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Trees Planted at Court Square

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Parks and Recreation Department has planted new trees at Court Square.

Three Kentucky coffeetrees were planted on the south side of Court Square in downtown Harrisonburg to replace emerald ash trees.

This past winter, emerald ash trees were removed after it was discovered they were affected by the emerald ash borer.

The Kentucky coffeetree is widely used as an ornamental or “street tree.” The tree’s picturesque profile stands out in all seasons and can be attributed to a unique growth of the ascending branches. The tree produces a white flower, may grow up to 45 feet, provides a significant amount of shade, and there are currently no known diseases to the tree or insect problems. One additional interesting fact, is that these trees will produce a bean that may be used to brew coffee.



In a unique partnership, James McHone Jewelry donated the trees to be planted. This business is located in the same vicinity as the trees and they understand the many benefits of the replacement of the trees!

More information on the city’s urban forestry initiatives and the Parks and Recreation Department can be found at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/parks-recreation.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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