



BEDFORD BUSINESS FIRST

News from Bedford County Office of Economic Development

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Farmers Market season is here!

As the demand for fresh, local produce and goods grows, our local farmers markets are meeting that need. This year, Bedford County has four Farmers Markets. The Bedford and Forest markets have been the mainstays for many years, but due to the growth in the County and consumer desire to shop local and source local food, Moneta and Montvale each now have their own local markets.

Each market provides access to local creators, growers and producers of flowers and vegetables, dairy products and meats.

Bedford Farmer's Market

220 W. Washington Street in Bedford
Every Saturday May 6 - October 7, 2023
8 a.m. - noon

Forest Farmer's Market

15583 Forest Road (behind the Forest Library)
Every Saturday April 29 - October 2, 2023
8 a.m. - noon

Moneta Farmer's Market

1170 Celebration Avenue
Every Wednesday, May 31 - September 30, 2023
3 - 7 p.m.

Montvale Farmer's Market

11555 West Lynchburg Salem Tpke
First and Third Saturdays of the month
April 29, 2023 - October 18, 2023
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Visit [BedfordGrown.com](https://www.BedfordGrown.com) for a directory of producers and what you can purchase right here in Bedford County.



Career & Technical Education Video shows importance of CTE for workforce development

Bedford County Public Schools along with Bedford County Office of Economic Development and the Economic Development Authority partnered on a Career & Technical Education (CTE) video project showing the

importance of CTE programs in our schools.

Watch it [here](#) on our YouTube channel.

THE BEDFORD AREA FAMILY YMCA INVITES YOU!

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING
THURSDAY, JUNE 29 4-6PM

RIBBON CUTTING AT 4:30
1111 TURNPIKE RD BEDFORD, VA 24523

WE ARE NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR AGES 6 WEEKS TO 5 YEARS.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ADDING YOUR CHILD(REN)'S NAME TO THE LIST.

(540) 586-3483
BEDFORDYMCA.ORG

the Y




Bedford Area Family YMCA's new early learning center opens soon!

The Bedford Area Family Y is holding a ribbon cutting and grand opening on Thursday, June 29 from 4 - 6 p.m. at 1111 Turnpike Road in Bedford.

They are currently taking applications for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old.

Visit BedfordYMCA.org or call 540-586-3403 for more information.



News and Information from Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Registration is Open for VMA's International Trade Symposium, Oct. 4 - 6, 2023 in Norfolk

The Virginia Maritime Association's International Trade Symposium, Oct. 4 - 6, 2023 in Norfolk, is the east coast's premier conference for ports, logistics, and trade. VMA23 features 30+ expert speakers and three full days of industry discussion and networking events. For a limited time, businesses exporting products from Virginia can take advantage of a heavily discounted ticket of \$200 (select the Symposium Cargo Owner option when registering).

Trade Mission to Mexico 2023 – Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2023

Mexico is third among Virginia export destinations with 2021 exports equal to \$913 million. The market continues to benefit from the agreement to modernize NAFTA into the USMCA, its proximity to the United States, and its modern port infrastructure. Mexico is the 16th largest economy in the world, and recent economic reforms have liberalized key sectors such as energy and telecommunications, creating market opportunities for U.S. companies. Close cultural, social, and economic ties make Mexico a natural market to consider for first-time and expanding exporters. The objective of this trade mission is to arrange and conduct quality meetings between Virginia businesses and potential sales partners and/or customers in Mexico.

Expodefensa 2023 – Dec. 5 - Dec. 7, 2023

Expodefensa 2023 is an international security and defense exhibition and the epicenter of innovations in Latin America for the air, land, and maritime sectors. Expodefensa 2023 presents innovations in the domains of public safety and security, personal equipment, weapons, simulators, intervention craft, information and communication systems, ammunition, and explosives. VEDP's booth at Expodefensa 2023 will have space for eight Virginia businesses to exhibit.



Your small business matters!

If you need some first-rate coaching on how to get started or grow, check out the training offered at the **Small Business Development Center - Lynchburg Region**.

[Visit their website to see the classes offered.](#)

Visit the SBDC website to learn more about their program offerings including:

- [Small Town & Merchant Program \(STAMP\)](#)
- [International Business Development Program](#)
- [Innovation Commercialization Assistance Program \(ICAP\)](#)
- [Craft Beverage Assistance Program \(CNA\)](#)
- [Veterans Assistance](#)

Expanding? We have Business Ready Sites for you.



Our premier **New London Business and Technology Center** park in Forest features pad-ready and cleared lots for sale ranging from 7.5 to 50+ acres to accommodate 10,000 - 500,000 sq. ft. buildings. [Download the flier here.](#)

The **Bedford Center for Business** has land ready for development, including a 9.5 acre graded site, and it lies

within the Town's Enterprise Zone and Virginia's Opportunity Zone. [Download the flier here.](#)

In **Montvale Center for Commerce**, two lots are available with nearly 20 combined acres ready for grading and will accommodate a building up to 200,000 sf. ft. Conveniently located on 460W and close to I-81. [Download the flier here.](#)



Call the Office of Economic Development to learn how we can help your business grow in Bedford County. **540-587-5670** BedfordEconomicDevelopment.com

Did you know we have other commercial listings available on our website?
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