

#### Office of Historic Alexandria

**Gretchen Bulova Director** 





Friendship Firehouse

#### Museums



The Lyceum



Alexandria **Black History** Museum



Alexandria Archaeology



Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site





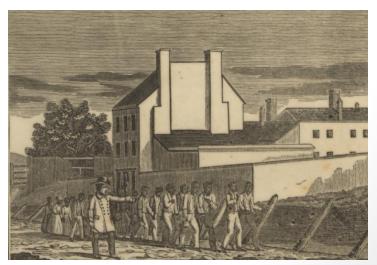
Stabler-Leadbeater **Apothecary** Museum





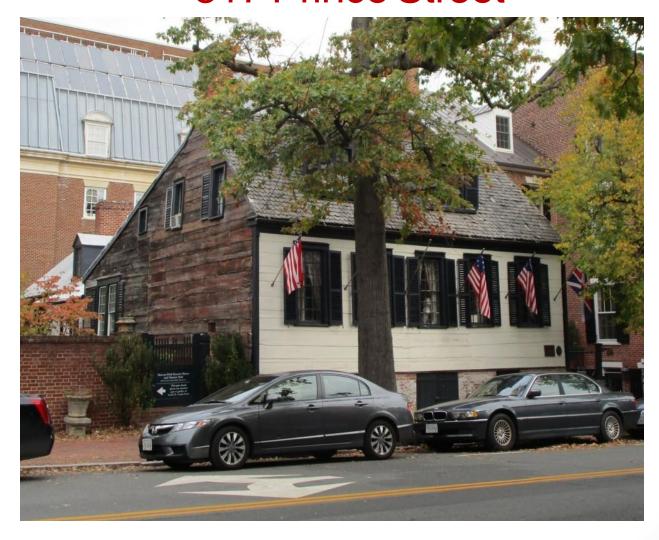








# Murray-Dick-Fawcett 517 Prince Street





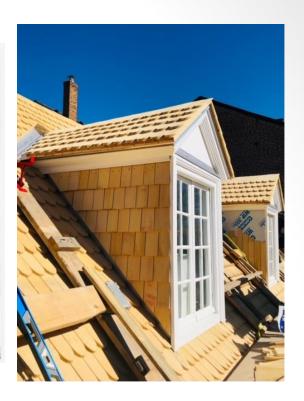


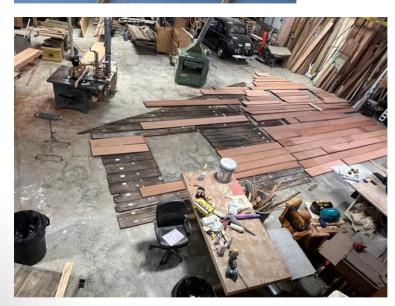
















#### **Historic Sites**





African American Heritage Park



**Union Station** 



Lloyd House



Watson Reading Room



Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery



Collections Storage Facility



#### Other Alexandria Friends!





Carlyle House Historic Site

Lee-Fendall House Museum

#### **Archives and Records Center**









The Archives and Records Center manages the records created by the City of Alexandria's government agencies, preserves the archival or historical documents of these agencies, and ensures that these documents are available for public research. The Archives and Records Center must comply with the *Virginia Public Records Act*.





#### Alexandria Archaeology







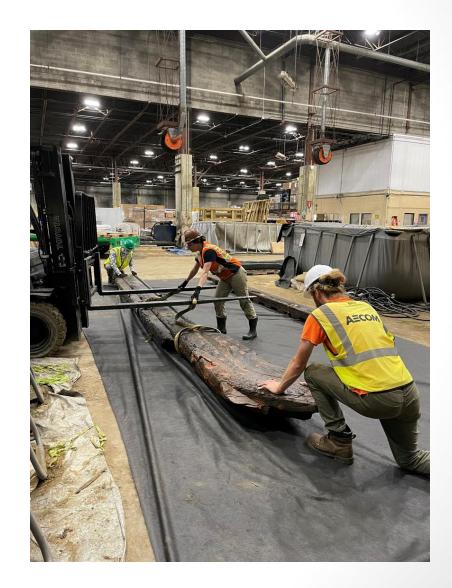
- Seeks to preserve and study the tangible remains of our community's heritage for public enrichment and enjoyment
- City archaeologists and volunteers work with citizens and developers to locate cites important to the City's past and excavate them when necessary
- Visitors can learn about Alexandria's past at the hands-on Archaeology Museum

# Historic Ship Excavation and Preservation











### **Oral History Center**

- Document and preserve the memories and stories of Alexandria
- Oral History archives
- Volunteers welcome!













Joseph McCoy April 23, 1897

Benjamin Thomas August 8, 1899



#### **IMLS Grant**



- Moss Kendrix
- Ben Holt
- Ferdinand Day
- Annie B. Rose





### Preservation Planning

- Freedom House Master Plan
- Murray-Dick-Fawcett Historic Structure Report and Master Plan
- Douglass Cemetery Restoration
- Waterfront Museum Feasibility Study
- Fort Ward Interpretive Plan Implementation
- Waterfront History Plan
- 10-year Restoration Plan for Gadsby's Tavern Museum



#### Launching New Initiatives

- New interpretive initiatives
  - Civil Rights Alexandria
  - Interpreting the Duke Street corridor



- Upcoming Commemorations
  - 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Alexandria's founding
  - 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the nation

#### Museum Collections and Conservation





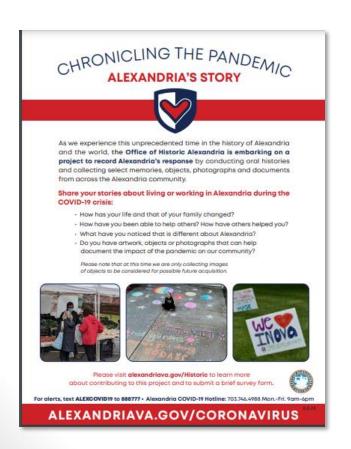


The Office of Historic Alexandria preserves and interprets the past of our community for residents and visitors alike... but we also are dedicated to protecting, preserving and conserving our historical collections for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

## Collecting History "in the making!"

 The Legacy of George Floyd: Documenting Alexandria's Response

Chronicling the Pandemic





- Your original writings
- Your original drawings/artwork
- Your original photographs
- Your original short videos
- •Photographs of objects, for consideration for acquisition





## **Conservation Projects**







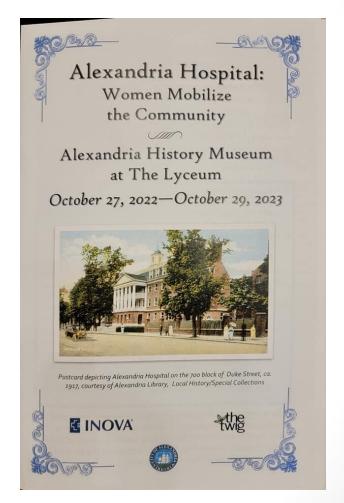




## Exhibitions











## **Building Preservation**



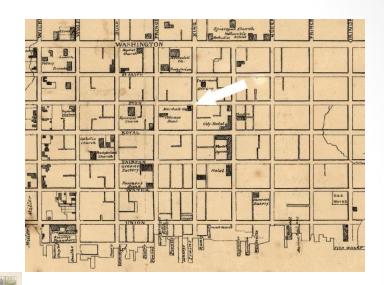




## Interdepartmental Planning and Review











## Education and Life-long Learning





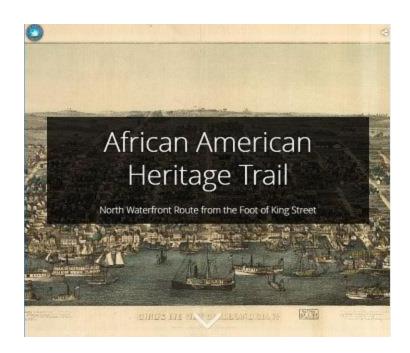






### Public Programs

- Lectures
- Specialty tours
- Walking tours
- Family dig days
- Historic food & beverage events
- Scout programs





## Wayfinding





# Waterfront History and Interpretation







#### Heritage Tourism

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- Cultural and heritage visitors typically stay longer than business or leisure travelers
- Cultural and heritage visitors spend nearly twice the current average expenditure of other travelers









- Alexandria Archaeological Commission Provides guidance on cultural resource management.
- Alexandria Historical Restoration & Preservation
  Commission accepts open space and interior and façade
  easements in historic districts. There are now 60 easements
  on properties in Alexandria. Commission members are
  appointed by the State and the City.
- Historic Alexandria Resources Commission generally advises Council on a wide variety of historical subjects.
- Public Records Advisory Commission
  — advises staff and Council on records management and archival collections.
- George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee coordinates activities to promote Washington's connection to Alexandria
- Sister Cities Three committees covering cultural partnerships with the cities of Caen, Dundee, and Helsingborg.





### Friends Groups

- Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society
- Friends of Alexandria Archaeology
- Friends of Fort Ward
- Mortar and Pestle Society
- Friendship Firehouse Veterans Association

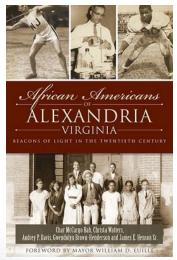


#### Museum Shops















#### Rentals and Special Events

Many Office of Historic Alexandria sites are available to rent for weddings, parties, receptions, meetings and other special events. The funds earned are used toward the maintenance and preservation of the historic sites and buildings.

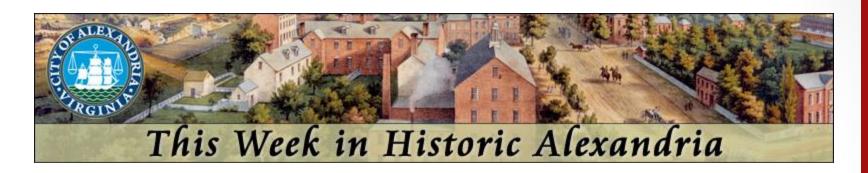








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- Weekly "Out of the Attic" column
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#### Historic Alexandria Volunteers

- More than 200 volunteers support OHA
- Donate more than 17,000 hours annually
- Value of \$525,000









## Thank you for your interest in the Office of Historic Alexandria



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### **Questions?**

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