



The Time Line



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Welcome New Member

Richard Fraze
Total Membership
35



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Central Gulf Coast Archeological Society

Roger Block, President of the Central Gulf Coast Archeological Society, will be speaking to the Historical Society Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 pm. Come hear Roger bring us up-to-date with the CGCAS's activities here in Pinellas County and the central gulf coast area.

The Historical Society's regular membership meeting will begin at 6:30 pm sharp. The special program which is open to the public will begin at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 15th to the Historical Society's number 546.7060 leave a message or by email to info@pinellasparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Pinellas Park - \$20 per Acre!!!!!!

The community of Pinellas Park was started in 1910 by the Florida Association with offices located in both Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and St. Petersburg. The original sales offers were a free town lot with the purchase of a ten acre farm for the price of \$200 or \$20 per acre. By 1912 the land was selling for from \$40 to \$100 per acre, including a town lot or \$150 for a town lot alone.

At the time of platting, May 31, 1911, the city consisted of an area enclosed by the present 58th Street on the East, by 66th Street on the West, 70th Avenue on the South, and 80th Avenue on the North



The Time Liners Group Projects

President Mel Dinsmore and Kitty Taylor define the research and development projects for the TLG.

The two foremost items are cataloging and re-arranging the current museum display items in chronological order and collecting the history and development of the civic organizations here in Pinellas Park.

Other projects are a documentary of Mel Dinsmore's term as mayor of the City of Pinellas Park and the Time Line from 1942 to the Present.

The next meeting of the TLG is Friday, November 11 from 10 - 11:30 am

Come be a part of the Time Liners Group Friday,

November 11. Dig into history with fellow Society members. Time well spent.



Time Line Information

Pinellas Park*

Established June 1914
 Incorporated October 1914
 First Charter May 1915
 City Incorporated June 1959
 City Bird - Cardinal
 City Flower - Rose
 City Plant - Grape Myrtle
 City Tree - Jacaranda

First Hotel

Built about September 1914 and acclaimed to be "A modern up-to-date housekeeping apartment..." What is the name and the three locations for the one hotel!?

Answer:

Pinellas Park Hotel

(Pinellas Court Apartments)

Built: About Sept. 1914 location: South Side of Park Blvd. E. of 32nd St. 1928: (moved to) S.E. corner of Park Blvd. at 60th St. 1931: (moved to) 5932 Park Blvd. 1954: (address changed) 5950 Park Blvd. Torn down: About 1963. page 84*

- Pinellas Park Barber Shop*
- Opens January 1911 - located at the corner of 33rd St. & 10 Av. - page 80

* Information Source: People & Places in Pinellas Park, FL 1909 - 1942 by Jean Cromwell.

Calendar

Time Liners' Meeting

Second Friday - 10-11:30 am

November 11th

December 9th

Historical Society Meeting

Third Thursday - 6:30 pm

November 17th

December 15th

First Settler - Frank McFarland



Pinellas Farms News - Oct. 1910 Letter to Mr. Page from H. H. Kolb, Dated Sept 23, 1910 "I had the pleasure of visiting Mr. McFarland...He was the first settler on these farms. Already he has cleared some 15 acres under fence, ready for winter crop. They have 200 chickens, with a comfortable house, barn, chicken house, well, etc, and he and his interesting family are happy and contented." page 66*

Pioneer Founder of Pinellas Park - Patrick J. McDevitt

Nov. 22, 1912 "The home of Mr. P.J. McDevitt is advancing rapidly...This home will be strictly up-to-date, with modern appliances, such as electric wiring, bath room, fireplace, etc. Cement post will decorate the fence line on his lot, and the porch will have a continuous string of flower boxes all around"

Dec. 4, 1912 "Mr. McDevitt, Southern Manager of the Florida Association, moved his family and household goods to **Pinellas Park** today into his new house... a modern...two story bungalow, on Park Boulevard, and it will serve as a splendid example for those wishing to build in Pinellas Park." page 62

"Pinellas Park News **April 2, 1987**: Patrick J. McDevitt - designated Pioneer Founder of Pinellas Park on Thursday March 26, 1987."

"**July 27, 1997** the Patrick J. McDevitt Park, located between 60th St. and Railroad Av. - North of 76th Av., was dedicated in honor to the family." page 63*

Side Trackbits & pieces of information



Heritage Picnic

Revival of the Historical Society's Heritage Picnic is under consideration. Time, location, method and ways of notification are among the items tabled for discussion at the next meeting.



PC Technology Installed

The Historical Society's computer system includes a pc with CD & DVD writers, monitor, speakers, standard printer, large format 11x17 printer and a 11 x17 scanner. Tuesday evening October 11 Jean Cromwell, Jane Clark and Ray Fisher prepared the Society's work space for Mark Opyd of Marcomp Computers to network the system.



Membership Directory

The Membership Directory is now integrated with the newsletter and updated with each issue.



Refreshments

If you are interested in providing refreshments for the monthly Society Meetings, signup at the next meeting in November.

*Leaves of yellow, gold & brown
 From the trees come falling down.
 It's not my heart that's aching,
 But my back from constant raking.*

Need an idea for a unique holiday gift?

How about giving an Historical Society Membership?
 Contact membership chairperson, Ray Fisher for details at 526-1800.

PUBLICATIONS

Get your personal copy of Jean Cromwell's book
People & Places in Pinellas Park, FL 1909-1942

\$12.00 / \$10.00 PPHS Members

Order from: historian@pinellasparkhistoricalsociety.org



PPHS Mission Statement

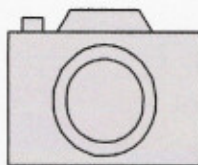
THE MISSION OF THE PINELLAS PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHALL BE TO COLLECT AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK THROUGH RECORDS, DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ARTIFACTS, AND OTHER MEANS, AND TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO THIS HISTORY FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Membership Applications

Applications are available at the Society's office, at the front desk of the Pinellas Park Mid/County Chamber of Commerce or they can be emailed to the interested parties. Request them through the internet:

info@pinellasparkhistoricalsociety.org

WANTED! Old Photos & More



The Historical Society now has the capacity to scan up to 11" x 17" photographs and documents. If you have any old photos of people, places, events, or documents of individuals, organizations, etc., that you would like to share with the Historical Society, contact us to make an appointment to come by the Historical Society's office on the second level of Park Station to have the items scanned.

Call 546-7060 to leave a message and someone will contact you for the scanning. The office is open by appointment only. No leaving the photos or documents. They will be scanned in your presence and returned on the spot.