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Events Planned for Blacks Run Clean Up Day

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg will host its annual Blacks Run and Downtown Clean Up Day this weekend.

On Saturday, April 8 the event will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the roundabout area of the Ice House, 217 S. Liberty St. At 9:30 a.m., opening remarks will be provided by Dr. Susan Schultz Huxman, president of Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), as the last event in a week of events celebrating her inauguration.

Approximately 400 volunteers have already signed up to help remove trash and debris from Blacks Run, a local impaired waterway. If additional volunteers would like to sign up on April 8, please go to the registration desk at 9:00 a.m.

Educational displays will be available to the community from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the "Green Scene," which is open to anyone interested in learning about local environmental initiatives and will also be located in the roundabout area.

"In addition to partnering with some great and dedicated volunteers, we are also excited about the partnerships that have formed with businesses and the downtown community," explained Kelley Junco, environmental compliance manager with the Public Works Department.

Black Sheep Coffee, Shenandoah Joe, Heritage Bakery, and Bella Gelato are offering a medium hot coffee for only $1 for those participating in the event.

Pale Fire Brewing will host the after party once the event is complete.

Volunteers are asked to take pictures and use #BRCD2017 to show others through social media what great work is being done on the day of the event.

Additional information on Blacks Run Clean Up Day can be found at www.cleanstream.org.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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