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The City of Colonial Heights seeks citizens input on the future of the City

There will be a Citywide Comprehensive Plan Visioning Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Colonial Heights Senior Center located at 157 Roanoke Avenue. At this meeting, attendees will participate in focus groups to help identify the most important planning issues facing the City.

"Broadly-based participation by a wide range of residents and business owners is a crucial element to developing an effective Comprehensive Plan," said City Manager Tom Mattis. "This is an important opportunity for citizens of Colonial Heights to work together with city officials and develop a vision of what the city could be, and should be, twenty years into the future."

The Plan will create a community-defined guide on the desired approach for building on cultural and/or historic assets, increasing economic base through strategic investments in infrastructure and business development, and enhancing the overall quality of life for city residents.

The City Planning Commission has initiated a process to update the City's Comprehensive Plan, which was last written in 1997. A citizen planning committee has been selected to assist in this process as well. It is expected that the complete rewrite of the plan will take at least two years. George Schanzenbacher, Director of Planning indicated that it very important that the City has a clear understanding of its citizens needs and desires so that those ideas can be translated into goals and strategies for the future. The visioning meeting is very important first step in that it begins this dialogue. He urged all citizens to participate in the process.

Visit the City's website <http://www.colonial-heights.com/> for more information.

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