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Hampton History Museum Host 3rd Annual ‘Build the City’ Event on May 19

Hampton, VA - Children will become architects and engineers as the Hampton History Museum hosts the 3rd Annual “Build the City” event on Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Carousel Park in Downtown Hampton.

This family friendly event will engage children and adults, inspired by photos of the Hampton buildings, to construct a large-scale model of Hampton, using boxes other recyclables, construction paper, chalk, and paint.

“As someone who loves history and architecture, this is one of my favorite events. Adults enjoy it just as much as kids. I’ve seen several generations of families, as well as people who’ve just met, collaborate on a building. They can get pretty elaborate. Building the Hampton Coliseum, Air & Space Center or Hampton Carousel requires some ingenuity.

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The results are amazing,” says Hampton History Museum executive director Luci Cochran.

In addition fashioning familiar landmarks from cardboard, thousands of LEGOs will be on hand to create buildings and other structures in a dedicated area.

The historic Hampton Carousel will be open an hour early at 10:00 a.m. for this special event and remain open until 8:00 p.m. Rides are \$1.00. Carousel Park is at 602 Settlers Landing Rd in Downtown Hampton.

There is free parking in the garage located diagonally across Settlers Landing Road from Carousel Park. For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help set up the event with stations for the building materials. During the event duties will include assisting with materials: pouring paint into containers; distributing and cleaning paintbrushes; helping with cutting materials for children, and ensuring that the area is kept as orderly as possible. After the event is finished volunteers can help gather and clean supplies, and load the used materials into trucks for recycling. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Jasmine Downes at 757-727-6822, or jasmaine.downes@hampton.gov.

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

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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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