



At Home in Harrisburg

NEWS & EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Update

The Town is updating its current Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which was adopted in 2008. Significant changes in the Town's population, land development pattern, economy, State legislative and land use changes since the UDO's adoption have highlighted the need for a comprehensive rewrite of the UDO.

The primary objective of the UDO update is to align it with and implement the vision established in the recently adopted Harrisburg Area Land Use Plan (HALUP). Town Council adopted the HALUP in 2018, providing the vision and framework for future development of the Town through 2040.

The new UDO will provide multiple benefits to the Town, including:

- simplifying the development process as much as possible, using plain terms, employing graphics and tables and creating flexibility and certainty for applicants and neighbors.

- promoting greater consistency in the regulations' application through removing repetitive and inconsistent language and standards.
- allowing more flexibility and creativity for property owners to foster a more lasting, valued and affordable community without imposing excessive regulatory barriers.
- addressing the design elements which enhance and protect the community character that gives Harrisburg its small-town charm.

The UDO update is expected to be completed in March 2021.

For more information, visit harrisburgnc.org/615/Unified-Development-Ordinance-UDO-Update.

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COVID-19 REMINDER

When visiting Town facilities and parks, please help protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Clean your hands often, cover your mouth and nose with a cloth cover when around others, avoid close contact and cover coughs and sneezes.

For COVID-19 updates, information and resources from the Cabarrus Health Alliance, visit cabarrushealth.org/555/Coronavirus-Information-Page.

Coming Soon... GRAND REOPENING Harrisburg Park

Harrisburg Park's completion is getting close, with approximately 40 days of construction remaining (not to include days lost to rain). A soft reopening is anticipated for mid-August, while staff is tentatively scheduling a grand reopening event for August 29, 2020, contingent on Governor Cooper's Executive Orders as they pertain to COVID-19. For the latest information on this and other news, visit harrisburgnc.org or follow us on: Instagram: @harrisburg_nc_parksandrec, Facebook: @townofharrisburgparksandrec and Twitter: @harrisburg_pr.



AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

FY2021 Budget

Town staff, along with the support and direction of the Town Council, finalized the 2020-2021 fiscal year's budget through the process of Budget Workshops that began in January 2020. The total budget of \$74,419,452 for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Storm Water Fund, Capital Reserve Funds and Capital Project Funds is presented in a balanced format – conforming to the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes and the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The budget was approved by Council on June 10, 2020.

The FY2021 budget was prepared using data and projections from internal resources, State, County and private entities in an effort to accurately forecast the impacts COVID-19 will have on revenues. It remains true to the Town's long-term vision of financial stewardship and security, as staff and Council ensure that the organization is able to provide for the community, even during the toughest economic times. View the budget at harrisburgnc.org/190/Budget.

Check Out Upcoming Town Events and Programming

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of programs throughout the year, including Tae Kwon Do, Tennis Classes, Bricks 4 Kidz and Soccer for Tots. For more information or to register for a program, visit harrisburgnc.org/410/Programs.

The Harrisburg Farmers Market runs May-September on Mondays from 3-6 p.m. at Harris Depot Park, 6960 Harris Depot Road.

The Traveling History Program presents the Greasy Breeches at the Farmers Market on July 20, August 3 and September 14! The Greasy Breeches is a group of historic reenactors who have a love for history and the music that is linked with it. For more info, visit harrisburgnc.org/248/Harrisburg-Farmers-Market.



Back by popular demand! Listen to songs from the past, learn their history and more as the Traveling History Program presents the Greasy Breeches on July 20, Aug. 3 and Sept. 14 at the Harrisburg Farmers Market. More at harrisburgnc.org/248/Harrisburg-Farmers-Market.



COVID-19 Town Payment Assistance

NC Executive Order 124/142 – Effective April 1 and consistent with Governor Cooper's Executive Order 124, the Town was authorized and directed to suspend any **new penalties**, including late and reconnection fees, in addition to suspending residential utility disconnects through the end of the Executive Order, now extended to July 29, 2020. The Town also decided to apply this treatment to bills that were due on March 15, 2020 and included all commercial and industrial customers in the exception.

Customers should continue to make payments on their accounts to avoid accumulating large balances, even if they cannot pay in full. Because utility account balances will not be forgiven, only deferred, customers having trouble paying utility bills in full or on time are strongly urged to make incremental payments during this time. The Town will contact customers with past-due balances at the conclusion of the Executive Order to establish payment plans.

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Twitter / Instagram: @Harrisburg_NC

Mobile App: Available for free download in the Apple Store or Google Play Store, providing users with an on-the-go connection to Town resources, news and information.



America the Beautiful Kids' Drawing Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the kids' drawing contest, *America the Beautiful*, and thank you to all who submitted artwork! The Parks and Recreation Department asked kids, ages 1-12, to submit patriotic artwork to celebrate Independence Day.

First Place Winners

(A) Ages 1-3: Wyatt Hazlett
Red, White and Boom

(B) Ages 4-7: Anisha Polepalli
Independence Day Celebration

(C) Ages 8-12: Marley Davis, *For the Heroes Who Gave Us Independence*

The Harrisburg Youth Council's mission is to increase and promote civic engagement while empowering the youth of the Town of Harrisburg. Its goals are to provide educational opportunities for youth to learn about the Town and local government, provide community educational opportunities related to the youth of the Town of Harrisburg and connect with the community through community service projects.

2020-21 Youth Council Executive Board

Chair: Jaleah Taylor

Co-Chair: Carley Keller

Secretary: Sidney Curtis

Committee Coordinator: Sanjana Kambhammettu

Social Media Coordinator: Chloe Cook
Sergeant in Arms: Lily Evans

To learn more, visit harrisburgnc.org/528/Youth-Council.

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BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Visit harrisburgnc.org/614/COVID-19 for the latest updates on meeting cancellations and changes.

Town Council - Second Monday, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Planning & Zoning Advisory Board/Board of Adjustment - Third Tuesday, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Neighborhood Developer Meeting - Third Thursday, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Fourth Monday, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Fire Department Advisory Board - Held as needed, Fire Station #1 Administration Bldg.

Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee - First Monday, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Harrisburg Business Alliance (HBA) - Fourth Thursday, 7:45-9 a.m., Town Hall