The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th in the meeting room of the Zephyrhills Public Library, 5347 8th Street. A board meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., followed by a regular business meeting at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6 p.m. Refreshments include drinks, which are provided, and food brought in to share by members.

Speakers

The Zephyrhills High School Chorus, under the direction of Luan Gore, entertained us at our May meeting. It is always a treat for us having them perform for us in May. It has become something of a tradition with us, and we always enjoy there wonderful melodies. We treated the entertainers to pizza and soft drinks as usual after their presentation. All of us had a great time!

Our speaker in June is a stranger to none of us. Cliff McDuffie is a former Mayor of Zephyrhills and a great guy. We can thank Rod for securing this speaker. We hope you'll join us.

Tuesday, June 18th, is our next Give-Back Scholarship Fundraiser at Sergio's Italian Restaurant on Hwy. 54 West in Zephyrhills. We are meeting at 4 p.m. Contact Patty Thompson (813-780-8559 – pattycakeclown1@aol.com) for information.

Jeff Miller
Pasco County Historian
For a walk down memory lane visit www.fivay.org
Please consider contributing old photos for the website.
My email address is on the opening page

The mission of the Zephyrhills Historical Association is to research, gather, and share local historical information with all generations, through our literature, programs, and scholarships, and to volunteer assistance to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and WWII Barracks Museum.
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- **Vice President**.........Rod Rehrig
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- Carolyn Dean
- Jean Kaylor
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- Jackie Lindsey
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- Nathan Geiger
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- Jim Ryals
- Dave Walters
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- Emrie Wise
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ZEPHYRHILLS — The new Zephyrhills City Hall is open for business.

After a busy day of moving staff into the new City Hall on Monday, the building welcomed a steady stream of customers paying their utility bills and doing other business in a fully operational first floor of the facility.

The second floor, which holds administrative and human resources offices, is outfitted and will be available for meetings with staff in the coming days, said City Manager Steve Spina.

The City Council chamber is nearly done, as well, and the council hopes to hold its next public meeting there on Oct. 22. For months, members have met in a library conference room to conduct city business.

The new $6 million, 19,000-square-foot facility has been under construction for more than a year in the footprint of the old City Hall built in the 1950s. The council last summer deemed it had outlived its serviceable life. The new facility will have the same address of 5334 Eighth St.

While the inside of the building is ready for customers, work outside will continue for another four to six weeks, Spina said. Workers will finish the landscaping and complete a fountain and a courtyard that connects to the adjacent city library. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new City Hall is planned for November, but no date is set, Spina said.

In the meantime, Spina has stationed an off-duty Zephyrhills police officer in the lobby of the new City Hall to help residents navigate the new layout.

"It is great. It is a beautiful building that will serve the residents of Zephyrhills well for years to come," Spina said.
Meanwhile, the city is holding a public auction on Wednesday to sell furniture and equipment from the old building. A preview of inventory starts at 8 a.m., followed by the auction at 10 a.m. It will take place at the Zephyrhills City Hall Annex at 5344 Ninth St.

**ZEPHYRHILLS OPENS DOORS TO NEW CITY HALL**

By Robert Napper

*Tampa Bay Times Correspondent*

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ZEPHYRHILLS — An open house and ribbon cutting had a big wow factor for residents, local business owners, government leaders and city officials touring Zephyrhills’ new City Hall on Tuesday night.

Dozens of people streamed through the new building to get a look at the $6 million, 19,000-square-foot facility, built in the footprint of the former 1950s City Hall. The council in 2016 deemed it had outlived its serviceable life. The new facility will have the same address of 5334 Eighth St.

The building is an improvement over the previous City Hall, with high ceilings, modern décor, large windows and a courtyard that links it with the neighboring Zephyrhills Public Library.

“It is really an exciting time for the city,” said City Manager Steve Spina.

Anita Roder, a city resident of more than 20 years, also liked what she saw.

“I think it’s a great use of taxpayer money. We have a sweet little downtown, and this just adds to it,” she said.

Several local politicians also attended, including past and present Zephyrhills City Council members. Former council member Kenneth Compton, who won a Pasco County judgeship in August, cast many council votes in favor of the new City Hall. He smiled broadly during the event over the final product.

“I feel like I am home,” he said. “This is a signature achievement for Zephyrhills.”

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**In Memory of**

**Ryals Furniture Exchange**

And Great Parents

**Powell & Maude Ryals**

From son James

_God Bless America_
Pasco County Commissioner Ron Oakley said Zephyrhills is in the heart of his district and the area should be proud of the city’s achievement.

“It’s just such an improvement to our community,” he said.

City Council member Lance Smith said he is looking forward to seeing the public use the new building.

“That is what we intended,” he said.

**NEW AMERICAN FLAG HOISTED**

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Members of the Zephyrhills High School JROTC prepare the flags to be raised in front of City Hall

Mayor Gene Whitfield, right, shakes hands with Warren Earl who purchased the flags for Zephyrhills

*Photos by Joe Potter*
The May 7 Business Meeting of the Zephyrhills Historical Association was called to order by President Jerry Pricher at 5:30 P.M. He gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the April meeting were read by the Secretary, with a motion to approve made by Rod Rehrig, seconded by Clereen Brunty and accepted by all.

Andrew Nagy, Treasurer, gave his report for April. There was a motion to approve made by Clereen Brunty, seconded by Bill Kustes and agreed to by the meeting.

We are pleased to welcome new member Anna Poe. She is the mother of Billy Poe who will be the City Manager when Steve Spina retires this summer.

Old Business: Patty Thompson discussed fundraising efforts, reporting that dinner at Sergio’s yielded $41. A Mr. Hatfield’s ticket was drawn in the raffle for a $50 Olive Garden gift card. A total of $280 was raised in ticket sales for our Rosemary Trotman Scholarship Fund. Patty passed out flyers for our next event, which will be at Sergio’s on May 21 at 4 P.M. All that day from 11 A.M.-9 P.M., the restaurant will give 20% of the purchase to the ZHA Scholarship Fund when a flyer is presented.

Louie Holt reported about the 3 Scholarship recipients chosen by the committee: Robyn Thomas, who ranks 20 in her class while working part time and will be studying Archeology at U.S.F., Sarah First, who continues to pursue an Engineering degree at U.C.F. while doing an internship at Lockheed/Disney and Annica Morgan, who continues her studies in Nursing at U.S.F. and will be working as a research assistant alongside Moffitt Cancer Center. $1,000 will be given to each.

Other Old Business: Rod reminded us about the Memorial Day Ceremony which will be held at Oakside Cemetery on May 27 at 11 A.M. at the flag pole with participants from all Veterans’ organizations. The JROTC will present and retire the colors. Our Bev Holmes will serve as chaplain and Rod, along with the Citrus Lakes Barbershop Chorus, will be singing the National Anthem as well as God Bless America.

New Business: Andy will need funds for a ream of paper and ink. Clereen made a motion to give Andy the money he needs, seconded by Patty and agreed to by the group.

Other New Business: None

Rod made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Clereen and agreed to by the group.

The Business Meeting ended at 5:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Anna V. Boone, Secretary, Zephyrhills Historical Association

We are honored this evening with a performance by the Zephyrhills High School Chorus, under the direction of Luann Gore.