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### **Hampton History Museum and Air Power Park Reopen June 8**

As part of the City of Hampton's overall reopening strategy, the Hampton History Museum, and Air Power Park reopen to the public with reduced hours on Monday, June 8. The museum's other management property, the Hampton Carousel, remains closed until further notice.

As the museum has been closed since late March, and its popular lecture and music series is on hold, the museum staff has taken its programming into the virtual sphere on Facebook and YouTube. The "Clips with the Curator" series of videos shot at points of interest in the museum galleries, and of recently restored aircraft and space vehicles at Air Power Park, along with more in-depth distance learning videos with the museum educator, the museum has reached nearly 80,000 viewers. Plans are underway to continue and expand both virtual projects, as well as bring both the museum's monthly Port Hampton Lecture series and Front Porch Music series online beginning in July.

"We are excited about welcoming the public back to the museum," says executive director Luci Cochran, "Our aim is to build a better future by exploring and preserving our past. Whether online or in person, the history we share and the conversations begun at the museum reverberate throughout the community and help us tackle the challenges of today. Indeed history, or our collective memory, is how we become a community as we share stories, ideas and beliefs and come together in the process."

In addition to how it is adapting and developing ways of building community through new and reinvented programs available online on social media, the museum developed ways to keep visitors and staff safe. When opening on Monday, new protocols will be in place to lessen the risk of virus transmission in the facility. These protocols are modeling best practices and incorporating public health advice offered by the Centers for Disease Control and the Virginia Department of Health.

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**Hampton, VA 23669**  
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Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9:00 am-4:00 p.m.: Sunday & Wednesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Air Power Park**  
**413 W Mercury Blvd**  
**Hampton, VA 23666**  
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Outdoor displays of restored aircraft and spacecraft open daily sunrise to sunset.

Indoor display hours: Monday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

For more information on the Hampton History Museum and Air Power Park, and to explore videos, museum collections and other resources, visit

[www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org).

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