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RIBBON CUTTING AT EDITH B. BARRILL RIVERFRONT PARK

TEN PLAQUES ON THE HISTORY OF STAR CITY, WEST VIRGINIA TO BE UNVEILED

[STAR CITY, WEST VIRGINIA, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 11 AM] The Upper Monongahela River Association will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil ten plaques on the history of Star City, West Virginia at Edith B. Barrill Riverfront Park at 11 AM on Saturday, June 26, 2021. This project is one of several contributing to the recent revitalization of the Star City Riverfront.

The plaques were produced through a grant to the Upper Monongahela River Association from the West Virginia Humanities Council, with matching donations from Morgantown North Rotary Club, the River Town Program, and the Town of Star City. Research was conducted with the assistance of the Aull Center for Local History & Genealogy Research (an annex of the Morgantown Public Library System), the West Virginia & Regional History Center, and the Native American Studies Program at West Virginia University.

Founded in 1907 by the workers of the nearby Star Glass Company and named by factory manager Louis Kauffeld, Star City holds a unique place in the history of the Morgantown area, Monongalia County, and the state of West Virginia. The ten plaques to be unveiled at Edith B. Barrill Riverfront Park in Star City cover that history in detail from the precolonial era to the modern day.

Topics of plaques include:

- Pre-Star City
- The Founding of Star City
- Socialism in Star City
- Immigrants in Star City
- The Star City Ferry
- The B&O Railroad in Star City
- The Star City Bridge
- The Lock-and-Dam System in Star City
- The Monongahela River's Water Quality
- & Recreation in Star City

Any and all interested parties may attend the ceremony. Masks are optional and refreshments will be provided.