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June 2015 8th Warmest June on Record

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The heat was a big story for us throughout the month of June. It may come as no surprise then that this was one of the warmest Junes on record in Richmond. Our average temperature was 77.92° for the month. That was high enough to place June 2015 as the 8th warmest June in Richmond since record-keeping began in 1880. Our normal average temperature is 74.3.

JUN Warmest	
Year	Temp
2010	81.1
1943	79.2
2008	79.0
1892	78.4
2011	78.03
1890	78.02
1994	78.0
2015	77.92
1981	77.9
1925	77.87
	74.3

JUN Warmest	
Year	Temp.
2010	81.12
1943	79.18
2008	78.95
1892	78.35
2011	78.03
1890	78.02
1994	78.00
2015	77.92
1925	77.88
1981	77.87
	74.3

Richmond's Top Ten Warmest Junes (Courtesy: NWS Wakefield)

The worst stretch was June 11th-23rd, when we hit 90° or warmer every day except for one. The hottest day was June 23rd, when we reached 100° for the first time this year.

What really makes this interesting was that we had TWO months with well above average temperatures. You may recall that May 2015 went down as the 6th warmest May on record. The last time we had back to back top ten warmest months? 2011, when both June and July went down as the 5th warmest months on record.

What about this July? Could we have three straight top ten warmest months? It doesn't look likely. While it will be hot, there aren't any signs it will be significantly warmer than average. The pattern that looks to start setting up next week will likely bring more frequent chances for clouds and rain across the area. This should help keep our temperatures in check. Let's hope so; we could use a break!

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