



# THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

(Located at 301 South Washington Avenue)

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## OFFICERS

President – Bill Baldwin  
 Vice President – Amy Spillers  
 Secretary – Judy Davis  
 Treasurer – Linda Siano  
 Past President – Betty Mattingly

## DIRECTORS

Gini Campbell  
 Michael Knight  
 Katie McQuade  
 Susan Nelson  
 Esther Vulpius  
 Herman Wattwood, Jr.

## SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

(Newsletter Editor – Judy Davis)

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### President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

Once again, summer is over and it’s time to start preparing for Christmas. Maybe that’s a little premature but we’re certainly going in that direction. Not only are we on the hook to elect a new Board of Directors this year but we will have back-to-back All Members meetings in September (lunch) and October (dinner). Last year we tried to have one in November but it sort of bombed since “our” day fell close to Thanksgiving. Details of all primary Museum happenings will be presented at those meetings.



### Paul’s Resignation

by Bill Baldwin

A couple of months ago, I received a letter from Paul Marion stating that he was submitting his resignation as a Director, as well as that of Facilities Manager. He just felt it was time. Paul made it through three Museum presidents (Ed, Betty and myself) while supporting all areas of Museum operation. His experience and expertise will be missed. Paul takes a lot of knowledge and history with him. However, he (along with Dale) will still perform as docents every month. This is one guy that will be difficult to replace. Thanks for everything, Paul!



### Your Election: Your Ballot

by Bill Baldwin

Every two years, each Museum Member gets the opportunity to get rid of all us old fogies and replace us with new fogies. This year is that year – specifically at the October Member meeting. Included in this newsletter is a sample ballot which shows you the Officers and Directors that want to be included on the ballot as of now. However, you are invited to add your name to that list or nominate someone else (that person must approve the nomination). To be included, just call me at 269-0761 and tell me. The final ballot will be included in the October newsletter for final voting. It gets very messy if you wait until the October Member meeting to vote ~ but it can be done.

SAMPLE Officers/Directors Ballot for 2019/2020 term				
	Officers		Directors	
Pres.	Bill Baldwin *	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gini Campbell *	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Knight *	<input type="checkbox"/>
V-Pres.	Amy Spillers *	<input type="checkbox"/>	Betty Mattingly *	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Katie McQuade *	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sec.	Judy Davis *	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Nelson *	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Esther Vulpius *	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Herman Wattwood *	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treas.	Linda Siano *	<input type="checkbox"/>	write -ins (below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
			_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* denotes incumbent

Sample ballot

## Member Luncheon

by Amy Spillers

**\*\*note date change\*\***

**Tuesday September 25, 2018**

**Dixie Crossroads 12:00 noon**

**Guest Speaker**



**Dr. Roger Smith**

**Dr. Roger Smith** is a published historian with a Master's Degree in the field of American History, and a Ph.D. in Early American History and Atlantic World Studies from the University of Florida. Dr. Smith also holds a graduate-level Certificate of Scholarship in the field of Museum Studies. His talk will be on his book, *Hope of Freedom*. Please sign the roster if you plan on attending. We hope you'll join us!



## Meet your "Board"

by Bill Baldwin

Our youngest Director is **Susan Nelson**. She has been serving a little less than two years but has made a tremendous impact on our operation. Susan is extremely energetic and believes that anything is possible if handled properly. Nice breath of fresh air for all of us. She took over the "Afternoon in the Park" project for 2018 and made it bigger and better. And she plans to duplicate that next year. As stated previously, "she is like the energizer bunny and keeps on going". THANKS Susan!



**Susan Nelson**

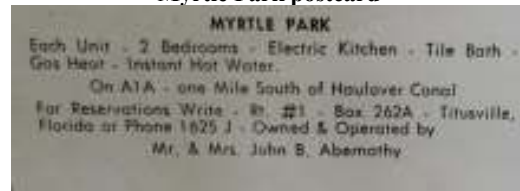
## Myrtle Park

by Margaret Miller Vessels

We have been very busy in the renovation of the Museum, and going through a lot of historical pictures. I found a postcard of a development called "Myrtle Park". The back of the postcard says this development was one mile south of Haulover Canal. NASA used the process of *Eminent Domain* to acquire this property and others on Merritt Island in the late 1950's-1960. I know a lot of my friends who were displaced by NASA.



**Myrtle Park postcard**



## Renovation Update

by Bill Baldwin

In our last newsletter, it was stated that we had plans to upgrade Room 2 (the Main room). We have since given the room a new look. Most of the changes were to give the Museum a more "museum-like" feel and appearance yet still maintain a little nostalgia. All of this while attempting to conform to ADA requirements for public buildings. We closed the Museum from late July until mid-August so the work could be completed. A lot of people have put in a lot of time and energy to make it happen. Amy Spillers has done a fantastic job leading this effort and I'm sure she will include all the details in the October newsletter.



## History of 301 and 303 South Washington Avenue, Titusville, Florida

The first commercial building on this site, later destroyed in the fire of 1895, was a wood frame structure that housed Brady Bros. Groceries. In 1914, J. E. Easterly built this existing building (#301) for E. L. Brady who soon rented it to the Southern Express Company. In 1915, Easterly built the adjacent #303 building also for E. L. Brady, who for many years leased it to Western Union. Brady moved to Miami for more business opportunities but retained investments in Titusville and later returned to live here. For much of the 1930's and 1940's, #301 was the location of the Piggly Wiggly grocery store, part of the Winn & Lovett chain that later became Winn Dixie stores. By the early 1950's Piggly Wiggly and Western Union were gone. Over time, several different drug stores occupied these buildings as well as a variety of other businesses.



Brady Bros. Groceries



Piggly Wiggly

The North Brevard Historical Society, founded in 1966, looked forward to having a museum to preserve the history of the area. In October of 1988, Glen Patch, a Titusville businessman, offered the use of these buildings. After a year of renovation by members, on October 28, 1989, the North Brevard Historical Museum was opened in #301. Building #303 was used for storage. In 1995, Mr. Patch donated both buildings to the Historical Society. In 1998, the exterior of the buildings were renovated when the City of Titusville provided a

Façade Improvement Loan. The Museum was enlarged by opening a wall between the two buildings in 1999, when the exterior of #303 was renovated.

## Spotlight

The Museum was having difficulty getting approved to inherit part of the Linda Hinkson's estate Fidelity Funds. Attorney **Truman Scarborough** came to the rescue and created a resolution (*pro bono*) to authenticate the Museum hierarchy which allowed the inheritance to happen. Truman has been a long-time supporter of the Museum and even created the original charter. It's great to have people like this as friends of the Museum. Thanks Truman!

### Memorials

by Betty Mattingly

#### In Memory of:

#### May:

Bill Mattingly  
Arlene Mattingly

#### Donated by:

Mattingly family

#### June:

Kurt Barnhart

Lynn Birnbaum

#### July:

June Carter

Betty Mattingly

### Delinquent Notification

This is to let you know that if you have not paid your 2018 dues you will be receiving a letter to that effect probably within the next month. This will be just a gentle nudge in case you have forgotten. We really want your membership so please respond ASAP if you receive this letter.

### Social Media

by Judy Davis

Check us out on **Facebook** and on our **website** below. If you wish to be added to any of our occasional e-mails, please contact us. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments at all.

- Email: [titusvillemuseum@aol.com](mailto:titusvillemuseum@aol.com)
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## OR PRESENT OCCUPANT

# Dates to Remember

- *September 17<sup>th</sup>* Board meeting at 10 am (Museum).
- *September 25<sup>th</sup>* Membership meeting **TUESDAY** at noon (Dixie Crossroads) ~ lunch, meeting, speaker.
- *October 15<sup>th</sup>* Board meeting at 10 am (Museum).
- *October 22<sup>nd</sup>* Membership meeting at 5:00 pm (Dixie Crossroads) ~ dinner, meeting, election.
- *November 19<sup>th</sup>* Board meeting at 10 am 10 am (Museum).
- *December 17<sup>th</sup>* Board meeting at 10 am 10 am (Museum).

