

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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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We had a table at the Leadership Collier Volunteer Expo on November 3.

It's Getting Busy Again!

At our Board meeting on November 9th, we heard from structural engineer Chris Essepi about fixing the **foundation** of the old BOE building. He suggests that we move the structure temporarily and drive helical pilings down about 15-feet before restoring it to its original place. We also discussed **demolition** of the 1950s addition which should happen first.

Architects MHK presented renderings of their ideas for the visitor center downstairs and detailed plans for both floors. They will be coordinating with the engineers so that we can plan our progress in making BOE useful feature in our little city, the birthplace of Collier County.

To learn more, come to the **Welcome-Back Talk on Friday, November 18**, at 2:30pm in the Lighthouse Club at Everglades Isle. For info, visit our special website at www.Save-BOE.org or contact Patty on (239) 719-0020.



Visitor Center

After a break to clean up from Hurricane Ian, we opened to the public on **November 7** in our center at 207 West Broadway.

If you are looking for unique local artwork as a holiday gift, stop in to support our talented neighbors whose creations are on consignment there.

And, if you enjoy meeting people and would like to volunteer, phone Connie at (419) 350-6650.


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 12: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

For info, phone Marya at (239) 451-0265

Friday, November 18: Welcome-Back Historical Talk

2:03pm, Lighthouse Club at Everglades Isle

 Reservations requested. RSVP to ESHP@hotmail.com
Saturday, December 10: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

For info, phone Marya at (239) 451-0265

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Saturday, January 14: Music Festival

12-6pm, Rod & Gun Club

 Book your tickets at www.Save-BOE.org
Weekend, February 17/18/19: Everglades Seafood Festival

 See website: www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org
Friday, February 24: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Thursday, March 23: Barron Collier 150th Birthday

Details to be announced in future.

BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is on **Monday, December 5**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

ESHP MEMBERSHIP

Give the gift of history! If you buy a membership for a friend or neighbor, we will send the recipient a card with your name and a goodie bag. See the back page ...



COLLIER CENTENNIAL

The County was established in 1923 so we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary with events throughout next year. There is a new website www.colliercounty100.com devoted to the festivities.

It is also the 100th anniversary since the town of Everglades was selected as the seat of Collier County. The Courthouse and Bank of Everglades were established and soon moved into their grandiose neo-classical buildings.

The City lamp posts will be festooned with banners depicting historical sites. We plan to publish a little booklet describing each of the photos on the banners and thanking our sponsors. For info about how you can get involved, contact Patty at (239) 719-0020.

SAVE the Bank of Everglades Building

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 14

Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City

www.Save-BOE.org

We are lining up some of the most popular musicians in Southwest Florida to entertain us at the **Music Festival** on January 14 starting at 12:00 noon.

Tickets are \$50 for a reserved seat or \$20 for general admission. They can be bought in advance at our special website www.Save-BOE.org using a credit/debit card or by sending us a check payable to "ESHP" with a memo line "Music Fest". For info, phone Marya at (239) 451-0265.



MUSEUM OF EVERGLADES

The next Special Exhibit will be "Gearheads in the Glades" showing the mechanical ingenuity of locals in response to the challenges of the swamp.

To compliment that theme, the title of the Third Thursday Talk at 2:00pm on **November 17** is "Engines in the Everglades".

The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-4pm and admission is free although donations are welcome.

For info, see www.colliermuseums.com or phone the Museum at (239) 252-5026.

News from Naples

Historic Palm Cottage is currently closed for repairs after Hurricane Ian but hope to be open for their annual Christmas event on December 20.

You can read the latest update on the official website www.napleshistoricalsociety.org or phone (239) 261-8164.



Marco Museum Update

The lobby at the Marco Island Historical Museum has been completely redesigned with interesting displays and visitor information.

The official Ribbon Cutting will be on **Wednesday, December 7**, at 4:30pm but you are welcome to see what they have done during normal hours Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-4pm. For info, see www.theMIHS.org or phone (239) 252-1440.