



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from MVHP:



COVID UPDATE:

Until further notice some Manatee Village Historical Park staff will continue to work from home. For more information on this update see page 1.

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!



I hope this newsletter finds all of you well!

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me. You can contact me directly at allyson.oleary@manateclerk.com.

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education + Volunteer Coordinator

Important Updates

COVID Update

During January, the Department of Historical Resources was instructed by the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller to reduce it's onsite staff by half. Some staff members worked onsite at Manatee Village and some staff members worked from home.

Until further notice 50% of Manatee Village staff will continue to work from home during the month of February.

Manatee Village will remain open to the public by appointment Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am.

As always, your volunteer positions will be held for you until such a time as it is safe for you to return.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com.

Upcoming Closures

Presidents' Day:

Manatee Village Historical Park will be closed to the public on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Image Courtesy of the
National Archives

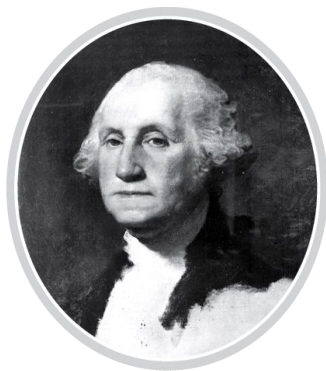


Image: George Washington

Check out the National Archives
to learn more about Presidents'
Day by clicking [HERE!](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Cemetery Cleanups In February!



Image (above): Manatee Village Volunteers cleaning the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground in 2019

Manatee Village Historical Park will be hosting more cemetery cleanups on February 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

This is a socially distanced outdoor volunteer activity. If you're new to cemetery cleanups training is provided.

Interested in participating? For more details and to sign up for this volunteer opportunity visit Manatee Village's [Signup Genius](#) page.

Click [here](#) to be taken to [Signup Genius](#).



Images: Before and after cleaning a headstone in the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground, January 2021 cemetery cleanup.

Fun & Games

Chronicling America from the Library of Congress is a great digital source for historic American newspapers. It has thousands of newspapers, including some from 1777! Explore a newspaper by clicking [here](#).

Try your hand at the puzzle below. This maze was featured in the *Evening Star* (Washington, DC) on May 9, 1937.

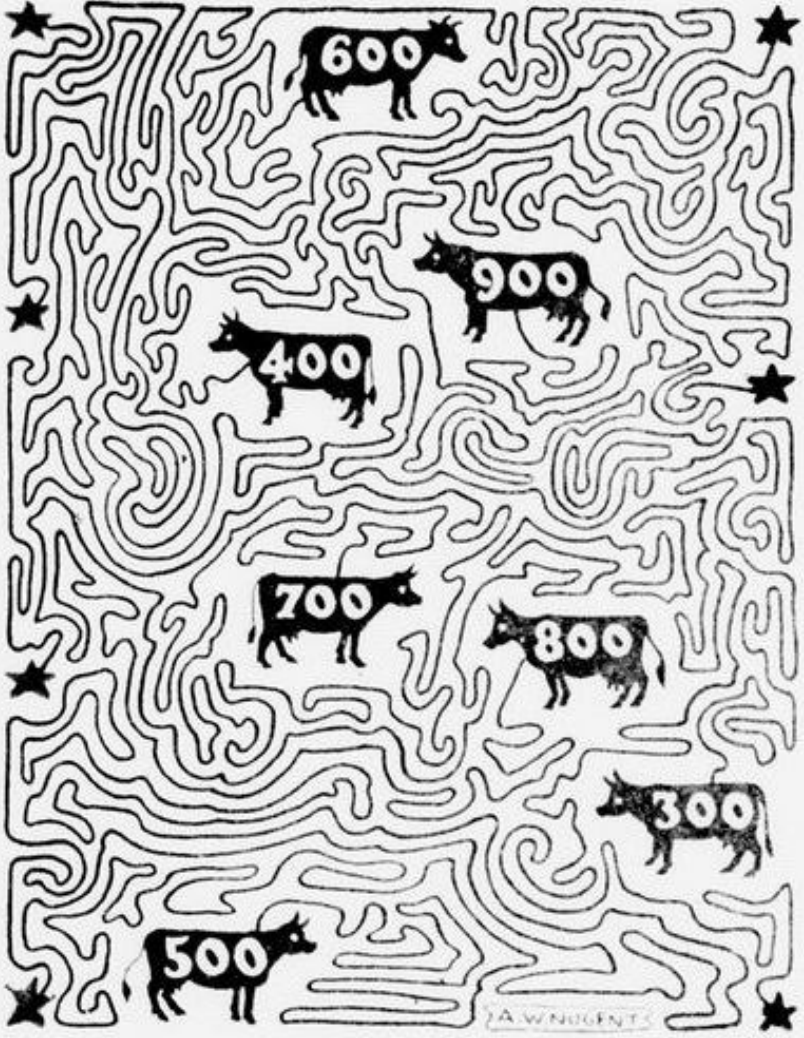
A MAZE GAME.

BILLY HILLY WANTS TO SELL ONLY FOUR OF HIS SEVEN COWS THAT WILL PRODUCE 2,400 OR MORE POUNDS OF MEAT.

LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN WIN THIS MAZE GAME BY ROUNDING UP FOUR COWS THAT WILL NET AT LEAST THE ABOVE NUMBER OF LBS.

START ONCE FROM ANY FOUR OF THE SEVEN STARS AND TRACE ALONG THE CROOKED PATHS TO THE ANIMALS.

ADD THE NUMBERS ON EACH OF THE FOUR COWS YOU CATCH TO SEE IF YOU WILL BE A WINNER. FOLLOW THE LINES WITH A POINTED OBJECT.



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Image Courtesy of *Chronicling America*

Interested in learning more about historic cemeteries? Check out this video featured on the Litchfield Historical Society's YouTube page.

[Video: "America's First Sculpture: Connecticut Gravestones with William Hosley"](#)