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City Hosts Pollinators in Your Backyard Event

Harrisonburg, Va. – Join ongoing efforts to support Harrisonburg as a pollinator-friendly city by attending the first annual *Pollinators in Your Backyard* event. The event will take place at the Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center on Sunday, February 24 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Pollinators in Your Backyard will kick off with a discussion about pollinator-friendly initiatives happening around the City of Harrisonburg. Then, spend the afternoon exploring interactive displays to learn how to create pollinator spaces, the best types of plants to attract pollinators, beekeeping, and more. There will also be children’s activities, door prizes, and a raffle. Admission to the event is free.

“City departments have formed a committee that regularly meets with local organizations, schools, businesses, and professionals to work together on projects that enhance the presence of Harrisonburg’s pollinator spaces,” explained Brittany Clem, Marketing and Special Projects Coordinator with the Parks and Recreation Department. “This is an event to showcase these efforts and educate the community on the importance of pollinator habitats in public spaces as well as in people’s backyards.”

A full schedule for the *Pollinators in Your Backyard* event may be found on our website at www.harrisonburgva.gov/pollinators-in-your-backyard or on our Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/events/277514659606551/?active_tab=about. For more information or questions on pollinator-related efforts in Harrisonburg, please contact Brittany.Clem@HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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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