

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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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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Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. The Society is concerned with the **preservation of all historic sites, structures, documents, artifacts, and memories** within the Everglades area.

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Newsletter

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Everglades City CENTENNIAL
MUSIC FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 4, 2023
Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City
www.ESHP.org

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENT!

We're looking forward to hosting our third Music Festival which this year celebrates the Collier County Centennial.

Well-known Southwest Florida musicians are donating their time and talents to make it an entertaining afternoon on the bank of the Barron River behind the Rod & Gun Club. The venue is appropriate because it held the first County Commissions' meeting in 1923 when ECity was named the County seat.

Before the live music starts, organizer Pete Gallagher will broadcast his "Florida Folk Show" from the Club starting at 10am on 96.7FM radio.



The Music Festival benefits our efforts to preserve the unique history of our area. You can book reserve seats in advance on our website www.eshp.org or pay on the day at the gate. For info, phone Marya at (239) 451-0265.

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.

If you are interested in volunteering, drop by or phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 4: Centennial Music Festival

Rod & Gun Club, 12pm until whenever

Friday, November 17: Welcome-Back Talk

Everglades Isle (Lighthouse), 2pm

Saturday, November 18: Art-in-the-Glades

McLeod Park, 10am-1pm

Saturday, December 2: Swamp Heritage Festival

Big Cypress National Preserve, 10am-3pm

Saturday, December 9: Art-in-the-Glades

McLeod Park, 10am-1pm

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Friday, January 12: Diamonds' Tea

Everglades Community Church, 2pm

Saturday, January 13: Art-in-the-Glades

McLeod Park, 10am-1pm

BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors usually meets on the first Monday but the next meeting is on **Tuesday, November 6,** at 9:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and share ideas with us. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

ESHP MEMBERSHIP

We have 89 active members. If you join or renew now, your membership will extend through the end of 2024. You can avoid annoying annual renewal notices by becoming a Lifetime member.

Welcome to new members since our last newsletter:

Jonathan Speck, Everglades City
Art & Melissa Davis, Phoenix, AZ

Happy Birthday!



Congratulations to **Carolyn Thompson** who is celebrating her 90th birthday on November 4th with a party at WinCar General Store from 11am-2pm. Everyone is welcome!

Easy Donation Link

If you use PayPal, you can set up ESHP as your "Favorite Charity" and send us donations any time you are feeling generous.

You will need our email address ESHP@hotmail.com and our EIN 20-2229534 to get the link established.

We will receive your donation through the PayPal Giving Fund which does not charge us a fee.



What Will It Look Like?

Join us on **Friday, November 17,** to see what architects Rick Gonzalez & Aleli de la Vega have planned for our historic Bank of Everglades building. They will show renderings of the interior and exterior as well as give a progress report about the engineering for this major project.

The annual Welcome-Back Talk takes place at 2:00pm in the Everglades Isle Lighthouse. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge but we do like to know in advance how many people to expect so we can provide refreshments. RSVP by phoning (239) 451-0265 or emailing us on ESHP@hotmail.com.

After the talk, you are invited to a guided tour of the old building for a donation of \$20 each, limited to only 20 people.

President's Update

by Patty Huff

We are still waiting for the final review by the Miami and Washington, D.C., HUD offices to start receiving the funds granted to us last December.

Next month we will be applying to the State for the additional funding needed to cover the entire project. This request will be part of the Appropriations Bill for 2024. In the meantime, we continue to give tours to representatives of our elected officials and other interested people and organizations.

Please check out our Facebook page to read more about our efforts which have been published in the media:
<https://www.facebook.com/ESHP.org>



BANNERS to Honor Military

We plan to add banners to the lamp posts in ECity that will honor those in the Military. We are working with the Museum of the Everglades and the school on this project..

If you or a member of your family has served, email us on ESHP@hotmail.com or phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

FAREWELL

Lois Marie Boggess Evans passed away recently at age 87. She grew up in Everglades City, went to school here, and was related to many people in our area. Lois and her husband Duval started Evans Oil which operated from a garage in Ochopee.