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VIENNA RESIDENTS ORDERED TO STAY AT HOME

Virginia Shut Down by Covid-19 Pandemic

In March, Governor Ralph Northam issued statewide executive orders for businesses to close or change how they conduct business, and for individuals to stay at home. Northern Virginia and Fairfax County in particular are hit hard with a large number of Covid-19 cases. Additional executive orders were issued in May, easing the restrictions appropriately in each area.

Historic Vienna, Inc. Plans Affected!

The Spring Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We will reschedule, possibly via Zoom, our program entitled “*Footprints on the Moon and Beyond*”, by Bill Hamilton.

The Freeman Store and Museum and the Little Library are closed until further notice. All in-person events have been cancelled. The Museum exhibits which had just opened when the pandemic hit, will remain in place through 2021.

The Freeman Store has created periodic online pop-up sales of selected merchandise. Items are purchased online and **must** be picked up during the 2-hour pickup time. Look for an email from us or visit our website, Instagram or Facebook sites.

**Next Pop-up sale: June 9-12,
Pick up June 13 12-2pm ONLY**

We are hoping to reschedule the Antiques Evaluations in the fall. Stories, Songs and Sprinklers will be provided jointly with the Town virtually. Check the Town website for more

Covid-19 Special Activities!

Part of Historic Vienna’s mission is to preserve Vienna’s history and strengthen the community’s awareness of its past. To this end, we have developed special activities that we hope you will participate in. See inside for more details on these activities and our plans.

- **Lego Challenge.** In April, on our Facebook page, we challenged the youth to build Lego models of the Freeman Store. Photos of the results will be on display when the Store reopens.
- **Covid-19 Memories.** We want to capture how Vienna and its residents reacted to and were affected by the pandemic. Send us your thoughts, activities, stories, and reactions.
- **Survey Monkey Questionnaires.** Look for periodic short questionnaires to capture your Covid-19 experiences.
- **History Photo Scavenger Hunt.** Visit the historic sites, take a photo, and create a photo collage of all of the sites you have visited. The results will be on display when the Store reopens.
- **Historic puzzles.** A special puzzle has been created for this issue of HVInk. Answers will be posted on our website in July.

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Used Book Cellar

Due to the pandemic, our *Freeman Store Used Book Cellar is closed.*

However, as you clean out your used books, please consider bringing them by the Store, bagged or boxed and place on one of the benches. No magazines, romance novels, encyclopedias, or textbooks are accepted. Books in good condition, showing no mold or extensive damages (unless they are antiques) are accepted.

We are able to continue selling books on Amazon and *would appreciate volunteers to join us in the near future with online sales.* In addition, the Freeman Store's Pop-up Online Sales have offered selected used books for sale at very inexpensive prices. The upcoming Father's Day Pop-up sale will include a selection of books and specifically *Books Just for Dad.*

Of note is that many of the children's chapter books have been placed in 'Little Free Library' boxes around town. Comments, suggestions, and of course volunteers are always invited to contact us.

Seeing all of you enjoy coming by and finding a favorite book is sorely missed!

Historic Vienna is asking for book donations all year round.

From the Museum Committee

New Exhibits Extended Through December 2021!

Just a few weeks after the new exhibits opened, the Freeman Store and Museum closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. To allow more visitors to enjoy these wonderful exhibits, we have agreed to extend both exhibits through 2021.

New Upstairs Exhibit: Vienna and the 60s Experience the 60s again in Vienna!

All you hippies, flower children, bohemians, and mavericks prepare yourselves to flash back to the 1960s and its days of sit-ins, anti-war marches, and Woodstock. It's been said that if you remember the 60s, you weren't there. Well, we hope that you were there and that you remember it and will come by the Freeman Store and Museum on Church Street in Vienna and visit the new exhibit. Listen to the music of the time and experience the fashion, the entertainment, the technology, the toys and games, and so much more.

New Hallway Exhibit: The Women's Rights Movement: Where are we Now?

The fifth and final exhibit in the 5-year series of small exhibits on the history of the women's rights movement focuses on where it stands today. It has been 100 years since women won the right to vote. While women have won many rights, they have not yet achieved full equality.

This exhibit looks at our progress in many areas including economic, political, educational, family, and health.

1918 Influenza Epidemic in Northern Virginia

By Anne Stuntz

Northern Virginia has been here before. We've watched the number of cases grow so slowly in the beginning. We've had schools and churches closed. We've had doctors and hospitals overwhelmed. We've thought things were getting better before they really did. Did you read that America lost 675,000 people to the Spanish flu? And 50 million worldwide? Something like 16,000 of the deaths were Virginians.

It's chilling to read the Washington Post from that time. You can read it through Fairfax County Public Library's Virginia Room at:

<https://search.proquest.com/hnpwashingtonpost/index>

(You might need to put your library card number in.)

Once you're there, search for "influenza" and do the years 1918-1920 or so. It's gripping reading, and so interesting 100 years later.

A Great Falls historian and realtor, Karen Washburn, wrote up a good article on the 1918 flu epidemic in Northern Virginia. She's happy for us to put a link to it here:

<https://www.northernvirginiahistory.com/>

She may be able to give HVI a zoom program in the near future.

History, by John M Barry, 2004. Both are available on Amazon (Kindle and real books) and on Abebooks.com (real books). The wait for an e-book version at the library is months long.

I've been interested in the 1918 flu epidemic all my life. My grandfather Stephen Conrad Stuntz died in 1918 in the dining room of my house, leaving my grandmother, Lena, with 5 kids aged 6 weeks to 9 years old. It was a desperately difficult time for everyone, but with a lot of hard work and the support of family, and with her Vienna friends rallying around, my family got through it.

SAVE YOURSELF

FROM INFLUENZA AND

PNEUMONIA	TUBERCULOSIS	WHOOPING COUGH
BAD COLDS	DIPHTHERIA	MENINGITIS
MEASLES	SCARLET FEVER	MUMPS

FOLLOW TWO SIMPLE RULES

RULE 1

Whenever you cough or sneeze, bow your head or put a handkerchief over your mouth and nose.



USE HANDKERCHIEF WHICH YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE



OR BEND YOUR HEAD TOWARD THE GROUND

RULE 2

Don't put in your mouth fingers, pencils, or anything else that does not belong there, nor use a common drinking cup.



DON'T PUT PENCILS OR FINGERS IN YOUR MOUTH



DON'T USE COMMON DRINKING CUP OR COUGH OR SNEEZE INTO THE AIR TOWARDS OTHERS

The Germs of these Diseases are spread through the secretions of the mouth and nose of sick people and carriers.

Furnished by THE VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
PLEASE POST: Council of National Defense, C. R. Kuley, Federal Field Secretary

Source: Annual Report of the State Board of Health and the State Health Commissioner to the Governor of Virginia for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1919, Richmond, Virginia, 1920, 11.

My two other favorite sources on the 1918 flu epidemic are these excellent books: *Flu: The Story Of The Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus that Caused It*, by Gina Kolada, 2010, and *The Great Influenza The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in*

2020 Heritage Award



The 2020 Heritage Award has been given to Marie Kisner for her book, *Vienna Stories 1950-2000*. Based largely on Town documents and contemporary newspaper clippings, the book is a detailed compendium of the Town's history. Marie said she wrote the book to honor the residents who throughout the decades struggled with issues, some of which we are still dealing with today, to create and keep the Town the unique family oriented community that it is today.

Unfortunately, the book is currently out of print. Historic Vienna is investigating options for reprinting. Historic Vienna is grateful for Marie's donation of the rights to the book and the initial 200 copies of the book.

Drop Cream Biscuits

- 3 cups flour
- 1 Tbsp plus 1 Tsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1/4 Tsp baking soda
- 1-1/4 Tsp salt
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 Tbsp melted butter, optional for brushing

Whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a bowl. Microwave the heavy cream on high for 60-90 seconds. Stir the warm cream into the flour mixture to form a soft, uniform dough.

Using a 1/4 or 1/3 cup dry measuring cup, drop 12 level scoops of batter 2" apart on a baking sheet lined with parchment. Makes about 12 biscuits using a 1/3 dry measuring cup and 16 biscuits using a 1/4 cup measuring cup.

Bake at 450° for 10-12 minutes until the tops are light golden brown. Brush the hot biscuits with melted butter if desired.

Special Events

Virtual Stories, Songs and Sprinklers

Each Wednesday from June 24 through July 29, Historic Vienna and Vienna Parks and Recreation will continue the Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers program for children *virtually*! The program will be filmed in the Vienna Community Center and aired live at 1PM. To access the program and find more information, go to: www.viennava.gov/events and click on 'Stories, Songs and Sprinklers'

After the stories, viewers will be encouraged to enjoy a run through the sprinklers on their own yards.

Antiques Evaluation Event

Postponed...hopefully in the fall....

When we can set a new date, hopefully in the fall, polish your silver, shine the brass lamp, and bring your treasures to our antiques and collectible evaluation event. It is sure

to be a special event as Historic Vienna has invited professional auction specialists from Oakridge Auction Gallery, of Ashburn. Bring your items for evaluation by experts specializing in paintings, prints, drawings and ceramics (European, American, Chinese and Japanese), glass (European and American), items of vertu (i.e., sterling silver services, bowls, teapots, etc.), jewelry and watches, and books. Furniture can be evaluated via good quality photographs and specific dimensions.

Check your email, our website, Facebook page, and Instagram for the date when we will begin accepting reservations. Please ask when you make your reservation if you would like to bring an item requiring a different expertise and we will see if an appropriate expert can be made available. The cost for evaluation is \$10 per item and \$8 per item for Historic Vienna members, with a limit of 2 items per person.

Freeman Store News

Online Pop-up Freeman Store

At the beginning of our stay at home days, the Freeman Store thought about ways to serve our Vienna community. Learning that so many people were looking for puzzles, we took stock of our popular White Mountain Puzzles and made them available via an online shopping website.



Within a few days, our complete inventory of jigsaw puzzles was sold out! It was an overwhelming show of support for the Freeman Store as a small business shop, and we received many thanks of appreciation. Purchased items were set out on the front porch of the Store for pickup while maintaining social distancing. That first sale grew to

 **Remember:** HVI Members receive a 10% discount on items purchased at the Freeman Store.

include other items and, to date, we've had 4 shopping opportunities featuring merchandise that include classic games and toys, cards, books, gifts, food, Vienna themed items and a selection of books from our Used Book Cellar.

The next online shopping opportunity for the Freeman Store & Museum will begin on **June 9** and end on **June 12 at 8PM**. Porch pick up for all items is **Saturday June 13**



ONLY at 12-2. Beginning June 9, visit: <https://my-site-106745-102004.square.site/> to shop our Store.

In addition to items from previous sales, we'll have candy, more Vienna themed gifts for graduates and Father's Day, and more items from the Used Book Cellar. Please note, some supplies are limited.

If you are unable to make the 2-hour pickup window, please email historicviennava@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements.

We miss our Used Book Cellar customers very much! To contribute to our well-read community, we gathered some of our overflow inventory and distributed books to the numerous little free libraries scattered around the town of Vienna.

HVI Calendar of Events

Now until further notice

All in person events and tours have been cancelled. The Freeman Store is holding pop-up sales of selected merchandise. Check Instagram, Facebook, your email and our website for more information on these sales. Zoom meetings and virtual events are being planned. Please check the website for more information. Virtual Stories, Songs and Sprinklers
www.viennava.gov/events

Wednesdays, June 24-July 29,
1PM

Please visit our website at www.historicviennainc.org for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store hours, special events and museum exhibits.

HVI Board News

Freya Fisher has completed her term on the Board as a Town Appointee and is stepping down from the Board. The Town expects to announce a new appointee soon.

Katie Newland has been appointed to an open position on the Board (2020-2022). Katie has been an active HVI member, mainly in the Little Library as a docent, but also for Special Events and as a Freeman Store volunteer. She has lived in Vienna for over ten years after more than two decades in and out of northern Virginia working for the USG, with numerous overseas postings in Latin America and Europe. Two of her four young adult children live in the DC area. In addition to her love for the town of Vienna, her interests include the performing arts and non-profit associations. She is on Wolf Trap's Associates Board, is a Board Director for the Virginia Society of Association Executives (VSAE), and works full-time as the executive director for the DC chapter of an international business association. Along with Wolf Trap, Katie supports many local theaters including 1st Stage, NextStop, Monumental and Arena Stage. Katie is a founding member and women's ministry leader of Christ Church Vienna, which worships at Madison High School.

Protests During Covid-19 Pandemic



Photo source: Vienna Patch

On June 3, two peaceful protests were held in Vienna on the Town Green in response to the police-involved death of African American George Floyd in Minneapolis and of Black Lives Matter. It was an unusual sight with nearly all protesters wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

Many organizations have released statements about the issues that the protests addressed. The statement released by The National Trust for Historic Preservation <https://savingplaces.org/press-center/media-resources/statement-on-death-of-george-floyd-and-the-aftermath#.XtkBhTpJGUk> caught our attention. It said:

We believe that historic preservation can play a critical role in acknowledging and healing the divisions in our nation, by telling the full story of our often-difficult history, by elevating and preserving the enormous and important contributions African Americans have made to our nation, and by carrying that powerful legacy forward through places of truth and reconciliation.

We at Historic Vienna agree with the National Trust's statement that we can play a critical role in the healing the divisions in our nation. We will continue to preserve all of Vienna's history and strive to tell the full story.

Covid-19 Special Activities

Oral Histories

A wonderful way to preserve the history of a place is to talk to people who have lived there a long time. HVI would like to encourage you to use this time to reach out to long time Vienna residents and find out about their past and Vienna's past. Or record your own oral history. Use this link, http://historicviennainc.org/?page_id=484 to access information about our oral history project on our website. There you will find a link to our oral history brochure, which gives good guidance about questions to ask, and possible formats, and release forms.

Taking an oral history remotely is now easy. There are many smartphone apps available to record phone calls, such as Google Voice, Voice Memo, and Tape A Call Pro. A variety of video conferencing platforms, including Zoom and Skype, allow recording of sessions. Make some test recordings first and listen back to them, to be sure your equipment is working properly. To the extent possible, try to find a quiet place for each participant to record, away from ambient sound like traffic noise or air conditioners.

Once you have taken an oral history, contact us at historicviennava@gmail.com to coordinate the transfer of a copy of the recording to our files. Don't hesitate to email us if you have questions.

Covid-19 Experience Archive

We hope you've seen Fairfax County library's request for Covid-19 experiences at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/virginia-room>

“Your experience is our history. Be part of the FCPL Virginia Room's historic project to collect primary source material regarding Fairfax County residents' experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Here at HVI we would like to capture, and then archive, some of your Vienna memories during this time, through a series of Survey Monkey questionnaires. The questionnaires will also be posted on our website, Facebook page, and Instagram. The June 2020 survey should take you less than 5 minutes to complete. We really appreciate your participation!



Use this QR code or this link to take the June 2020 survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9L5M3C>

Vienna History Scavenger Hunts

Historic Vienna and the Freeman Store and Museum is hosting selfie photo scavenger hunts that help you chase down fun local facts. The scavenger hunts invite community members of all ages to track down the answers using general knowledge and local history books and internet research. Also, don't hesitate to ask your neighbors who might have lived here a long time. There is information on HVI's own website where we will include some clues to the more obscure questions. *If you are totally stumped, don't hesitate to contact us at historicviennava@gmail.com.*

We will be releasing more hunts over the summer...

Photo Scavenger Hunt

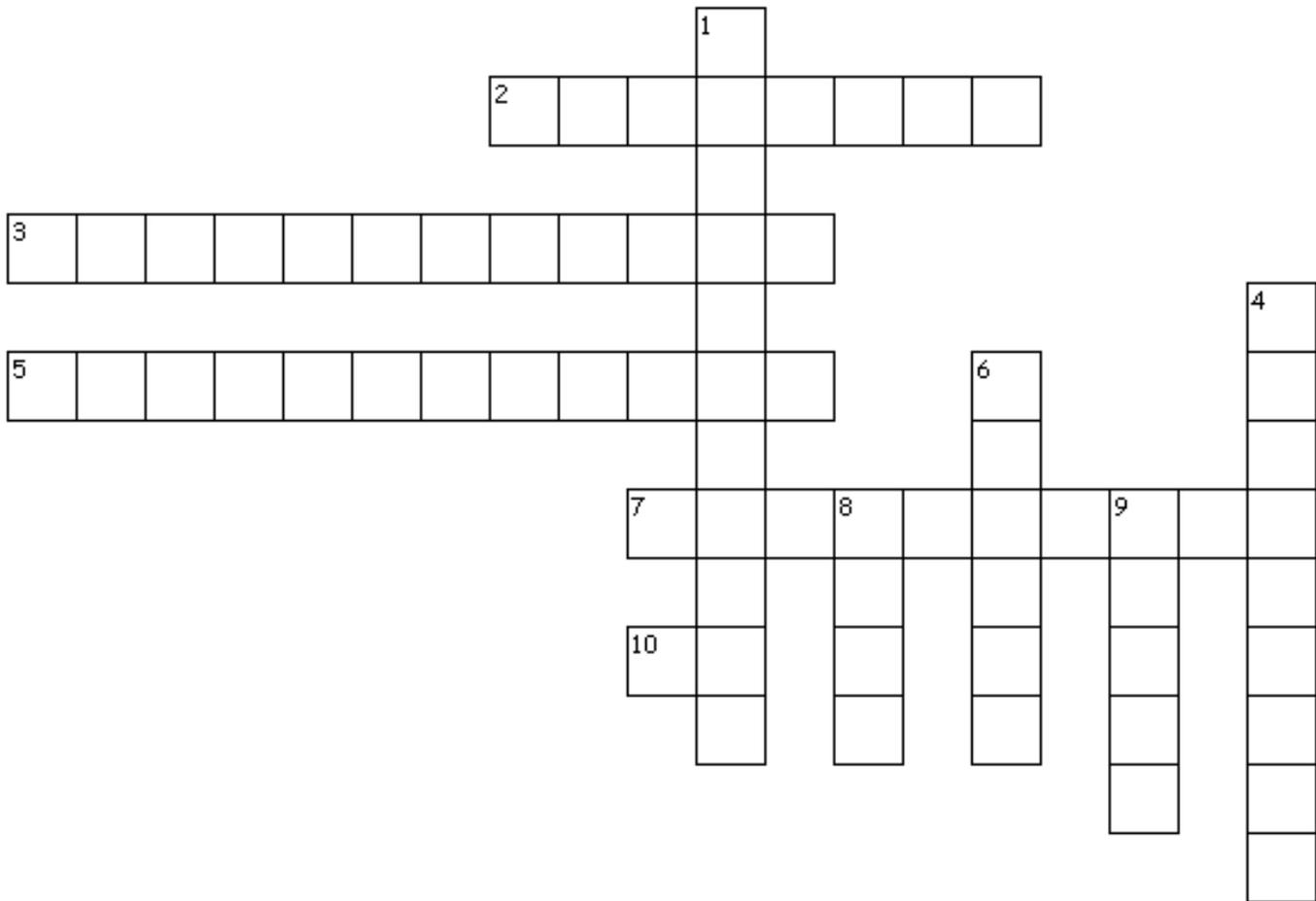
#ViennaFirsts

1. Where is the first Bank Building in Vienna?
2. What is the first Library in Vienna?
3. Find the small park that has a spring that served as early water source for first residents and settlers of the area
4. Find the first two-story commercial building in Vienna.
5. Find the location of the home of the first Mayor of Vienna. Who was he?
6. Find an installation in memory of Vienna's first female Mayor. Who was she?
7. Find the two buildings that were built as the first Fairfax County Public School in Vienna, one in 1923

Crossword Puzzle

We thought that you would enjoy this crossword puzzle. Answers will be posted on our website in July.

Remembering Vienna's History



Across

- 2. Name of first proprietor of Freeman Store
- 3. Vienna Museum
- 5. Well-known Vienna educator
- 7. Fairfax Founding Father
- 10. Is Vienna named after Vienna, Austria?

Down

- 1. Another Fairfax Founding Father
- 4. 1960 restaurant that used to be an ice cream parlor
- 6. Artillery used in 1861 Battle of Vienna
- 8. First mayor of Vienna in 1890
- 9. Mode of transportation famously used in the 1861 Battle of Vienna