

UPDATED 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CANCELLED EVENTS

JUNE 26, JULY 10 & 24, AND AUGUST 7- MOUNTAIN STREET DANCES

Friday nights Courthouse lawn, 6:30 – 9 p.m. Old-fashioned mountain hoe down, clogging & square dancing, live mountain music, demos, instruction, audience participation.

JULY 4- STARS & STRIPES CELEBRATION

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Live music and entertainment. Shops & restaurants open all day. Patriotic kid's parade at 11 a.m. (ALL KIDS WELCOME. Show up, sign up at 10 a.m. on the courthouse lawn. Ice cream for participants at the end of the parade, First Baptist Church).

JULY 16-26- FOLKMOT CELEBRATION

See folkoot.org for details

JULY 18 FOLKMOT PARADE OF NATIONS

10 a.m. Dancers and musicians from around the world parade down Main Street to the historic courthouse for Opening Ceremony.

JULY 25- 38TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL DAY

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where the world meets on Main Street-cra's, music, dance, and food.

SEPTEMBER 19 – ROCKIN BLOCK PARTY

Dancing on Main Street; Live Music from 7-10 pm; Kid's activities; Restaurants open

SEPTEMBER 25- MOUNTAIN STREET DANCE

6-8 p.m. Courthouse lawn, 6 to 8 p.m. Old-fashioned mountain hoe down, clogging & square dancing, live mountain music, demos, instruction, audience participation.

OCTOBER 10- 37TH ANNUAL CHURCH STREET ART & CRAFT SHOW

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street. One of the finest one-day juried art shows in the region. Main Street becomes an Art & Cra' Marketplace for the day; food & drinks; live music on two stages; clogging teams and other live entertainment, and more. Sponsored by Downtown Waynesville Association and The Town of Waynesville.

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SARGE'S 15TH ANNUAL DOG WALK GOES VIRTUAL REGISTER THROUGH JULY 19 TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation will hold its annual Dog Walk — in a new, safe way. The 15th Annual Dog Walk event will go virtual, for the safety of Sarge's supporters and staff. **GET READY FOR A SPECIAL EDITION!** There will be a week of online Dog Walk events Aug. 15–22, to celebrate everyone's pets and the animals in Sarge's care. "We knew we could not socially distance having the traditional Dog Walk in downtown Waynesville, with hundreds of people and their pets, so we got creative and came up with a new idea," said Fred Strohm, Sarge's administrator. "This year, the walk will be virtual — which opens up new opportunities." Since Sarge's has many supporters in and outside of Haywood County, the online format allows people to participate wherever they live. **REGISTER BY JULY 19.** There is no registration form this year. All participants need to do to register is order the Sarge's 15th Annual Dog Walk –Special Edition 2020 T-shirt July 5-19. To order, visit www.bonfire.com/sarges-dogwalk2020.

Choose a custom-designed Sarge's 2020 shirt from eight different styles, including long-sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts, tank top, and youth styles — with several colors for each style. Everyone is encouraged to donate to Sarge's and purchase a Dog Walk Special Edition T-shirt — even those who don't have pets. **CATS ARE INCLUDED.** Another great addition to the virtual event is that cats (and other pets) can be included. Sarge's staff is looking forward to seeing a lot of photos of cats with their humans. **SEND PICS.** Once the T-shirts are received in late July, people should take pictures and/or short videos of themselves wearing the shirts with their pet, and post them on social media, using the hashtag #sarges2020.

Those who don't have social media, may email the photo to: info@sargeanimals.org. Sarge's will be monitoring the posts to collect the pics and videos through the hashtag. **CONTESTS, TOO:** Those who would like to enter a contest may take a photo or record a video of their pet's "best trick," "tail wagging," or "costume," plus two new categories, "Sarge's alumni" and "kids with pets." **FOR CONTESTS, USE: #BEST TRICK, #TAIL WAGGING AND #COSTUME, #SARGEALUMNI AND #KIDS.** Eddie Foxx, morning personality on 99.9 KISS Country, will help judge the contests. Supporters don't need to enter a contest — everyone can participate in the festivities by taking a pic of themselves in the Special Edition T-shirt with their pet and posting it with the hashtag **#SARGES2020**.

When posting, please provide the pet's name, whether it is a contest entrant and whether the pet is a Sarge's alum. The Dog Walk week of events also includes a Facebook live parade of Sarge's animals. **"Our goal is to have a fun event for Sarge's supporters, while at the same time making sure everyone stays safe and healthy,"** Strohm said. Sarge's is grateful for the event sponsorship of The Mountaineer and 99.9 KISS Country's Eddie Foxx.

Help Sarge's continue its mission of saving dogs and cats in Haywood County. Join in the tail waggin' fun and register now through July 19. Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation is at 256 Industrial Park Dr., Waynesville. Visit www.sargeanimals.org, 'Like' Sarge's Facebook page or call 828-246-9050.

NEW, CREATIVE SARGE'S DOG WALK 2020 — Sarge's 15th Annual Dog Walk event is going virtual, for the safety of everyone involved — with a week of online Dog Walk events, Aug. 15–22. Register now; order the Special Edition T-shirt online by July 19, and be part of the fun.

2020 EVENTS

OCTOBER 31- TREATS ON THE STREET

5 to 7 p.m. Young children “trick or treating” for Halloween treats along Main Street

DECEMBER 1-31 “ALL THROUGH THE TOWN”

Seasonal events “all through the town” during the month of December

DECEMBER 4- WAYNESVILLE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Ring in the Christmas season as we light our community Christmas tree. Sip hot cocoa and sing Christmas carols, as town officials light the tree. 6 p.m. The Oak Park Inn & Kandi’s Cakes & Bake Shop.

DECEMBER 4-7- “HOLLY DAYS”

Fun-filled holiday happenings among downtown businesses throughout the Christmas season, beginning with the Waynesville Christmas Tree lighting on Friday evening and culminating with the Waynesville Christmas Parade the following Monday, Dec. 7.

DECEMBER 7- ANNUAL WAYNESVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

6 p.m. Main Street.

DECEMBER 12- ANNUAL “A NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS”

6 to 9 p.m. Shops, galleries and restaurants open late. Live music, live carolers, Bethlehem market place and live nativity, old-fashioned wagon rides, Santa & Mrs. Claus, storytelling, luminary-lined streets and more. Sponsored by Downtown Waynesville Association and The Town of Waynesville.

DECEMBER 13-24- TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Magical moments and memories fill the downtown district for 12 days.