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**Public Museum's Van Andel Museum Center to Benefit from
Routine Maintenance and Energy Efficiency Upgrades**

Grand Rapids, MI (May 27, 2008) –Carefully scheduled to coincide with down time between the departure of the *National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure* exhibit, which closed May 11th, and the opening of *Whodunit?* on August 30th, routine maintenance work is underway at the Public Museum's Van Andel Museum Center. The work being done is part of planned capital projects for facility improvement.

Now through the month of June, restoration work will take place on the front entry soffit and the covered drive-thru area outside of the main entrance. Among other things, construction crews will add ceiling insulation to increase the building's energy efficiency. The 15-year old roof will be replaced during June and July. These projects are a continuation of the work that was started last summer at the 272 Pearl Street facility. In 2007, maintenance was performed and upgrades made to the Museum parking ramp and the pedestrian walkway which skirts the riverside carousel pavilion. While the construction projects are underway subcontractors and staff are making every effort to provide safe and easy access to the Museum for all visitors.

The Public Museum's hours are Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. General admission is: Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children \$3. Members are free. The Public Museum is a collections-based educational organization that explores and celebrates the world and our place in it. Inquiries or requests for general information should be directed to the Museum's main number, 616/456-3977.

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