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### **Tour the Historic James-Lorah Memorial Home on October 25**

**Doylestown, PA** – The Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA) will offer tours of the James-Lorah Memorial Home on Saturday, October 25 from noon to 6 p.m. The home is located at 132 North Main Street in Doylestown.

The VIA is proud to call the James-Lorah Memorial Home its headquarters. The 17-room residence, its contents and a trust fund for maintenance were bequeathed to the organization in 1954 by Sarah M. James, a charter member of the VIA. The home is a treasured house-museum commemorating the families who have occupied it. Today it continues to contribute to the ongoing life of the community and the VIA. The Federal-style building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Docent-led tours on October 25 will be followed by refreshments in the auditorium. James-Lorah Memorial House items, including Kathryn McKenna's book, *A Treasured Legacy*, will be available. The VIA will also be celebrating their benefactor's 150th birthday.

The Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA) was founded in 1895 to support and enhance the quality of life in Central Bucks County. In 1923, members of the VIA founded Doylestown Hospital, and the VIA continues to oversee the governance of this award-winning healthcare system.

For more information about the James-Lorah Memorial Home, please call 215-345-2347 or visit via-doylestown.org.

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For more information about the VIA and membership opportunities, please visit our website, [www.via-doylestown.org](http://www.via-doylestown.org) or call (215) 345-2347.