

# NEWSLETTER

## OSTROM MUSHROOM FARMS

Construction is still underway at the new Ostrom facility located at 1111 Midvale Road. The facility is being built on a 43-acre plot at Midvale and Duffy Roads in Sunnyside and has been in the works for three years.

At full production Ostrom Mushroom Farms will bring 200 full-time, year-round jobs for the Sunnyside community, which led Port of Sunnyside to be awarded the Outstanding Job Creator Award from Washington Public Ports Association at the Annual Spring Meeting that took place in Olympia on May 20, 2019. See page two for more details.

Mushrooms will be grown, harvested, and packaged all at the Sunnyside plant. There are currently 32 grow rooms completely finished with construction underway for 16 more grow rooms. Construction will be completed in 2020.

## MUSHROOM FARM ALMOST UP AND RUNNING



**200 FULL-TIME  
YEAR-ROUND JOBS**



**32 GROW ROOMS  
16 UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



**2020  
COMPLETION**



# WASHINGTON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING JOB CREATOR AWARD



### AWARDED TO PORTS EXCEPTIONAL PROJECTS

As the final event of the annual Washington Public Ports Association's spring meeting, recognition is given to ports that have overseen exceptional projects that have come to fruition through the previous year. With a highly competitive selection process that brings in submissions from ports large and small, the winners truly represent innovative planning and action.

Because economic development is the core of what a port does for its community, the Outstanding Job Creator Award is awarded to a project that creates jobs for a community, with an eye on the quality of the jobs and the relative impact of the jobs created. The Port of Sunnyside began working with Ostrom Mushroom Farms of Olympia on a



### 200 YEAR-ROUND JOBS TO THE YAKIMA VALLEY

new \$35 million facility that, when built, will bring 200 year-round jobs to the Yakima Valley. This company is the only large-scale commercial mushroom grower in the state.

Port of Sunnyside officials are proud to have won this award and grateful for the future jobs brought to the city by Ostrom Mushroom Farms. David Knudsen, President and CEO of Ostrom Mushroom Farms along with Brandon Ball of Parametrix accompanied Port officials in receiving the award. All three parties have worked diligently over the past year toward a smooth transition for Ostrom Mushroom Farms to begin operating in Sunnyside. As the construction of the new facility is still underway, the efforts of all parties have proven to be successful.



Commissioner Tyler Schilperoot, Commissioner Jim Grunbehoff, Ostrom Mushroom Farms President/CEO David Knudsen, Brandon Ball (Parametrix), Executive Director Jay Hester, and Commissioner Arnold Martin



# VARIETAL BEER CO. RECEIVES A GENEROUS DONATION FOR SHADE STRUCTURE



Varietal Beer is quickly becoming a popular destination in downtown Sunnyside. With local food vendors setting up shop at the brewery each week, community members can get a unique experience each time they come for a visit.

Varietal now offers outdoor seating, thanks to a shade structure donated by David Knudsen, President and CEO of Ostrom Mushroom Farms. Knudsen is a big fan of Varietal's interesting fruit-flavored beers. Knudsen wanted to help Sunnyside residents enjoy the warm summer weather while sipping on their favorite Varietal beverage.

The shade structure was built by local Curfman Steel and installed by Port of Sunnyside staff in June 2019. It adds to the overall ambiance of Varietal's outside area. Customers are now able to enjoy their

favorite Varietal drink outside while enjoying the wonderful weather that flows through the Yakima Valley.

"This project was an exciting joint effort by two businesses that were brought in by the Port," says Port of Sunnyside Executive Director Jay Hester. Varietal Beer Co. was opened as part of a downtown revitalization project initiated by Port staff over two years ago. Ostrom Mushroom Farms was brought to Sunnyside by the Port and began construction on their 43-acre facility in early 2019. Hester says, "It's great to see these businesses working together to make Sunnyside an even better place to live." The addition of Varietal has brought a new excitement to downtown Sunnyside, and residents and visitors alike can be found downtown enjoying the new flavors Varietal has brought to town.



# IWWTF

WASTEWATER PLANT HIRES FCS GROUP  
TO ANALYZE WASTEWATER RATES



### **COST OF RATE STUDY**

proposed by FCS Group to calculate cost-based rates.



### **ESTABLISH BLUEPRINT**

revenue stability, sufficiency, and equitable cost-based rates.



### **END PRODUCT**

report ensures rates are fair and equitable for businesses.

The Port of Sunnyside contacted FCS Group to discuss completing a cost of service rate study for the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility (IWWTF). A cost of service analysis is proposed to calculate cost-based rates based on customer demands and facility requirements. The results of the study will serve to establish a blueprint for achieving revenue stability, sufficiency, and equitable cost-based IWWTF rates.

The study will include a revenue requirement analysis that identifies the operating, capital, and fiscal policy needs of the system and a multi-year financial plan that supports the IWWTF operations through the generation of sufficient, sustainable revenue. The cost

of service will not only consider discharge volumes but different strength parameters impacting the system. As the IWWTF grows and takes on more users, the Port is looking ahead to effectively manage facility growth at a rate that corresponds with current and future users' needs.

FCS Group's approach offers transparency in documentation, collaboration with staff, and clear communication with the Port's management team. At the end of the analysis, Port of Sunnyside officials will receive a thorough report that will help ensure IWWTF rates are fair and equitable for Sunnyside businesses.



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