

Happy New Year to Herndon Historical Society Members and Supporters:

We hope you are all staying safe and healthy. Until we are able to safely meet together again, we will safely bring you some local history via your computer. We have collected four YouTube videos on the history of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad for our January meeting. To view them, hold down the "Ctrl" button and click on each of the links.

- NOVA History Remembered: *The W&OD Railroad Begins* (6 minutes and 18 seconds) <https://youtu.be/6D1Z4wJOPB0> (Turn your volume up for this one)
- NOVA History Remembered: *The W&OD Railroad: After the Civil War* (6 minutes and 20 seconds) https://youtu.be/A8_rM_zLRDI (Turn your volume up for this one)
- NOVA History Remembered: *Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad* (10 minutes and 32 seconds) <https://youtu.be/FiQRq3ZbWFY>
- NOVA History Remembered: *The End of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad and the W&OD Railway* (9 minutes and 5 seconds) https://youtu.be/dUnNyCJx_c4

These videos have been prepared by Paul McCray, who was the manager of the W&OD Trail for 20 years before becoming the Operations Director for NOVA Parks. His research about the W&OD led to a collection of almost 2,000 photos and over a thousand news articles and original documents from the railroad. These are wonderful reminders of our history in and around Herndon.

It's also time to renew our 2021 membership, so please rejoin by filling out the attached membership form and sending your payment to the address listed on the form.

We hope to be able to see you soon!

All our best,

The Herndon Historical Society Board of Directors