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## **Roanoke County bring back Restaurant Week in 2022**

*~ Roanoke County Economic Development encourages residents to patronize local restaurants this winter season~*

Roanoke County Economic Development is rolling out the 2022 Roanoke County Restaurant Week(s) program following success from its first installment last year. In 2021, Roanoke County Restaurant Week(s) recruited 24 local restaurants from across the Roanoke Valley. The program aims to drive customers to local restaurants in the Roanoke Valley during a slow season. The winter months tend to be more difficult for restaurants compared to the rest of the year, and the COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to the challenge restaurants are currently facing. The Roanoke County Economic Development office has partnered with the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, Town of Vinton, the Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association, and Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge to extend the reach and effectiveness of this event.

“We want to recognize and thank the organizations and individuals it takes to plan and launch initiatives like Restaurant Week in Roanoke County. This initiative will help restaurants continue to build exposure and relationships with the community.” said Kat Pascal, Owner of FarmBurguesa in Roanoke County.

Roanoke County Restaurant Weeks(s) 2022 will run for two weeks from February 15 – March 1 with participating restaurants offering lunch and dinner specials in at least one of four tiers: \$10 and under, \$20 and under, \$30 and under, and Restaurant's Choice – a category for family meal deals, experimental dishes, and other menu items that don't fit into the other tiers. All restaurants operating within Roanoke County, the Town of Vinton and City of Salem areas can access the Specials menu template on [YesRoanoke.com](http://YesRoanoke.com) and can submit their menu offerings to Marshall Stanley, Economic Development Specialist at [mstanley@roanokecountyva.gov](mailto:mstanley@roanokecountyva.gov) to be included in the Restaurant Week program. Restaurants that participate will receive a complete marketing



package to help promote Restaurant Week(s). Anyone who takes part in a Restaurant Week(s) special is encouraged to post his or her dish on social media and tag the post with #ROCOeats so other community members can know what is being served throughout the event.

“Following its success in 2021, we wanted to bring Restaurant Week(s) back in 2022 to show support for our local restaurants during a traditionally slow season, especially with the pandemic very much still here. We hope to help connect residents to the local restaurants they love and to new local restaurants they’ve yet to discover. Mainly, we want a program that is fun and beneficial for everyone,” said Marshall Stanley, Economic Development Specialist.

Restaurants, retail, and the hospitality industry have been the industries hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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