

Heritage Crossroads – Wayfarer

Spring 2011



Holden House



Old Brick Road



Flagler County Courthouse

Upcoming Events:

**BBQ Fundraiser
Historic Crossroads
Saturday April 23 4:30
Black Cloud Restaurant
Route 1, Bunnell**

**Heritage Crossroads Meeting
Tuesday May 3 – 9 am
Black Cloud Restaurant
Route 1, Bunnell**

**Flagler County Historical
Society Board Meeting
Thursday May 5
Annex 208 Moody Blvd.
Bunnell**

**2nd Annual Environmental
Education Fair, Marineland
May 20 - 21**

**Bunnell Potato Festival
Saturday May 21**

More Information:

Please see our website at
www.heritagecrossroads.org

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Heritage Crossroads Designated as Florida's First Heritage Highway!

Heritage Crossroads was unanimously approved as Florida's first Heritage Highway by the State Scenic Highway Advisory Committee of the Florida Department of Transportation on June 18, 2008. The corridor involves approximately 90 miles of highways through Flagler County. This designation is meant to emphasize the historic resources along the highways.

The northern limits of the corridor start in the vicinity of the Florida Agricultural Museum and Princess Place near US 1. The southern terminus is near Bulow Plantation Ruins State Park. The corridor includes the communities of Bunnell, Palm Coast, Espanola and Korona.

Extensive research had to be completed by the Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) concerning the early history of the highways themselves, as well as the current interesting historical places along the designated segments of the corridor. Old Kings Road was originally old Indian trails whose original layout has been credited to an Indian named Grey Eyes. The 1914-era Old Dixie Highway brought the earliest automotive tourists to Florida from the northern states and followed a course that included the Old Brick Road, CR 13, SR 100 and John Anderson Highway through Flagler County. US 1 was Florida's super highway of the first half of the 20th Century and carried millions of tourists to Florida in the 1930's, '40s, '50s and '60s before the Interstate System was constructed. The corridor also recognizes the architecture of early Flagler County including the original County Courthouse, Bunnell City Hall, Holden House and dozens of other wonderfully preserved jewels from early 19th Century.



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Get Involved

Is community activism your thing? Do you want to know more about the history of the town you live in? Then get involved! It won't take much of your time and it's guaranteed that you'll have a better understanding of Flagler County and all it has to offer. The Corridor Management Entity (CME) meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Black Cloud Restaurant, Route 1, Bunnell. Meetings start at 9am and last about 2 hours. If you can't attend the meetings, look for us at some of the more popular local community festivals. Don't forget to bring a friend!



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What is the Florida Scenic Highways Program?

It's a grass-roots effort to heighten awareness of our State's historical and intrinsic resources — cultural, recreational, natural, archeological, historical and scenic — which collectively, enhance the overall traveling experience. Program participation provides benefits to the community, such as resource preservation, enhancement and protection. Anyone with an interest in their community can participate in this voluntary program, including citizens, civic groups, businesses and governments.

Goings on along the Corridor

- The group is hard at work trying to identify funding to design and construct a Heritage Highway Visitor's Center. The Heritage Highway group has partnered with the Florida Agricultural Museum, Florida Department of Transportation, City of Palm Coast, Flagler County, the Chamber and others to seek the funding necessary to locate a visitors' center at the Ag Museum. This center would educate visitors to the county on the abundance of resources that the region has to offer. Although still in the planning phase, the group has worked tirelessly to locate funding sources and educate the community on the value of such a center.

Rebuilding Old Kings Road

The Old Kings Road once ran from the St. Mary's River in Georgia to the new British Colony of New Smyrna, a distance of about 106 miles. It was completed prior to the American Revolution in 1774. This was the major entryway into Florida and remained in use up to 1914. In 1977 the American Society of Civil Engineers called Old Kings "a National Civil Engineering Landmark" and one of the most important Civil Engineering efforts in America. Unfortunately progress, construction, re-routing and neglect caused much of the original roadway to vanish or its original routing became unclear. Heritage Crossroads Board Member Bill Ryan wrote a book "The Search for Old Kings Road" which concluded much of this historic roadway had vanished.



Jim Massfeller, volunteer at the Florida Agricultural Museum and Corridor Board Member, has resolved to locate the ancient roadway from the museum's historic Hewitt Sawmill site north to where it crossed Pellicer Creek at an area called "Twin Bridges." The roadway runs on British-built earth causeways and there are places where original bridge pilings still remain. Brush, trees and weeds growing for over 237 years are being removed by volunteers, plus aid from Flagler County road builders to bring the old roadway back as a path that could be walked or biked to Pellicer Creek and would be handicapped accessible. It is planned to resurface the old roadway with crushed shell exactly like that used on the original road. The Colonial Era Hewitts sawmill site, which is adjacent to the Old Kings Road routing, has already received signage, pathways and bridges by the Agricultural Museum.



Research is also being done to locate and perhaps rebuild a log fort called Fort Fulton which was constructed just west of present US Highway 1 and very close to Old Kings Road and the Hewitt Mill site. Records show this fort was built in 1840 as part of a string of army bases to protect travelers during the Seminole Wars. If this fort can be located and rebuilt, it can be another great tourist attraction for Flagler County.