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FIREWORKS ON THE APPOMATTOX RETURNS TO HOPEWELL WATERFRONT

Hopewell, Va., - The Hopewell Recreation and Parks Department has announced that its *Fireworks on the Appomattox* event will return on Saturday, July 3, at 9:30 p.m. The annual event usually takes place the Saturday before the Fourth of July; however, it was cancelled in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The show is one of the few across the state that is held entirely over water with fireworks shot from a barge. The setting provides for a stunning display of color over the river that is viewable from various points on land as well as by boat. Viewing locations include the HCA John Randolph Medical Center, City Park, Hopewell Riverwalk, Hopewell City Marina, and various points throughout Hopewell's Historic Downtown. Boaters will be able to launch their vessels at local marinas including the Hopewell City Marina (launching fee), Jordan Point Marina (launching fee), and Dutch Gap Boat Landing. The navigable channel of the Appomattox River between City Point and the State Route 10 Bridge will be temporarily closed during the event. To learn more about the event including viewing location details, please visit www.hopewellrecandparks.com/fireworks.

This year's event is being sponsored by HCA John Randolph Medical Center as a tribute to the efforts of healthcare workers throughout the pandemic. The event is also being supported by community partners including Vulcan Materials Company, Weanack Land, Dominion Fireworks, and the Norfolk Tug Company. The event is also conducted with support from local public safety agencies from across the region as well as the Department of Wildlife Resources.

Spectators are reminded that personal fireworks, alcohol, and tobacco products are prohibited at all viewing locations. Weapons are not allowed on the campus of the John Randolph Medical Center. Motorists should use caution when driving in or near viewing areas. Traffic delays are expected throughout Downtown Hopewell.

Spectators who need additional information should contact Hopewell Recreation and Parks by email at recandparks@hopewellva.gov or by calling the Hopewell Community Center at (804) 541-2353.

****Hopewell Recreation and Parks offers a variety of recreational programs and facilities designed to improve the overall health and well-being of the community. The department plans hundreds of programs each year and manages more than 200 acres of parks, playgrounds, and athletic facilities.****

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