



HOLLY HILL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC. Museum

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EVENT CALENDAR

Events held at Sica Hall Museum unless noted.

MUSEUM GRAND OPEN

AUGUST 8TH!
Thursday 6-8PM

Board Meeting
September 10, 9AM

Membership Annual Elections
September 12, 5-7PM

History Nights
3rd Tuesdays 6-8PM
September 17
Speaker Mayor Chris Via
October 15
Speaker Arthur Byrnes

Senior Expo Booth
at
Holly Forest
1000 Walker Street
Saturday
October 5, 10AM-1PM

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HHH Newsletter

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HOLLY HILL MUSEUM TO REOPEN SOON



Volunteers have been busy designing and setting up our new Museum space. Amazingly only one replaceable glass shelf broke during the move. Our goal for grand opening and ribbon cutting will be August 8th but hope to have our doors open before then.



New Museum sign at Sica Hall.



Visitors are already stopping by the new location and becoming members. Visitors to our new Museum will see new exhibits as well as new chairs, research corner, updated Mainland archive, bigger gift shop, entry hall, computers, stage....and a bingo machine!! Come see what's new and exciting!



We also have a new mailbox. Our new mailing address is 1065 Daytona Avenue. It is ready to receive your donations and membership. It took two months but we now have our telephone and internet installed. We are able to

check our messages and send email again. There are always opportunities for you to volunteer. Please contact Polly Cappuccio at 407-721-3348.



Left: Volunteers pack up. Right: New sign at Sica Hall and last Board meeting held at former Museum.

Historic Motels Get New Life



Colonial Hotel Court, 208 Ridgewood Ave. on U.S. #1, HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

The Anchor and Colonial Motels looked to be headed for demolition. They have been closed for many years but are now being renovated. A new roof and other extensive repairs are being completed.

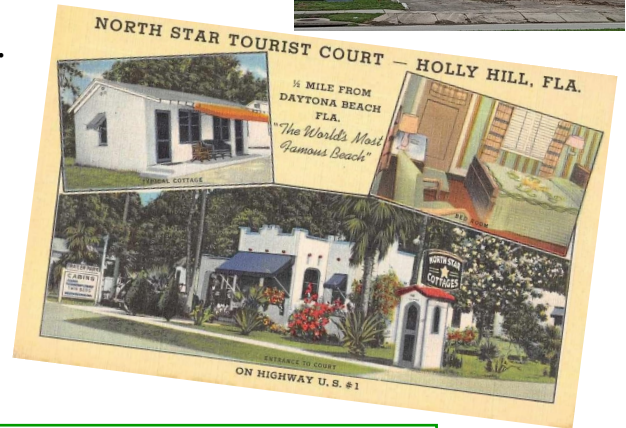


The Happy Time Motel was destined to be demolished for apartments before the real estate bubble burst. The residents there got a reprieve from being evicted. Now the owner is planning a novel boutique rental property.



Original home fireplace in living room.

Some units are being demolished and others saved. Originally the North Star Tourist Court built in the 1930s was like many of the era, the property was a residential home site which added units to the property.



Hidden History



Right: An addition was removed from a unit exposing a painting of a cartoon skunk. Do you know the history behind it? Let us know.

Left: The Museum contacted the owner who agreed to donate the original "no vacancy" sign to the Museum. Unfortunately as it was being delivered a ladder in the truck fell and destroyed the historic sign.



National Gnome Day Event

The Society celebrated National Gnome Day at the Holly Hill Gnome Tree June 21st. Carolyn, Kirk, and Dean welcomed the visitors.



Let us know if you would like to host an event at the Gnome Tree. Copies of the "Gnomes of Holly Hill" which tells the history of the Gnomes are available at the Museum for \$10. Other gnome merchandise is also available.



Boxcar Souvenirs

The Museum Gift Shop now has Merci Boxcar commemorative items available for sale in celebration of its 75th Anniversary: pins, mugs, posters, patches and books. Join in the pride of Holly Hill being the home of Florida's boxcar. Mark your calendars for November 11th for the Veteran Day's event.

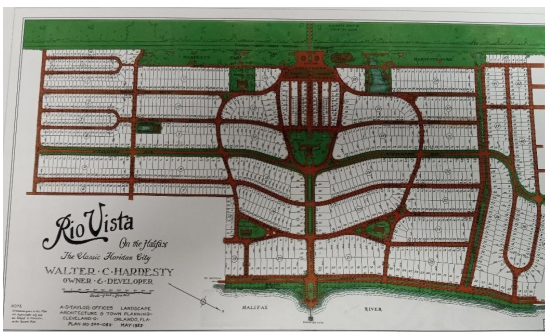


Preserving History: You Can Help

It is important to preserve history. There are many groups dedicated to saving it. Help us with our mission. The Holly Hill Historic Society donated items to the Ormond Beach, South Daytona, Port Orange and Flagler Historic Societies. Do not throw out historic items, instead donate them to the groups who will appreciate them. The Society donated its extra fire hydrant to the new Holly Hill Fire Station for display. Dean Wiggins salvaged this diorama from an estate sale. It depicts Alexander Winton and his 1903 automobile as the first car driven across the country. The car is featured at the Ormond Garage Park. The diorama was dusty and falling apart and thought to be beyond repair. Historian Butch Malo took on the challenge and did a remarkable job restoring it. Thank you Butch!



This 1925 draft plan of Rio Vista, Donna L Anderson had in her attic for years. Her parents, Walter "Andy" L. Anderson and Dolores Anderson, received this plan when they bought into the neighborhood. We have seen other copies of the plan, including one that seems to be from 1922, but this one was actually handed to them as part of their closing. It became damaged over the years. Every time it was opened, more pieces fell off. It had huge holes throughout including the part showing the hotel.



Mike Pyle took the plan to Speedway Custom Photo Lab, 1625 Ridgewood Avenue, Holly Hill, where Lou Fiore and Chris Percival did their marvels. They even resolved all the holes and other damage perfectly. Anyone can buy a restored print or framed print of it directly from Speedway Custom Photo Lab. The map offers incite into the Rio Vista development as the project changed due to financial problems.

News-Journal Building Closed

The end of an era. The News-Journal headquarters has removed its iconic name from the building on June 27th. The paper storage warehouse facility on 6th & Carswell Avenue was also closed. By the 1960s, the newspaper had outgrown its downtown Daytona offices at 128 Orange Avenue and moved in 1967 to its location at 901 6th Street. In making the move, the newspaper also switched to offset presses, leaving behind the Linotype machines and hot-lead type. At the time, The News-Journal was the largest daily newspaper in the nation printed entirely on offset presses. The building set off an annexing tug of war between Holly Hill and Daytona Beach. News-Journal chose Daytona Beach to annex the property into its city limits.



Did you know?

You can dispose of your hazardous medications inside the Holly Hill Police Department lobby.



Synergy Billing at 1200 Center Avenue created a lobby display honoring its property's roots. The property is the former site of the Holly Hill Junior High School. The developers repurposed the old gymnasium and library for their headquarters. If you have a historic business and would like to create a display for your customers to enjoy, contact the Museum for history and photos.

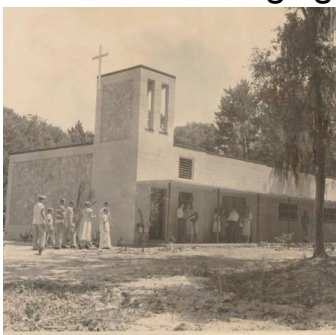


A Veteran's Memorial was dedicated May 8th honoring those who lived in Holly Hill and who have died in service for our Nation.



Trinity Celebrates 75th

Trinity Lutheran Church 1205 Ridgewood Avenue celebrated its 75th anniversary in May. In July of 1949, the congregation took title to the current property on Ridgewood Avenue.



What is now the Fellowship Hall section of the campus was called the Parish House Chapel, built in 1950. The church has grown a lot over the years. The current landmark sanctuary, with its towering roof, was dedicated in 1965. Reverend Paul C. Sizemore was installed in 2018. His family has a long history in Holly Hill.

