Historic Alexandria Wants to Know What You Think

While our content through #HistoricALX2U was created to fill an immediate need when our museums abruptly closed and programming and events were canceled, we need your help to
chart a new path for the summer and fall! Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey about what you would like to see from OHA digitally here.

In compliance with the governor’s Stay-at-Home order, the Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA) sites are closed and public programs are cancelled. OHA staff will reach out to guests who have made reservations for these events, as well as for pre-arranged tours, rentals, and birthday parties scheduled during this time. Please refer to the Calendar for the status of Commission and other departmental associated meetings.

Due to the changing nature of the situation, we are not announcing a reopening date at this time and will provide updates on our website. For additional information about the City of Alexandria’s actions, visit alexandriava.gov/Coronavirus.

HistoricALX2U This Week

The Historic Alexandria museums are temporarily closed, but that doesn’t mean we stop sharing the stories of our City and its history. We are pleased to introduce you to #HistoricALX2U!

Each weekday we share stories and content - from virtual tours of the sites and museums to educational activities. This week, join us for:

- #MakeItMonday: Did you know Alexandria was home to a large dairy company in the 20th century? Learn about this business and try making your own butter at home.
- #TourTuesday: Explore the Lloyd House with this Google 360.
- #Waterfront Wednesday: Ponder the nature of shorelines.
- #Throwback Thursday: Join in this historic Graduation to honor TC Seniors!
- #FactCheckFriday: Learn about Alexandria’s local connection to Loving Day.

Follow the Historic Alexandria Facebook page or explore our center of learning website at alexandriava.gov/Historic. To add more to your learning, many Historic Alexandria sites have their own channels on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

THIS WEEK IN ALEXANDRIA’S HISTORY

On June 13, 1933, Alexandria businessmen presented a petition to the Alexandria City Council urging the repeal of a prohibition on the sale of beer in the city. Although by then the United States was in the thirteenth year of the social experiment known as Prohibition, just three months earlier, President Franklin Roosevelt had approved an amendment to the Volstead Act.
authorizing the sale of beer and light wines in the nation. Prohibition was repealed entirely just six months after the Alexandria petition.

UPCOMING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE EVENTS

All Committee and Commission meetings are cancelled through July. Further updates will be sent out in the event more cancellations are required.