



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

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Sneak Peek at the 2025 Art by Bus chapbook "The Wheels on the Bus", written and illustrated by Joe Lee. Art by Bus is a collaboration of RVARC program RIDE Solutions, Roanoke Arts Commission and Valley Metro.



JOIN US FOR THE 2025 ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS HOUSING SUMMIT!



**AUGUST 14, 2025 AT MOUNTAIN GATEWAY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN CLIFTON FORGE, VA**

Last Chance to Register for the Alleghany Highlands Housing Summit on August 14!

🏠 Don't miss out on this important event convening housing professionals, community leaders, developers and advocates for vibrant, thriving communities across the Alleghany Highlands! 🏡

Join the [Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation](#), [Virginia Housing](#) and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for the **2025 Alleghany Highlands Housing Summit!**

📅 Thursday, August 14

🕒 9 am to 3:30 pm

📍 Mountain Gateway Community College in Clifton Forge.

Check-in and breakfast will begin at 8:15 am.

✨ This FREE full-day event includes a lineup of speakers and roundtable discussions aimed at creating a more impactful framework for housing investments in the region. A catered lunch is provided, along with opportunities to network and collaborate.

See the [summit agenda](#) for details.

✓ [Register HERE](#).

Don't delay - registration will close TOMORROW Friday August 8th by 5pm!
REGISTER FOR SUMMIT **SUMMIT AGENDA**

Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan

PUBLIC COMMENT

A graphic for a public comment notice. The background is a photograph of a city street with trees and buildings. Overlaid on the image are two text boxes. The top box is green with white text. The bottom box is white with green text. The text in the green box reads: "Public Comment Notice", "Amendment #5 to the 2045 Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan", and "Amendment #5 to FFY24-27 Transportation Improvement Plan". The text in the white box reads: "SURVEY HERE", "ENGAGE.RVARC.ORG/2045-RVTP", and "ORG/2045-RVTP".

Public Comment Notice

- Amendment #5 to the 2045 Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan
- Amendment #5 to FFY24-27 Transportation Improvement Plan

SURVEY HERE

[ENGAGE.RVARC.ORG/2045-RVTP](https://engage.rvarc.org/2045-RVTP)

The Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) is seeking public input on transportation investments for the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

Comments will be accepted until Friday, August 15, 2025, and the hearings will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 313 Luck Avenue SW, Roanoke, VA.

[Click here to participate!](#)

TAKE SURVEY

Celebrating Grand Openings



Roanoke Regional Chamber Ribbon Cutting

Congratulations to the [Roanoke Regional Chamber](#) on their successful move to their new space at Varsity Park nearby River's Edge Park on Franklin Rd!

The Chamber's Ribbon Cutting on July 22 had a phenomenal turnout, with representation from elected leaders, local government staff, businesses and community organizations across the region, along with Chambers throughout Virginia.



Melrose Plaza Grand Opening

There was a phenomenal display of community spirit marking the Grand Opening of Melrose Plaza in Northwest Roanoke. We congratulate [Goodwill Industries of the Valleys](#), local leaders and supporting community organizations on this major achievement!

The event celebrated the openings of the **Excel Center, Wellness Center, Bank of Botetourt, Harrison Museum of African American Culture, and Henrietta's Café at Melrose Market at the Plaza**. These anchor facilities will provide affordable food, wellness, education, culture and financial resources under one roof.

Our staff members Bailey, Anna, Amya, and Jessica represented the Regional Commission at the event!



Solar Resources for the Region



The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is working to become a [SolSmart](#) designated Regional Organization by implementing best practices to make it easier for residents and businesses to install and access solar energy.

Information, guidance and tools to get started with solar are available on our [Solar Energy Resources webpage](#). Stay tuned for free SolSmart workshops in September and October!

RVARC Solar Energy Resources

Upcoming August Meetings



Roanoke Valley TPO
August 28, 2025 @ 1 PM
313 Luck Ave SW
Roanoke, VA 24016



Regional Commission
August 28, 2025 @ 3 PM
313 Luck Ave SW
Roanoke, VA 24016

Public participation is encouraged in these meetings, with a designated time for public comments. Agendas are available up to one week before in the above meeting links.

Tune in virtually: Regional Commission and RVTPO meeting recordings are livestreamed on our [Facebook page](#) and archived on our [YouTube channel](#).

RVARC 56th Annual Dinner - Save the Date!



The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is excited to host our **56th Annual Dinner at Explore Park on Thursday, October 30, starting at 5:30pm.**

Our annual event brings together commission members, partners and our staff to celebrate achievements and progress made through regional cooperation and collaboration across localities in the spirit of public service.

This year, we are commemorating the **100th Anniversary of the Appalachian Trail**. We're excited to have Ed Clark, Superintendent of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, as our keynote speaker, and Kinnfolk, a local Celtic folk duo with music "with Appalachian charm from the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains."

The event will have a social hour with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a banquet dinner and dessert.

We are seeking organizations invested in our region's long-term success to be a sponsor of this year's Annual Dinner. Please see the attached sponsorship packet for details.

If your organization can help support the event, please contact Executive Director Jeremy Holmes at jholmes@rvarc.org.

Sponsorship Packet

The Regional Commission is a leader in driving collaboration and strategy within our communities on issues that are critical to the economic growth, quality of life, and sustainability of this region.

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