

FEATURED COMMUNITY EVENTS

MAY



Check out the monthly collection of free and affordable diversity events going on in the New River and Roanoke Valleys. Many events are open to families including partners and children!

Fri. from 8 - 11 PM
Dogtown Roadhouse; Floyd

FRIDAY 5/5: CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION WITH SOLAZO BAND



Solazo delivers a unique blend of Latin contemporary dance music and soulful ballads that appeal to all ages and cultures. The band's sound is further distinguished by enchanting and pure vocal harmonies that consistently captivate the audience.

SATURDAY, 5/6: 9TH ANNUAL FOOD TRUCK RODEO

Sat. at 4 - 9PM
Downtown Christiansburg

The NRVs premier Food Truck event is back after a three year hiatus! Food Truck Rodeo in Downtown Christiansburg, VA is an annual event that attracts thousands of visitors from all over the NRV. It features a wide variety of food trucks serving up everything from traditional barbecue to international cuisine, with live music adding to the festive atmosphere.



Sun. 12 - 5 PM
Elmwood Park, Roanoke

SUNDAY, 5/7: TACORITAS FESTIVAL!



Berglund Center is excited to announce their inaugural TacoRitas celebration, coming to Elmwood Park May 7! Celebrate with us on Cinco de Mayo weekend, with live Latin music, salsa dancing, taco eating contest, tacos from local Roanoke restaurants, & of course....margaritas! Choose a variety of experiences, from the ultimate VIP Package to a Tastings ticket.

Sat. from 11 AM - 5 PM
Glencoe Mansion Lawn, Radford



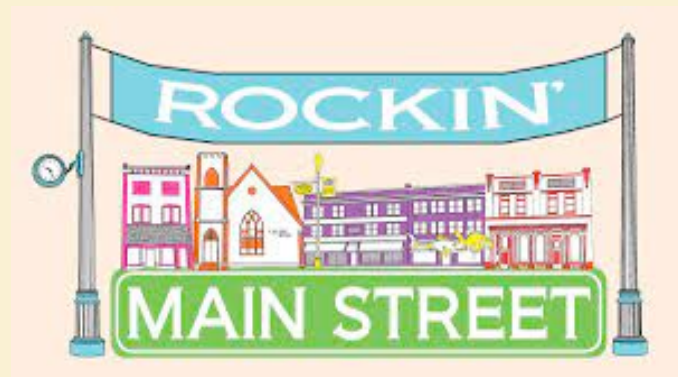
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SUNDAY 5/14:
WEST END WEEKEND
FESTIVAL

West End Weekend began as a summer concert series, West End Wednesdays! At West End Weekend, you can shop with over 40 local artisans, enjoy live music all day, eat at 4 different food trucks, and sip on craft beer! You can also enjoy time with family & friends, network with young professionals, and show your support for all things local in our community! We feature local talent with our concert series, bringing you foot-tapping music and entertainment. On-site food provided by local vendors or food trucks.

SATURDAY, 5/13:
ROCKIN' MAIN STREET

Each spring and fall we invite you to come out and celebrate food and music in downtown Christiansburg! These concert events feature live performances by a variety of bands. Attendees can purchase delicious food and drinks from a selection of food trucks and wine and beer vendors. Please bring your IDs if you would like to purchase beer or wine. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to sit and enjoy the live performances..

Sat. from 5 - 9 PM
Downtown Christiansburg



Fri. at 4 PM
Blacksburg Municipal Park



FRIDAY, 5/19:
VT BLACK CAUCUS
CELEBRATION COOKOUT

Join the Virginia Tech black caucus as they celebrate the end of the year with a cookout! RSVP for this kid and family friendly event through the link or QR code!

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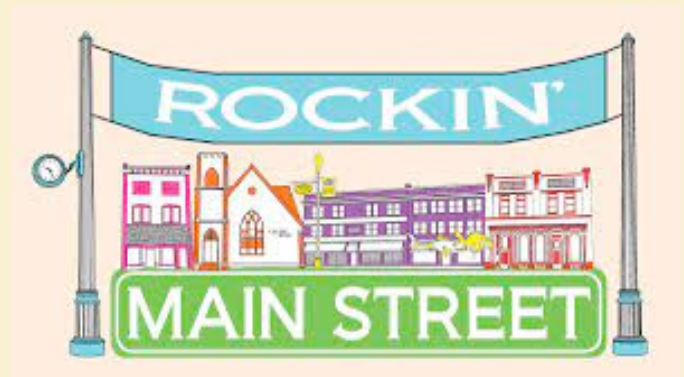
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SATURDAY, 5/20: 2023 LOCAL COLORS FESTIVAL

Roanoke's largest, free multicultural festival will be in full swing at Elmwood Park. The Local Colors Festival celebrates the many ethnic cultures from around the globe that are represented in the Roanoke Valley.

Sat. from 11 AM - 5 PM
Elmwood Park Amphitheater,
Roanoke



Sat. from 11 AM - 6 PM
Frog Pond, Christiansburg



SATURDAY, 5/27: 2023 FROG POND POOL OPENING WEEKEND

The Frog Pond is a great place to hang out and relax during the summer. The pool has a zero-depth entry for those wanting to take their time and ease into the water. It also has a maximum depth of eight feet for those who want to make a splash and jump right in!

THIS MONTH WE RECOGNIZE DR. SWETA BANIIYA



Dr. Sweta Baniya has been recognized for her commitment to teaching students in the English Department about the real world implications of using technical communication for social justice. The recipient of a digital justice seed grant from the American Council of Learned Societies, Dr. Baniya has collaborated with colleagues in the Center for Refugee, Migration, and Displacement Studies to promote understanding of the international implications of inequities in technology. The Center Director, Dr. Katrina Powell, wrote that "Dr. Baniya's engagement work is making an impact across disciplines and continents, highlighting the ways that social justice in technical communication has significant impact across the globe. Her outreach and service efforts, together with her scholarship, position her well as an important voice in technical communication as we continue the social justice turn and focus on academic research intersections with community engagement."

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Resource Center
of the New River Valley



Annual Fundraiser



If you haven't had a chance to let us know that you will be joining us at our Annual Fundraiser at the Hahn Horticulture Garden on May 17, 2023, from 5-7 p.m., it's not too late! We are ordering parking passes and food for this event, and a count helps us to prepare.

RSVP

via email at events@wrcnr.org

A flyer for a 'Black Ladies Brunch' event. The top and bottom are decorated with watercolor-style pink and red roses. The text is centered and reads: 'VIRGINIA TECH FACULTY & STAFF' in a small, all-caps font; 'Black Ladies Brunch' in a large, elegant, pink cursive font; 'SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023' in a medium, all-caps font. Below this, there are three columns of text: '11:00am' on the left, 'RSVP HERE TINYURL.COM/BDH498V3' in the center, and '1:00pm' on the right. Under '11:00am' is 'Church Service at First Baptist Church'. Under '1:00pm' is 'Brunch at Farmhouse Restaurant'. A QR code is positioned in the center, between the church service and brunch information. At the bottom, a pink rectangular box contains the text: 'For questions: Contact Dalayna Gardner at dgard001@vt.edu'.

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**2890 North Franklin
Street Suite B
Christiansburg, VA
24073**

**Now enrolling for Fall Classes
Classes start
August 1, 2023**

**GRAND OPENING!!!
Friday, May 26, 2023
Join us for snacks, games and
prizes!
5pm-7pm**

To register:



**Emerald Dance
Studio**



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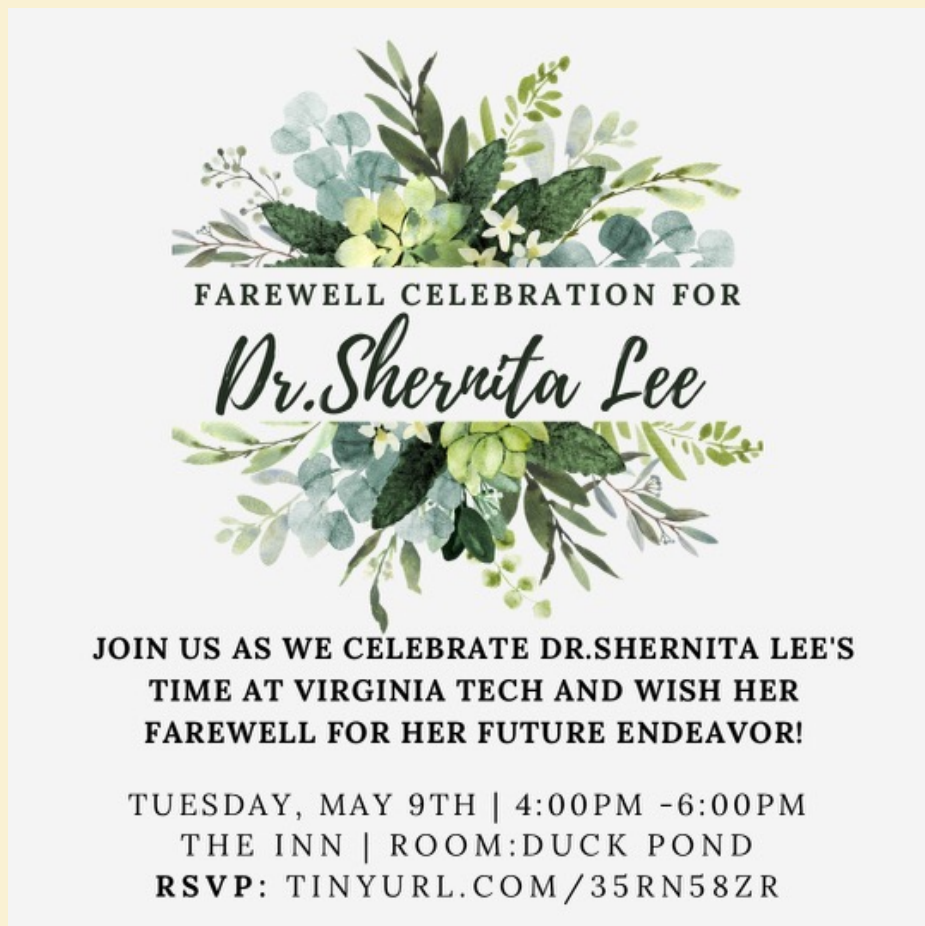


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FAREWELL DR. SHERNITA LEE!



Hosted by the members of the VT Black Community

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Christiansburg Spring Festival

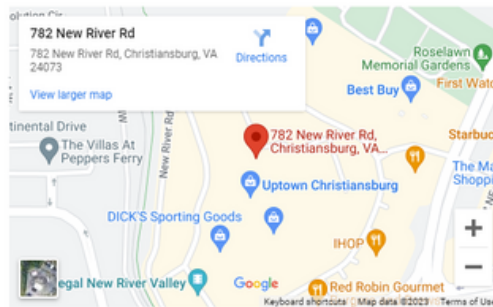
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Like 20 Share



LOCATED AT 782 New River Rd in Christiansburg, VA

Located in the parking lot of the New River Valley Mall in Christiansburg

SAVE \$\$ - BUY TICKETS ONLINE

SAVE \$5 through May 4th at 5pm
Only \$20 per person!

After May 4th at 5pm
\$25 Online

Unlimited Ride Specials are Valid:
Monday-Friday: 5pm-Close
Saturday & Sunday: 1pm-6pm OR 5pm-Close

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 5pm-10pm

Friday: 5pm-11pm

Saturday: 1pm-11pm

Sunday: 1pm-10pm

VIRGINIA TECH CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT GRADULATION CEREMONIES

Mon. from 6 - 8 PM
Moss Arts Center; Virtual



WEDNESDAY, 5/10: DONNING OF THE KENTE

At the ceremony, students adorn the Ghanaian Kente cloth graduation robe and gather with family, friends, and colleagues to celebrate undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students. Graduates will also receive stoles, which can be worn at the University's commencement ceremony.

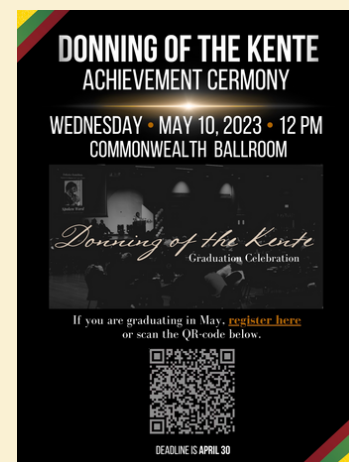
Thur. at 2:00 PM
Commonwealth Ballroom A&B



MONDAY, 5/8: DISABLED COMMUNITY CEREMONY

The Disability Community Achievement Ceremony recognizes the achievements of disabled graduating students. In collaboration with the Disability Alliance and Caucus, Services for Students with Disabilities, and with the help of OID, we hope you can join us to celebrate for the third year!

Wed. at 12 PM
Squires, Commonwealth Ballroom



THURSDAY, 5/11: GESTA LATINA

The Virginia Tech Gesta Latina, a Hispanic-Latinx achievement ceremony, has been an annual tradition since 2005. This celebration is an opportunity to celebrate our graduating seniors and graduate students through a cultural lens. All students that participate in the 2022 Gesta Latina Graduation Celebration, will receive a commemorative stole from El Centro, which can be worn with their academic regalia.

THURSDAY, 5/11:
LAVENDER ACHIEVEMENT
CEREMONY

The annual Lavender Achievement Ceremony celebrates LGBTQ+ Virginia Tech graduates. The original ceremony, which began in 2009, featured 5 students and has grown to include more than 70 students in recent years. With great joy, the LGBTQ+ Caucus and LGBTQ+ Resource Center welcome family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and community members to celebrate this momentous occasion. Graduating attendees are presented with a lavender cord and tassel to wear during University and college ceremonies.

Fri. at 12:30 PM
Indigenous Garden



FRIDAY, 5/12:
APIDA CELEBRATION
CEREMONY

This event celebrates the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) graduating students. Participating students receive a commemorative cord, which can be worn with their academic regalia, as well as a certificate, and are invited to celebrate their culture and academic achievements at Virginia Tech.

Thur. at 6 PM
Graduate Life Center Auditorium



FRIDAY, 5/12:
AMERICAN INDIAN &
INDIGENOUS CEREMONY

The American Indian and Indigenous ceremony was founded by Native student leaders in 2017 as a way to incorporate Native culture into graduation, as well as to celebrate the accomplishment of Native students. The ceremony has grown steadily since its beginning. At the ceremony, students will receive stoles for their cultural background and achievements and receive support and recognition from family, friends, alumni, and faculty/staff within the American Indian and Indigenous community at Virginia Tech.

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