



Perris Press Release

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Perris Centennial Time Capsule On Display

The Perris Centennial time capsule has arrived.

The stainless steel capsule has been set up in the Finance Department at the Main City Hall Building, 101 North D Street, and the public is invited to view it.

The capsule—36-inches by 18-inches by 18-inches-- is visible behind a glass wall and is inscribed with the centennial inscription: Recognizing History and Innovation.

City officials will bury the time capsule in a May 26 ceremony that falls on Perris' 100th birthday. The ceremony includes marching bands, musical performances, the cutting a centennial birthday cake, jumpers, pony rides, the appearance of an elephant and skydivers. Rick Lozano, Inland Empire bureau chief for Fox 11 News in Los Angeles, has agreed to emcee the ceremony.

Other details of the time capsule ceremony still are being finalized.

The time capsule will be buried near Perris City Council Chambers and will be opened on the City's bi-centennial in 2111. Meanwhile, site work continues.

A City contractor last week donated construction work at Council chambers, excavating a hold to hold the vault that will protect the time capsule. The 3,500-pound vault also was lowered into position.

Perris City Clerk Judy Haughney said plans are progressing to archive and preserve items that will be included in the time capsule.

City staff members are working with the Perris Valley Historical and Museum Association on a list of items for inclusion, including historically significant documents and a shoulder patch from the former Perris Police Department, which disbanded in 1996. Copies of the first City resolution and historically significant photos, other documents and memorabilia will be included. Last week, the City received a spike and a slice of the train track from the Grizzly Flats Railroad, which was created by Walt Disney animator Ward Kimball, a huge train fan and a supporter of Perris' Orange Empire Railway Museum.

Kimball created the Disney characters Jiminy Cricket, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, which adorn the Perris Station Transit Center. The center opened in 2010.

"As we get closer to the actual Centennial date, the excitement is building," Haughney said.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, in remarks made at Tuesday's City Council meeting, said the public is invited to make suggestions about what sort of items should be included in the time capsule.

"Staff will review suggestions about donations to the time capsule," Busch said.

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A crane lowers the 3,500-pound vault that will encase the Centennial time capsule into the ground just outside the Perris City Council Chambers.



Assistant Perris City Manager Ron Carr and Public Works Manager Daryl Hartwill supervised the moving of the time capsule to the Finance Department at City Hall.