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## **Colonial Heights Courthouse Grand Opening to Include Placement of Time Capsule**

### ***Citizens Encouraged to Offer Items of Local Significance***

As part of the opening ceremonies for the new City Courthouse on October 18, the City of Colonial Heights will be installing a *Time Capsule* to commemorate the event.

Time capsules are a traditional part of the opening of new public buildings; and are typically a historic collection of goods or information, usually intended as a method of communication with future people and/or historians. The Colonial Heights *Time Capsule* is scheduled to be opened in October of 2098, during the City's Sesquicentennial.

For its Courthouse *Time Capsule*, the City is asking for the public's help in identifying items of local and/or historical significance to be considered for inclusion.

"The Time Capsule will be a fun and educational component to the Courthouse Project," said City Manager Tom Mattis. "Our goal is to assemble a collection of items that generally depict life in the city during its first 65 years of incorporation."

Any and all citizens or groups are welcome to propose items for the *Time Capsule*, which should be submitted to the City Manager's Office no later than **Friday, October 11, 2013**. For more information, contact Elke Gibbs at 201 James Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 — (804) 520-9265 or at: [gibbse@colonialheightsva.gov](mailto:gibbse@colonialheightsva.gov).

All citizens are invited to attend the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to mark the opening of the new City Courthouse on **Friday, October 18, 2013 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at 550 Boulevard. The ceremony will include tours for the general public of this new state-of-art facility.

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#### **About Colonial Heights**

The City of Colonial Heights is a full-service independent Virginia city that is home to just over 17,000 residents and serves as the market center for the Tri-Cities Area (which includes the cities of Petersburg and Hopewell, Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties and Fort Lee). For more information about Colonial Heights, please visit [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov).