October

46th National Storytelling Festival
One Festival. Three Days. A World of Stories! Join us for the National Storytelling Festival, where the world’s top tellers perform in the top tents scattered throughout historic downtown. The nation’s oldest and most dynamic event devoted to the oral tradition of storytelling showcases a variety of internationally-known artists. For info, visit storytellingcenter.net or call 800.992.8390.

History Happy Hour
Park Rangers from and Crockett Birthplace State Historic Park will share the history of 18th Century Settlement Techniques. This program is hosted by the Heritage Alliance and takes place at 6:30 pm at the International Storytelling Center. Free and open to public. For info, call 423.753.9589.

A Spot On the Hill
Join us on the hillside where an enchanting setting provides a perfect setting to enjoy an evening of storytelling. This event raises funds for the preservation and maintenance of Jonesborough’s historic cemetery. Performed within the cemetery gates, some of the town’s most colorful and endearing residents share their stories of life and death. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available online at jonesborough.com/tickets or by calling 423.753.1010.

Juniored Art Exhibition
The finest artists in the region present their work at the McKinney Center; including paintings, sculptures, mixed media, photography and more. A junior lecture will take place at 3 pm and a reception and presentation of awards will follow at the McKinney Center at 7 pm.

Jonesborough Repertory Theatre: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
The spooky classic story by Washington Irving that revolves around the bumbling schoolteacher Ichabod, the coquettish Katrina, and Ichabod’s rough rival, Brom Bones. A perfect Halloween treat. For tickets, visit jonesboroughtheatre.com or call 423.753.1010.

Halloween Haunts & Happenings
Downtown Jonesborough is the place for Halloween thrills and chills! Enjoy trick-or-treating, games, scary-oke, a haunted house and much more. Don’t miss the Costume Contest in front of the Courthouse, for all ages and even your furry friends!

Haunted Hall Marathon
Join us for the Half Marathon and enjoy a rolling course, starting and finishing in historic downtown. For more information, visit wurunrunevents.com.

Brewha & Boos
Get ready for a ghost story tour to provide chills and suspense with each spooky tale. Selections of seasonal craft beer, hot chocolate, cocoa and coffee will also be available. This event is an extension of the popular Main Street Brews and Tunes series with a spooky twist dedicated to patriotism at home and abroad. It will be held in Jimmy Neil Smith Park, behind the International Storytelling Center. The event is open to the public and free of charge. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at jonesborough.com/tickets or by calling 423.753.1010.

Jonesborough Yarn Exchange: Haunted Stories from the Region
A two-hour old-fashioned style radio show featuring scripted, real-life stories from the region. This episode is full of spooky and thought-provoking stories, just in time for Halloween. With music guest David Crockett Madrigal, held at International Storytelling Center. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at jonesborough.com/tickets or by calling 423.753.1010.

November

Student Film Festival
The McKinney Center will be rolling out the red carpet on Thursday, November 7 at 6 PM to welcome the young filmmakers who will about their films for the public for the first time. This year will mark the sixth annual Jonesborough Student Film Festival, a night to celebrate the achievements of students in the McKinney Center’s Film Classes from the spring and fall of 2019. This event is free. For more information, call 423.753.1056.

Made Around Here Market
Hundreds of beautifully handcrafted gifts and decorative items can be purchased online for you to purchase from local artisans. Located at the Visitors Center. For info, call 423.753.1010.

Annual Veterans Day Celebration
Join us for a patriotic celebration honoring America’s veterans at the live music and entertainment following a keynote address. For info, call 423.753.1010.

Small Business Saturday
Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses and communities across the country. Enjoy a day of supporting local businesses by shopping with merchants in our historic downtown district. For info, call 423.753.1010.

Christmas in Olde Jonesborough: Saturdays
Each Saturday features free activities for the whole family. Santa will be in his sleigh for pictures and will be accepting new or gently used toys for children in need. Shop for those on your list at our many unique shops and at the Christmas Market featuring local art and handmade gifts. Enjoy free gift wrapping inside the Storytelling Center for any purchases made downtown.

December

Jonesborough Yarn Exchange: Holiday Songs and Stories
This performance features a Christmas sing-along, local holiday stories, with music guest the Jonesborough Novology Band. This fundraising event for the McKinney Center also provides a gift shop with a choice of their own handmade candles, local pottery and other goods designed to sell off and help us raise money for their educational programs. For tickets, call 423.753.1056.

Celebration of Trees
Get into the spirit by strolling through Jonesborough and enjoying this exhibit of uniquely decorated trees. The exhibit will begin at the Visitors Center, where you can get a map with all tree locations, and continues throughout downtown. For info, call 423.753.1010.

Jonzesborough Repertory Theatre: Rodgers + Hammerstein’s Cinderella
This contemporary take on the classic fairy tale features familiar and beloved songs like “In My Own Little Corner,” “ faucet the Moon,” “If I’m Fair,” “Almost Like Being in Love,” “ Show Me” and even your furry friends. Be ready to be charmed by the old story, the new characters, and the surprising twists. For tickets, call 423.753.1010 or visit jonesboroughtheatre.com.

January

McKinney Center Open House
Attendees will have a chance to experience hands-on activities such as working with clay, printmaking, dancing, guitar, etc. McKinney Center teachers will be present to lead demonstrations. All activities will be geared for beginners! This event is free and open to the public. For info, visit mckinneycenter.com or call 423.753.0562.

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Jonesborough Repertory Theatre: 1940s USO Christmas Show
Just as America entered World War II, radio airwaves served as a key source of entertainment and news for families on the home front, as well as entertainment for the troops at home and overseas. The radio cast will be broadcasting live radio skits as well as singing and dancing to patriotic and familiar Christmas tunes as we honor our military families with this memorable Christmas celebration of our freedom. For tickets, visit jonesboroughtheatre.com or call 423.753.1010.

Holiday Tour of Homes
Hear the stories of years past as you tour private homes and historic buildings beautifully decorated for the season. For tickets, call 423.753.1010 or visit jonesborough.com/tickets.

Colors of Christmas: Progressive Dinner
The Progressive Dinner is the ultimate kick-off to the Holiday season in Jonesborough. Now in its 42nd year, the Progressive Dinner transports guests to four, historic locations throughout town for a four course meal. The event is a mix of public and private locations. The event is hosted by the Heritage Alliance and helps raise funds for their educational programs. For tickets, call 423.753.1010 or visit jonesborough.com/tickets.

February

Ladies Valentine’s Day Tea
Join us at the Senior Center for a variety of teas, light lunch, and entertainment. Seating is limited; reserve your space by calling 423.753.4781. For info, visit jonesborough.com/tickets.

9th Annual Chocolate Fest
Forget love... fall into chocolate with more than 50 varieties of chocolate and wine. Experience a fun and tasty try while experiencing downtown Jonesborough. For tickets, visit jonesborough.com/tickets or call 423.753.1010.

Jonesborough Yarn Exchange: Affinity
A one-hour old-fashioned style radio show featuring scripted, real-life stories from the region. This episode is full of stories about local African Americans who have made a difference in Appalachia. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at jonesborough.com/tickets or by calling 423.753.1010.