



# Powhatan County

## Economic Development

### MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2018



#### BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

- Business licenses were approved for **11** home-based businesses.
- Now and Again Ribbon Cutting
- Sweet Shop celebrated 4-year anniversary and launched a new menu with wine and beer.
- Fast Feet Sports Academy has opened in the South Creek Shopping center next to Food Lion.
- Nails & Beyond has also opened in South Creek.
- South Creek Cleaners has opened up next to Italian Delight.

#### **Staff and Business Ambassadors completed business visits with Powhatan companies including:**

Ferguson Waterworks, Centrex, Powhatan Title Settlements, Auto Carpet & Upholstery Steam Cleaning, Village Bank, Lakeside at Welches Estate, Brothers 3 Coffee, Shade & Wise, DRP Collision.

Staff met with Norfolk Southern Corporation railway to better understand the economic opportunities for rail properties in the county.

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

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

University of Richmond golf training facility at Independence Golf  
Rocky Oak Auto  
CC Landscaping in Oakbridge  
Morris Industries/Steel new office  
Blue & Gray Self-Storage expansion  
Burger King

##### Site Plans Approved:

Dunkin' Donuts  
Barnes Insurance  
McDonalds

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

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  
Cypress Creek Renewables CUP for a solar farm  
Dorset/Rt. 60 commercial rezoning  
Proposed carwash adjacent to Land & Coates.



Mabel's Cafe & Espresso won best "Hidden Gem" and numerous businesses made it to the finals as 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in various categories of The Best of Richmond by Richmond Times Dispatch. (Businesses included were The Mill at Fine Creek, Vintage Antique Shack, Mabel's Espresso Café & Wild Ginger).



**LOVE letters add to Powhatan's Village charm in Powhatan Today.**

[https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/love-letters-add-to-powhatan-s-village-charm/article\\_e0c93fd6-d78c-11e8-8718-ab1838c1a481.html](https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/love-letters-add-to-powhatan-s-village-charm/article_e0c93fd6-d78c-11e8-8718-ab1838c1a481.html)

**2019 U.S. Disabled Golf Tournament to be held in Powhatan County on NBC12.**

<http://www.nbc12.com/2018/10/04/us-disabled-open-golf-championship-be-held-powhatan-county/>

**Powhatan Supervisors support business growth efforts in Powhatan Today.**

[https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/powhatan-supervisors-support-business-growth-efforts/article\\_5f8f8dca-c711-11e8-92c5-53b7893aa39a.html](https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/powhatan-supervisors-support-business-growth-efforts/article_5f8f8dca-c711-11e8-92c5-53b7893aa39a.html)

**Powhatan's Festival of the Grape turns Sweet 16 in Powhatan Today.**

[https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/powhatan-s-festival-of-the-grape-turns-sweet/article\\_40ad5b54-cc9c-11e8-b07e-874f74f29088.html](https://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/powhatan-s-festival-of-the-grape-turns-sweet/article_40ad5b54-cc9c-11e8-b07e-874f74f29088.html)

**Sub Rosa Bakery in Richmond announces new bread made with grains from Powhatan's Greater Richmond Grains.** [https://www.instagram.com/p/Bo\\_nJvugUpB/](https://www.instagram.com/p/Bo_nJvugUpB/)

**Powhatan upgrades from Mid-Tier to Prosperous in the Distressed Communities Index.**

<https://eig.org/dci/2018-dci-map-national-counties-map>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Powhatan Chamber of Commerce** monthly luncheon at the County Seat Restaurant.
- **Thursday, November 15, 2018 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM**
- **Thursday, December 20, 2018 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM**  
Non-member registration details at the following link:  
<http://powhatan-chamber.chambermaster.com/events/search?from=&to=&isNonStdDateFormat=false&q=Monthly&m=&st=1>
- **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 Bret Schardein at [bschardein@powhatanva.gov](mailto:bschardein@powhatanva.gov)
- **Hobby Hill Farm's Open House – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM-7 PM**
- **Holiday Parade- Powhatan Christmas Parade – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM**