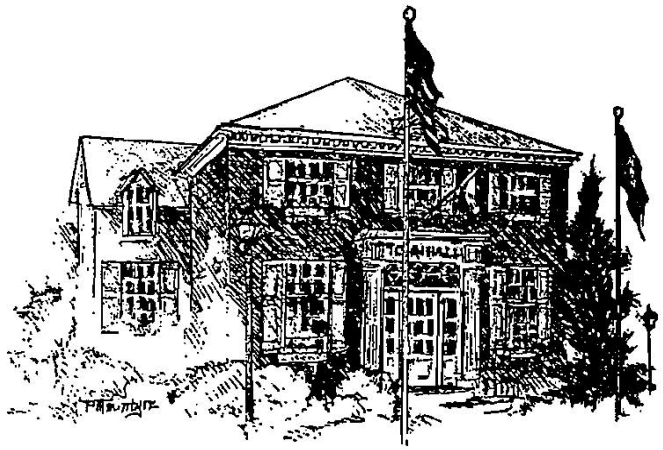


# TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
# PROCLAMATION
# NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH
# JULY 2026

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association has recognized July as **National Parks and Recreation Month** to honor the vital role of parks, facilities, and the professionals who maintain them. This year's theme, "*The Power Of*", highlights how parks and recreation programs enliven neighborhoods and support health, well-being, and connection.

For 50 years, the Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department has been a community cornerstone. From egg hunts to Polar Heat on Lynn Street, Puzzle Palooza, the Fishing Derby, and the Town's Independence Day celebration, the Herndon Community Center and outdoor spaces provide welcoming opportunities for residents and visitors to explore, play, and belong. These events are made possible through the dedication of Parks and Recreation staff, volunteers, community organizations, sponsors, patrons, and partners, whose support and participation help ensure programs and events are safe, welcoming, and successful.

Whether on the court, in the water, or in a fitness class, Herndon Parks and Recreation programs and facilities are designed to be accessible and inclusive, serving residents of all ages and abilities. These programs support health and wellness, youth development, and community connection, while the Town's parks, trails, and open spaces provide opportunities to connect with nature. The Town of Herndon recognizes the lasting benefits of parks and recreation resources and remains committed to providing accessible, vibrant, and sustainable recreational opportunities for future generations.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby proclaims July 2026 as **National Parks and Recreation Month** in the Town of Herndon, and proudly celebrates the Golden Anniversary of the Herndon Parks and Recreation Department and its continued mission to help all who explore, play, and belong in the Town of Herndon.