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'GREETINGS, CITIZENS OF HAVERHILL 2041'

Time capsule opened 25 years from now contains copy of today's Eagle-Tribune

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HAVERHILL — If you're reading this story in 2041, you may have found it in a time capsule containing items from 25 years ago.

Harbor Place project as it was being built downtown in 2016 to boost the city's economy.

But for those of you reading this story in 2016, here's of 2041 open the capsule, what caused us to write it with an angle toward readers of the future:

On Wednesday, the Team Haverhill civic group will choose items to put in The capsule was left in the the time capsule. Team Haverhill already decided one of the items will be a copy of The Eagle-Tribune from June 15, 2016.

When Haverhill's people they will see the headline on this story giving greetings from the past. They will also find other items from 2016, including letters written by Haverhill children and a "Free Brady" T-shirt, which became popular during the Patriots' Deflate-gate scandal.

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The downtown Harbor Place project, seen from the Bradford side of the Merrimack River.

PAUL BILODEAU/ Staff photo

TIME CAPSULE: Looking to the future

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Other items voted in an online poll will be placed in the capsule. They will be announced at a ceremony Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Pentucket Bank community room, across the street from Harbor Place.

Harbor Place is being built at the eastern gateway to downtown. The project will include a UMass Lowell satellite campus, a variety

of businesses and dozens of apartments. The complex replaces the old, empty Woolworth building and several other buildings that have been demolished.

Tim Jordan, a member of Team Haverhill and the Greater Haverhill Foundation business group. recently visited Tilton, Hunking and Haverhill High schools to gather students' suggestions of what to put in the time capsule. The

students were also asked to write a "message in a bottle" addressed to Haverhill people of the future. One letter from each participating school will be placed in a bottle inside the capsule.

City leaders hope that when the time capsule is opened in 2041, Harbor Place will have brought success to Haverhill.

For now in 2016, a moment frozen in time holds hope for the city's future.