



## Perris Press Release

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### Centennial Time Capsule Project

Perris officials are burying a time capsule outside the City Council Chambers to commemorate life in the community on its 100th birthday.

The time capsule—a metal box two feet tall, two feet wide and two-feet tall—will be encased in concrete in a ceremony on May 26, the actual day of Perris' centennial. The City is seeking suggestions from residents and staff as to the sorts of items that will be buried for 100 years and opened on the City's bi-centennial in 2111.

Suggestions can be submitted from February 1 to March 15. To make a suggestion, please complete the attached form. Please be aware that space inside the time capsule is limited and make suggestions accordingly.



[Click here to fill out the online suggestion form...](#)

"This is a unique opportunity to communicate with future residents of Perris," said Assistant City Manager Ron Carr, who is heading up a committee to make the capsule a reality. "We want to create a snapshot of what Perris is like today and what makes it such a special place to live."

Carr says a bronze plaque will be placed over the spot where the capsule is buried as a reminder to the public. Some items appear to be obvious choices for the capsule. A newspaper from May 26 seems a shoe-in. A copy of the Centennial calendar and the City's Centennial video are likely candidates. Photos of Mayor Daryl Busch, the Perris City Council and City staff seem good choices too.

Perhaps an aerial view of Perris provided by satellite technology.

Some electronic devices also may be included, although it's likely that in 100 years, the people who open the time capsule will have no idea what the devices were used for and how they operated.

After all, how many people today would know how to use a hand-crank telephone or have ever sent a Western Union cable—both common forms of communication on May 26, 1911.

"I think this is a great idea and one that makes perfect sense to coincide with our 100th birthday," said Perris Mayor Daryl Busch. "I can't wait to see what is included when the time capsule is buried, but I am sure that all the items will have special meaning and significance for Perris."

Perris City Councilwoman Joanne Evans, a former Marine who remains very active in the American Legion, said she would like to include information from Perris Post 575 and its contributions to supporting troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's a fun exercise," Evans said. "I bet when it's opened in 2111 that people will say they cannot believe how folks lived in this time!"

Perris City Councilman Al Landers said that by preserving elements of life in 2011, the City is "creating a legacy for future generations."

Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough commended employees for coming up with what he called a "great way to remember our past, celebrate our present and embrace our future."

"We have a great staff that constantly finds creative ways to enhance our City," he said.

Others working on the time capsule committee include City Clerk Judy Haughney, Assistant Director of Finance James Fructuoso, Capital Improvements Project Manager Michael Morales, Public Works Manager Daryl Hartwill, Administrative Assistants Tammy Bianco and Susan Almanza, Human Resources and Risk Manager Isabel Lugo, Special Districts Coordinator Lynn Buchanan, Information Technology Supervisor Arturo Cervantes and video intern Marden De Castro .