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Anniversary Celebration for Huntley Meadows Park

You're invited to a birthday party. This summer marks the 40th anniversary of one of the most significant parks in Fairfax County. Huntley Meadows Park celebrates at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2015, and the public is invited to be a part of the activities. The public is invited to participate this Saturday evening!

There will, of course, be a birthday cake along with food, photo displays, kids' activities, giveaways, promotions, VIPs and an evening stroll along the park's signature wetlands boardwalk. The evening's celebration also will mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Historic Huntley, the historic house near the park's entrance.

The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park will hold a brief meeting at 5:30 p.m. The free celebration festivities begin at 5:45 p.m. with a reception in the Norman Hoffman Visitor Center, so named for the 30+ years of advocacy and dedication given by this special lady, who still volunteers for the park every week and who is sure to join visitors at the park during the year.

Visitors gathered for the anniversary celebration will walk to the park's wetlands boardwalk at 6:15 p.m., and there will be brief remarks to celebrate the occasion on the boardwalk at 6:45 p.m. That will be followed by a sunset frog symphony on the boardwalk – a regular summer evening performance provided by the wetlands' residents.

Huntley Meadows is a 1,554-acre park that has grown to become one of the signature expressions of county dedication to the environment and quality of life. It is at the forefront of wetlands protection, environmental education and wildlife viewing in the county. The park's ADA-accessible wetland boardwalk has become a destination point for thousands of families and nature lovers. A massive restoration of the wetlands was completed a year ago, in time to let the park show itself at its finest for its 40th anniversary.

Huntley Meadows Park is located at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. in Alexandria, Va. Information about the park is online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/.

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