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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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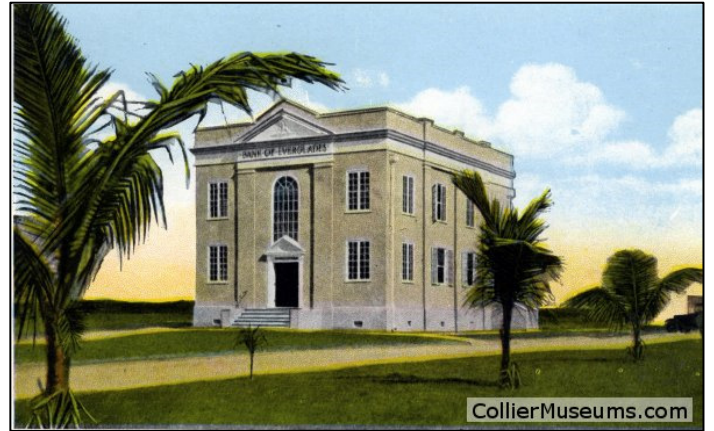
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## Newsletter

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## PROGRESS!

Our Rummage Clearance on April 17 emptied out some of the furniture and other items in the old building. It was attended by an estimated 200 people and raised over \$3,000. We have filled three huge dumpsters and had some interior walls knocked down so we could see what the structure behind them looks like.

We had the main roof patched to stop flooding during rainy season and will tent the building for termites in early July. One large decision we made was to demolish the 1956 addition at the back, some of which is in very bad shape and not worth repairing.

The next step is to appoint an architect and project manager. We sent out eight Requests-for-Qualifications and are evaluating the replies. We have promised to make a decision over the summer so that design work can start in the fall.

Of course, this project will cost money. Besides applying for grants, we have organized a full calendar of fundraising events. The most immediate ones are the Exclusive Tours for ten people to have lunch in the Rod & Gun Club before being guided around the old building (*read article inside*).

To learn more, see our special new website where you can also donate: [www.SaveBOE.com](http://www.SaveBOE.com). For info, call Kathy at (954) 662-7003 or Patty at (239) 695-2397.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **Saturday, May 29: Exclusive Tour**

Limited to only 10 people. This date is fully booked.

### **Saturday, June 26: Independence Celebration**

Traditional event with Patriotic Parade at 10:30am. Fireworks in the evening. For info, call Dottie at City Hall (239) 695-4558.

### **Saturday, June 26: Exclusive Tour**

Limited to only 10 people. Starts at 11:30am. To book your places, see [www.SaveBoE.com](http://www.SaveBoE.com).

### **Saturday, July 31: Exclusive Tour**

Limited to only 10 people. Starts at 11:30am. To book your places, see [www.SaveBoE.com](http://www.SaveBoE.com).

### **Saturday, November 6: ECity Bank Music Festival**

On the Rod & Gun lawn, starting at 12:00 noon. General admission \$20/person, reserved seats \$50. Book in advance at [www.SaveBoE.com](http://www.SaveBoE.com). Familiar folk musicians are volunteering their time and talents to help us raise money for the Bank renovation project. There will also be an auction.

### **Saturday, December 11: "Killing Mr. Watson"**

A re-enactment at the Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee where the event really happened in 1910. More details in our next newsletter.

## BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, June 7** in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 67 members who have renewed or joined for 2021. 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](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).

## MAY is Preservation Month

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has news about what's happening at their website [www.savingplaces.org](http://www.savingplaces.org).

The NTHP is over 70 years old and has adopted some important old buildings as well as promoting historic hotels.

It also offers grants which we are investigating.

## News from the Historical Library



If you have old photos and small documents, we can scan them in our office on the first floor of City Hall while you wait if you do not want to donate the originals. We also welcome old books of local interest. For info and to make an appointment, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

## EXCLUSIVE TOURS



Join us for a illustrated history lecture and lunch in the Rod & Gun Club followed by a guided tour of the Bank of Everglades Building. Only ten people will be allowed on each date.

Cost \$150 includes lunch and a "goodie bag" which contains a limited-edition framed print of a painting of the Bank by Donald Sunshine, a personally-signed copy of the new book *A Brief History of the Bank of Everglades Building* written especially for this campaign, and a pack of note cards with the green sketch above. All of those are in the ECity Tote Bag designed by Hannah Ineson. Hardhats and masks will also be provided.

Available dates are **June 26** (after the Parade) and **July 31**. We dare not schedule more because we do not know what state of repair the building might be in later during the summer and fall. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

## MUSEUM UPDATE



The Deep Lake exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum will close at the end of May and be replaced with one featuring the Bank of Everglades Building.

There will be a reception on **Friday, June 4**, at 5:00 p.m. to which everyone is welcome.

The Third Thursday Lecture on **June 17** at 2:00 p.m. also focuses on the old Bank. Reservations are required at the County website [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

For info, call the Museum at (239) 252-5026.

## The Cat Stays Five More Years!

The new issue of the Marco Island Historical Society newsletter "Pioneering History" has the good news that the little Calusa cat will stay at the Marco Museum until 2026, an extension of the original loan from the Smithsonian by five years, along with other ancient artifacts dug up in 1896 during the Cushing expedition.

You can download the full newsletter at [www.theMIHS.org](http://www.theMIHS.org).

The Museum on 180 S. Heathwood Drive is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 9am to 4pm and admission is free..



## Naples News

Historic Palm Cottage at 137 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S. is open and is holding guided tours in the building and around the district.



In honor of Memorial Day, the Historical Society is offering a BOGO (Buy One, Get One Free) deal on guided tours on **Saturday, May 29**.

For more info and to reserve your places, see [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org) or phone (239) 261-8164.