

Shenandoah Valley Pride Festival Notes:

1. This request came in after Rockingham County had already approved the group to use the grounds for the event and they were already promoting it in the community. The event application with Rockingham County states that no more than 200 people at any given time will be attending the event even though the organizers that attended our meeting said anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 people.
2. The 1,000 to 3,000 people caused HPD to feel like we should suggest doing a full closure of Main Street and Court Square for public safety.
3. Rockingham County was called again to confirm with their contacts on attendance numbers on the Court House grounds and they were told again no more than 200 people at any given time.
4. The Court Square grounds with the "L" of Court Square closed can hold up to 5,000 people (2010 a study was done by an architecture firm).
5. This is a brand new request for 2015. This event has happened in the past at a city park but has not happened for the past 2 year in the community.
6. Public Works recommends that the Street closure be expanded to include West Market St from Liberty St to Court Square, and all 3 segments of Court Square itself. Main St shall remain open to traffic. This is the standard closure procedure for this area when used for other events. It should be noted that since this is a new event, PW has not included the additional man hour costs into its budget.
7. Purchasing Department approved pending receipt of insurance information. Policy not yet obtained.