

FEATURED COMMUNITY EVENTS



NOVEMBER



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!

THURSDAY, 11/3: RETAIL REIMAGINED

A lively discussion exploring the future of retail in our region with an expert panel featuring special guest and Virginia Tech alumna Bridget Ryan Berman, whose inspiring career journey includes such diverse experience as the former COO of Apple Retail and former CEO of Victoria's Secret Direct.

Thurs. 3rd at 3:30 PM
Community Room, 200 Clay St. SE Blacksburg

Retail Reimagined Southwest Virginia

Fri. 4th at 7:00 PM or 9:00 PM
Jefferson Center, Roanoke



FRIDAY, 11/4: GODWIN LOUIS QUINTET

Godwin Louis, alto saxophonist, began playing saxophone at age nine and went on to be a finalist in the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Saxophone Competition. He has performed as a sideman and guest soloist and has traveled from Benin to China to help promote cross-cultural understanding and introduce thousands to America's indigenous art form through public concerts, master classes, and jam sessions.

Sat. 5th at 5:00 PM
Claude Moore Education Complex, Roanoke

SATURDAY, 11/5: AFRICAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Local Colors is teaming up with CommUnity Arts Reach to present an evening celebrating African cultures. Join us and experience a vibrant display of music, dance, fashion, storytelling, food and artisan tables representing multiple countries across the continent. Admission is Free.



Thurs. 10th at 5:30 PM
Grandin Theater, Roanoke



THURSDAY, 11/10: AFTERSHOCK SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

Following the preventable deaths of their loved ones due to childbirth complications, two families galvanize activists, birthworkers and physicians to reckon with one of the most pressing American crises of our time – the US maternal health crisis. Through their collective journeys, we find ourselves on the front lines of the growing birth justice movement that is demanding systemic change within our medical system and government.

SATURDAY, 11/12: "ĀHUTI" PERFORMANCE

In a fascinating cultural dialogue delivered through movement and music, renowned dance company Nrityagram Dance Ensemble collaborates with Chitrasena Dance Company in a thrilling performance of Odissi classical dance from India and traditional Kandyan dance from Sri Lanka. Āhuti explores the differences and similarities that bring the two companies together in rhythm, lyrical interludes, physical expression, vibrant colors, and live music.



Sat. 12th at 7:30 PM
Moss Arts Center, Blacksburg

Fri. 14th at 6:30 PM
Squires Student Center, Commonwealth Ballroom



FRIDAY, 11/14: INDIGENOUS FASHION NIGHT

Join us for the closing night of American Indian and Indigenous Heritage Month! Native at Virginia Tech will be walking the runway in traditional designs and Native inspired streetwear. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is Free

THURSDAY, 11/17: SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR

Three-time Grammy-winning Soweto Gospel Choir brings Hope: It's Been a Long Time Coming, featuring works by legendary artists including Billie Holiday, James Brown, Otis Redding, Curtis Mayfield, and the one and only Aretha Franklin. This program celebrates American and South African artists associated with struggles for civil rights and social justice throughout their countries' complex histories.

Thurs. 17th at 7:30 PM
Moss Arts Center, Blacksburg



SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR

"Hope: It's Been a Long Time Coming"

Fri. 18th at 7:00 PM

Sapphire Ballroom, Christiansburg



FRIDAY, 11/18: THE BARN DANCE- A BACHATA MIXER

It's a little bit Choreo, a little bit improv, a lotta bit fun and perfect for beginners! The Barn Dance has been around forever and there's a really solid reason why - it's fun. It has structure if you need it, flexibility if you want it. This dance is intended to be mixer - you start with a partner, leave them for a while, and eventually make your way back to them. But we can make it work for folks who want to stick with their partners, too. Either way, grab a friend and come out. Price: \$9/person.

SATURDAY, 11/19: DOWNTOWN ROANOKE FOOD & CULTURAL TOUR

Led by a fun and passionate tour guide, enjoy downtown Roanoke through iconic eateries and delicious tastings. Uncover hidden gems, iconic landmarks, back alleys, and our colorful history.

Sat. 19th at 11:00 AM
Hotel Roanoke Main Lobby, Roanoke



Thurs. 24th at 8:00 AM
Downtown Blacksburg



THURSDAY, 11/24: **BLACKSBURG TURKEY TROT**

This event is the perfect mix of fun and fitness on Thanksgiving morning. The 5k course is designed with all skill levels of walkers and runners in mind! The Turkey Trot is a professionally timed event (you'll receive a race bib and chip timing device at packet pickup), but don't let that deter you from coming dressed in your favorite Thanksgiving-themed running gear!

WEDNESDAY, 11/30: **WELL BEING WEBINAR**

Have you ever wondered what well-being truly is? Hokie Wellness invites employees to attend a virtual program, "The Six Dimensions of Well-being: A Whole Person Approach to Nourishing Your Health" to learn more about the dimensions of well-being and how to intentionally incorporate each into daily life. Attendees will have the opportunity to assess ways in which they are currently tending to each dimension as well as identify areas for improvement with clear tips and action steps.

Wed. 30th at 3:00 PM
Virtual Event

