

FEATURED COMMUNITY EVENTS

  **SEPTEMBER**

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!

Sat. from 12 - 2 PM
Downtown Roanoke



SATURDAY, 9/2: ROANOKE LABOR DAY PARADE

The Annual Labor Day Parade lines up at the intersection of 3rd St & Campbell Ave starting at 8:30am - In front of the Roanoke City Schools Administrative offices and the Roanoke City Municipal Building. The parade kicks off at noon.

WEDNESDAY, 9/6: 6TH ANNUAL DPN FALL GATHERING

Join President Tim Sands, Dr. Laura Sands, and Dr. Menah Pratt for the first Diverse Professionals Network event of the 2023-2024 academic year. This kickoff event will be a great opportunity for you to meet and network with other diverse professionals and peers who work and live in the New River and Roanoke Valleys. There will be food and beverages provided.

Wed. from 5:30 - 7 PM
Hahn Horticulture Garden



Thur. from 4 - 6 PM
The Inn at VT



THURSDAY, 9/7: WELCOME FOR NEW HOKIE WOMEN COLLEAGUES

In its 18th year, this annual tradition is an informal opportunity for women faculty, staff and graduate students at VT to gather as a community, welcome new folks, begin forging networks, and share information and resources. Please RSVP no later than Friday, September 1 at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 9/9: ROANOKE TACO FEST

Join us at Elmwood Park for a mouthwatering fiesta like no other – Taco Fest! Hosted by Huddle Up Moms, this all-day event is perfect for the whole family, combining delicious food and vibrant entertainment from the moment you enter the park. Enjoy a wide variety of tacos from local vendors, each offering their unique twist on this fan favorite.

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



Fri. at 6 PM

710 Toms Creek Road, Blacksburg



FRIDAY, 9/15: ROSH HASHANAH AND YON KIPPUR

Celebrate the start of our new year with a festive holiday meal! At 6:00 pm, we will begin our meal with a prayer and apples dipped in honey, to symbolize a sweet start to the new year, followed by services immediately afterward, around 7:30 pm. Check out the link to view all of our events!

SATURDAY, 9/16: HENRY STREET HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Henry Street Heritage Festival presented by Truist, is a community event presenting an array of diverse regional and national live entertainment, educational forums, and exposure to African-American heritage as expressed through the performing arts, crafts, cuisines, customs, merchandise, art, and children's activities. Enjoy a fun filled day with the family starting at 12 pm at Elmwood Park! The evening concert starts at 7pm. Purchase tickets online.

Sat. Gates at 12 PM, Concert at 6 PM



Sat. from 1 - 10 PM
Wasena Park, Roanoke



SATURDAY, 9/23: NOT YOUR AVERAGE ROOTS & REGGAE FESTIVAL

Roots and Reggae Fest is back! Come enjoy a family-friendly festival that embraces cultural diversity by uniting communities through love, humility, food, music, and fun. Get ready to listen to relaxing and vibrant roots, reggae, funk, and soul music from local and regional bands at Wasena Park. This fundraiser event will have food trucks, live performances, DJ sets, art activations, exclusive merch pop ups, and local small business vendors.

TUESDAY, 9/26: “THE BOOK OF LIFE”

Rwandan writer and activist Odile Gakire “Kiki” Katese takes to the stage with Ingoma Nshya, the Women Drummers of Rwanda, for new theatre project The Book of Life, a deeply moving perspective on life, loss, and recovery. The performance is filled with personal letters, stirring shadow puppetry, and joyous live drumming from eight professional percussionists. At a time when the world is racked with disharmonies, hatred, and struggle, The Book of Life offers hope.

Fri. from 4 - 8 PM
Sinkland Farms, Christiansburg



FRIDAY, 9/29: SINKLAND FARMS PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Enjoy fall festivities at Sinkland and our Pumpkin Festival unlike any other! Listen to live music, explore local vendors, or tour our grounds on horseback (or ponyback!) Taste authentic southern barbeque, kettle corn, hand-dipped ice cream, and more. Grown-ups will enjoy a sampling of local beer and wine. Finding a one-of-a-kind souvenir is simple, but getting out of the corn maze is no easy feat!

Tue. at 7:30 PM
Moss Arts Center



SATURDAY, 9/30:
LOCAL COLORS
HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH CELEBRATION

The Local Colors 4th annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration is a free, family friendly event that spotlights the rich cultures of Latin America and recognizes the positive contributions of the Latino community in our area. A 3-hour stage program will feature dance and live music performances, educational segments, storytelling, and more. Vendor booths will be present with a diversity of Latin American cuisine, artisan crafts, Latino owned businesses, and community services.



Sat. frim 12 - 3 PM
John Nolen Plaza, Roanoke

THIS MONTH WE RECOGNIZE DR. ANGELA JOYNER



Angela Joyner, Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Education at Radford University, was recently chosen as one of the select higher education leaders who will take part in the Executive Leadership Academy (ELA) for 2023-2024. The ELA is a yearlong program that prepares qualified provosts and vice presidents to ascend to positions of greater responsibility, and it enables them to develop the wide-ranging skills that rising senior executives and university presidents require in today's educational environment. To learn more about Dr. Joyner and the ELA, [click here](#).