

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 current project is 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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COMMITTEES:

Membership
Public Relations
Fundraising
Grant Writing
Historical Research
Architecture & Engineering

*We welcome help on any of the above committees.
Please contact Patty Huff at 695-2397 or email us.*

WISH LIST

What you can do right now to help:

- ❑ Donate one-hundred 37-cent stamps for newsletter circulation and membership mail-shots.
- ❑ Donate photocopy paper for newsletters and brochures.
- ❑ Donate the yearly fee for website hosting.
- ❑ Look for grants and foundation funds suitable for our City Hall restoration project.
- ❑ Sign up for our booth at Seafood Festival (Feb 4-5) to sell merchandise and recruit new members.
- ❑ Give out ESHP Save City Hall brochures everywhere you visit or shop in Naples.
- ❑ Send our Save City Hall brochures to ten friends by post or email and ask them to join us.

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CHARITABLE STATUS CONFIRMED

The **Internal Revenue Service** has issued ESHP with a “determination letter” which confirms our status as a **501(c)3 public charity** (a “not-for profit” organization). Contributions can be deducted from personal income tax and ESHP itself is not liable for federal tax. Our application was submitted on June 17th and we received the letter on July 14th. We are grateful to the IRS for dealing with our case so quickly.

GLADES REALTY GIVES TITHE

Jan Brock announced that Glades Realty will donate **10% of their commission** on properties sold by the agency from July through December to ESHP for the Save City Hall Fund. What a generous offer!

Tallahassee, Here We Come!

The Special Category **grant application hearings**, due to be held on September 20-22 at the capitol, were postponed by Governor Jeb Bush because of the fuel shortages after Hurricane Katrina. The new dates are **November 8-10**. Our application is numbered 87 (out of 105) so we expect to be judged on the last day. We hope to have a good contingent of local people to support us. Make a note on your calendar and look for details in the next newsletter.

JOIN THE “PARADE” BEFORE SEPT 30 ...

Write a short article about why City Hall is so important in our history and why it is significant in Florida development. Then see www.parade.com/history for an entry form to the magazine's contest. If all of us submit essays, they'll have to pick one! And, the publicity will be invaluable to our restoration project.

THANKS!

- to Sue Smith of “*n magazine*” for the article about City Hall in their September issue.
- to **Everglades Island Properties and Snook Publications** for printing our newsletters.



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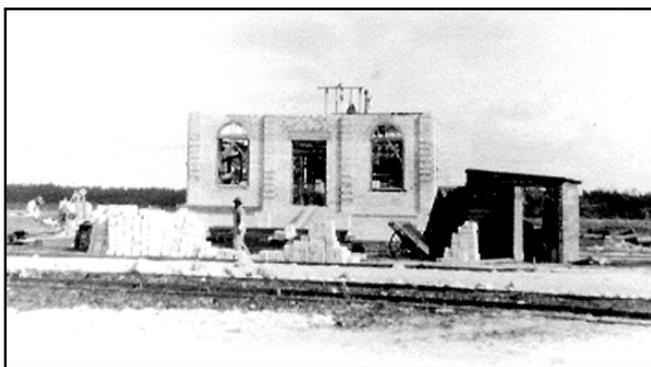
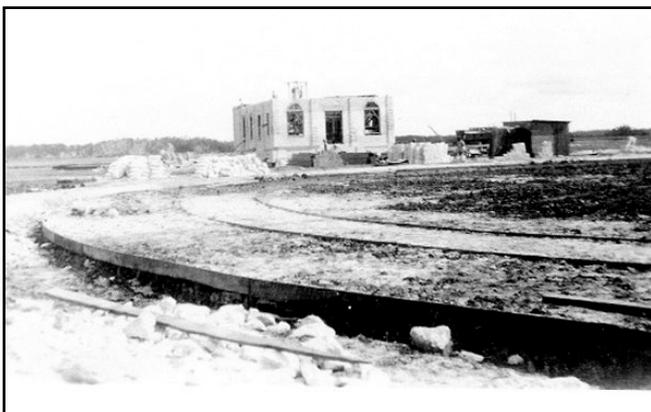
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National Register of Historic Places

We are preparing the very-thorough and complicated applications to be listed in this important historical catalog. If successful, we will join the old Bank building, the old Laundry building (now the Museum of the Everglades), and the Smallwood Store among the special sites in the immediate area.

We are grateful to the **Collier County Museum** in Naples for providing us with these amazing **photos** of City Hall during its construction, probably in early 1928. Note that a huge Circle is already there and that the building is made of concrete or stone blocks.



Pictures like these are invaluable to our architect because we have very little detail about the original building and the addition of the offices at the back. If you know anyone who remembers City Hall before it was changed in the late 1940's, please get in touch with Carol Moseman (695-2159).



FUND RAISING

We have had two businesses offer to donate 10% of their profits to our cause. Besides **Glades Realty** (see story on front page), **Dragonfly Expeditions** of Coral Gables will also donate 10% of the profit from their new bicycle tour of Everglades City. The firm specializes in eco-tours of southern Florida and the Caribbean. When you see them around town, be sure to give them a good welcome!

The summer has been slow but we did sell **T-shirts** at the Fourth of July parade in Everglades City and at Clyde Butcher's Labor Day swamp walk weekend. In fact, **Niki Butcher** was so taken with our **hats** that she bought the last one and offered to sell them for us at the Big Cypress Gallery east of Ochopee.

Our major fund-raiser this season will probably be a **motorbike rally**. We are hoping that local businesses will donate airboat rides, food for a fish fry, and anything else they think would be appreciated by our two-wheeled visitors. Plans are fluid at the moment so we welcome suggestions.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 57 fully paid up members: 2 benefactors, 7 patrons, 21 individuals, 16 families, and 11 businesses. Of these, 32 receive their newsletters by email, saving about \$12 per issue and the effort of stuffing envelopes.

*Welcome to **new members** since our last newsletter:*

PATRON

- McBeth Collins, Everglades City
- Roy & June Florian, Chokoloskee
- Lynn Foster, Naples
- Arcie & Bob Lasley, Port of the Islands

INDIVIDUAL

- Betty C. Campbell, Plantation Island
- William J. Cull, Hollywood & Everglades City
- John Elting, Sanibel Island
- Lois M. Evans, Naples
- Jerry Hooks, Everglades City
- Bill Lindsay, Chokoloskee
- Donna Ridewood Shelley, Miami

FAMILY

- Randy & Linda Mill, Pembroke Pines & Pleasure Island
- Phil & Barbara Portz, Plantation Island

BUSINESS

- Patty Bowen, Rod & Gun Lodge, Everglades City
- David Fauss, Magnus Research, Pompano Beach

We hope more **local businesses** will join us so we can show that we have support in the area. You can get a membership form at City Hall or from Winnie at the Chamber office.