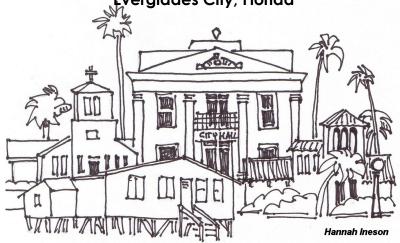
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### **McLeod Park**





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 first Seafood Festival was held in 1973 to raise money for playground equipment. The Pavilion was constructed in the 1980s. The 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 an arts & crafts sale, including local history book signings, under the Pavilion on March 12. It starts at 10:00 a.m. so come early.



### **Everglades First Baptist Church**



Everglades First Baptist Church began life as a Methodist church building donated to the Everglades Baptist Chapel by the C. J. Jones family in 1956 in memory of their son Jerry after the logging company and sawmill in Jerome had closed.

The building, which is made of "pecky cypress" was brought to Everglades City and placed on its present site. The old Chokoloskee school house was moved nearby as a Sunday School but was destroyed during Hurricane Donna in 1960. A new Sunday School was built in 1964 and the church constituted in 1971. The Fellowship Hall was built in 1996 with the help of the North Carolina Baptist Men.

A baptistery with a cross made of the original cypress was completed in 2001 in a design that complements the old cypress interior. New lighting emphasizes the beauty of the wood interior of the sanctuary.

### 414 School Drive East





This home was built in 1951 from a mail order kit, as many were at that time. The wrap-around porch was not part of the original design. These porches were added when the house was remodeled around 1990.

The house still has the original pine floor from the C. J. Jones sawmill in Jerome. At the time of the remodeling, the pecky cypress interior paneling and the exterior rough cut cypress siding were added.

The mural in the living room was painted by local artists Donnie Wood and Bobby Campbell.

The Washingtonian Palms were added by the present owner as part of the city beautification program sponsored by City Hall.

The large landscape stones in front were from the Harmon Quarry at Copeland which has since closed. The holes in the stones were drilled so that dynamite could be inserted in them to blast the rock into manageable pieces.



### 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.

### 203 Copeland Avenue North

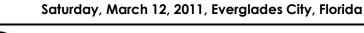




This 1937 house was built mostly of Dade County Pine, possibly for a "school marm". The garage in the backyard was originally shared with our neighbors, an open structure with no dividing walls until renovations in 2000. It is our understanding that not many residents of Everglades City had cars at the time and three of these garages were built in the center of town for those with vehicles.

We purchased the house in January of 1994. The previous owners had added a living room to the front of the house. In 2004, we added the back porch and updated the interior, removing carpeting that was hiding the original hardwood floors in the bedrooms. Most recent was the bathroom update; the original purple fixtures and tile were beginning to fail.

We affectionately call this our "Swamp House" because for many years during the wet seasons our yard was a foot or more underwater. The kids caught tadpoles and went froggin' in the backyard.





## 202 Copeland Avenue North



This little house is thought to have been built in 1925 as one of the original Collier homes. A notable resident was E. A. Doug Hendry, the County Sheriff from 1957 to 1975. He had been elected to the position in 1956, replacing Roy O. Atkins who was the Chief Deputy for the long-serving but then-deceased Sheriff Louis J. Thorp. Hendry, with his deputy Aubrey Rogers, introduced the Junior Deputies camp for youngsters.

The County Sheriff's office and jail were across Hibiscus Street next to the Court House (now Everglades City Hall). After the County seat moved to East Naples, there was a substation in the premises until it moved to Carnestown (intersection of US-41 and SR-29) in 1991.

The house behind this one, now in the same ownership, was once a tiny real estate agency but has been substantially enlarged as a private residence

## Everglades Community Church (B)





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 nondenominational house of worship. The Fellowship Hall was added in the late 1950s and the carillon that sounds hourly was installed 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 installed in early 2009.

Since the Everglades Homes Tour in 2010, the interior has major remodeling, extending undergone the sanctuary accommodate more worshipers and revealing the rich wood floors.

The stained glass windows, donated by members of the church, include six symbolic depictions of Christ's life, the four apostles, the four pillars of the church, and the eight parables of Jesus.

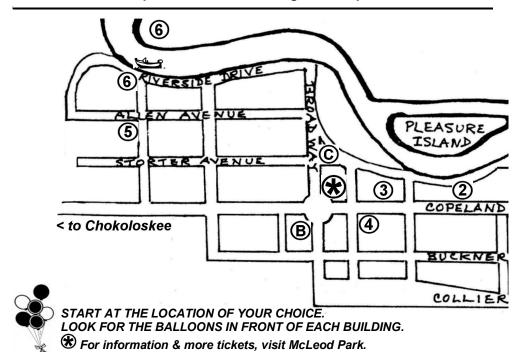




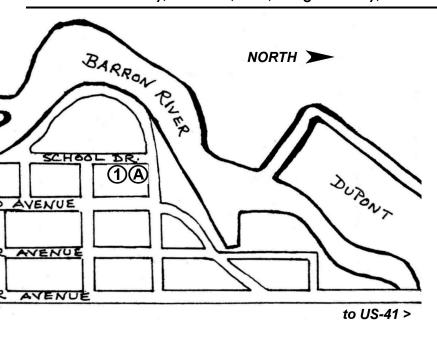
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Barron Gift Collier (1873-1939) got "sand in his shoes" when he first visited Florida in 1911 and went on to buy over one million acres in this area.

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.



This majestic neo-classical building was the County Courthouse completed by Barron Collier in 1928 as the seat of his new County. A referendum in 1959 decided to move official business to East Naples and 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 County branch library and tax collector, a branch of the Shamrock Bank, and the ESHP office



photo by Marya Repko



### **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 business moved to Naples. 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 was bought by the Tuff family and the building changed hands several times. It has most recently been a Bed & Breakfast with a spa.

The original floors and large vault can still be seen.

### 401 Allen Avenue





This house was a railway worker's home built in 1935. From 1949 onwards it was the home of Carlton "Snapper" Butler, Mayor from 1987 to 1995, and his wife Ann.

The Atlantic Coastline railroad stopped running trains to Everglades City in the late 1950s and the Butlers moved the house to its present location in 1963.

The original structure consisted of a kitchen, living room, two bedrooms, and a bath. Even though there have been some changes, it still has a lot of charm in the decor as well as in the custom-built furniture.

The Rod & Gun sign headboard was a prop for the movie "Gone Fishin" and the Paradise sign on the front of the house is one of two signs from Jimmy Buffet's place in the Florida Keys.

Houses are history and I hope you enjoy the history you see here today.

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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.

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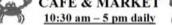
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