

# 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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Fundraising  
Membership  
Grant Writing  
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

We have 60 paid members: Benefactor (2), Patron (3), Business (8), Family (27), and Individual (20), plus 14 members who have not renewed for 2006.

We send the newsletter to 49 members by email, saving over \$19 per issue. We also email the news to over 40 politicians, community leaders, and other historical groups.

*If you are not already a member, please join us and help to preserve this area's unique historical heritage.*

### Annual Membership levels are:

Individual \$25	Family \$40	Patron \$100
Benefactor \$500	Business \$100	

New members who join after September 2006 will not have to renew until January 2008.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 7 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber – EVERYONE WELCOME!

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*sketch courtesy of Jurg Furrer*

## ***BRICKS FLY!***

The Brick-by-Brick campaign was a roaring success, especially in its last few days.

A deadline was imposed because of the long delivery time quoted by the factory. The Mayor has made so much progress with City Hall restoration that we were afraid we would not have the bricks installed for the Grand Opening.

In the middle of September we set the deadline as the end of the month and mailed members, plus interested friends, with forms. Information was also spread around town and even reprinted in local publications "What's Happening" and the "Everglades Echo".

Lisa Marteeny collected dozens of forms as people dropped off their orders at City Hall and the Post Office Box was never empty.

However, on the final Friday and Saturday, the number of orders almost doubled as supporters tried to beat the clock. And, phones hopping, emails flying, more forms were submitted on Sunday, Monday, and on Tuesday until we called a halt.

Among the respondents were remote members of old local families like the daughters of Judge Jolley, descendents of the Boggess family, and representatives from the Storter clan. Other familiar names whose distant relatives contributed were Russell and Santini.

The final order to the factory on October 3 was for 264 bricks! There were 61 in memory, 21 celebrating an anniversary or birthday, and 27 giving thanks. There were 65 bricks with little pictures; the heart was most popular, followed by the cross and flag.

The bricks will be placed on the sidewalk leading up to the front steps of City Hall and we will be able to fill almost 15 feet of a 4-foot wide strip down the center of path.

*Our thanks to everyone who participated.* The campaign was so popular that we will probably begin another one before Christmas.



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## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sammy Hamilton announced at the City Council meeting on October 3 that he hoped to have the children's Christmas Party at City Hall. He reminded us that it is almost a year since Hurricane Wilma and praised FEMA for all the support they have given. He also thanked County Commissioner Jim Coletta for helping the City be awarded \$600,000 from Collier County for the restoration project and said that County Manager Jim Mudd had been very sympathetic.

"The building was built tough but now it is even tougher", according to the Mayor. It will also be safer and more user-friendly. There is new wiring and central air-conditioning. An elevator (the only one in Everglades City?) is being installed to provide access to the new council chamber on the second floor.

Progress on the outside is visible daily and the grand old building now sparkles in the sun.

*Thanks to JD Dungan of [www.jd-designs-for-you.com](http://www.jd-designs-for-you.com) who offered to design our website and has already developed a sample home page. More about the website in our next newsletter.*



## FUND RAISING

The Brick-by-Brick campaign raised over \$9,000 after paying for the cost of the bricks.

**THANKS** to Evelyn Stevens for her donation of postage stamps for our newsletters.

**THANKS** to "George" Furer for his donation of cash to buy postage stamps for our newsletters.

**THANKS** to the anonymous donor who dropped off paper for our newsletters.

**THANKS** to Theresa Ryan for her donation and to Dick & Vickie Lewis for their generous contribution to the City Hall Fund.

## NEW PROJECTS

Two new projects have been discussed at recent ESHP meetings: restoration of the city lamp posts and historical signage.

The **lamp posts** were originally installed in the late 1920s. They had to be turned on and off manually by the electrician Ivan Hoffman who drove around to switch boxes in the town, morning and night. There are about 70 lamp posts in three different designs, all very similar.

The first part of the project is to survey them and decide which are beyond repair. Replacements will cost about \$300 each and one generous householder has already offered to pay for the lamp in front of her home.



By the way, it may look like the picture is leaning but this is an example of the condition of some of our lamp posts.

**Historical signage** is sadly lacking in our town and surrounding area. There is a State Historical Marker in front of the Old Laundry (Museum) but many other buildings would qualify to have one. The application process is straight-forward but the cost of the sign is about \$2000. We are also looking at less expensive options and welcome suggestions.