

### Work continues at the historic Lord-Higel House



Above, an accessory building, which includes a unisex restroom and utility closet, was recently constructed at the Lord-Higel House. Right, In August, workers dug channels for placement of sewer and water pipes to the new restroom at the Lord-Higel House.

Photos by Dorothy Korwek

Progress continues at the Lord-Higel House, where the new accessory building has been constructed with running water and sewage service. Once electrical connections and interior finishes are completed, it will be ready for the city to approve a certificate of occupancy. Ball Construction is the contractor.

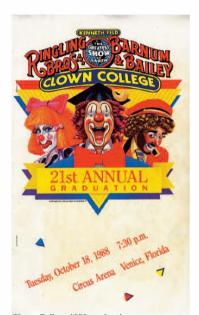
The accessory building has a unisex restroom and utility closet. The restroom will be available to the public during hours when the future museum is open and during special events held on the property.

The oldest existing house in Venice, built in 1896 by Joseph Lord, is the second oldest house in Sarasota County. Since it was acquired by the city of Venice in 2005, Venice Heritage Inc. volunteers have raised more than \$300,000 and invested thousands of hours restoring the house to its original condition.

See veniceheritage.org/lord-higel-house for more details.



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Clown College 1988 graduation announcement courtesy of Venice Museum and Archives. Venice was the home of the college from about 1968-1997, when it moved to Baraboo, Wisconsin. Residents were often treated to the sight of clowns hanging out of car windows and walking down the streets during that time.

## Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey

#### Clown College 20th Anniversary TV Special

filmed in Venice, FL at Circus Arena, 1988



To be shown on

Friday, November 18, 2022 at 3:00 pm

**Community Room** 

William H. Jervey, Jr., Venice Public Library

300 Nokomis Ave S, Venice, FL 34285

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Sign up online at veniceheritage.org Tickets \$30

Open-air trolley leaves from Venice Museum & Archives, 351 Nassau St. S.

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#### **OUR GOALS**

- To preserve and protect the John Nolen Plan of Venice
- To support and promote City of Venice Museum & Archives sites:
  - Triangle Inn
  - Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives & Research Center
- To restore the Lord-Higel House for an early settler museum
- To support an exhibit space for Old Betsy, the city's first fire engine
- To educate the public about the history of Venice