



# South Brevard Historical Society, Inc.

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

I hope that this “Late May Newsletter” finds you well. I find the flow of time without the usual meetings, meet ups, and appointments a bit disconcerting. I have also found out how many unfinished projects there are just waiting to be completed (or tossed). And...there’s a lot more dust lurking among the books and furniture than I thought possible.

Many of us have pulled out the family albums, boxes of photos and genealogy records and have continued to or begun to organize those records. Carl and I have committed ourselves to our family records’ organization and we designate time on Sundays for the project. It’s turned out to be a fun but verrrry slowww process. We have to handle every card, piece of written information and photo. We have to identify it and discuss it and really savor it. Then we put the item in an appropriate pile and continue on to the next piece. We’ll soon need to move our project to a larger table, perhaps we’ll need two! Yes, we realize that this is only step one.

Stay Well...Carol

## Planning for Fall

Although the SBHS has not yet received notice from the Fee Avenue Library that we can resume meetings at that facility, we are optimistic and are planning programs and activities beginning in September. As we all do what we can to protect ourselves and others, *what we plan will become what we do.*

## The Collection

Collection Chairman Jeff MacMakin is working to reorganize the storage unit that houses the Collection of the SBHS. Items of the collection are what are left from the history museum we had in the Henegar School back in the 1980s. They are utilized for displays and occasionally, presentations. When more thoughtfully packaged we will be able to bring some to monthly meetings. Board member Diane Newman is in charge of organizing the “paper archive” and will begin work soon. Photos, news articles and documents will be evaluated, filed and ultimately made accessible for research.

## Website

The contact information (email and phone) has brought in several queries and several donations of material for our archive. One query was for information about Mathers Bridge. If you have any photos, articles or detailed information about the bridge please call me (321.725.4115).

## Something To Do

You can find articles to read and radio programs to listen to by going to the Florida Historical Society website: <https://myfloridahistory.org/society>.

## Green Gables

For the latest on Green Gables go to: [greengables.org](http://greengables.org). The Green Gables Team is working hard to raise pledges to be used for the purchase. See the website for information on how you can help.

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# Brevard County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA

Dear Historian:

This letter is an effort to stress the need for a Historical Society for this county, and to invite you, as a future historian, to the Brevard Historical Society's organizational meeting on November 19, 1964, 8:00 P.M., at the Carpenters Union Hall, U.S. #1, just north of Eau Gallie.

Recently, the county established the Brevard County Historical Commission, consisting of ten members: Mr. John Looney, Captain H. H. Hale, Mr. John Geil, Mr. Curtis Barnes, Dr. Mary Park, Mr. Harry Goode, Mrs. Sue Seawright, Mrs. H. U. Parrish Jr., Mrs. Mercer Livermore King and Mr. Emerson Wilson.

During the past few months this group has endeavored to organize and solidify the Commission and the purposes for its existence. Needless to say, the task that has been laid out for the Commission is boundless in its possibilities. However, ten individuals will not be enough to stem the tide of the undisciplined changes that have developed and are now gradually drowning our past.

To protect our heritage, a strong voice is needed, a united voice that will dam the flood of historical destruction. We say "our" heritage, for it belongs to every one of us; whether a new arrival, or a "cracker" who has seen all of the changes that have occurred. The Society's main job will be to preserve, for the future, that which has happened yesterday and today. Will you be a part of this achievement?

Help to bring the past to light. Help to keep this history alive for the future. Help by saving and protecting that which is our heritage. Help by raising your voice, along with others, against wanted destruction. Help in the creation of a Brevard Historical Society.

Join the Historical Society! Attend the organizational meeting! See the latest developments in Brevard Historical endeavors and listen to some of our local historians.

Cordially,

Brevard Historical Commission

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