

Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER
1	<p>Nathan Burrell Maintenance and Operations Facility Manager-Southern District Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities</p> <p>To be received by Nathan Burrell, Maintenance and Operations Facility Manager-Southern District Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities</p>	<p>RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor, and celebrate him for his many years of devotion, effort, love, kindness, and service on behalf of our treasured James River Park System; thank him on behalf of all our grateful residents; and, wish him well on behalf of his ascension in being called by the Governor of Virginia to serve as a Deputy Director for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.</p>	Larson



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RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter, the Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby and officially recognize:

Nathan Burrell

Maintenance and Operations Facility Manager-Southern District
Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities

Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Nathan Burrell, Maintenance and Operations Facility Manager-Southern District for the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities, for his many years of devotion, effort, love, kindness, and service on behalf of our treasured James River Park System.

Beginning his journey with the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities in 2002 as a summer intern for its James River Park System, Nathan Burrell began working seasonally in 2003 after graduation from Virginia Commonwealth University with Bachelors of Science in Parks and Recreation Management with a minor in Environmental Studies.

Through his many years of labor, and with limited resources, Nathan Burrell has earned an exceptional reputation for his stewardship of James River Park System, which, at more than 600 acres, is the city's largest cultural and natural resource and one of the most extensive urban river park systems of its kind in the nation. Featuring class IV whitewater rapids, more than 22 miles of interconnected trails, urban forestry, thriving aquatic life and wildlife, numerous historic sites, rock-climbing, islands, swimming, fishing, hiking, and biking trails among its many amenities, the James River Park System attracts and is enjoyed by an estimated 2 million visitors a year.

During his tenure, Nathan Burrell's dedicated public service represents many successful achievements and progressive roles and responsibilities, which include being named Superintendent of the James River Park System in 2013 and, since 2018, serving as the Maintenance and Operations Facility Manager-Southern District, providing oversight of the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities: James River Park System, public parks south of the river, and Division of Trails and Greenway.

Delivering tremendous diligence on behalf of the James River Park System, Nathan Burrell is beloved by all who care about nature, outdoor adventure, and our natural park system and is regarded as a highly dedicated and effective "boots on the ground" front line administrator on behalf of advancing and safeguarding the preservation, enjoyment, sustainability, and future of our recreational public parks, green spaces, and vital natural, cultural, and man-made resources that help make and keep our city vibrant, beautiful, and thriving.

To many Richmond park visitors, volunteers, and advocates, Nathan Burrell has embodied the nature and spirit of the James River Park System and his efforts have resulted in creating even greater access to the park, such as the development of more than 40 miles of single track trails, multiple river access points (two of which are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible) and the addition of mountain bike skills courses. He also has worked tirelessly for the preservation and future planning of the parks by securing increased operational and capital funding for the James River Park System and leading its first master planning process in more than 50 years.

A champion of the James River Park System, Nathan Burrell is heralded for his care, vision, and leadership in helping to marshal limited resources and for his role as a soundboard and consensus builder on behalf of the many individuals, organizations, volunteers, enthusiasts, visitors, and supporters of the James River Park System in advancing the needs and prosperity of our nationally recognized and most visited community asset.

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate Nathan Burrell for his many years of devotion, effort, love, kindness, and service on behalf of our treasured James River Park System; thanks him on behalf of all our grateful residents; and, wishes him well on behalf of his ascension in being called by the Governor of Virginia to serve as a Deputy Director for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-seventh day of January, two thousand twenty, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eighty-second year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-third year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Kristen Nye Larson
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council
Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District

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