

## Update: September 23, 2020

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU**, to all who donated making it **POSSIBLE for us to purchase Purvis Store**. We are scheduled for the closing in just a few days, on September 30. Forty-two of you donated, 26 live in the Esmont zip code! The total collected, including the \$5000 match, is \$29,700. The purchase price of the property is \$28,500. We are now seeking grant funds for much needed landscaping and to patch the roof and shore up the bowed wall. Donations are always welcome.

We also want to thank **Steve Morris**, an Esmont resident, for cutting weeds along the roadside and clearing vines off the front porch of the store. We will hang a large **banner** on the cleared off porch, after the closing, letting everyone know the property is the future home of Purvis Store Market. And, thanks to **Alec Pendaleon**, an Esmont Friend, for assisting in getting a \$500 grant from Allstate Foundation.

Many thanks also to the **53 of you who voted** on the Esmont History Book cover. **#1 was the winner!** It is the full picture of the P.O. Building and I asked the designer to use a less ornate font. The back cover will be the one showing a map and a box of narrative. We will be proud of the book AND of the companion piece, an 11x17 poster of a map done especially for us by **Erik Irtenkauf**, showing the locations of the large Esmont Farms with their names, and it will appear in the book. Erik and **Dave Johnson**, an Esmont resident who organized all the pictures for the book, some of which he took himself, are putting the finishing touches on the map.

Let me hear from you with any comments/questions/suggestions...

Peggy

