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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**New public parking lot opens in 500 block of Main Street**

A new public parking located in the 500 block of Main Street in the heart of the River District is now open. The landscaped lot provides 30 spaces, including two handicapped spaces.

Parking will be limited to two hours.

City officials believe the spaces will provide relief for citizens who patronize businesses in that section of the River District.

Additional means of relief will be addressed following completion of a parking study for the River District. A final report from the study will be issued this summer.

The new parking lot now available to the public was formerly a privately owned lot located between First Citizens Bank and the former Downtowner Motor Inn. The Danville Industrial Authority purchased the lot last year during demolition of the Downtowner.

To create 30 spaces, the IDA used about 15 feet of space of the Downtowner lot. The decision on the use of the remainder of the Downtowner lot, which features a steep drop in grade, has been postponed until completion of the parking study.

The money to pay for construction of the 30 spaces came from the budget used for demolition of the Downtowner. The demolition project was nearly a yearlong process that



began in January 2012 with removal of asbestos. Demolition took place during the summer. The project ended with construction of a retaining wall and grading in the fall and early winter.

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