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## July Recognized as Parks and Recreation Month

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for a lot to celebrate in July, which is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month.

Whether your recreation interests are in outdoor adventure and athletics, participating in art and dance programs, or admiring nature on a stroll through the city’s parks, there is something Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation offers the local community and visitors so they may live a healthy lifestyle.

As part of National Recreation and Park Association initiatives, Harrisonburg City Council has recognized July 2018 as Parks and Recreation Month through an adopted proclamation. This year’s theme is “A Lifetime of Discovery.”

From a 50-mile challenge to scavenger hunts and a social media photo contest, city staff have organized many activities for the community and visitors to enjoy throughout July. The community is encouraged to visit park facilities in the city throughout the entire month.

“Our parks and the variety of programs and activities we host can provide a lifetime of discovery right here within our community and neighborhoods,” explained Luanne Santangelo, director of Parks and Recreation.

July Parks and Recreation Month activities:

- July 1 – July 30 – Social Media Photo Contest
- July 1 – Parks and Recreation Stocks the Pond at Purcell Park
- July 1 – July 4 – Westover Pool 4<sup>th</sup> of July Food Drive
- July 5 – Soaring Kites Workshop
- July 9 – 14 – Westover Pool Parks and Recreation Week
- July 11 – Knock Out Basketball Contest
- July 13 – Glow Range Night at Heritage Oaks Golf Course
- July 15 – Dream Come True Kid’s Fun Day Event
- July 16 – July 21 – Family Fun Week at the Community Activities Center
- July 19 – Hillandale Park Volleyball Night
- July 21 – Heritage Oaks Family Clinic and Play
- July 23 – July 28 – Westover Pool Christmas in July

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Additional information about Parks and Recreation Month can be found in the summer activity guide or online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/special-events](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/special-events). Questions can also be directed to the Parks and Recreation at 540-433-2474.

*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](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).*



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