



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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UPCOMING EVENTS: FALL FESTIVAL 2022 on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

July brings to mind the heritage that the early Princess Anne residents left for us.

The 8.5 acres of city owned property leased to the WBHF and the acreage of the West Neck Creek Nature Area behind us are all that remain of the large land grant received by Richard Whitehurst.

Stretching down to the West Neck River, a community emerged. The nearby forests supported a thriving lumber business, and logs were shipped down the river for shipbuilding and other uses. Legend has it an ancient Cypress tree still exists on the Whitehurst side of the river, a remnant of what once stood there.

The 1793 house and grounds we see today is precious heritage that our Foundation seeks to maintain and preserve for future generations as we join in the celebration of our country's 246th birthday.

DONATION

An anonymous donor gifted the WBHF a New Orleans commode dating to the 1860s.

It is in excellent condition and features a pull-out step for use by children.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4th. The holiday begins to mind parades, concerts, barbeques, and, of course, fireworks. Maybe you recall canons firing during the "1812 Overture" performed by the Boston Pops Orchestra.

It was a long struggle to official liberty, and Virginia played a key part. In May 1776 Virginia voted to declare independence from Great Britain. The Virginia Resolution proposed by Richard Henry Lee was taken to the 2nd Continental Congress. They approved the first part of Lee's Resolution to separate from the crown on July 2, 1776. The Declaration of Independence was adopted two days after the vote.

Bonfires & ringing bells to herald the king's birthday were replaced with mock funerals. In 1777 Philadelphia held an Independence Day commemoration that included firing of 13 rockets before and after the event as well as a 13-gun salute.

COMMUNITY TOGETHER

On June 9th Councilwoman Barbara Henley met with a small group of community members. They reviewed a proposal for a trail extending from the West Neck Creek Natural Area through the wooded area behind where Kellam & Eaton stood to the Foxfire neighborhood. Mrs. Henley hopes to establish a larger group for future meetings and proposals.

In 1781 Massachusetts was the first to declare Independence Day a state celebration. In 1941 Congress expanded the July 4th Holiday (1870) to a paid federal holiday. Military bases still fire a Salute to the Nation, and the Liberty Bell is tapped 13 times for the original colonies.

Take a moment to reflect on the diplomatic fervor and the sacrifices that championed our independence.

It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance . . . It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. (John Adams, July 3, 1776)

May your holiday be full of all the revelry prescribed.

JUST CHILLIN

Our refrigerator died but, thanks to recent donations, we were able to replace it. The new one is a retro model that is in keeping with the time of the original kitchen addition.



The Whitehurst-Buffington House is open 1:00- 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

FALL FESTIVAL SPACES OPEN

We have been signing up participants for our Fall Festival for several months.

The good news is that spaces are currently still available – for Crafters & Artists Booths as well as Antique Vehicle exhibition space.

Anyone interested may review details on our FaceBook page or can request information be sent to you.

Contact board member Leslie Rawls at lrwls2@cox.net or at 757-672-1313 (cell/text). You may also send a private message through our FaceBook page.

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Interested in Volunteering?

Help us with:

___ Greeting Visitors

___ Gardening

___ Serving on a Committee

___ Cleaning

___ Leading Tours

___ Special Events

___ Clerical Work

___ Other: _____

Call the Whitehurst-Buffington Foundation President at 757-427-1151 for more information.

VISITORS

On Tuesday, June 7th, the Virginia Beach Republican Women's Club met at the Whitehurst-Buffington House for a "High Tea" fundraiser.



IT'S AN ORIGINAL

We received a signed Vonnie (Brown) Whitworth print of the Old Tavern Hotel on Princess Anne Court House Hill. Sketched from an 1896 photo, it hung for years in a city office building. It includes Judge B.D. White, Dr. Sidney Gresham and members of the Upton family.



Fall Festival
October 1, 2022
11:00 - 4:00 pm

Local Artists & Crafters * Antique Cars
Tidewater Blacksmiths Guild
Bob Clark on Hammered Dulcimer
Mr. BBQ'S Dog Pound Food Truck
Picnic Area

Tour the Historic House

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The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation, a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation of this historic home as a living example of early American life in Virginia.