

Community Update

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Clean up of Old Munitions Completed

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and their contractors have completed removing old munitions from areas of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, York Vehicle Operations property. Specific areas include: the Building 16 Test Butts; Misfire Pits for Buildings 14 and 16; and the reported 20 MM Dump area between Buildings 14 and 16. Beginning in 1941 and continuing until 1981, the federal government and subsequent federal contractors used this area of the property to test gun barrels using inactive munitions. Most rounds were fired into the sand butts, others were placed in misfire pits and some were buried. These items, not considered an immediate danger, lay for decades.

Billy Sanders, field manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said that no munitions were detonated on site. At first, the team investigated the misfire pits for Buildings 14 and 16. No munitions were found in or near either pit. Therefore both areas were considered "cleared" of munitions. No physical remains of the Building 16 Misfire Pit were found, and the Building 14 Misfire Pit was removed and disposed of off-site.

Sand was removed from both test butts/bunkers at Building 16. Approximately 5,000 items were removed by hand as the sand was processed on a conveyor and filtered through a sieve. Soil samples from the test butt/bunker floors will be sampled and analyzed to determine if the soils have been negatively affected by historical operations.

"No munitions were detonated on site, and all removed items were packaged in containers and shipped off-site to a smelter in Georgia," said Sanders. "I am very pleased that this clean-up operation has proceeded so smoothly," he said.

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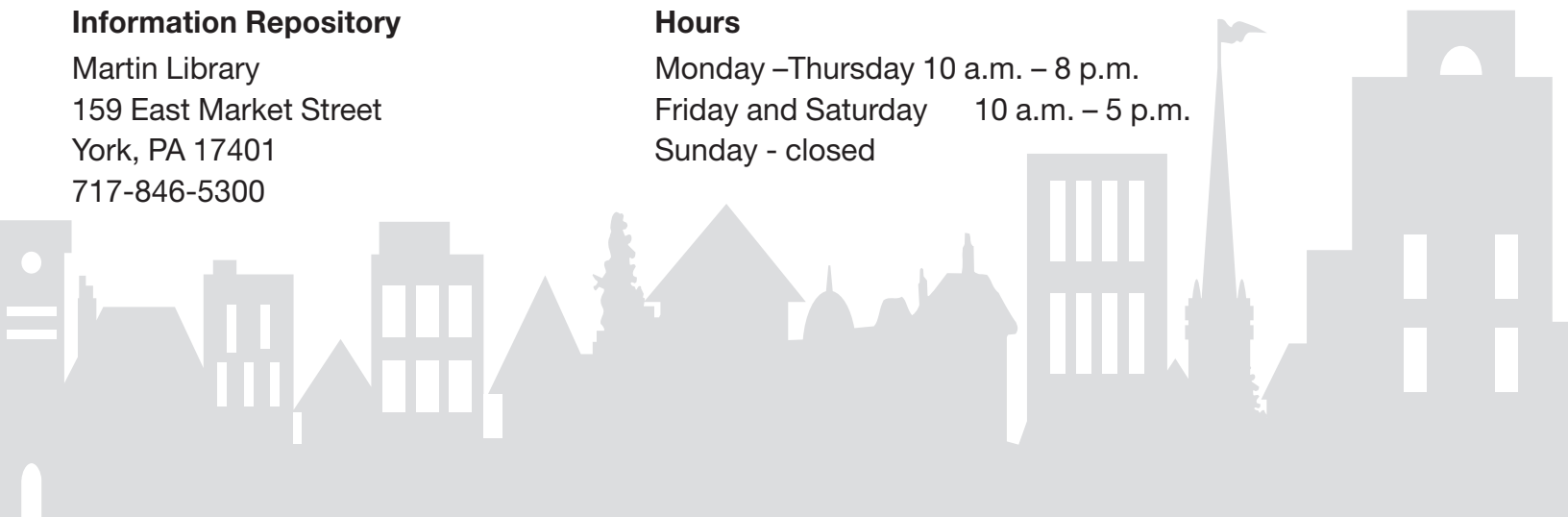
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