

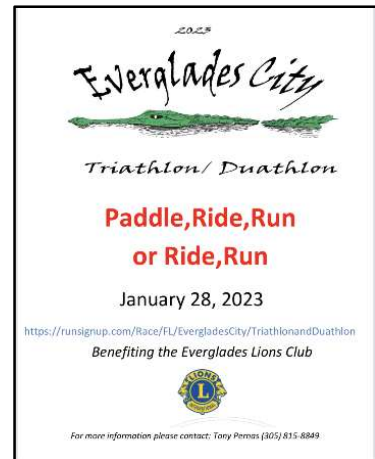
EVERGLADES CITY TRAIL TOWN – Four Year Update – July 2023

Hurricane Ian devastated southwest Florida on September 28, 2022, the second major hurricane to hit Everglades City in five years. Although the damage was not as extensive as Hurricane Irma in 2017, homes and businesses were flooded once again with many buildings still closed after nine months: our skating rink, thrift store, fire station, and post office (the last two operating in portable shelters). Despite these setbacks, Everglades City continues to welcome hundreds of tourists every month in our Visitor Center / Trail Town Headquarters.



The town of Everglades was designated the County seat in 1923 when Collier County was established. To celebrate our 100th Anniversary the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation installed 36 banners on solar lamp posts around town depicting important events, places, or people. Each banner was sponsored by an organization, business, or individual. Our Trail Town banner is located just south of the circle on Copeland Avenue and sponsored by the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway.

On January 28, the 2nd annual Triathlon/Duathlon was held in Everglades City to encourage everyone to enjoy the beauty of the Everglades through exercise. It was a beautiful cool morning as participants started kayaking or running, followed by a 10-mile bike ride and a 3-mile run.



Phase 2 of the Everglades City Bike Ped Master Plan has begun. This phase is the programmed sidewalk along the east side of Copeland Avenue South (FDOT Project #437096-1). The sidewalk replaces the existing asphalt sidewalk which is in very poor and deteriorated condition and will connect the Circle south to the City limits, connecting with the sidewalk north of the Chokoloskee Bridge.