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Community invited to HFD Station 5 ground-breaking ceremony

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg community is invited to join City leaders and members of the Harrisonburg Fire Department for the official ground-breaking ceremony of HFD Station 5.

The event will take place Tuesday, July 30, at 9 a.m. at the site of the new station, 450 Mt. Clinton Pike. Attendees will hear from speakers about the importance of the new project and get to speak with HFD officials about the station and fire service in The Friendly City.

The long-awaited station will improve safety and reduce response times while positioning the city for growth, especially in the northern end of Harrisonburg. The station is expected to open in summer 2025.



(Above) A rendering of HFD Station 5, which will be constructed at 450 Mt. Clinton Pike. The station is expected to open in summer 2025.

“Our fire department does an incredible job for the people of Harrisonburg – not only when it comes to responding to emergencies, but in how they engage with our community members and represent our city on the state and national stage,” Mayor Deanna Reed said. “This fifth fire station will help make sure everyone in our community always has life-saving support just a short distance away.”

The new station will improve service to the Park View area that includes the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, Eastern Mennonite University, several public and private K-12 schools and a developing commercial district. The current closest station to the Park View community is Station 4 (located on Rock Street) and response times to that area are closer to 6 minutes, or longer. This new station will significantly reduce response times in the Park View community, while also positively impacting the availability of fire engines in other areas of the city to respond to emergencies. Reduction of response times also will help to reduce insurance rates across the entire city, making Harrisonburg more competitive for businesses considering locating to the area.

Harrisonburg City Council has committed \$5 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the project, identifying Station 5 as a vital addition to the community and an important commitment to the City’s goal of providing high-quality services to all in Harrisonburg. Harman Construction, partnering with Mather Architects and Monteverde Engineering, will build the new station.

“HFD has established a goal of achieving a 4-minute response time to all critical life-threatening emergencies in our community at least 90 percent of the time, and this new station will go a long way toward making that happen,” HFD Chief Matthew Tobia explained. “We are very grateful to the Harrisonburg City Council for their support of this project and of the women and men of the Harrisonburg Fire Department.”

Find more information on City ARPA projects at <https://harrisonburgva.gov/ARPA>.

*The **Harrisonburg Fire Department** is an ISO-Class II All-Hazards agency providing essential emergency and non-emergency life safety services to the public who live, work and travel in Harrisonburg. More information about the Fire Department is available on-line at www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire or on Facebook®, Twitter® and Instagram®.*

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