

Office of Historic Alexandria

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Mission Statement

The Office of Historic Alexandria enhances the quality of life for City residents and visitors by preserving and interpreting Alexandria's historic properties, archaeological sites, cultural resources, artifact collections, objects, archives, records, and personal stories, and by encouraging audiences to appreciate Alexandria's diverse historic heritage and its place within the broader context of American history.

Museums



Friendship
Firehouse



The Lyceum



Alexandria
Black History
Museum



Stabler-
Leadbeater
Apothecary
Museum



Alexandria
Archaeology



Fort Ward Museum
and Historic Site



Gadsby's
Tavern
Museum

Exhibits



The Museums offer both permanent and changing exhibits for visitors to enjoy and learn about our community's history.

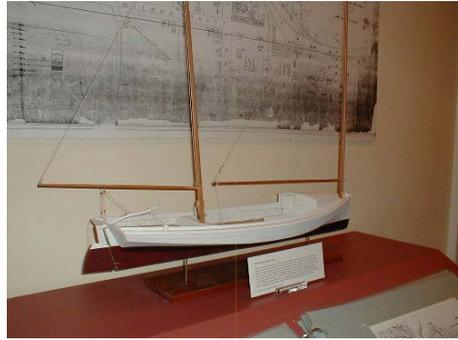


Collections

The Office of Historic Alexandria maintains and preserves important objects that are acquired by the museums and historic sites. We make these available to the public as often as possible.



Preservation 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.

Alexandria Archaeology



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 sites important to the City's past and excavate them when necessary
- Visitors can learn about Alexandria's past at the hands-on Archaeology Museum



Contrabands & Freedmen's Cemetery



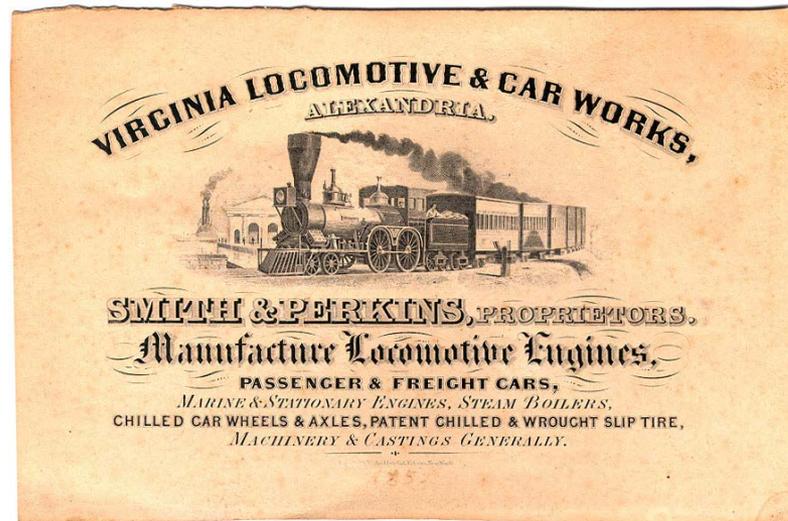
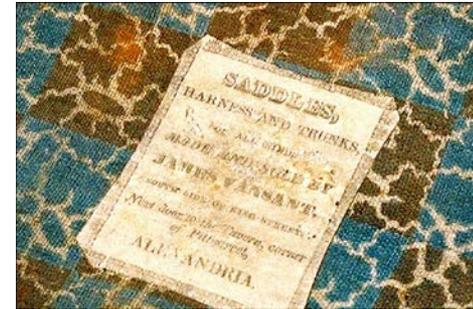
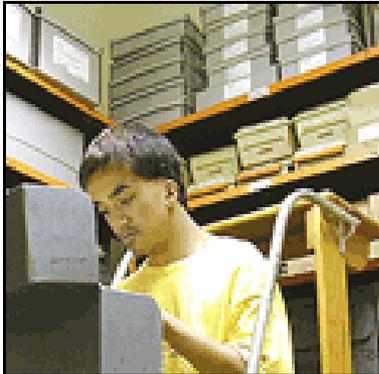
Civil War cemetery from 1864-1869

Memorial park to open 2011

Native American site dating to 13,000 years ago

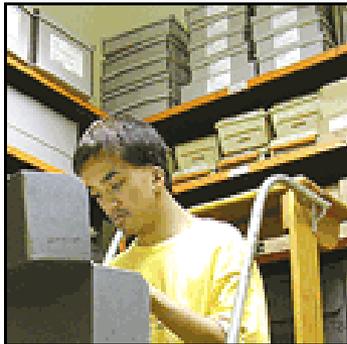


Archives and Records Center



Archives and Records

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*.

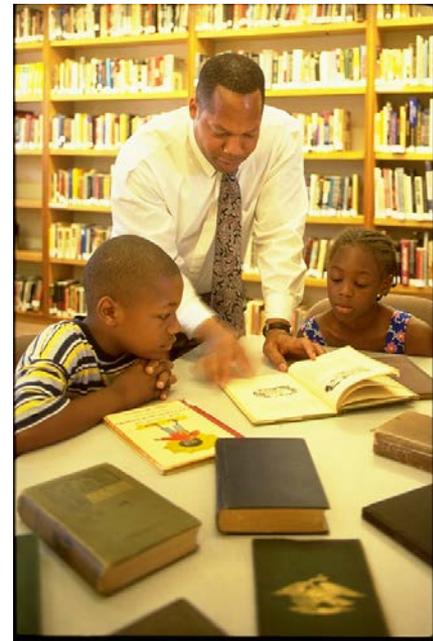


Education and Life-long Learning



Educational Initiatives

The Office of Historic Alexandria offers educators the unique opportunity to reinforce classroom teaching with hands-on experiences, field trips, lectures, educational kits, and other media resources.



Educational Programs

Alexandria Archaeology Museum

- Adventure Lessons- all ages
- Field School- college students
- Public Dig Days- all ages
- Summer Camp- ages 12 – 15

Black History Museum

- Past/Present learning programs for students of all ages
- School Tours

Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site

- Life During the Civil War- educational kit for teachers from elementary through high school
- Summer Camp- ages 8 - 12



Educational Programs (Continued)

Friendship Firehouse

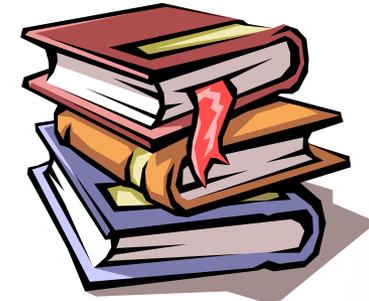
- Citizen Firefighters in Colonial Alexandria - ages K – 6th Grade

Gadsby's Tavern Museum

- A Tavern At Work - Grades 2 and up – SOL approved
- After the Revolution- Grades 3 and up – SOL approved
- Candas, The Tavern Slave, Grades 3 and up – SOL approved
- Traveling Tom- Grades K through 2 – SOL approved

The Lyceum

- Inside Old Town- Grades 3 through 5 SOL approved
- Getting a Feel For Long Ago - Grades K through 3 – SOL approved
- Scavenger Hunt for History - Grades 3 through 6 – SOL approved
- Clio's Kids: A History Fun Camp - ages 5 through 7



Museum Shops

Revenue is also earned from Museum Shops and Online shop sales. Each shop offers unique and collectible items, books, etc. Tickets for events can also be purchased online.



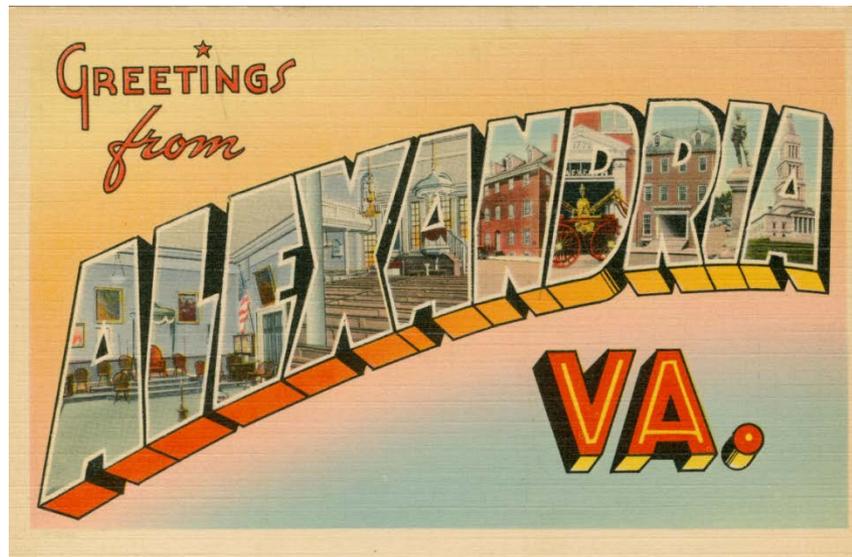
Rentals and Special Events

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.



Heritage Tourism

- 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



Tourism Initiatives



**Ask Alex?
Dial 703.229.8632**





This Week in Historic Alexandria

This Week's Events

- May 15 – Alexandria and District of Columbia Needlework Identification Day – The Lyceum**
 Do you have an old piece of needlework packed away? Ever wondered where it might have come from or who made it? Let our experts examine your sampler or pictorial! Learn what makes a sampler valuable, hear great tips on care and conservation, and see the treasures from other people's attics. A special focus is identifying 18th- and 19th-century samplers and pictorial embroideries from this geographic area. Your contribution to The Lyceum of \$5 per needlework includes full museum admission. Reservations are required. 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 703.838.4994. 201 South Washington Street. www.alexandriahistory.org



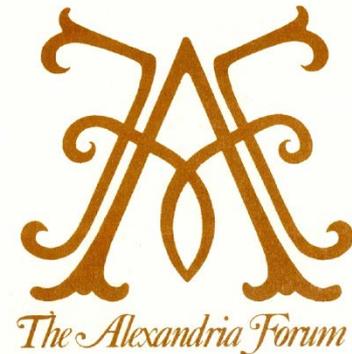
- May 16 – Soldier-Led Walking Tours – Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site**
 A Union soldier in period uniform will lead two walking tours of Fort Ward. The hour-long tour will introduce visitors to the history of the Defenses of Washington, the building and role of Fort Ward, 19th-century fortification engineering, and the troops who were stationed in this area during the Civil War. Walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing recommended. Tours begin at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. Free! 703.838.4848. 4301 West Braddock Road. www.fortward.org



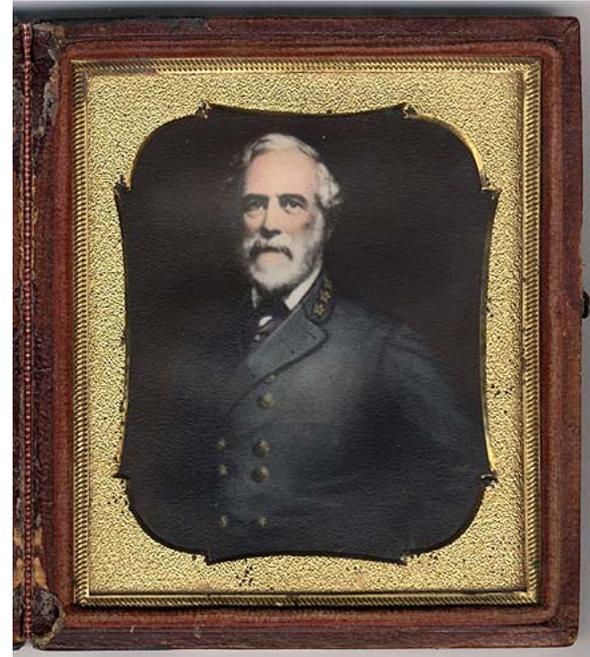
This Week in Alexandria History



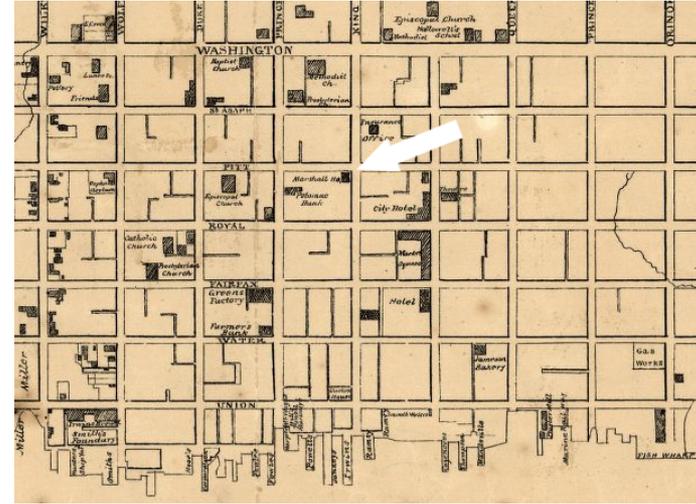
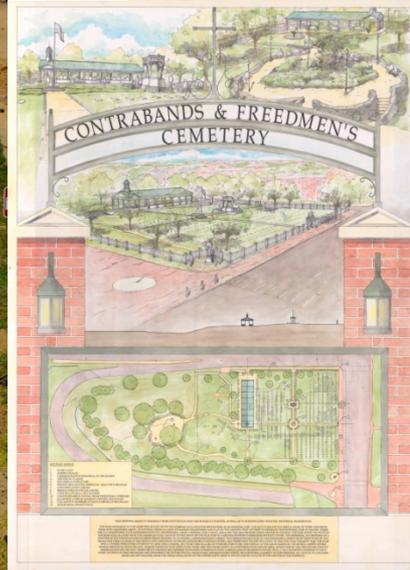
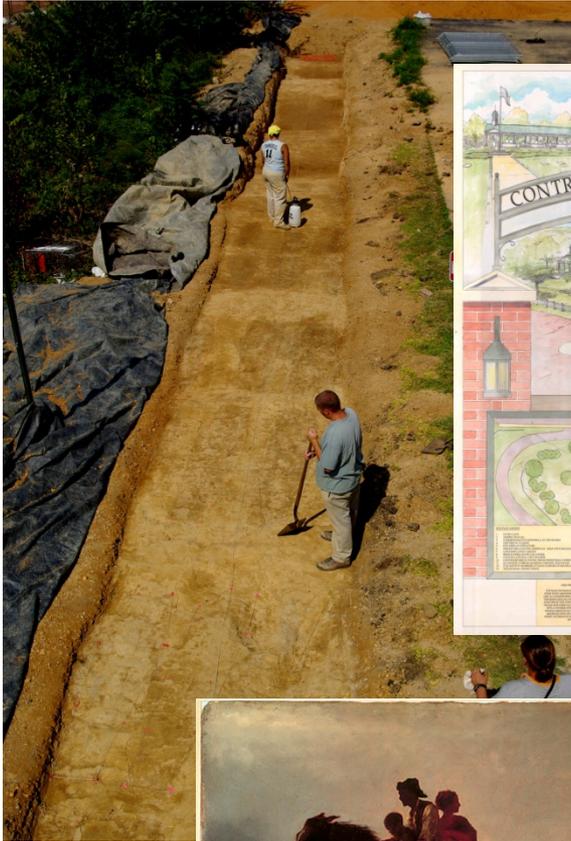
On May 12, 1909, a large fire broke out at Smoot Lumber at Union and Cameron streets. Originating at the planing mill near Lee Street, the fire caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage. Firefighters drafted water from the Potomac River to help put out the blaze.



Public History Resource



Interdepartmental Planning and Review





Boards and Commissions

Alexandria Archaeological Commission

Alexandria Historical Restoration & Preservation Commission

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

Public Records Advisory Commission



Boards & Commissions

How you can join us!

- ***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. This Commission is particularly interested in preservation of Open Space in Old & Historic District although their legal mandate allows for acceptance of easements throughout the City. Commission members are appointed by the State and the City.



Boards & Commissions

How you can join us!

- ***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. An excellent group of citizens who are involved in records management at the Federal level, often have significant important advice for staff.
- ***Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association*** – ex officio member
- ***Boards of Architectural Review*** – staff prepare comments for archeological and historical significance.

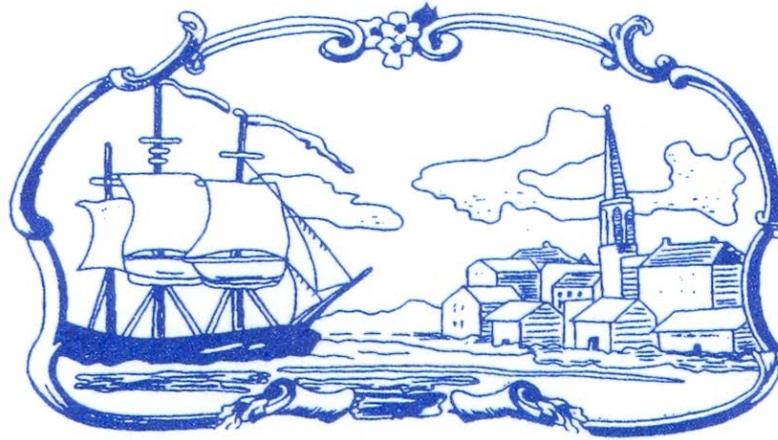


Alexandria City Council Strategic Plan

This 2010 City Council Strategic Plan has been developed in collaboration and in partnership with the Alexandria community. It is a carefully planned effort to advance Alexandria toward the future we envision for our community. As we move forward to implement the direction offered by the Strategic Plan, the Alexandria City Council affirms its commitment to the Plan's objectives and initiatives. Consequently, Council directs that City staff consider the Strategic Plan when developing, implementing or reviewing the delivery of public services, and in presenting requests for fiscal resources.



Thank you for your interest in the
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Questions?

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