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The Hampton History Museum Needs Boxes and Volunteers For Model City Building Event on January 19

Hampton, VA - With the busy shopping, and shipping, period upon us, the Hampton History Museum could use the boxes the public will receive this holiday season. The museum needs boxes, other recyclable materials, and volunteers, to build a large-scale model of Downtown Hampton for the free family event “Build the City” taking place at the Hampton Roads Convention Center on Saturday, January 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Boxes and recyclables needed

Cardboard boxes of all sizes and other reusable materials such as egg cartons and paper towel rolls that can be used to create model buildings and other structures. Shipping boxes from holiday packages are ideal, as well as smaller boxes used for gifts, food, toothpaste, and household items. Boxes will be welcome up to the day before the event.

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The public is asked to bring gently used, clean materials to the museum at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton between 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., weekdays and 1:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday (there is an area to drop off boxes after hours in the museum's front portico), or at Air Power Park, 413 West Mercury Boulevard between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For more information, or to recommend a source for boxes and recyclables, please contact museum educator Kris Peters at 757/727-6838 or kmpeters@hampton.gov.

Volunteers Needed

Helpers are needed to engage children to construct buildings, as well as help with materials, event set up, and clean up. No prior knowledge of construction or Hampton architecture is needed to participate, only a positive attitude and desire to inspire children's creativity.

To volunteer for this event, or to learn of other volunteer opportunities at the museum, call volunteer coordinator Jasmine Downs at 757-727-6822 or email jasmine.downes@hampton.gov. More information about volunteering, and a volunteer application, can be found at www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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