

What: Walk Tarpon Springs Audio Walking Tour Launch
When: Thursday, March 30, 6pm
Where: Heritage Museum, 100 Beekman Lane, Craig Park, Tarpon Springs
Admission: Free

Details: You are invited to join the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida Humanities Council, Tarpon Springs Merchants Association, and Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce for the official launch of an innovative way to learn about Tarpon Springs. Join us at 6pm in the Heritage Museum for a short talk about the app and its development, refreshments, and a ceremonial download—then explore the sites and history of the Greektown District!

Developed with a generous grant from the Florida Humanities Council (FHC), the Florida Stories Walking Tour of Tarpon Springs is a free application designed to be downloaded to a smart phone or tablet. The app will take you on a narrated, self-guided tour of the Greektown Historic District of Tarpon Springs—replete with historical images and music.

The Greektown District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014 as the state's first official Traditional Cultural Property. The District, which includes hundreds of buildings and a dozen sponge boats, preserves a strong ethnic and maritime character. Since 1905—when Greeks first arrived in large numbers—it has been significant for its tenacious continuity of traditional culture, extensive Greek infrastructure, and as the only Greek American community based on the sponge industry. This unusual place has many fascinating stories that will now be made more accessible through the auspices of the FHC grant.

Under the guidance of the Florida Humanities Council (FHC), the *Florida Stories Community Audio Walking Tours* initiative supports the creation of cultural, historical, and architectural walking tours for communities across the state of Florida. The goals of this initiative include exploring the history and heritage of Florida communities while creating a sustainable cultural tourist product. The audio tours will be available to anyone through an app that can be downloaded to phones or other devices.

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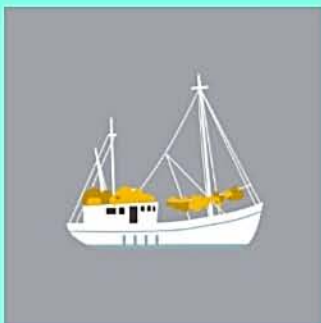


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- 3 SPONGE EXCHANGE
- 4 TOURISM AT THE DOCKS: ST NICHOLAS BOAT LINES & MORE
- 5 ATHENS STREET
- 6 GRECOPHON RECORDS
- 7 ST. MICHAEL SHRINE
- 8 TSOURAKIS-MERES SPONGE PACKING HOUSE
- 9 EPIPHANY SITE, CRAIG PARK
- 10 ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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