the last newsletter.

We have 76 members but 13 have not renewed since 2005. *If you wish to be dropped from our lists please let us know so we do not waste further time and postage.* Most members are from this area but we do have some from Naples and Marco plus a few from other Florida cities.

Welcome to our new member, artist Shirley Piercy of Marco Island.



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Restoration Celebration

Saturday, January 27, was a momentous day in the history of Everglades City Hall when distinguished guests and several hundred local people watched Mayor Sammy Hamilton cut the ribbon that symbolized the re-opening of the building after extensive renovations. With him in the photo above are (left to right) Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, City Clerk Dottie Joiner, County Commissioner Jim Coletta, Mayor, John Bruce (contractor) and Bob Burkhard from FEMA.

Mayor thanked FEMA, the State, the County, and ESHP. Without their help, City Hall would have crumbled into the ground and we would have been faced with a modern building that could never have the historical importance and aesthetic appeal of our original Collier County Courthouse. He also praised John Bruce who spent so much time making sure the restoration, from the foundations up, went smoothly.

After the opening ceremony, the public was invited inside and all remarked at how beautiful it looks now, especially the old pine floors.

A free hotdog lunch was provided for over 400 attendees by ESHP in McLeod Park. Live music was courtesy of Tom & Tina, Parker Oglesby, Joe Stem and friends..

The grand parade began at 1:30 and included antique cars. We even had a visitation from a very realistic "Barron Collier" who was one of the historical characters there for the day. Others included "Tommie Barfield", "Marjory Stoneman Douglas" and "Deaconess Bedell".



OUR THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS SUCH A SPECIAL DAY.



ESHP Hands over Check

Patty Huff, president of ESHP, presented the Mayor a check for \$10,000 as part of our contribution to the City Hall restoration during the celebration on January 27.



MERCHANDISE, OLD & NEW

Our original T-shirts, featuring George's sketch of City Hall, have been overprinted "SAVED" to celebrate the restoration of the building. They are priced at \$10 each. We also had commemorative pens made and have copies of the official program.

The new washable cotton throws have pictures of several prominent old buildings in the area and retail at \$53 including tax.

And, don't miss our DOLLAR BARGAIN table at Festival with old goodies that we're clearing out.