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## Anticipating Hurricane Florence in the Lowcountry

Within weeks of the announcement by the Marine Corps Recruit Depot that the National Heritage Landmark site of Charlesfort-Santa Elena was completely cleaned up archaeologically after Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, a new storm threat is closing in.

[Read more about the latest info on the site status here](#)

As of today, September 12, the Santa Elena History Center will be closed until the storm passes. We hope to re-open on Tuesday, September 18. Our new hours of operation are 10:30-4:30.

Everyone in the Carolinas and in path of Hurricane Florence, please be safe! Thanks to all who help secure the area and monitor our safety --- from first responders to linemen to government officials.

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## Special Program TO BE RESCHEDULED

### Melungeon Heritage Talk

Saturday, September 15 at 1pm --- Cancelled

Announcements will be made when there is a new date/time for this special program.

In recent years the interest in mixed ethnic peoples of the American South has been on the rise, most notably among those who are of Melungeon ancestry. Join us at Santa Elena History Center for a talk with the creators of "Infamous Characters, Notorious Villains"; a documentary on Melungeon heritage, a mixed ethnic group of people who settled in parts of Northeastern Tennessee, Southeastern Kentucky, parts of Western Virginia and Western North Carolina. Scholars identify them as "tri-racial isolates," since they are believed to be descended from European, African, and Native American ancestors and lived in more isolated locations like the Appalachian and Blue Ridge mountains.

Genealogy 101 on September 15, offered by the Heritage Library, is also cancelled.

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Amongst weather-related news that is causing much anxiety, we offer some bits of GOOD NEWS and activities to look forward to!

Registration is now open for the first edition of the Santa Elena & OLLI Scholars Program, beginning September 22.

[Sign up!](#)

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The Lowcountry Fair with Historical Flair returns to Cotton Hall Plantation this fall!

**THE ONLY MARSH TACKY RACE OF 2018!**

Friday, November 2, 10a-2p: History Day for Students

Saturday, November 3, 11a-5p: Lowcountry Fair with Historical Flair

Historic Re-enactments, Marsh Tacky Demos and Races, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Tours of Colonial Sugar Mill, Local Food, Brews and Artisans, Musical Entertainment and more!

To be a sponsor, participating school, or more information:

[contactus@santa-elena.org](mailto:contactus@santa-elena.org)

**OVER 500 STUDENTS PRE-REGISTERED FOR HISTORY DAY ON 11/2 -- [link to registration](#)**

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE LOWCOUNTRY FAIR ON 11/3 -- [link to tickets and info](#)**

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**The FREE shuttle around downtown Beaufort continues!**

The free shuttle runs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-5pm in an ongoing loop that includes Bay Street, Carteret Street, Craven Street and Scotts Street. The route will stretch from the Santa Elena History Center to the USCB Campus, including stops at Beaufort History Museum, Verdier House, City parking areas, and the Waterfront Park.

The "Hop On! Hop Off!" shuttle model will allow users great flexibility to ride the shuttle, and stops will be identified with signage. Route maps will also be available at the Visitor's Center, Marina, and each museum. And, yes, there will be no charge to ride... and parking at Santa Elena is also FREE!

SHUTTLE SPECIAL for package tours of our cultural district, visit: [www.ExperienceBeaufortHistory.org](http://www.ExperienceBeaufortHistory.org)

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Calling all Volunteers! We need community members to help us meet our mission!

**King Phillip is recruiting settlers for the Santa Elena Living History Company.**

Contact [info@santa-elena.org](mailto:info@santa-elena.org).

**Become a greeter, docent, store attendant, or work on special projects at the History Center.** Contact [volunteer@santa-elena.org](mailto:volunteer@santa-elena.org).

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**Host your own special event or children's birthday party at the Santa Elena History Center!**

Our beautiful facility is available during and after hours for special event rental.

Email [contactus@santa-elena.org](mailto:contactus@santa-elena.org) to inquire about hosting your Birthday and Anniversary Parties, Client Appreciation Events, Corporate Meetings, Special Presentations ... and much more!

Fully customizable event solutions, for the Reservation Form click here: [Event Reservations](#).

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## THE HERITAGE LIBRARY -- BEAUFORT BRANCH

Now Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.... and every third Saturday!

For more information about the Heritage Library, visit their website: <http://www.heritagelib.org/>

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Show us some love on TripAdvisor by adding a review on our profile... [click here](#)

**SANTA ELENA HISTORY CENTER TUESDAY-SATURDAY 10:30AM-4:30PM**  
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