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## Harrisonburg ready to unveil new Westover splash pad, pool renovations

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Harrisonburg residents now have a new weapon to fight the summer heat.

The community is invited to Westover Park on Monday, May 20, for a special ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of pool renovations and the installation of the first splash pad in Rockingham County. The Pool Renovation and Splash Pad Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and all are welcome.

Pool renovations included needed maintenance on the pool's interior and exterior surface, electrical system and pool lighting. The new splash pad, located just a few feet away from the pools, includes 14 different types of water sprayers, bubblers, a water dump bucket, color rings and more to help kids in their mission to get splashed.

“It is vital for our mission as a department to be able to provide unique and imaginative recreation opportunities for our community,” Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Director Luanne Santangelo said. “Adding a splash pad and making improvements to our pool at Westover Park will go a long way toward ensuring we remain at the forefront of making sure our residents have a variety of opportunities to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.”

The ceremony will include refreshments, Parks and Recreation giveaways, and four free day pool passes for all who attend. The community will have the opportunity to be the first to try out the new splash pad and the newly resurfaced pool after the ribbon cutting ceremony.



(Top) One of the fun amenities at the new splash pad located at Westover Park. (Bottom) crews work on maintenance at the pool.

“We’re very excited about reopening the pool for visitors, because this has truly become a gathering place for our community and a great spot for kids to play away their summer breaks,” Brittany Clem, Parks and Recreation marketing and special projects coordinator, said. “Add in the new splash pad, and Westover Park has become the go-to destination for families and people of all ages to enjoy!”

Parks and Recreation received Community Development Block Grant funds that provided for the renovations and Splash Pad installation, allowing the department to be progressive and innovative while enhancing pool features for the community to enjoy. The project was a collaborative effort across many City departments, and Parks and Recreation received assistance from the City’s Public Works Department to complete many project goals internally.

More information may be found on the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/405176550320432/>. For more information about Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/Parks-Recreation](http://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](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).*



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