

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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Newsletter



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 29: Independence Day Celebration

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

see article below

Sept 28: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

10am-1pm, Rod & Gun

Nov 15: Welcome-Back Historical Talk

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 3**, in our office at City Hall. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 58 current members. To join us or renew, just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or use a debit/credit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Independence Day Celebration SATURDAY, JUNE 29th

10:00am - Opening Ceremony (City Hall steps)

10:30am - GRAND PARADE

11:00am - booths open in McLeod Park

11:30am - parade winners announced

11:30am - kiddies' contests

11:30am - Lions Club serve lunch

12:30pm - raffle winners announced

9:00pm - FIREWORKS

We are the first – the original Collier County seat with our majestic Court House building (now City Hall). And, we have the first local celebration of our nation's independence on the Saturday before July 4th.

The theme of the parade is "Hats Off to America" and everyone is welcome to join in with a golf cart, buggy, float, or whatever. *There will also be a special prize for the "Best Hat", a new contest this year.*

Vendors and non-profits are invited to set up their tables at no charge in McLeod Park for Art-in-the-Glades.

You can contribute to the Fireworks Fund by sending a check to Everglades Fireworks Fund at P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

For info, call Dottie at City Hall, (239) 695-3781.



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Congratulations!

ESHP Director **Hydie Friend** has been inducted in the Wheeling, West Virginia, Hall of Fame for her contributions to the community. A tribute to her reads:



Hydie Friend's leadership in every aspect of historic preservation and economic development continues to benefit Wheeling. She has adroitly bridged the past as a pathway to the future, always with a smile and a positive 'We can do this!' approach.

(see www.theintelligencer.net on April 27).

Hydie was also honored by the Oglebay Foundation in her home town. She and husband Ed live at Port of the Islands during the winter and we are lucky to have her on the ESHP board.

A city without a past, is like a person without a face.

So said long-time Coral Gables resident Sallye Jude who was recognized by the HistoryMiami Museum for her work in preservation.

Wednesday Walks

Naples Historical Society is offering guided walking tours and some of them are free during the summer.



Another freebie is a tour of Palm Cottage on every Saturday in July or August for Collier County residents.

You should book walks and tours in advance at www.napleshistoricalsociety.org or phone (239) 261-8164.

FAREWELL

Pat Fingeroff, a former ESHP Director, passed away at her home in Philadelphia. She and her husband Jerry spent winters in Everglades City and she was always helpful in our activities until she had a bad fall which left her partly paralyzed.



Ray Williams, who spent weekends at Monroe Station as a youngster during the 1940s, passed away recently. He and his sister Laurene Tibbs shared their memories and this photo with us (*Town Crier*, January 2015).

Gladys Smith, who grew up in Deep Lake and eventually managed Janes Restaurant in Copeland with her husband Heyward, passed away at age 94 in April.

News from the Historical Library



If you still have old books, newspapers, or photos for the Historical Library on the second floor in City Hall where they have been safe from flooding, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.



MUSEUM CELEBRATION

Over 500 people flocked to Everglades City on April 27 when the Museum had its annual Birthday Party.

To get us into historic mood, the Naples Dixieland Jazz Band played in McLeod Park and a group of vintage cars lined Broadway.

LOST BUILDINGS

Hurricane Irma is still taking its toll. Several more little original Collier homes will be demolished because the cost of raising them on stilts and restoring them is prohibitive.



405 North Copeland Avenue is thought to have been moved here in 1932 from near the railway tracks.



This little house on 308 North Storter Avenue faces the Barron River.