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Harrisonburg Community Joining Together to Celebrate Pollinator Month

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Increased community participation in Harrisonburg’s Pollinator program is allowing The Friendly City’s June Pollinator Week to graduate into a “Pollinator Month”-long celebration!

City of Harrisonburg departments are partnering with local schools and organizations to offer pollinator-celebrations and activities, supporting the National Wildlife Federation’s efforts to celebrate pollinators all month long.

The month will feature traditional Harrisonburg Pollinator Week activities such as a Guided Downtown Pollinator Walking Tour, Lunch and Learn in Liberty Park, and popular Bee Hotel Workshop, while also offering a handful of new pollinator-related opportunities.

New activities include:

- Pollinator Garden Volunteer Day at Keister Elementary
- Pollinator education and giveaways at the Harrisonburg Farmers Market
- Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance’s Best. Weekend. Ever. event kickoff including a Butterfly House Workshop and Free Library unveiling at Liberty Park
- Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation’s Celebrating the Firefly event at Heritage Oaks Golf Course

“As we enter the exciting month of June when our already-established pollinator beds are beginning to bloom, we are reminded of the community support that has made it possible to build Harrisonburg’s Pollinator program and continue enhancing our pollinator corridor,” Public Works Green Space Manager Jeremy Harold explained. “June is the perfect month to promote community participation and build upon the good that takes place all year long. It is great to see the community supporting pollinator species that provide us food, while celebrating the environmental friendliness found here in Harrisonburg.”

Join Us!
**CELEBRATING
POLLINATOR MONTH
JUNE 2023**

JUNE 1 - KEISTER ELEMENTARY POLLINATOR GARDEN
9:00am - Bring your gloves and join JMU CISE in a community volunteer pollinator garden clean up supporting pollinator gardens at our local elementary schools!

JUNE 1 - GUIDED DOWNTOWN POLLINATOR WALKING TOUR
10:30am & 1:30pm (2 Separate Times Available) Meet at Liberty Park.

JUNE 13 - HARRISONBURG FARMERS MARKET POLLINATOR BOOTH
8:00am - 1:00pm - Learn about pollinators and pick up pollinator-themed goodies!

JUNE 16 - BUTTERFLY HOUSE WORKSHOP AT LIBERTY PARK
5:30pm - Kick off the Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance **BEST. WEEKEND. EVER.** event by attending a Butterfly House Free Library unveiling with Rocktown Urban Wood. Construct an Urban Wood Butterfly House to take home! To register visit bit.ly/butterflyhouseworkshop

JUNE 20 - GUIDED DOWNTOWN POLLINATOR WALKING TOUR
10:30am & 1:30pm (2 Separate Times Available) Meet at Liberty Park.

JUNE 21 - CELEBRATING THE FIREFLY
8:30pm - 10:00pm - Learn about the Firefly and stroll down Heritage Oaks Golf Course paths as fireflies light up around you!

JUNE 23 - LUNCH AND LEARN ABOUT POLLINATORS
11:00am - 1:00pm - Bring your lunch to Liberty Park and chat with Public Works staff about pollinator plants and take a plant home with you!

JUNE 27 - BEE HOTEL WORKSHOP AT PURCELL PARK SHELTER 3
1:00pm - 3:00pm - Join Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation & Public Works in building a pollinator hotel for your yard! First come first serve with one kit per family!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HARRISONBURG'S POLLINATOR PROGRAM & POLLINATOR MONTH EVENTS
VISIT WWW.HARRISONBURGVA.GOV/POLLINATORS

City of Harrisonburg joins together with Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance and JMU's College of Integrated Science and Engineering Department to offer a month full of Pollinator-themed events.

Not only are Harrisonburg organizations joining together to offer a schedule of public events, some organizations and businesses are offering additional pollinator-friendly programs and initiatives including:

- Volunteering in pollinator garden establishment and maintenance
- Public Works Pollinator Talks at local summer camps
- Local restaurants creating pollinator/honey-themed dishes

Stay tuned to Harrisonburg local business and organization social media pages for updates on what will be buzzing all around us this June during Pollinator Month!

More information about the Harrisonburg Pollinator Program and Pollinator Month activities may be found online at www.harrisonburgva.gov/pollinators. For volunteering and program participation information, email Jeremy.Harold@harrisonburgva.gov.

*The **City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,700 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.*

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