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Unveiling of Rehabilitated Union Station Barber Chairs

Springfield, MA- The Springfield Redevelopment Authority is set to unveil an original, refurbished Union Station barber chair in a ceremony including premier barbers from the City of Springfield.

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, Congressman Richard E. Neal, and Sheriff Michael Ashe will attend the event, which brings to public view the barber chair – the first rehabilitated historic artifact recovered and refurbished from the original Union Station. The three completed chairs will be on display inside Union Station upon completion during the fall of 2016.

Mayor Sarno stated, “It’s very special for me that my barber – my dad – will be here too. He started cutting hair in that downtown area many years ago too. Maybe I’ll get a quick trim, too!”

“With the renovation of Union Station expected to be complete in December, the region will soon have a state-of-the-art transportation center. But another priority of mine is to preserve and restore many of the unique treasures that were a part of the grand buildings long history. These original barber chairs are just one example. When the station reopens in December, these chairs will return to their original location. It’s another way of honoring the past, during an exciting process of renewal,” said Congressman Richard E. Neal.

Sheriff Michael Ashe concluded, "You sometimes get only one chance to preserve the richness of the past. If people didn't care enough about our city to respect its past, this artifact would have been lost forever. It is an absolute credit to all those involved that this historical artifact is being treated with the significance it deserves. Our citizenry one hundred years from now will thank us for caring enough about our tomorrow to respect the legacy of yesterday."

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