



## City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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### **Some City Parks Closed Due to Frozen Ground**

Harrisonburg, VA -- As warm weather approaches, the City of Harrisonburg looks forward to welcoming citizens and visitors back to the city parks.

Unfortunately, while the air temperature is warmer, some of the ground in the recreation areas is still frozen. The mulch material that cushions areas around the playgrounds takes longer to thaw than the grassy areas that surround them. Frozen ground can present a hazard to users of the equipment.

"We want all of our visitors to have an enjoyable and safe experience," said Lee Foerster, Director of Parks and Recreation. "It's important for people to heed any signs that direct them that the parks are not yet open for their own safety."

Parks and Recreation staff will monitor the ground and open the playgrounds and other affected facilities as soon as possible. Signage in all city parks is in place to inform the public of the status of the facilities.

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