

TARPON SPRINGS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCAL HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

The Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society (TSAHS) Local Historic Marker Program is an outgrowth of extensive efforts over the years to preserve Tarpon Springs' considerable heritage. In 1988, a historical resources survey culminated in the designation of the Tarpon Springs National Historic District. In 2009, the area boundaries were extended to establish a broader local historic district. Several state historic markers are located throughout the city. To boost the presence of historic markers, the TSAHS in 2021 created a Local Historic Marker Program. The program is operated by the TSAHS and funded by the City of Tarpon Springs.

The Local Historic Marker Program is separate from the Florida Historic Marker Program. Details on that program can be found here: <https://dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/historical-markers/>

LOCAL HISTORIC MARKER PROCESS

Interested parties wishing to submit an application should be prepared to detail the historic significance of the structure/organization/person/event/site/object. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Criteria/Evaluation

To qualify for a local historic marker:

- Buildings/structures must be at least 50 year old.
 - Historical - Was it associated with an event or person of note?
 - Architectural - Does it display unique architectural details from a certain period in Tarpon Springs' past?
 - Social - Does it depict a characteristic way in which people lived in the area?
- Persons must have been deceased at least 10 years. The person must have made a significant contribution to the community or received recognition for something noteworthy.
- Events must have happened at least 10 years prior to application. The event must have been newsworthy and had some discernible impact on the community.
- Sites must be at least 20 years old. The original structure does not have to be standing, or the site could be the location of a specific event.
- Objects must be at least 30 years old. Objects could include items such as vehicles OR natural material.

Supporting Documentation

Please attach the following information to the application. *Copies of supporting documentation that detail historical significance should be attached. Please do not submit originals.*

- **Statement of Significance.** On separate pages, please provide a narrative describing why the marker subject is significant to the City of Tarpon Springs. The narrative should be supported by additional documentation that substantiates the history and the statement of significance. Additional documentation can include copies of primary source material, including historic documents, photographs, journals, diaries, letters, newspaper articles, etc. Secondary source material, which includes information gathered and recorded in books, articles, and other publications, may also be submitted to enhance the application. The narrative should include chronological and historical development of the marker subject, and any other applicable information including:

1. Alterations. List any known changes or modifications made to the property/structure/site throughout its history.
2. Prominent Historical Figures. List any prominent historical figures associated with the property/structure/site.
3. Property Ownership/Tenants. List all known owner/tenants of the property. Include original owner and subsequent owners if known.
4. Additional Information. Provide any additional information that supports the application. This may include a listing of books, articles, and other sources of information used to prepare the application.

- **Suggested Marker Text and Title.** On an attached sheet, please type a suggested marker text and a title for the marker. The text is subject to change, as the TSAHS prepares and approves the final marker inscription.

- **Digital Photographs and Map of the Location.** Provide a current photograph of the property/structure/site and a map of the site indicating where you would like the marker placed.

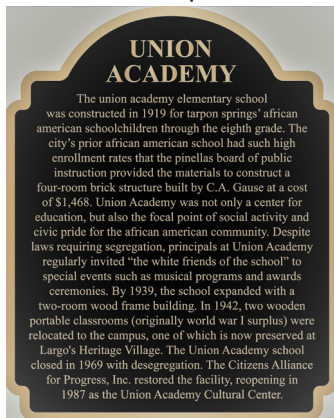
- **Signed Ownership Agreement.** A signed affidavit by the owner of the property is required. Prior to approval of the marker, an agreement between the property owner, TSAHS, and City of Tarpon Springs is required.

Marker Cost

There is no application or marker fee. The City of Tarpon Springs funds the program. Installation of the marker is done by the City of Tarpon Springs. The marker is bronze and comes in various sizes depending on the marker subject.

Approval Process

Applications are first-come, first-served based on available funding. The TSAHS Board will meet periodically to review applications. Sole judge of suitability for approval will be the TSAHS. If additional information is needed, the application will not be accepted until sufficient data is presented. If changes are made to the suggested marker text by the TSAHS, the applicant will be notified prior to receiving approval. All applicants will be notified by the TSAHS as soon as a decision is made.



Marker Sizes

Markers are cast bronze and can be building/fence mounted or pole mounted. TSAHS will determine size and mounting type.

Sizes: 13x18, 16x20, 18x24, 20x26, 22x28 or 24x30

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Applicant's Name (Individual or Organization): _____
Contact Person (if different): _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone: _____
E-Mail: _____

This marker nomination will commemorate:

- A Historic Property/Building/Structure
- A Person
- An Object
- An Event
- A Site

Address of Property/Building/Structure/Site: _____

Owner's Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number, E-Mail:

Proposed Title of Marker: _____

Proposed Location of Marker: _____

Submission Material Should Include:

- Statement of Significance
- Source Materials/Bibliography
- Proposed Marker Text and Title
- Digital Images & Map of the Location

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT: Please attach supporting documentation to this form. Copies only.



Return Application to:

Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society
Local Historic Marker Program
160 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689