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## History Center to host “Countdown to the Future” Nov. 10

*The center will update the community on plans to convert the former Met-Ed steam plant site into a new museum, set to open in spring of 2024.*

The York County History Center has made major progress in converting the former Met-Ed steam plant on West Philadelphia Street into a new, state-of-the-art history museum, and York area residents can hear the latest on the transformation during the center’s “Countdown to the Future” public event Nov. 10 at the Capitol Theatre in the Appell Center for the Performing Arts.

The event will include an early look at the interactive exhibits planned for the museum, an update on the construction and remarks from a variety of project personnel including: Board Chair Rebecca Countess; Campaign Co-Chair Joe Crosswhite; Tyler Tate, Lewis Contractors; Kim Nelson and Richard Lewis from PRD and RLMG, respectively. Joan Mummert, president and CEO of the History Center, will talk about the future of the History Center and of the center’s place in the wider York County community.

“The main thing we’re doing by moving to the steam plant is putting the History Center in a more sustainable position for the long term,” Mummert said. “We also want to be a place that’s at the center of important community conversations, a hub where people gather to hear stories and learn history from multiple perspectives.”

Construction started in April and will continue through the fall of 2023. The center will begin moving its library and archives and exhibit artifacts to the steam plant starting in late 2023 and continuing into early 2024. Preservation and restoration of key artifacts, including the Conestoga wagon and the Pullman Opera car, among others, are essentially complete. The Tannenberg Organ restoration began in September and will take about 18 months, and the organ will be installed in the new facility in early 2024.

The new museum will open to the public in the spring of 2024. The History Center will relocate from its current home on East Market Street, where it has been since 1959.

Lewis Contractors, an Owings Mills, Md., subsidiary of York-based Stewart Companies, is the general contractor for the project, Warehaus is the architect. The PRD Group of Chantilly, Va., is providing exhibit planning and design services. Total cost of the project stands at \$28.8 million.

### IF YOU GO

**What:** “Countdown to the Future: A Steam Plant Update”

**When:** 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10

**Where:** Capitol Theatre at the Appell Center for the Performing Arts

**Watch online:** The event will be streamed live on Facebook

**Details:** The event is free and open to the public. To learn more about the Steam Plant project, please visit at [www.yorkhistorycenter.org](http://www.yorkhistorycenter.org), or follow the History Center on social media.

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