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City Prepares for Holiday Parade

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg is gearing up for the annual parade and tree lighting ceremony that is celebrated in downtown Harrisonburg.

On Friday, December 2, members of the community are invited to kickoff the holiday season with a parade and tree lighting ceremony in Harrisonburg! The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. and start at the Rockingham County office buildings on Gay Street. This year a new route will be followed and the parade will travel south on Main Street.

Immediately after the parade, Mayor Christopher Jones will host a tree lighting ceremony in Court Square that will be followed by a performance from James Madison University’s Marching Royal Dukes.

Both lanes of Main Street, from Martin Luther King, Jr. Way to Gay Street, will be closed along with Court Square and Gay Street, from Mason Street to Noll Drive. These specific streets will be closed from 5:00 p.m. until approximately 11:00 p.m.

Members of the public are reminded that the safest place to view the parade is from the sidewalk and out of the roadway.

Additional information is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/holiday-parade.

The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department manages 12 parks, A Dream Come True Playground and numerous other playgrounds, a skate park, bike trails, soccer complex, softball and baseball fields, a dog park, and two pools. The largest park in the City of Harrisonburg is Hillendale Park that encompasses 74 acres. More information about the parks can be found online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation.



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