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Renovations on the historic Boynton Woman's Club has begun. (submitted photo, FPG / August 11, 2014)

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People driving by the Boynton Woman's Club on Federal Highway will notice that restoration work has begun on the city's historic 1925 Addison Mizner-designed building.

Almost a century old, the windows and doors of the building especially needed restoration and are the first to be serviced.

"We're excited about the restoration work," said Pat Waldron, co-chairwoman along with Barbara Wineberg, of the club's Historic Preservation Committee. "The committee and concerned citizens are pushing forth to restore the building to its former glory."

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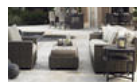
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The work is being financed by a matching grant from the **Boynton Beach** Community Redevelopment Agency and a contribution from the **Boynton Beach** Historical Society.

"We appreciate the support of the CRA, the mayor and commissioners, and the **Boynton Beach** Historical Society," Waldron said. "The building plays an historical role in **Boynton Beach** and is important to the city. It's a beautiful building; it just needs some TLC."

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Warren Adams, the city's historic preservationist who has been working with the club on the restoration, said, "The Woman's Club, along with the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, is one of two historic buildings in the city. Taking these steps to preserve the quality of the building show that we care about the building and respect its value."

Adams is ensuring the work meets historic preservation standards, uses the correct materials and follows recommended practices.

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"Warren has been so supportive to us and has given us so much advice and knowledge," Waldron said. "He's been able to help us evaluate the work that's planned to know we've approached it in the right way."

The club plans to apply for a \$100,000 state grant in the fall to complete the restoration work.

"If we are able to get the grant from the state, we can finish the restoration," Wineberg said. "Over the next five to six years we hope to finish other projects, including replacing the air-conditioning unit, repaint both inside and out and install a new elevator."

The club is open for business, including weddings, meetings and social functions, during the renovations, which are expected to be finished by October.

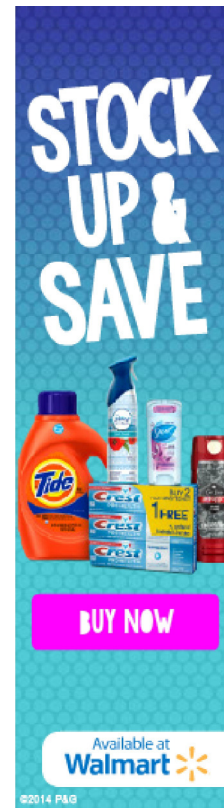
"The more we get out there to make people aware of the building, the more interest in our local gem, the more support we will receive from the general public," Wineberg said.

For information about the club and updates on the preservation initiative visit boyntonwomansclub.com. Email bwchistoricpreservation@gmail.com.

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