

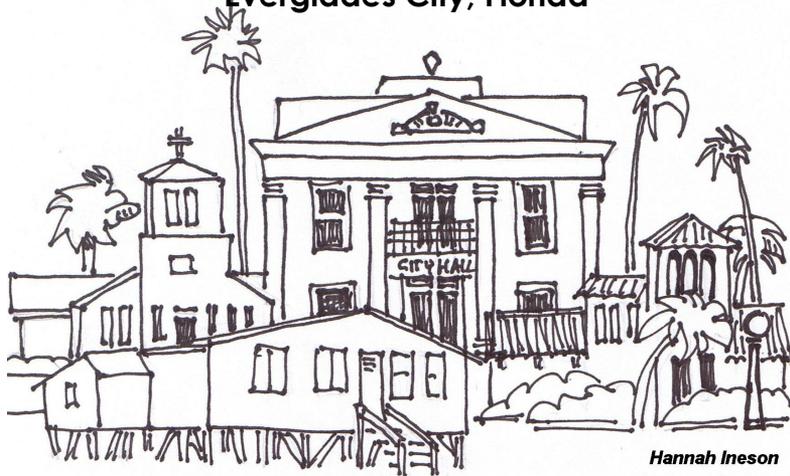
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## McLeod Park



McLeod Park was named after Daniel W. McLeod, the Mayor from 1923 until 1959, and his wife Lucy McKeown McLeod.

Until Hurricane Donna in 1960 the property had housed the library, a cafe, and commercial buildings facing onto Broadway. In 1968 the City acquired the land and the Lions Club suggested a park to be named after the McLeods.

The Pavilion was constructed in the 1980s. It is used for local events and is the focus of the Everglades Seafood Festival.

The memorial stone monument on the circle was built in 2008 by ESHP after a generous donation from the McLeods' grandson.

***This is our Headquarters for the Everglades Homes Tour.***

***If you have questions or need more tickets, visit us here.***

**There is also an Arts & Crafts sale, including local history book signings, under the Pavilion on March 10. It starts at 10:00 a.m. so come early.**

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## 203 Riverside Drive



Barron Collier's first cousin Charles Henry Collier from Tennessee lived here with his family after the house was built in 1927. He was president of the Bank of Everglades and conducted the Collier & Long Insurance business.

Title to the house was transferred from Collier Development Corporation to C.H. and his wife Louise in 1953. He died in 1965 but she remained in the house until she died in 1981.

The Collier children sold the house in 1983. The present owners bought it in 1998 and restored it in 2003 with a screened porch added for more living space.

The Fellowship Hall at the Everglades Community Church (*see location A*) is named after the Collier daughter, the late Louise Collier Jinkins.

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## 309 Riverside Drive

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This wood frame house on stilts was originally built in the early 1960s after Hurricane Donna. Hugh Ten Eyck, developer of the Captain's Table complex in the late 1960s, purchased the home from the Ft. Lauderdale architect who designed the house (name unknown).

Henry and Catherine Pollack (parents of the current owner) purchased the home in the mid-1970s along with the house behind it. They passed on the properties to their son Ted and his sister, also Catherine.

The wood floors and pecky cypress walls have been refinished. The 4-bedroom/3-bath home includes a screened-in downstairs and a pool. It overlooks the Barron River.

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**Outward Bound**  
(across the river from 400 Riverside Drive)



Sunset Island, a Calusa shell mound, was farmed by Madison Weeks and sold in 1883 to the Brown family who also farmed until the 1926 hurricane. They sold the property to Barron Collier with the stipulation that the family be allowed to be buried in the family plot which remains on the island. The main lodge was completed in 1938. Additional outbuildings buildings were completed in the 1940s as the property developed in a hunting and fishing destination.. The small building on the dock was a bar called “The Hook, Line and Sinker”.

The North Carolina Outward Bound School bought the property in 1987 as a base for long canoe expeditions “to inspire people to discover and develop their potential to care for themselves, others and the world around them through challenging experiences in unfamiliar settings.” The island serves as staff housing and logistical support.

***The only access to this property is by water.***

***Please wait on Riverside Drive for the pontoon boat to collect you.***

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## Bank of Everglades



The Bank, founded by Barron Collier, received its Charter in 1923 and was located in temporary offices until this imposing building was ready in 1927. The original interior was an octagon of mahogany and marble. At the time, the town was called “Everglades”; thus the name.

This was the only bank in Collier County for about 26 years and remained in continuous operation until 1961 when the charter was sold to the Bank of Immokalee. The top floor held offices for Humble Oil in the 1940s and later for the County School Board.

In the early 1970s the building was used as a boarding house and was then bought by Joe & Rusty Rupsis who published the weekly *Everglades Echo* newspaper. The title and building were bought by the Tuff family and the building changed hands several times.

Since our last Homes Tour, new tenants have transformed it into a luxurious Bed & Breakfast with Spa, filled with antiques. The original floors and large vault can still be seen.

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**(B) Everglades Community Church**



Everglades Community Church began as a Presbyterian congregation in 1923. This land was gifted by the estate of Barron Gift Collier with the stipulation that the church be built by 1940 as a non-denominational house of worship. The original Fellowship Hall was added in the late 1950s and the carillon was donated in 1969.

In 2008 the building was returned to its original historic design; the removal of plastic cladding from the bell tower revealed ogee moldings and a circular window on the steeple. The state historic sign was erected in early 2009. In 2010, the sanctuary was enlarged and the stained glass windows installed.

Since our last Homes Tour, the Fellowship Hall has been completely reconstructed to accommodate more people. It is named in honor of the late Louise Collier Jinkins who grew up in Everglades City (*see location 1*) and continued to attend church here after she had moved to Naples.

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## Everglades City Hall



This majestic neo-classical building was completed in 1928. It served as the County Courthouse and as the seat of Collier County which was established in 1923.

Additions, including the front portico, were constructed in the late 1940s and in 1956 as more offices were needed.

A referendum in 1959 decided to move official business to East Naples, nearer to the shifting population. The building was taken over as Everglades City Hall in 1963.

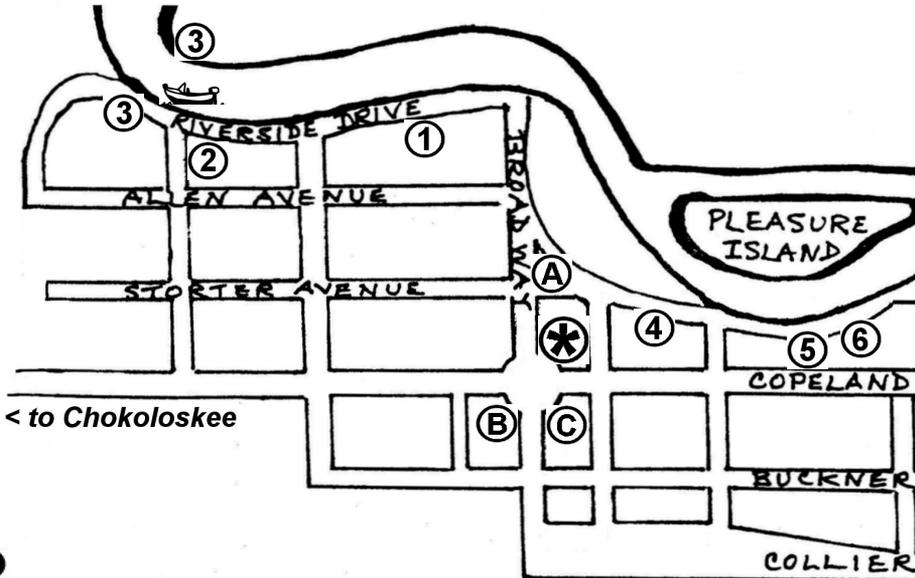
In 2005 Hurricane Wilma devastated the decaying property and it was only through the perseverance of Mayor Sammy Hamilton that it was restored to its proper grandeur.

It currently houses the City offices, a branch of Collier County Public Libraries, a County tax collector and County clerk, a branch of the Shamrock Bank, and the ESHP Historical Library.

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Barron Gift Collier (1873-1939) got “sand in his shoes” when he first visited Florida in 1911 and went on to buy over one million acres in this area.

Collier made his fortune in streetcar advertising and was a prominent figure in New York where he had moved from his native Memphis.

He persuaded the Florida legislature to carve out a County in his name if he would complete the Tamiami Trail across the unsurveyed Glades.

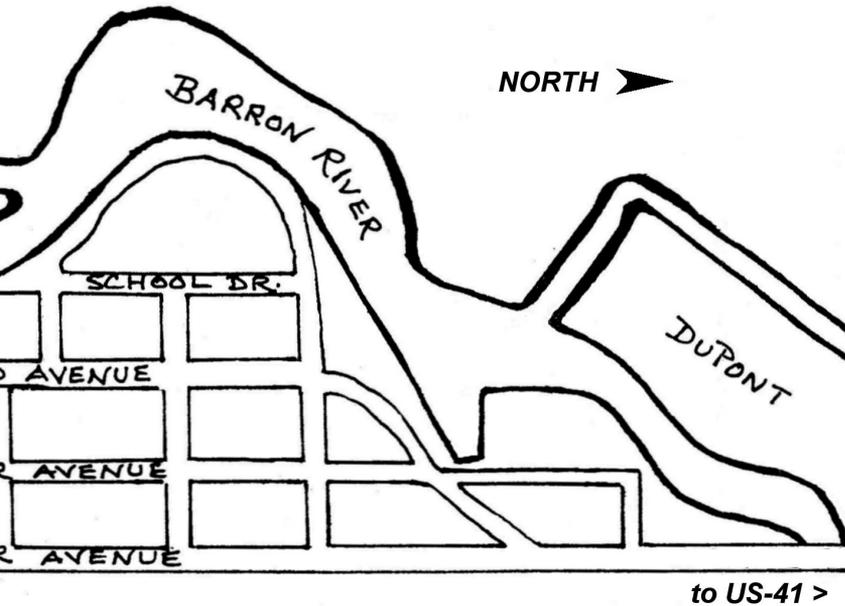
He not only constructed the Trail under great difficulty but built the planned town of Everglades with houses for workers and public buildings.

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David Graham Copeland (1885-1949) was the engineer who supervised the building of the town and the Trail. He had been educated at South Carolina Military Academy and Rensselaer Polytechnic before serving in the Navy.

In 1924 he was hired to work in Collier County and soon became manager of the Collier Corporation's many business interests. He was also Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from 1927 to 1947 and then served in the Florida House until his death in 1949.

Copeland was an avid historian and compiled a large volume of notes.



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### 208 Storter Avenue North



This house was built in 1927 for Seward Stokley Jolley whose name is remembered in the S.S. Jolley bridge linking Marco Island and the mainland on CR-951 (Collier Boulevard). He was a grocer by trade but was appointed as a court judge by Governor Scholtz in 1935 and had offices in the Collier County Courthouse (*see location C*).

Jolley, his wife Mary, and their two daughters Mary Ann and June, lived here until 1949 when they moved to Naples. June has just published a delightful book of memoirs *A Jolley Good Tale* in which she describes life in the early days here and later in Naples. Jolley was re-elected as a judge until his death in 1959.

The current owners bought the house in 1999. It is one of the few in Everglades City with a chimney and fireplace.

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## 308 Storter Avenue North

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This little house is thought to have been built in 1924 by the Collier Corporation and consisted of two rooms.

It was almost destroyed in 1980 by a storm and two more bedrooms and bathrooms were added but the roof of the addition was blown off by Hurricane Wilma in 2005.

The house changed hands several times until in 1993 it was sold to the present owner John Adams who left his fast-paced old life in Hollywood, California, behind him. Although he grew up on the edge of the Everglades in Miami, he became a professional ice skater and rose to be director of sound & lighting for the Ice Capades before retiring.

John's career allowed him to travel all over the world and to collect interesting artifacts and memorabilia.

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## 312 Storter Avenue North



The cottage was constructed in 1925. The history of the house includes the statement that it was originally two houseboats that were bolted together. It was owned by a local fishing guide and family for many years. The yard has numerous palm trees and a large Banyan. The great variety of trees was brought to the previous owner as gifts by a friend in the nursery business.

The renovation began with the purchase of the property in 2001 and took almost two years. The original bead board was cleaned and reinstalled as part of the restoration to the old Florida style. The Shiplap siding is a duplicate of the original on the exterior. The property extends to Copeland Avenue and includes the barn on the back lot.

The renovation was extensive and a positive experience. It was exciting to restore an historic jewel and we welcome visitors again this year during the Everglades Homes Tour.

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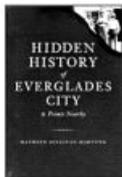
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