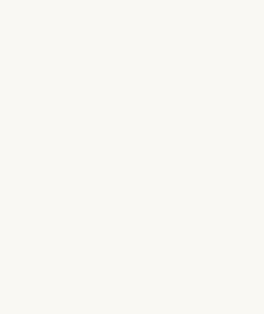




## THE EVENTS

The following 4 "events" will kick off on Sunday and will be ongoing throughout Sustainability Week

Need more details or want to get involved with any of the events listed here? Contact [sustainability@blacksburg.gov](mailto:sustainability@blacksburg.gov)



### Sunday 18

#### Tour and Service Project at Historic Smithfield

Guided tour on the history of sustainable food production at Smithfield followed by a "roll up your sleeves" service project led by the Sustainable Food Corps community garden student volunteers.

10 am

... Historic Smithfield

#### 16 Frogs Ribbon Cutting

Help us celebrate the first of 16 bronze frogs that will be placed around town to highlight the fresh water flowing beneath our feet that helped shape Blacksburg from its earliest days as a frontier town. After the 16 Frogs Ribbon Cutting, hop on down to the Farmers Market and help us celebrate Sustainability Week's 10th Anniversary with a Kick-Off Celebration!

4 pm

... Lyric Theater



#### Sustainability Week 10th Anniversary KickOff Celebration

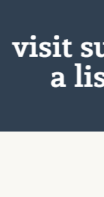
Can you believe we've been doing this for 10 years? Come raise a glass, enjoy some delicious food, join in the dancing, and learn about all the great events we've got planned for Sustainability Week 2016!

5 pm

... Market Square Park

Special appearances by Smokey the Bear AND The Bag Monster.

[visit sustainableblacksburgva.org](http://visit.sustainableblacksburgva.org) for additional details on any of the events



Select Blacksburg Businesses ...

all day

[visit sustainableblacksburgva.org](http://visit.sustainableblacksburgva.org) for a list of participating businesses

Blacksburg Public Library ...

12 pm

Electric Vehicle Workshop  
Curious about electric cars? Longtime electric vehicle owner and enthusiast Dave Roper will lead a community workshop on all the ins and outs of buying/leasing and operating an electric vehicle.

Warm Hearth Village Center ...  
Parking Lot

12 pm to 4 pm

Plastic Bag Give Back Day  
Through a grant from Keep Virginia Beautiful, Warm Hearth Village will participate in a Plastic Bag Give Back Day. Partnering with Kroger, any community member may drive to the parking lot of the Village Center to trade in their clean plastic bags for their choice of a free Kroger insulated tote, or an extra large woven tote.

Glade Road Growing & Rising Silo Brewery ...

6 pm

SHED Talks  
Like a TED Talk - only greener! Come out to Glade Road Growing and hear from some of the community's biggest thinkers on topics ranging from how we might transform a big box wasteland, to permaculture as a mechanism for peace, and several others. Beer and food available for purchase/donation.

**Featured SHED Talk Topics:**  
Sustainability: Moving Beyond Stereotypes  
Reimagining the Big Box Wasteland  
Permaculture and Climate Change  
In The Interest of Salamanders  
ReCover - Sustainable Clothing

### Tuesday 20

#### Stadium Woods Service Project

Come help remove the invasive species that are threatening this stand of old growth forest right on the edge of VT Campus. Thorns aplenty so dress accordingly!

5 pm

... Stadium Woods - Cranwell Lot

Squires Plaza - VT Campus ...

8 am

Active Commute Celebration  
Do you bike, walk or take the bus to work or school? Whether you're a veteran active commuter, a beginner, or just want to learn about your options - come celebrate active commuting with us on Wednesday morning. Free coffee, tea, and breakfast pastries! Drop in anytime...we'll be there until 1 pm!

Wong Park Trail ...

9:45 am

American Chestnut Reintroduction Project  
Starting in the early 1900s, a blight killed nearly all of America's chestnut trees. Come join us to plant a stand of non-hybrid and hybrid resistant chestnuts in Wong Park - 303 Wilson Ave!

Blacksburg Farmers Market ...

2 pm

Children's Art Project  
Come join local arts educator Robin Boucher to participate in a children's community art project titled "What Color Is Water?". Volunteers will also be on hand at the Market with resources on how to live a more sustainable lifestyle - from landscaping, to food choices, to clean energy and more!

YMCA Dance Room ...

7 pm

Local Films & Filmmakers Night  
Did you know we have local filmmakers who are doing amazing documentaries on Virginia's and Appalachia's fight for a clean energy future? Come meet Marino Colmano and Maddie Hill, local filmmakers whose respective works, Sacrificial Resource Zone and Resistance In The Valley, are shedding new light on the impacts of fossil fuel extraction and transport within and across our rural communities.

### Thursday 22

#### NRV TimeBanks KickOff

A TimeBank helps to connect people to exchange skills and services, using time rather than dollars. It is an old idea made new—the idea that our community is stronger and more resilient when neighbors make a practice of helping each other.

11:30 am

... Market Square Park

#### Campus Tree Planting

It wouldn't be Sustainability Week without a tree planting (or two, or three). Meet up between Davidson and Williams Halls on campus to plant 10 native trees. Closed-toed shoes recommended.

1 pm

... VT Campus - Davidson Hall

#### Sustainability Week 2016 Celebration Ceremony

What better way to follow a tree planting...than with another tree planting? This year marks the 10th anniversary of the green partnership between the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia Tech, and Sustainable Blacksburg - a local citizens' group. Virginia Tech President Tim Sands, Blacksburg Mayor Ron Rordam and Sustainable Blacksburg President April DeMotts have been invited to provide remarks and participate in the planting of a white oak on Henderson Lawn, an important community gathering space right next to the heart of downtown Blacksburg and the edge of the Virginia Tech campus.

4 pm

... Henderson Lawn

#### Solar Energy Workshop

This workshop will provide an introduction to photovoltaic solar electric systems including grid-tied and off-grid systems. It will be led by Bryan Walsh, owner of Solar Connexion, who has 24 years of experience in the field.

5 pm

... YMCA

#### 20x20 Night Fast-Paced & Fun Presentations

Bored to death with standard powerpoint presentations - regardless of topic? Well those days are over! The Sustainability Week Team is bringing you 8 great speakers - rapid fire - who will be presenting on their environmental/sustainability topic of expertise or passion...BUT they're only allowed 20 slides and 20 second per slide! We're packing A LOT of content into a one hour event with discussion and refreshments to follow.

6 pm

... Alexander Black House

**Featured 20x20 Topics:**  
Creative ReUse Center  
Healthy Streams - Vibrant Community  
What Color Is Water?  
Stinkbugs - What Can We Do?  
Green Burial  
...and more!

### Friday 23

#### Ecosystem Walk Behind BHS

Join Blacksburg High School Science Teacher Steve Hulbert and Club Green Student Representative Peter Aronson for an intriguing look at the vibrant and fragile natural area that can be found right behind our community's high school. Participants should meet up near BHS Tennis Courts.

Blacksburg High School ...

3:30 pm

### Saturday 24

#### Green Tailgating - VT Homecoming

What's so green about Homecoming? This year - plenty! A member of the Homecoming Court is actually running on a platform of sustainability. And if you're lucky, you might just spot her alter-ego...THE BAG MONSTER!

9 am

... All Over Campus

In addition, the VT Office of Sustainability is leading several volunteer teams to help tailgaters recycle. If you want to volunteer for this or any of the other Sustainability Week service opportunities, please visit the url at right to sign up!

**if you want to volunteer for this or any other Sustainability Week service project, visit:**  
<http://signup.com/go/x2d3W4>

#### Outdoor Family Class: Seed to Harvest

Sow, sprout, and grow your plant knowledge using songs, stories, and hands-on nature exploration in this fun and interactive class for the whole family. We will gather at the Glade Road parking lot at Heritage Park. The New River Land Trust is offering this class for FREE to children ages 3-8+ and their families, but spots are limited and registration is required.

9:30 am

... Heritage Park  
Glade Road Entrance

To save your spot, email [youthoutreach@newriverlandtrust.org](mailto:youthoutreach@newriverlandtrust.org).

Hale YMCA Community Garden ...

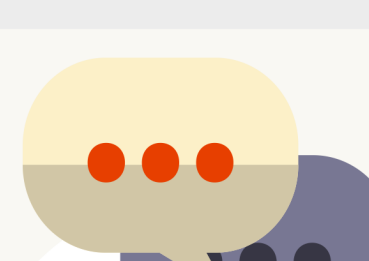
2 pm

Community Garden Tour, Food Tasting & Solar Homes Tour  
There's a whole lot going on at the YMCA Community Gardens. Come learn about the community gardens, the solar greenhouse, taste some of the fresh food your neighbors have been growing all summer - and finish it up with a tour of a nearby solar home. Solar energy expert and enthusiast Dave Roper will be on hand to answer all your questions!

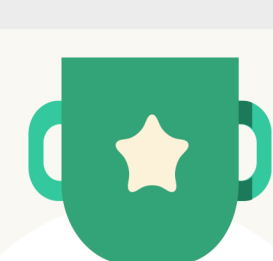
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## WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY WEEK?



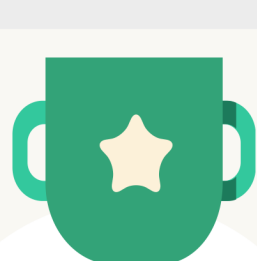
a partnership between the town, the university, and the community



a big slate of sustainability-themed events every year in September!



an opportunity to celebrate, educate and motivate around sustainability issues



a way to join in building Blacksburg's sustainable future!