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Harrisonburg Public Works to Host Pollinators in Your Yard Event

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Back by popular demand, the Pollinators in Your Yard event has returned – and the community is invited to celebrate ongoing efforts to support Harrisonburg as a pollinator-friendly city!

The event, hosted by Harrisonburg Public Works, will take place Saturday, March 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ice House building, on South Liberty Street in Downtown, in Drifters Café and Pale Fire Brewing Company, where the community may enjoy educational talks and activities friendly to all ages. Admission is free.

The event kicks off with a discussion about pollinator-friendly initiatives happening around Harrisonburg, then informative talks about different types of pollinator species and their host plants and how to map out a pollinator space in your green space, proper pesticide use or pesticide alternatives and how to manage invasive species. Also, participants will be able to spend time visiting interactive education stations to receive take home information, learn more about pollinators and participate in fun activities. Attendees may participate in the event's BINGO card activity by visiting specific event Education Stations. Winners of pollinator BINGO will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win prizes that have been donated by various local businesses.

"After considering the success of our last pollinator event back in 2019 and looking at how the pollinator corridor and pollinator program has grown in community support over the years, we are excited to bring this event back to the Harrisonburg Community with the support of more community partners including James Madison University staff and faculty," Harrisonburg Public Works Green Space Manager Jerney Harold said. "Through this event, we hope to collectively supply our community with information and tools they need to better plan their pollinator-friendly projects in their own space. We are overwhelmed with the support and partnerships behind this event this year and are excited to provide a fun, educational experience that the whole family can enjoy."

A schedule of events and list of participating organizations and activities may be found on the event flyer (**below**) or by visiting www.harrisonburgva.gov/pollinators-in-your-yard.

Questions about the event may be sent to Brittany Clem-Hott by emailing brittany.clem-hott@harrisonburgva.gov.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,990 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

You can also follow **Harrisonburg Public Works** on [Facebook](#).

Pollinators

IN YOUR YARD

SATURDAY
MARCH 23
1PM - 4PM

DOWNTOWN
ICE HOUSE BUILDING

FREE
ADMISSION!

PLAY BINGO FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN
POLLINATOR
FRIENDLY PRIZES!

LEARN HOW TO
BE POLLINATOR
FRIENDLY
AT HOME!

LITTLE
BEE'S
ACTIVITIES!



EVENT SCHEDULE



Kick Off Discussion - 1:00PM

Hear about current efforts with pollinator-friendly initiatives in Harrisonburg including the pollinator corridor and its gardens, specific species in the City, and the Harrisonburg Conservation Assistance Program.

- Jeremy Harold & Shayna Carter, Harrisonburg Public Works



Rotating Informative Talks

On the Hour

1:30 PM

2:30 PM

3:30 PM

CHOOSE WHEN TO
ATTEND TALKS & VISIT
EDUCATION STATIONS!

Talk 1: Our Native Pollinators & Their Favorite Plants

Learn about some of our important pollinators and how they support life cycles for songbirds, people, and other animals here in the valley. Find out how you can help support them in your own yard or garden by planting the right plants. This presentation will include images of some of our native bees and other pollinators in the local area and introduce how to design and maintain your yard to make a healthy habitat.

- Anna Maria Johnson, Virginia Master Naturalist
- Lee Brown, James Madison University

Talk 2: Protecting Pollinators from Pests

Learn about the effects of pesticides on pollinators, exposure pathways, and best practices. Learn about invasive species found locally, the effects they have on native vegetation, and methods to control them.

- Ali Sloop, James Madison University
- Wes Runion, Harrisonburg Public Works



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EDUCATION STATIONS

1PM - 4PM BESIDE



Education Materials &
Special Pollinator Activity
Virginia Master Naturalists
Headwaters Chapter

North River Library
Butterfly Garden Information
& Kids Activity
Massanutten Regional Library

5-Erosion Box Activity
Shenandoah Valley Soil & Water
Conservation District

Harrisonburg Conservation
Assistance Program
Harrisonburg Stormwater Team

Kids Take-Home Craft
JMU Bee Friendly
Beekeepers Club

Pollinator-Friendly Projects
Display with Urban Wood
Rocktown Urban Wood

Seed Bomb Activity
Harrisonburg High School Earth Club

Butterflies of Harrisonburg Habitats
Dr. Amy Goodall & Students

Take Home Items &
Pollinator & Native Flower Activity
Edith J. Carrier Arboretum

Shop Pollinator Items
Horizon Gifts

Pollinator Matching Game
JMU Geography Club

Pollinator Books,
Coloring Sheets, & Activities
The Gus Bus

Pollinator Seed Library
JMU Community Seed Library

Pollinator-Friendly
Take Home Information
Blue Ridge PRISM

Gardening Help Desk,
Pollinator Information,
& Kids Take-Home Games
Central Shenandoah Valley
Master Gardener Association

Bee Photography
Scott Jost, Professor, Photographer,
& Virginia Master Naturalist

Kid-Friendly Activity
& Take Home Items
Project Learning Tree &
Virginia Department of Forestry

Conservation Landscaping:
Highlighting Pollinator Species
& Their Host Plants
The Natural Garden

