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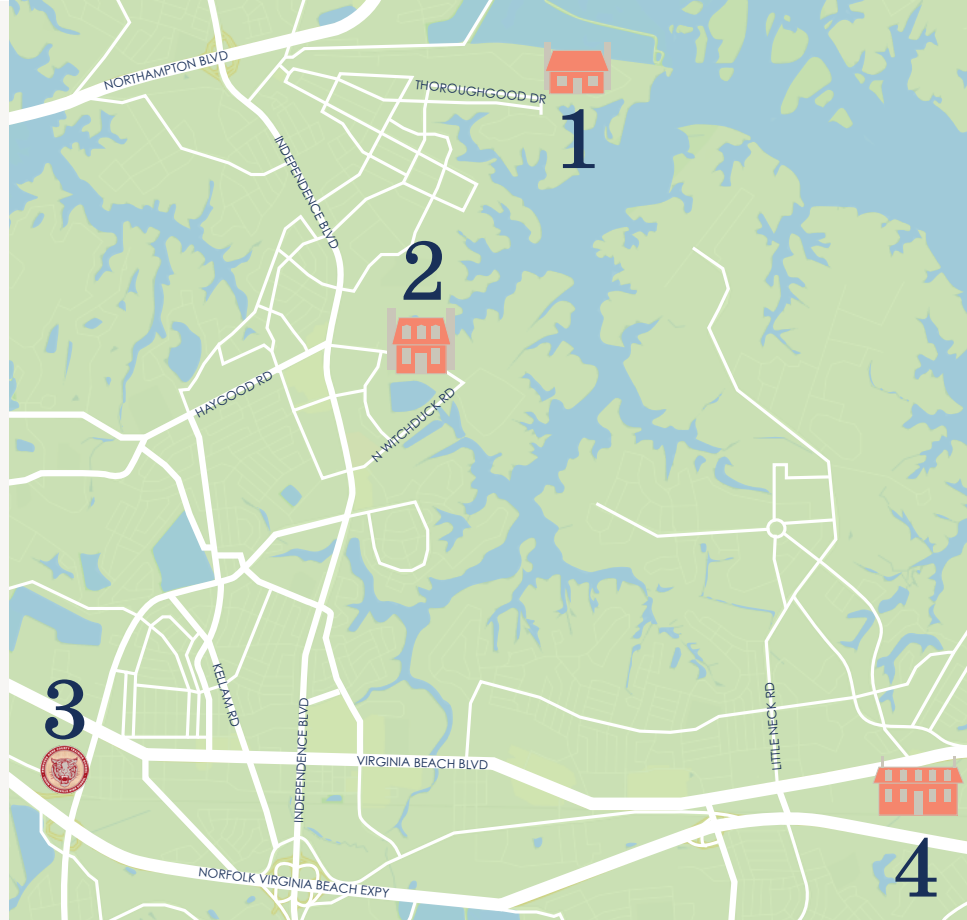
The Virginia Beach History Museums offer several special programs for group visits, including traveling bus groups. Please contact us at vbhistory@vb.gov, or call 757-385-5100, to learn more about specialty group visits, and ask any questions. To see more information about specific group visit offerings, you can visit us online at vbmuseums.org/museums/group-visits.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Make your special day truly historic by celebrating at the Virginia Beach History Museums. The Francis Land House and its grounds, the Lynnhaven Colonial Education Center and the grounds of the Lynnhaven House, as well as the Thoroughgood House gardens and grounds are available for your private party. From an intimate dinner to a corporate retreat, a weekend baby shower to a spectacular wedding and reception, our lush gardens and historic settings are the perfect venue for a memorable event. For more information on rentals, please email vbhistoryevents@vb.gov, or call 757-385-5100 for more information on rentals.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are essential to the Virginia Beach History Museums. They fill a variety of roles, including leading tours, teaching school groups, researching historic collections, and participating in special events. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact us at VolunteerVBHM@vb.gov.



OUR FOUNDATION

The Virginia Beach Historic Houses Foundation was formed in 2013 to enhance the City-owned historic houses and sites by providing funding for historic artifacts and education programs and promoting public awareness of Virginia Beach history. You may donate to the Foundation by sending a check payable to:

Virginia Beach Historic Houses Foundation
P.O. 61427
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The Virginia Beach Historic Houses Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION



Call us at 757-385-5100 or visit us online to learn about special programs, prices, and up-to-date tour hours at vbmuseums.org. Standard public tours of the museums are FREE.



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FRANCIS LAND HOUSE

— circa 1805

The Francis Land House exhibits its Georgian architecture and Federal-style interior, revealing the fashions and values of Princess Anne County residents during the early national period. It has served as home to Mr. Land, a War of 1812 militiaman, as well as a working farm and the Rose Hall Dress Shop in the 20th century. Visitors appreciate the formal, herb and heirloom vegetable gardens, and a boardwalk history trail.



LYNNHAVEN HOUSE

— circa 1725

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register, the Lynnhaven House is an outstanding example of early 18th century Tidewater Virginia architecture. Built by Francis Thelaball, a ship's carpenter, the home's many fine details reveal his craftsmanship and skill. Francis and Abigail Thelaball, their five sons, an apprentice and a number of enslaved people lived in this working plantation household.



PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL/UNION KEMPSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM

During segregation, Princess Anne County (now known as Virginia Beach) had no high schools for African Americans. However, in the 1930s, the African American community came together to raise money for a school so their children could receive a proper education. Princess Anne County Training School opened in 1938 and became Union Kempsville High School in 1962. In 1969, Virginia Beach schools were integrated and Union Kempsville High School closed. The Museum, which opened in 2010, honors the legacy of the school through education.



THOROUGHGOOD HOUSE

— circa 1719

A National Historic Landmark, the Thoroughgood House reflects the lifestyle of one of early Princess Anne County's most influential families. Visitors enjoy the fine architecture, extraordinary history and English cottage-style gardens, a gift from the Garden Club of Virginia. Visitors can also explore a variety of exhibits and historic artifacts in the recently-opened Thoroughgood House Education Center. The house was likely constructed by Argall Thoroughgood II, great-grandson of famed colonist Adam Thoroughgood.

