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NEWS RELEASE

Museum sites expand hours to
accommodate visitation

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Chesterfield to Expand Hours at Historic Facilities

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA — Chesterfield County announced today plans to extend hours at three historic museums.

Beginning May 1, the Chesterfield County Museum, the historic 1892 Jail, and Magnolia Grange Museum House will operate on an expanded weekly schedule of Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The museum and jail are located on Mimms Loop in the Courthouse Green at the Chesterfield Government Center. Magnolia Grange Museum House is located at 10020 Iron Bridge Road.

The historic facilities were closed in March of last year and recently reopened with limited hours. These expanded hours return the sites to a pre-COVID-19 operating schedule.

For details on upcoming history programs and events, please visit the Chesterfield Historical Society website at www.chesterfieldhistory.com.

Several public health safeguards have been instituted at the facilities according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), including requiring facial coverings be worn indoors at all times, adhering to social distancing guidelines, designating specific doors for entry and exit and implementing enhanced cleanings.

For the most up-to-date information about Chesterfield County's response to COVID-19 and plans to safely reopen public offices, facilities and spaces, please visit: www.chesterfield.gov/coronavirus.

About the Chesterfield County Museum

The Chesterfield County Museum serves as a replica of the first colonial courthouse built in 1750. Museum exhibits include Powhatan Indian culture, artifacts from America's first iron furnace and coal mines, historic Civil War relics, artifacts from early Chesterfield colonial life, a reproduction of an early 20th century General Store and a changing exhibit space. Suggested donation of \$2 per person. For information regarding the County Museum and historic 1892 Jail, contact Pat Roble, 804-768-7311.

About the historic 1892 Jail

The historic 1892 Jail replaced several earlier jails that once stood on the Courthouse Green. It has been restored and is open for tours. The jail contains the original prison cells upstairs and has a changing exhibit space on the first floor. Suggested donation is \$1 per person.

About Magnolia Grange

This Federal-style plantation house built in 1822 is noted for its distinctive architecture. Three families lived in the house, each making important contributions to life in Chesterfield County. Today, the house is furnished with artifacts that interpret life at a country plantation during the 19th century. For more information contact Lorie Arnold, 804-748-1498.

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