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Wheeling Heritage Seeking Community Response to COVID-19

WHEELING, W.Va. – May 8, 2020 – Wheeling Heritage is asking members of the community to share their experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic. The organization is asking anyone interested in sharing his or her story to visit wheelingheritage.org/covid-19 and submit text, audio, video or images.

The organization is hoping to get a variety of submissions, including items like kids' art projects, homemade masks, and videos and essays explaining how people are coping during this unprecedented time.

"We are all experiencing this together, and we can't say what you feel is most important to remember from this time. That is why Wheeling Heritage is asking you to share content you feel is important to remember. Help us by submitting typed personal reflections and stories, images, and sound and film recordings," Wheeling Heritage explained on its COVID-19 web page. "Help us write history, so that the everyday experiences of our community are represented, not forgotten."

As a heritage organization, Wheeling Heritage works to preserve and share Wheeling's cultural history. This includes telling important stories about Wheeling's past, but also documenting and preserving today's important stories as well.

Through Weelunk, an online magazine Wheeling Heritage acquired last year, the organization works to share various Wheeling-focused stories with a variety of community writers. The team has been working to share an array of content about the community's response to COVID-19, which can be accessed at weelunk.com.

About Wheeling Heritage:

[Wheeling Heritage](http://wheelingheritage.org) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling's story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.