



Powhatan County

Economic Development

July Monthly Report

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

- Business licenses were approved for 12 new businesses. (11 home occupations)
 - 2 - Contractor
 - 1 - Retail
 - 9 - Services (Professional and Non-Professional)
- Economic Development Department received 2019 BREI Award for Outstanding Single Community with a Population Between 20,000-50,000 from Business Retention & Expansion International.
- McDonalds opened in its new location at 2485 Anderson Highway.
- Sheetz Renovation at Flat Rock finished and re-opened their doors.
- Dunkin Donuts opened at 2650 Wilton Square Place in Flat Rock on July 27th.

BUSINESSES VISITED BY STAFF

Lyman Automotive, Flat Rock Auto Repair, Grace & Lace, Hobby Hill Farm Fresh, Luck Stone, Vanilla & Bourbon, Shingle & Gibbs Automation and PIC Property Management.

UPDATES FROM JUNE 2019 MONTHLY REPORT

Construction continues on the following projects:

Commercial building in Oakbridge consisting of 20,000 SF of leasable spaces

Nice Septic

Citizens Bank and Trust

Lignum-Vitae

Canopy ropes course

Review continues on the following site plans/building permits:

Marble Exchange Addition

Classic Granite & Marble

Firefly Daycare

Review continues on the following rezoning's or CUPs:

O'Connell Commercial Rezoning

NEWS

Three Crosses Distillery featured in Boozing Abroad <https://boozingabroad.com/three-crosses-distilling-company/>

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Shalom Farm featured in Growing Farming's Future in Farm & Ranch Living Magazine.

Three Crosses Distillery wins Bronze medals at the 2019 great American international spirits competition <https://spirit.raiseaglassfoundation.com/results/2019/all-results#bronze>



Lignum Vitae expansion ribbon cutting. <https://tinyurl.com/yxak5dva>

1 SHALOM FARMS

Founded with the mission to raise and distribute fresh, healthy food to communities lacking access to it, Shalom Farms is also busy teaching new generations of farmers.

Tucked away in Midlothian, Virginia, they offer summerlong internships for high school and college students, as well as apprenticeships dubbed "The Farmer in Residence" that last all season and include housing and a stipend.

And then there are the younger students, who come for educational visits and to volunteer. "These students learn a sense of sustainability and understand that they can actually take care of themselves if need be," says Krissy Lull, a third grade teacher at Byrd Elementary school who brings her pupils to the farm.

"One student, Lisette, is adamant she will be a farmer," Krissy adds, "because she said caring for the plants makes her happy."

2 BEAR BUTTE GARDENS

Michelle and Rick Grosek farm the USDA-certified organic Bear Butte Gardens, which sits on 120 acres outside Sturgis, South Dakota. They periodically host interns from high schools and colleges who come out for between a day and a whole growing season. Duties include preparing gardens, starting seeds, transplanting, weeding, and special projects like butchering poultry and building fences.

The Groseks especially value the fresh ideas the interns bring to the farm. "When you have someone come in and observe what you're doing for the first time, they often have a suggestion for something that could be done differently," Michelle says.

"We had a college and high school intern at the same time, and the two of them together really helped me to improve our food safety practices with harvesting and washing vegetables."



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **VA BoozNews Sunset Cruise with Three Crosses Distillery** on **August 20th** from 7-8 PM. <https://bit.ly/2Zh9URE>
- **Powhatan Chamber of Commerce** monthly breakfast **Tuesday August 20th 7:30-9:00AM** at the County Seat Restaurant. Non-members welcome, registration details at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y4llgokf>
- **Three Crosses Distilling Co. One Year Anniversary** on **August 24th** from 11 AM-8 PM. Celebrate with live music by What's on Tap, food trucks, Vanilla & Bourbon Southern Desserts, special cocktails, raffles and more. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2332475000139896/>
- **Selling to the Commonwealth of Virginia** presented by VA Department of Small Business & Supplier Diversity on **September 6th** from 9-11:30 AM. <https://tinyurl.com/y6foocqe>
- **Village Vibe Concert Series** at the Village Meadow- **Friday September 20th** from 7-10 PM featuring **The Rondells**. <https://www.facebook.com/Villagevibeinpowhatan/>.
- **Shalom Farms 3rd Annual Savor Shalom Event** on **September 26th** from 6-9 PM. An elegant evening on the 12-acre sustainable farm with live music, creative cocktails, and small plates prepared by some of Richmond's finest chefs. <https://shalomfarms.org/savor-shalom/>
- **Business Network International (BNI)** Powhatan chapter meets every Wednesday, 8:00AM-9:30AM in the Huguenot Volunteer Fire Department at 1959 Urbine Road. <http://bniva.com/va-central-virginia-bni-on-fire/en-US/index>. To attend a meeting as a guest please contact Chapter President Page Yonce at pyonce@cfmortgagecorp.com.