

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR  
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*Dedicated to our Unique History*

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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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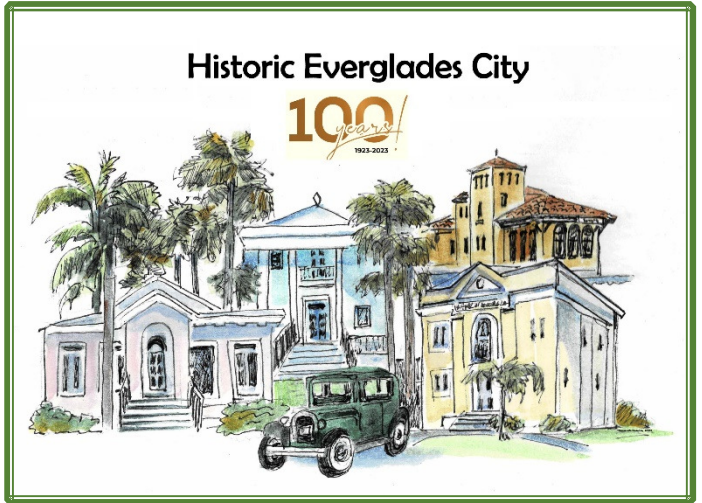
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**New Tile Celebrates 100 years**

The little town of Everglades was designated the County seat in 1923 when Collier County was established. We are marking this momentous occasion with a souvenir tile featuring some of our original buildings from that era.

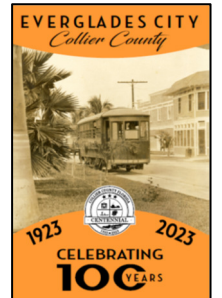
The artwork was generously donated by our new director Hannah Ineson. The tile measures 8x6 inches and can be used as a hotplate or just proudly displayed.

It is available at \$20 in the Visitor Center.

**CENTENNIAL (1923-2023) BANNERS**

Our thanks to all the sponsors of the 36 historical banners on the solar lamp posts along Collier Avenue, Broadway, and South Copeland Avenue.

We have produced a little booklet describing them and crediting the generous people or businesses who contributed to bring this project to fruition. You can get a copy for only \$1 at the Visitor Center or at Right Choice Supermarket.



**Visitor Center**

The Everglades Area Visitor Center & Trail Town Headquarters is in the coral-colored building at **207 West Broadway**. Stop in for information about local businesses and to see the work of amazing artists on sale there. To learn more and to volunteer, phone Connie at (419) 350-6650.



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Saturday, April 29: Tamiami Trail 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

hosted by Museum of the Everglades

10:00am Opening Ceremony at City Hall

11:00am Parade around town

12:00pm Lunch in McLeod Park, music by Naples Jazz Band

1:00pm Laundry-Cart Races in front of Museum

1:30pm FME 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake at the Museum

2:00pm Tamiami Trail Talk by Cesar Becerra at Museum

See [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com) or phone (239) 252-5026

#### Saturday, April 29: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

#### Monday, May 8: Collier County 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Everglades City Hall, 10-11am

See [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com)

#### Saturday, July 1: ECity Independence Celebration

10:30am Parade around town

11:00am McLeod Park: kiddies' contests, raffles, food

9:00pm Fireworks

#### Saturday, November 4: Centennial Music Festival

Rod & Gun Club, 12pm until whenever

*details in our next newsletter*

### BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is on **May 1**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

### ESHP MEMBERSHIP

We have 92 members. **Help us reach the magic number of 100 by joining!** Just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter and send it to us with a check.

#### Welcome to new members:

Liz & Mike Lyne, Everglades City

### MEMBERSHIP vs. DONATIONS ???

**Membership** shows an ongoing commitment to the organization and allows you to vote for directors. It qualifies as a tax-deductible charitable contribution less the monetary value of any tangible benefits such as magazines.

**Donations** are also tax-deductible but usually the one-time gift of money for a specific purpose such as our year-end appeal.

The IRS requires us to report membership separately from donations so there is a difference.

### News from Naples

Historic Palm Cottage is open again after a huge refurbishment to repair the damage done by Hurricane Ian and is offering conducted tours daily.

For info and booking, see [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org) or phone (239) 261-8164.



### BANK OF EVERGLADES BUILDING What's Been Happening?

by Patty Huff, ESHP President



*The first quarter of 2023 has been very exciting for ESHP, including our Bank of Everglades Building Project.*

To summarize:

We started off the new year with the grant of \$3 million which was signed into the Federal Appropriations Bill on December 29, 2022, under the HUD program.

Our year-end appeal was very successful, and allows us to continue working on the Bank Building project while we wait for the federal funds.

Our Music Festival fundraiser, which was postponed due to Hurricane Ian, was a tremendous success despite the cold weather on January 14. Musicians donated their time and talents, a raffle was held as well as silent and live auctions (with donations from many businesses in town), all of which resulted in \$11,213.62 in net receipts. The Rod & Gun Club provided the perfect location.

ESHP is extremely grateful to MHK Architects in Naples for all their assistance this past year. As we move forward with federal funding, it is important to have the expertise of a firm recognized for its historic preservation work and knowledge of HUD grants. We are pleased to announce our association with Rick Gonzalez of REG Architects ([www.regarchitects.com](http://www.regarchitects.com)).

ESHP applied for state funding through the Division of Historic Resources and our grant application ranked 15 out of 36. The projects are now being discussed by the Florida House and Senate. The legislative session will adjourn on May 5, 2023, so we should know soon!! This was a matching grant; we requested \$53,000 so the total available amount will be \$106,000, half of which we must provide.

THANK YOU for your continued support and interest in our on-going projects.



### MUSEUM OF EVERGLADES

The Third Thursday Talk on **May 18** at 2:00pm is about the families who lived in what is now Everglades National Park and their reactions to the changes after the Park was created in 1947. The event is free of charge and everyone is welcome.

The Museum, the little pink building at 105 West Broadway, is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9am to 4pm. Admission is free. For info, see [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com) or phone the Museum at (239) 252-5026.