

## What's new in Charlottesville and Albemarle County?



We are excited about the opening of a new hotel; the Residence Inn by Marriott opened in March, offering an upscale experience partnered with the convenience of a downtown location. In addition to beautiful rooms and spacious suites, the hotel also offers a variety of unique meeting spaces.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chowr-residence-inn-charlottesville-downtown/>



A new major shopping center named 5<sup>th</sup> St. Station will begin opening stores in the coming months. Not only will there be a variety of shops and restaurants, but the shopping center will also feature the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema – a 33,000 square-foot theater, which will be the first of its kind in the area.

<http://5thststation.com/>



Bacon lovers, rejoice! Inaugurated in May 2015, CURED – Central Virginia Bacon Festival quickly became a favorite among locals and visitors in Charlottesville! The festival returns this November, with more bacon and cured-meat goodness. It celebrates the thriving local food scene in Central Virginia with a selection of our destination's finest locally owned restaurants offering small plates of bacon-themed dishes.

[www.curedfest.com](http://www.curedfest.com)



The Shops at Stonefield shopping center continues to thrive with the addition of several new restaurants! Mezeh, a Mediterranean grill recently opened up its doors, serving up fresh, all-natural ingredients, all inspired by the flavors of the Mediterranean. The most recent addition is Burger Bach, serving up its famous burgers with homemade sauces and freshly-cut French fries. This restaurant also offers up something for the seafood lover, with mussels and oysters being a major hit at this same establishment.

<http://shopsatstonefield.com/>



The Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau will soon be celebrating the one-year anniversary of the opening of a brand new visitor center in downtown Crozet, located in the historic train depot. The Albemarle Tourism & Adventure Center is the gateway to all the outdoor and epicurean attractions in the western part of the county, including the world-famous Shenandoah National Park.

<http://www.visitcharlottesville.org/adventurecenter>



Our area celebrates the opening of two new breweries (Pro Re Nata Brewery in Crozet and Random Row Brewing Co., opening in a few weeks in Downtown Charlottesville). In addition, a brand new winery, Valley Road Vineyards, now adds to the amazing and large collection of spectacular vineyards in Albemarle County. <http://www.visitcharlottesville.org/beverages>