

## The Island Post Office

One of current city council mentioned an interesting point of view, and it makes good sense. I am speaking of the current location of the mail distribution facility between Venice Ave. and Tampa Ave. An idea like this surely needs to be explored at least in my opinion. After all the building is more than 50 years old, does not meet hurricane specifications as set forth by the building department and has no component close to the "Historic District Guidelines". The building and its walls are in immediate need of repair, the island shopping district could use a sustainable business with PARKING spaces to support it's activities. Of course **the business of providing stamps, shipping assistance, and post office boxes could remain on the site or in a storefront downtown.**

There is a considerable amount of property available near major roadways that can better support the requirements of a distribution facility. A new business could provide new attraction to Main Street and a pleasant building façade could add to the shopping ambiance, not to mention the addition to the City's tax base. This kind of forward thinking will keep Venice on track to continued success.