

'Made in Lehigh Valley' Time Capsule: Help Define the Lehigh Valley's Story for America 250

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LEHIGH VALLEY - Semiconductors. Crayola crayons. A Musikfest mug.

Those are just some of the items suggested so far to be included in a "Made in Lehigh Valley" Time Capsule, a new initiative from the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) and the National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH) in honor of America's 250th birthday.

Unveiled at LVEDC's Annual Meeting March 17, the initiative is aimed at creating a meaningful snapshot of what the Lehigh Valley is today with a collection of items representing products and experiences made here.

And now, the public is invited to help decide what goes in the time capsule. To submit an idea, fill out this form by May 1. "We want this time capsule to contain proof of what we make and who we are right now. When it's opened decades from now, it should show that in 2026, the Lehigh Valley was doing what it does best: making products and making places." said Nicole Radzевич Mertz, Vice President of Marketing, Communications & Research at LVEDC. "By partnering with the National Museum of Industrial History, we will preserve that story with care and credibility."



"The National Museum of Industrial History is honored to join the LVEDC in showcasing the Lehigh Valley's manufacturing renaissance," said Museum President & CEO Andria Zaia. "This thriving industrial community has always built for the future and the time capsule project will ensure the achievements of today become the legacy of tomorrow. We believe in the future of 'Made in Lehigh Valley,' and this collaboration with the LVEDC will help define a future that teams 50 years from now will look back upon with pride."

Selected items will be featured in a public exhibition at the National Museum of Industrial History beginning July 4, as part of the region's celebration of America 250.

The time capsule will be sealed later this year and will remain closed for 50 years. In 2076, the time capsule will be reopened in celebration of the nation's 300th birthday, offering a glimpse into what defined the Lehigh Valley in 2026.



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