



Garland is placed on the top of every business while colored lights are dancing in the windows.

IGNITING THE NIGHT



The Spotsylvania Towne Center is lit up with lights, music and family fun.

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become a local tradition for everyone to take a moment and embrace the sights and sounds of the holidays.

It's time to visit the Towne Centre! As the holiday season is approaching our mall is illuminating their annual Concert In Lights. It seems to come quicker every year, especially with them having to compete with other light shows around town and in Virginia. However, aspects in the show keep bringing back families, couples, children and many more for years to come; because there's something special about Concert In Lights that no one else can compare too.

Since 2011 the Spotsylvania Towne Center has been lighting up its Village area into a holiday celebration filled with lights, music, and fun for the whole family and it's all free. Each year it's growing even bigger and better, with the additions of live music, food, face painting, and even an iceless skating rink. The event runs through Veterans day until Christmas Eve, weather permitting, and shows are every half an hour from 6:30pm until 9:30pm. The event has

Events like this are a way to brighten everyone's spirits, while the stresses of the season are hitting their highest points. A family visiting the show said the way "The lights make it exciting for the kids" brightens their season, while the couple of Jordyn Williams and Bronson Grube there said "the decorations make it all brighter" for them. What is making people come out to see these events each year?

Because there



All of the trees surrounding the Christmas tree are lit up in green and white.



Front and center is the big tree that everyone dances to the holiday music.

WITH CONCERT IN LIGHTS

ighting up The Village for another year

are still those people who aren't coming out to see Christmas light shows, which is leading many of them to

sadly shut down and begin to fade away. The father of the family said in this changing world we are becoming overly "sensitive with the word Christmas" itself. Which for some isn't stopping them from spreading a little bit of holiday cheer and keeping the lights on. As the father put it, those setting up are saying "this is the way it was, it is, and always was."

Unlike other events in Virginia "the bonus" with Conect In Lights is that it "is free," the family added. When asked how this event compared to others, the family visiting historically complained about Busch Garden's annual Christmas Town and how stressful, packed, and overwhelming it all is there. One event they said was similar to the Concert In Lights was that of Meadow Event Parks Illuminations in Doswell, Virginia, which is a drive through light show synchronized to music. The couple of Jordyn Williams and Bronson Grube visiting compared the

show to another event they saw in D.C., that was similar but had no music to the show. There are several choices for holiday light shows within our state, but the Concert In Lights is on the top of the list for the most convenient and interactive events for everyone.

Spotsylvania Towne Center's Concert In Lights is something that has a more intimate holiday experience that you can't find anywhere else. It's where you can pause for a moment from holiday shopping and just watch colorful lights dance to your favorite holiday music. There's something about it that brightens everyone's season and puts a smile on those of ages from 1 to 92.

multi-colored Christmas tree that playing all around.

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The fountain in The Village comes to life with blue light water strands .



The restaurant Bravo is decorated for the event as well as other businesses.