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Danville marks availability of public, outdoor Wi-Fi in River District

Danville, Va. – The nDanville network has installed public, outdoor Wi-Fi connection on Main Street in the River District.

A ceremony was held today to celebrate the addition of four hotspot locations on the 300, 400, and 500 blocks of Main Street providing outdoor Wi-Fi connections. The connection is offered by the City of Danville and is free to the public. It is not intended to replace existing commercial or residential internet connections.

"nDanville was launched primarily to stimulate economic development in Danville," City Manager Joe King said. "Providing free public Wi-Fi in the River District is part of that strategy. This Main Street Wi-Fi deployment is just the first of many to come."

River District Wi-Fi will be available at the Main Street Plaza this summer, and any future expansions will be planned as streetscape projects are developed. The streetscape project and the free public Wi-Fi are amenities designed to aid the development of the River District.

"Public improvements are an important aspect of downtown development," said Corrie Teague, project manager for the Office of Economic Development. "Our investment in public projects has resulted in over \$86 million of private investment in the River District since 2006."

The Danville Science Center's Digital Dome Theater opened to the public on Feb. 22. The JTI Fountain, Riverwalk trailhead and Main Street Plaza are expected to be completed this spring. The new family YMCA and additional public parking will join the list of additions before the end of 2014.

In addition, the River District officially will be branded before summer with a new logo, tagline, and marketing efforts to attract citizens and visitors to the area.

More information about the River District is available at www.riverdistrictdanville.com and www.discoverdanville.com.



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