



# Powhatan County

## Economic Development

### MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2018



#### BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION



Three Crosses Distilling opened on August 30<sup>th</sup>. They distill whiskey, rum, moonshine and vodka. Tastings, mixed drinks, flights and bottle sales are available in-store.

<http://www.threecrossesdistilling.com>

- Fast Feet Sports Academy is finishing the remodeling of their new business in South Creek with an opening date to be announced soon. <https://www.facebook.com/MultiSportsFun/>
- Now and Again Consignment opened its doors in early August in the Flat Rock Village Shopping Center. Now and Again is a thrift and consignment store that has furniture, home goods and artful treasures.

- Habitat Restore opened on August 1<sup>st</sup> to the public. They are now accepting various home goods donations that can be found at <https://habitatpowhatan.org/store/>.



- A Conditional Use Permit application was submitted for the Cartersville Solar project, which would be a 1,300 acre solar farm located off of Cartersville Road. A community meeting on the proposal will be held at 5:30-7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in the Large Conference Room at the Powhatan County Public Library, 2270 Mann Road, Powhatan, VA 23139
- Classic Granite & Marble received recommendation for approval from the planning commission and will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Nice Septic Tank Construction received recommendation for approval from the planning commission and will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Dunkin Donuts received approval from the planning commission on their architectural plans.

- Land disturbance has started on the Burger King in Stoneridge.
- VEDP has announced it will open nominations for the second year of the Virginia Economic Gardening pilot program, with funding for up to 20 business across the State. Last year Powhatan's SanAir was one of 12 businesses to take part in the program. Nominations are due Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Businesses interested in being nominated should contact the Powhatan County Economic Development Office. Information on the program including eligibility criteria may be found at <http://www.virginiabusiness.com/news/article/virginia-economic-development-partnership-launches-program-for-high-potenti>.
- Staff held a BRE Ambassador Training for Ambassadors on August 3<sup>rd</sup> in order to welcome and give a quick training on BRE goals and visits. BRE Ambassadors will be assigned businesses to visit in September.

#### **Staff business visits:**

Visits were made to the following businesses: Rapid Manufacturing, Fast Feet Sports Academy, Shalom Farms, Powhatan Habitat for Humanity

Fortune Auto has been accepted in the state VITAL Program (Virginia International Trade Alliance) that will take place this fall at VCU. The program will have VCU graduate students prepare market research to evaluate the company's abilities to export products internationally. Final findings will be reported by VCU graduate students this December.

#### **Updates from the July 2018 Monthly report:**

##### Construction continues on the following projects:

Nails & Beyond salon in South Creek  
 South Creek Cleaners dry cleaning  
 University of Richmond golf training facility at Independence Golf  
 Rocky Oak Auto  
 Fairview Farms lodging  
 Shawn Stern Computer Services in Oakbridge  
 CC Landscaping in Oakbridge  
 Morris Industries/Steel new office  
 Blue & Gray Self-Storage expansion

##### Review continues on the following site plans:

McDonalds  
 Dunkin' Donuts  
 Barnes Insurance  
 Colony Construction maintenance shop  
 Commercial building in Oakbridge consisting of 20,000 sf of leasable spaces

##### Review continues on the following rezonings or CUPs:

Stone Ridge commercial rezoning  
 Dorset/Rt. 60 commercial rezoning  
 Concrete septic tank forming operation CUP  
 Country inn and event center on Huguenot Springs Road CUP  
 Capital Granite & Marble ("CGM") rezoning  
 Cartersville Solar CUP



## TOURISM



Staff conducted a second tour of Powhatan for the Richmond Region Tourism team. The tour was for the RRT team to familiarize themselves with the county's assets for tourism.

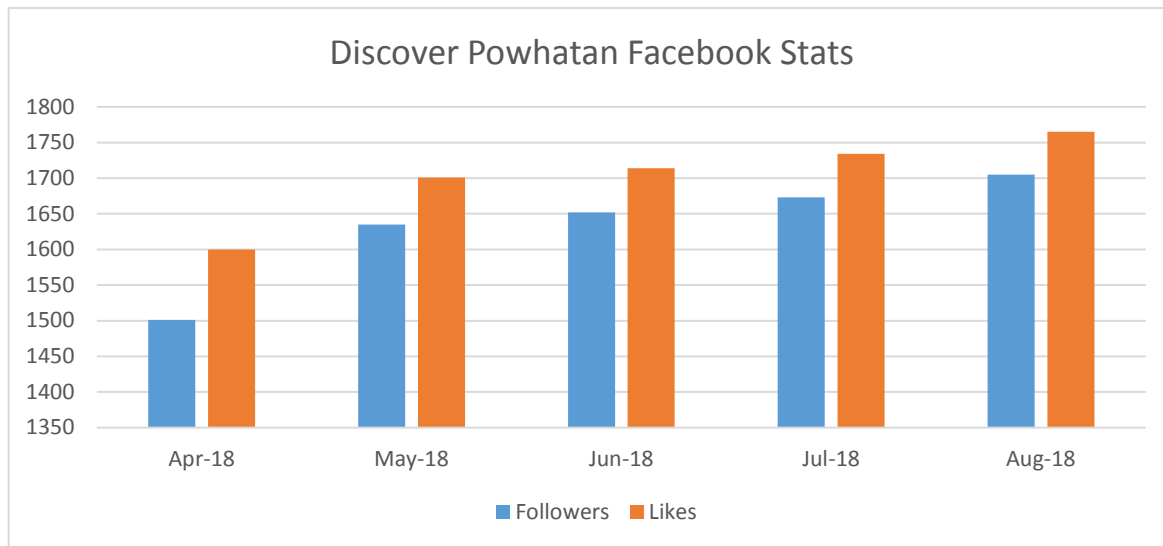
The Powhatan section on the RRT website has been completed with various sectors included to attract tourists. Events happening in Powhatan are being added to the RRT event calendar, which serves as an event posting forum for not only the region but throughout Virginia as well as other states. <https://www.visitrichmondva.com/about-richmond/powhatan-county/>



The Economic Development department has launched an Instagram account focused mainly on tourism with the handle of **@visitpowhatanva**. The account already has **31** followers and building since its creation on 8/13/18.



Discover Powhatan Facebook page has increased its followers and likes over the past few months and continues to gain traction as economic development is followed in the county. <https://www.facebook.com/DiscoverPowhatan/>



## NEWS

- **County Seat Turns 25 This Fall** in RTD [https://www.richmond.com/food-drink/plus/the-county-seat-in-powhatan-county-turns-this-fall/article\\_dbdfab9e-c9ec-5337-8810-d389e9b9c106.html](https://www.richmond.com/food-drink/plus/the-county-seat-in-powhatan-county-turns-this-fall/article_dbdfab9e-c9ec-5337-8810-d389e9b9c106.html)
- **Richmond Region Tourism Visits Powhatan** [https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/richmond-region-tourism-visits-powhatan-to-start-planning/article\\_086410c0-9b1a-11e8-bf15-435e081ab879.html](https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/richmond-region-tourism-visits-powhatan-to-start-planning/article_086410c0-9b1a-11e8-bf15-435e081ab879.html)
- **Habitat for Humanity Powhatan Opens Resale Store** [https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/habitat-for-humanity-powhatan-opens-resale-store/article\\_37aede9e-a094-11e8-847f-ab08e7fb601d.html](https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/habitat-for-humanity-powhatan-opens-resale-store/article_37aede9e-a094-11e8-847f-ab08e7fb601d.html)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Powhatan Chamber of Commerce** breakfast meeting, open to both members and non-members **September 18<sup>th</sup>** <https://www.powhatchamber.org/events/monthly-luncheon/>
- **Village Vibe Concert- CANCELLED- September 14<sup>th</sup>, Rescheduled to October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
<https://www.powhatchamber.org/events/village-vibe/>
- **Habitat for Humanity** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Mill Quarter Golf Club- **September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
- <https://habitatpowhatan.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-golf-tournament-registration.pdf>
- **Shalom Farms** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Savor Shalom event is **September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
<https://shalomfarms.org/savor-shalom/>



Featuring the Chefs of:



- **Vintage Antique Shack-** One year Anniversary Kick-Off to Fall- **September 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **Festival of the Grape-** **October 6<sup>th</sup> 11 AM - 6PM** <https://www.powhatanwinefestival.com/>
- **Chamber RVA Mission Tomorrow Interactive Career Exploration-** **October 18-19<sup>th</sup>**  
<https://www.chamberrva.com/programs/mission-tomorrow/>