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## July Recognized as Parks and Recreation Month

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Parks and Recreation Department is recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month.

A proclamation declaring this was presented at last night’s Harrisonburg City Council meeting in an effort to promote the importance of parks and recreation programs within our community.

Parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in maintaining the high quality of life throughout the city.

“In addition to recognizing our programs, we wanted to provide additional incentives for the public throughout the month of July,” explained Luanne Santangelo, director of Parks and Recreation. “We invite all city residents to visit one of our park facilities or participate in a program this month and throughout the year.”

The city’s parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors.

In Harrisonburg, the 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 is Hillandale Park, which encompasses 74 acres.

To review programs, find out more information about the park facilities, or learn about the July park incentives and discounts visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation).

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*Pictured above (left to right): John Marr, member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Luanne Santangelo, director of Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation receive the proclamation from Mayor Deanna Reed.*

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