



## The Historic Altria Theater Hosts 9th Annual

# Best of Richmond AWARDS

Several hundred business owners and their employees, joined by many of the staff of the Richmond Times Dispatch, flocked to the historic Altria Theater on Thursday of last week, to celebrate the results, and the achievements they represent, of the RTD's annual BEST of Richmond contest. That contest not only gives readers of the newspaper, but everyone who cares about the businesses that make Richmond fabulous, a chance to vote for their favorites. It's a tradition that many have come to adore, and look forward to.

The historic Altria Theater in the heart of the City formed the perfect backdrop for the celebration, that included live music and a myriad of other forms of entertainment. The choice to partner with the theater was no coincidence, but rather by design, explained Regional Marketing Director for the RTD Billy Garland.

"We were so very excited to host this year's BEST event at the historic Altria Theater," Garland said. "Each year when we host this event, we start our search for a venue with one goal - finding a location that is truly iconic for the city of Richmond. From the moment I walked into the Altria the first time, I knew that this was the right venue for this year."

It is safe to say that The Altria Theater has been a staple in Richmond, with a storied history.

"The theater opened in 1927 as The Mosque Theater and was built as a temple for the American Masonic Society of The Shriners," Director of Sales and Marketing for Altria Brittany Griffith said. "From the very start, this iconic building was the place to be for the best musical and theatrical entertainment in the City of Richmond," Griffith said. "And that has never changed."

Griffith also said that in the almost 100 years the theater has stood across from Monroe Park, many have celebrated other milestones, like proms and graduation ceremonies, further cementing the theater as a true community-facing establishment.

The initial design included, among other things, 42 hotel rooms, four lounges and a swimming pool in the basement. The City purchased the theater in 1940, and a renovation in the mid-nineties restored the theater to its former splendor.

"Last year, we hosted around 130 commercial performances, ranging from Broadway shows to rock concerts," Griffith said. "But that did not include private events."

For those seeking an exquisite location for a private event,

on stage, in the theater or in the iconic ballroom, The Altria Theater promises an event to remember, said Director of Private Events Sarah Douglas.

"First of all, this theater has an amazing WOW-factor," Douglas said. "It's such a beautiful place with such rich history. Those who come here for private events can experience an exclusive behind-the-scenes look. That alone is special," Douglas said.

Celebrating a private event in an iconic venue sounds amazing. But what Douglas and her team are able to accommodate makes the experience unforgettable.

"Simply put, we take care of everything," Douglas said. "You can consider us a one-stop-shop. We customize every event, and we work with our clients to make sure their vision comes to life. We can offer advice on themes, will take care of any catering needs, connect with third-party vendors and we have an amazing and experienced staff to pull that off. It's all about the experience of



the event, whether a business meeting or conference using the stage or a fundraising gala in the ballroom."

In many ways, Douglas said, she is not only the Director of Private Events, but a consultant who will guide her clients through each event, from the first phone call, to turning off the lights at the end of the night.

"I get to be the 12th man on the team," she said. "I am very proud of the way we partner with our clients so they can focus the impact and purpose of their event."

Hosting The BEST of Richmond event was exciting to both Griffith and Douglas.

"We are really proud of the businesses that make Richmond

so wonderful," Griffith said. "We know there's a lot of hard work that goes into making a business work, and we are proud that we were able to offer The Altria as a venue for that important celebration."

Douglas agreed.

"The BEST is about celebrating this community of Richmonders. What better way to do that at the venue that has meant so much to that same community for so long. We are proud we could give the businesses what they so rightly deserve; our spotlight."

For more information about private events, and all the Altria Theater has to offer, please visit: <https://www.altriatheater.com/> or contact Sarah Douglas directly: [sdouglas@asmrichmond.com](mailto:sdouglas@asmrichmond.com)



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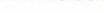
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RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH SPOTLIGHT

# ‘The BEST celebrates excellence, and supports local business’



**Name:** Kelly Till

**Job Title:** President, Richmond Times Dispatch, Lee Enterprises Virginia

**Why should a business decide to be a part of The Best?**

I think that participating in “The Best” can offer several benefits to a business:

1. Visibility and Recognition: Winning or even being nominated can significantly boost a business’s visibility and reputation. It serves as third-party validation and can help them stand out in a crowded market.

2. Marketing and Promotion: Contest participation provides opportunities for marketing and promotion. A business can use the contest logo, badges, or awards on your website, social media, and marketing materials to showcase their brand.

3. Customer Engagement: Encouraging your customers to vote can strengthen the relationship with them. It’s a way to involve your customers in promoting your business.

4. Competitive Advantage: Winning “The Best” can differentiate a business from competitors.

5. Boost in Sales: The recognition from “The Best” can lead to increased sales and revenue. Customers often trust businesses that have won “The Best” or received public recognition.

6. Networking Opportunities: “The Best” event is a great way to network with peers, sponsors, and potential customers and collaborators.

7. Employee Morale: Recognition can boost employee morale and pride in their workplace, leading to increased productivity and job satisfaction.

**What makes you proud to be part of The Best each year?**  
I am proud of our ‘The Best’

because we are showcasing the best Richmond has to offer. We take pride in our involvement because we are celebrating excellence, supporting local businesses and creating a positive impact.

**Can you share some of the feedback you have received from businesses over the years?**

Feedback typically includes expressions of gratitude, pride, and the positive impact that winning or being nominated in “The Best” has on their businesses.

**Do you feel that the community looks forward to The Best each year? If so, why?**

I feel our community looks forward to “The Best” each year because it’s been a longstanding tradition. When people can vote for their favorite restaurant, store, service provider, and more, it generates excitement.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# ‘We are precision haircutters’

**Business:** Cutz for Guys

**Category:** Best Barbershop

**Q&A with:** Tammy Record

**Job Title:** Founder, District Manager, Stylist

**Tammy, for those who are not familiar with Cutz for Guys, can you explain what services you offer?**

Cutz for Guys specializes in haircuts for men and boys. We are a full-service salon offering straight razor neck shaves, mes-saging shampoos, beard grooming and much more.

**You founded Cutz for Guys in 2011 with your sister Tracy. What led the both of you to go into business together?**

Cutz was a dream of mine. I wrote a business plan for it in 1994. After working in a coed sal-on, I realized men’s cuts were my specialty. I wanted to create a place where stylists would be paid well and treated with care. We have been awarded “top workplace” 3 years in a row by our staff, and that means the world to me! My sister owns an accounting company that primarily works with small busi-nesses. So she helped me with that end of getting things going.

**What makes this sister duo so strong?**

My sister does the payroll and business portion of Cutz for Guys, and I do everything else.

**What can you tell us about the growth of the business in the past 12 years? And how many locations does Cutz for Guys have?**

We have three locations: Short Pump, Midlothian, and West-chester & Mechanicsville. We are blessed to have 65 talented sty-lists! Most have been with me for years.

**Can you share your vision on what good customer service should look like?**

Our clients are so very kind, generous and courteous and they make our job easy! Our focus is

our clients when they are in the store and that is what makes a good customer service.

**What three words would you pick to describe your team members, and why?**

Talented, kind and smart! Most of my staff has been with me for years. I feel so blessed!

**What makes a good stylist?**

We are precision haircutters. My staff has years of education and experience. They also have real relationships with our clients; they’re often sharing stories about their clients and what’s happing in their lives, the good and the bad. We have a company GroupMe, and often-times stylist are asking for prayers for our clients. Our clients are part of the Cutz family.

**What does The Best contest mean to you?**

Being voted the best by our clients means the world to me! Owning a small business is very hard work and things like this contests make it all worthwhile. I especially love that my staff feel like what they do matter.

**With Text-To-Vote (TTV), we try to make voting as easy as possible. You tried TTV this year. What are your thoughts?**

Love the Text-to-Vote! It makes things easier for everyone.

**What is your favorite holi-day destination? And why?**

Cruises are my favorite. In fact, I was able to take the staff on a cruise for our 10-year anniversary.

**Is there a movie you can watch time and time again?**

I enjoy action and adventure movies. But my all-time favorite has to be Bridesmaids!

**What’s in store for the future of Cutz for Guys?**

We have just added another station to our Short Pump and Midlothian location to keep the wait times down. Not sure what else the future holds. I know this: I would like take my staff on a cruise again for our 15 year anniversary!







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RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH SPOTLIGHT

# Getting involved with The Best is ‘a super simple process’

**Name:** Stephen Summerell  
**Job Title:** Regional Advertising Sales Manager

**Stephen, for those who are not familiar, can you explain what The Best is, and how it works?**  
“The Best” is our annual reader’s choice contest. We give our audience and readership a chance to nominate and vote on their favorite businesses and services in over 120 categories from best auto dealer to their favorite restaurant and many others. (Side note: we are always looking for new categories so send your suggestions to sales@richmond.com.) The contest starts in early May with a three-week window for nominations. After the close of that three-week window, the nominations are tallied and the Top 5 businesses in each category, based on their total number of nominations, move on to the next

phase which we call our voting phase. The voting phase starts in mid-July and runs for close to three weeks. At the end of the voting phase, votes are tallied and winners are announced at our Best Fest event in late September and our Winners Special Section publishes soon after in the RTD. As a sales leader, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention we have nomination, voting and winners packages that are available for sale in each of those phases – reach out to sales@richmond.com or your account executive for details.

**How long has the Richmond Times-Dispatch been running this contest?**  
2023 is our ninth year!

**If a business wants to be nominated, what do they need to do?**  
It’s a super simple process. At the start of the nomination phase in May, a

business, or fan of the business, simply writes in the business name on our contest page at Go.Richmond.com/the-best. Once the name of the business is written in, it will populate as a nominee.

**Did you vote this year? And how did your favorites businesses do?**  
I have a twofold answer to those questions. I’m rooting for all businesses that were nominated and voted on for this year’s contest. Without their participation, and the participation of people that support their business or service, we wouldn’t have much of a contest. By the way, we had some fantastic nomination and vote totals this year and we hope to grow that in future years. Technically, as an employee of the RTD, I am not supposed to vote in the contest, but I will often use the results from the contest to find a new place to eat or a new place to visit, based on the recommendation of our audience.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# The globe-trotting newsman of the Richmond morning airwaves

**Name:** John Reid  
**Category:** Best Radio Morning Show

**John, for those who are not familiar with your work, can you explain what you do?**  
Our morning show (The John Reid Show) is a unique place where we try to give listeners all the news that people are talking about each day with some behind the scenes perspective. I’m lucky to have lived and worked in Richmond for decades and know many of the players in this town. I’m also happy to share my insights from years in business and politics.

**Can you briefly explain how you prepare for each broadcast? What does your day look like?**  
The day starts with an alarm clock at 4am and I make a point of checking several local and national news sites online. From there I make a list of about 10 topics I will try to cover or at least mention over the course of the four hour show. As soon as the broadcast is over I meet with our producer and start planning the show for the next day. Sometimes that means calls and emails late into the night.



**You returned to Richmond in 2017 to join WRVA. How would you describe the past 6 years?**  
The last six years have been exciting on radio but distressing to see my hometown struggling. I decided during the Covid situation and the riots that I wanted my show to be a place where reasonable freedom-loving people could get solid info and also push back on some very bad political decisions.

**How important, in your view, is local journalism?**  
Local journalists who stick around for years are important to hold everyone accountable and to offer perspectives that new folks simply won’t have. It’s worrisome that so many local voices have retired or left the job. The state capital deserves a robust press corps.

**What makes Richmond such a great place to work in?**  
Richmond is a great news city politically and culturally. Never a boring day here. Wish there was less crime!



**As a journalist, you have covered local, national and international stories. Is there a specific story that you’ll always remember?**  
I’ve enjoyed covering elections and inaugurations and culture, but the sniper story was probably

the most compelling and scary story I tracked back in my TV days at channel 8. Everyone, including reporters, was worried that they would be the next chosen victim.

**What brings you the greatest fulfillment in your work?**

I am so thankful to be able to speak boldly for what I think are reasonable policies and dynamic ideas for this community. So many people tell me that they think I am their voice to express outrage at bad decisions and a path forward too. I am blessed for

this opportunity at this moment in our history.

**Do you have a guilty pleasure, and if so, can you share that?**  
I really enjoy the theater and try to see as many shows as I can. Mu-

sicals are usually stirring and inspiring so I enjoy those the most.

**In previous roles, you have traveled to over 100 countries, and you have visited all seven continents. What’s the most enchanting place you’ve ever visited, and why?**  
I love to explore new places and just finished a two-week trip to Eastern Europe. It’s a great education to meet and see people in so many other places- and to try to understand their history and art and life. It’s one reason I have been so upset about the loss of the statues in Richmond. I’ve seen great works of art overseas that tell very upsetting and controversial stories about controversial people. These are important and I hate that we are allowing our cultural heritage to be erased. Maddening to me!

**Finally, what would you like to say to your listeners or RTD readers who voted for you in the category “Best Local Morning Radio Show”?**  
I’m so honored to have been nominated for best morning radio show every year and to have won over the last few years. I don’t take it for granted and I am so thankful for everyone who trusts me and listens to me on the radio every morning.



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RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH SPOTLIGHT

# Ushering a growing BEST contest into the future

**Name:** Billy Garland

**Job Title:** Regional Marketing Director for the Richmond Times Dispatch

**What is your role with the newspaper, and what is your role with The Best?**  
I am the Regional Marketing Director for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. I oversee our internal marketing, sales enablement and events. Within my events role every year, I get the honor of putting together our signature event, the BEST event.

**What can you tell us about audience engagement through the years?**

Engagement over the years has continued to grow exponentially! In 2023 alone we saw 52.3% increase in the number of nominations we received, a 35.5% increase in total votes cast and our event has grown by over 200 guests compared to 2022.

**A relatively new way to vote is called Text-To-Vote. Can you explain how that works? And what are the benefits?**  
Text-To-Vote is, without a doubt, my favorite new feature in our BEST contest! Launched in 2022, TTV allows our readers and our contestants' customers to simply text a code from their cell phone each day to have their vote counted. This can either

prevent the voter from having to go online to cast their vote, or give them an avenue to cast an additional vote each day! The name of the game is "ease of access" and TTV makes voting easier than ever before!

**When the results are announced, where can folks see those?**  
Great question! We initially announce our winners at our annual BEST event. Attendees, who are generally representing a competing business, get an early look at the results! Then the results are also released in a special Winners Section the following Sunday. This year the section will be released on September 24th. Additionally we host all of the results at Richmond.com.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# Comprehensive dental care with a personal touch

**Business:** Virginia Family Dentistry  
**Categories:** The Best Dental Practice, The Best Orthodontic Practice & The Best Customer Service  
**Q&A with:** Desiree Tunnell  
**Job Title:** Marketing Director

**Desiree, for those who are not familiar with Virginia Family Dentistry, can you explain what you have to offer?**  
Virginia Family Dentistry is a multi-specialty group dental practice located solely in the Richmond area. We were founded in 1974 off of Forest Hill Ave. We have since grown to 16 locations with over 64 providers to serve our patients oral needs at every age and stage of life.

**VFD is known to be a multi-specialty practice. Can you explain what that means?**  
Multi-Specialty means that we are not just a general dentist. Our practice has multiple general dentists who work alongside dental specialists to create comprehensive treatment plans for our patients. Specialists include: Pediatric Dentists (specialize in children age 0-12), Orthodontists (braces, Invisalign, and smileup), Periodontists (gum disease and dental implants), Endodontists (root canals) and Prosthodontists (dentures). This means patients don't have to leave the practice for treatment – and often, the specialists and general dentists work in the same office. It's not uncommon to have multiple doctors consulting on a patients' oral care.

**Can you give us some insight into the history of VFD? When was it founded, and how has the organization grown over the years?**  
We were founded in 1974 by Dr. Baxter Perkinson and his business partner, Gilbert Roberts. Instead of reaching a capacity of patients and not accepting new patients, they decided to add providers as our patient base grew. They added partner dentists and new locations throughout the years. In the 90's they decided to add specialists – orthodontics and periodontics first, as an added convenience for our patients. We continued adding specialists and new providers to ensure our patients received comprehensive care and to make coordinating appointments easier. We have grown through the years to our current size of 16 locations throughout the Richmond area and 65 providers.

**What sets you apart from other dental practices in the area?**  
We have a unique model in the



area in that we are an entirely locally and dentist-owned group practice. We were the first dental practice to incorporate specialists alongside general dentists to give our patients the best and most convenient care possible. Being dentist-owned means that the care of our patients is always at the forefront of what we do.

**With 16 locations in the greater Richmond area, how many people work at Virginia Family Dentistry?** 475

**Without giving away too much, VFD has done exceptionally well in our annual The Best contest. How important is The Best to VFD?**  
It means a lot to us to be recog-

nized by the community for the exceptional level of care that we aim to provide to our patients. We always want to be an active partner in the communities we serve and we're really thankful that the community in turn recognizes us as a 'best' company in the Richmond area.

**Can you share your vision on what good customer service looks like?**  
We were founded on the belief that the most important thing a dentist can do is treat their patients well. We strive to treat all of our patients just as we would our family. That means we treat our patients with respect and we don't push treatments they don't need.

**What's in store for the future of Virginia Family Dentistry?**  
We will continue to be at the forefront of dental care and technology via continued training of doctors and staff while maintaining our personalized touch. We'll stay locally owned and operated with the patient's best interests at heart.



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**Second runner-up**  
Caliber Collision

**The Best Auto Detailer/Cleaning Shop**  
**Car Pool Car Wash**

**First runner-up**  
Flagstop Car Wash  
**Second runner-up**  
Concours

**The Best Auto Repair Shop**  
**Wallace Automotive Inc**

**First runner-up**  
Ferber’s Tire & Auto Service Inc  
**Second runner-up**  
Certified Auto Repair

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**Bill Talley Ford Inc**

**First runner-up**  
McGeorge Toyota  
**Second runner-up**  
Richmond Ford West

**The Best Used Car Dealer**  
**Bill Talley Ford Inc**

**First runner-up**  
CarMax  
**Second runner-up**  
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THE WINNERS  
Beauty & Fitness



**The Best Barbershop**  
**CUTZ FOR GUYS**

**First runner-up**  
Karl’s Place Barber Shop  
**Second runner-up**  
Fadetz & Bladez Barber Shop

**The Best Gym**  
**Burn Boot Camp**

**First runner-up**  
All In Gym, LLC  
**Second runner-up**  
American Family Fitness

**The Best Hair Salon**  
**Whitney Solomon Inc.**

**First runner-up**  
Serendipity Hair Studio  
**Second runner-up**  
Amanda M Perry LLC

**The Best Nail Salon**  
**MiMi Nails Spa**

**First runner-up**  
Escape Nails & Spa  
**Second runner-up**  
Bliss Nails Lounge

**The Best Dance Studio**  
**Fred Astaire Dance Studio Richmond**

**First runner-up**  
Richmond Urban Dance  
**Second runner-up**  
East Coast Dance Company

**The Best Gymnastics Facility**  
**Virginia International Gymnastics Schools**

**First runner-up**  
Aerial East  
**Second runner-up**  
Xtreme Heights Gymnastics

**The Best Martial Arts School**  
**Grandmaster Dong’s Karate School**

**First runner-up**  
Martial Arts World of Chester  
**Second runner-up**  
Martial Arts World of N. Chesterfield

**The Best Specialty Fitness Studio**  
**Jazzercise Richmond Fitness Center**

**First runner-up**  
Burn Boot Camp  
**Second runner-up**  
The Yoga Dojo



THE WINNERS  
Restaurants



**The Best Asian Inspired Restaurant**  
**Peking Restaurant**

**First runner-up**  
Mekong Restaurant  
**Second runner-up**  
Peter Chang Restaurant

**The Best Greek Restaurant**  
**Stella’s**

**First runner-up**  
The Grapevine  
**Second runner-up**  
Bell Greek Cuisine

**The Best Mexican Restaurant**  
**Mexico Restaurant**

**First runner-up**  
Mi Jalisco Family Mexican Restaurant  
**Second runner-up**  
Pepe’s Mexican Restaurant

**The Best Seafood Restaurant**  
**The Boathouse at Rocketts Landing**

**First runner-up**  
Latitude Seafood Co  
**Second runner-up**  
Riptides Seafood Restaurant

**The Best Bar North of the River**  
**Sedona Taphouse**

**First runner-up**  
Industrial Taphouse  
**Second runner-up**  
Penny Lane Pub

**The Best Indian Restaurant**  
**Taste Of India**

**First runner-up**  
Anant Cuisine of India  
**Second runner-up**  
Lehja Restaurant

**The Best New Restaurant (1 year)**  
**Wong’s Tacos Midlothian**

**First runner-up**  
3rd Base Grill Hanover  
**Second runner-up**  
Conejo

**The Best Steakhouse**  
**Buckhead’s**

**First runner-up**  
Texas Roadhouse  
**Second runner-up**  
Bookbinder’s Seafood & Steakhouse

**The Best Bar South of the River**  
**O’Toole’s Restaurant & Pub**

**First runner-up**  
Sedona Taphouse  
**Second runner-up**  
Wood and Iron | Game Day Restaurant and Bar

**The Best Italian Restaurant**  
**Anna’s Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria**

**First runner-up**  
Edo’s Squid  
**Second runner-up**  
The Grapevine

**The Best Overall Restaurant**  
**Texas Road house**

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Stella’s  
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Buckhead’s







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The Best Barbecue

Deep Run Roadhouse

- First runner-up

Mission BBQ
- Second runner-up

ZZQ Texas Craft Barbeque

The Best Breakfast

First Watch

- First runner-up

Moore Street Cafe
- Second runner-up

Boychiks Deli

The Best Brunch

The Jefferson

- First runner-up

SB’s Lakeside Love Shack
- Second runner-up

Boychiks Deli

The Best Burger Spot

Carytown Burgers & Fries

- First runner-up

Five Guys
- Second runner-up

Burger Bach

The Best Caterer

Deep Run Roadhouse

- First runner-up

Mission BBQ
- Second runner-up

RVA Cheese Girl

The Best Chef

David Dunlap, Midlothian Chef’s Kitchen

- First runner-up

David Shannon, L’OPOSSUM
- Second runner-up

Giuseppe Carollo - Frank’s Ristorante Italiano & Pizzeria

The Best Cocktail Menu

The Jasper

- First runner-up

Wong’s Tacos
- Second runner-up

Industrial Taphouse



The Best Craft Beer

Hardwood Park Craft Brewery - West Creek

- First runner-up

Triple Crossing
- Second runner-up

Legends

The Best Dessert Spot

Gelati Celesti Ice Cream

- First runner-up

Shyndigz
- Second runner-up

The Lazy Cow Ice Cream Parlor, LLC

The Best Doughnuts

Country Style Donuts

- First runner-up

Sugar Shack
- Second runner-up

Krispy Kreme

The Best First Date Spot

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- First runner-up

The Melting Pot
- Second runner-up

Can Can Brasserie

The Best Food Truck or Cart

Hibachi mobile

- First runner-up

River City Wood Fire
- Second runner-up

Boka Tako Truck

The Best Happy Hour

Sedona Taphouse

- First runner-up

Latitude Seafood Co.
- Second runner-up

3 Monkeys Bar & Grill

The Best Hidden Gem in Richmond

The Lilly Pad

- First runner-up

Dot’s Back Inn
- Second runner-up

Hobnob

The Best Local Brewery

Hardwood Park Craft Brewery

- First runner-up

Triple Crossing Beer
- Second runner-up

Legend Brewing Co

The Best Local Coffee Shop

Blanchard’s Coffee Roasting Company

- First runner-up

Lamplighter Coffee Roasters
- Second runner-up

The Local Cup

The Best Patio

The Boathouse at Sunday Park

- First runner-up

The Lilly Pad
- Second runner-up

Portico Restaurant & Bar

The Best Pizza

Bottoms Up Pizza

- First runner-up

Mary Angela’s Pizzeria
- Second runner-up

Anna’s Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria

The Best Sushi

Wild Ginger

- First runner-up

Lucky AF: Asian Fusion & Sushi
- Second runner-up

Red Salt Chophouse and Sushi

The Best Wait Staff

Moore Street Cafe

- First runner-up

The Grapevine | The Greek & Italian Restaurant
- Second runner-up

Boychiks Deli

The Best Winery

Trump Winery

- First runner-up

James River Cellars Winery
- Second runner-up

New Kent Winery & Talleville Brewing Company





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THE WINNERS  
Entertainment



The Best Beach  
Outer Banks NC

First runner-up  
Virginia Beach

Second runner-up  
N Myrtle Beach

The Best Charity Event  
2 End The Stigma -  
A Night for Scott

First runner-up  
Ukrop’s Monument Avenue  
10k or Monument Avenue 10k

Second runner-up  
SPCA Fur Ball

The Best Festival  
The Urbanna  
Oyster Festival

First runner-up  
Richmond Greek Festival

Second runner-up  
Richmond Folk Festival

The Best Golf Course  
Magnolia Green  
Golf Club

First runner-up  
The Country Club of Virginia -  
James River

Second runner-up  
Independence Golf Club

The Best Local  
Afternoon Radio Show  
The Jeff Katz Show.  
WRVA 1140 AM

First runner-up  
Garret Doll K95

Second runner-up  
Ricky Aaron Classic Rock 96.5



The Best Local Athletic  
Event for Participants  
Richmond Flying  
Squirrels

First runner-up  
VCU Basketball

Second runner-up  
Virginia Cavaliers

The Best Local Athletic  
Event for Spectators  
Richmond Flying  
Squirrels

First runner-up  
VCU Basketball

Second runner-up  
Tri-City Chili Peppers

The Best Local Band  
Exit 38

First runner-up  
Dëdd Sirius Band

Second runner-up  
The KOS Band

The Best Local Morning  
Radio Show

John Reid  
1140 WRVA

First runner-up  
Elliot in the Morning Alt 102.1

Second runner-up  
Sam Newsman WDCE 90.1  
Richmond

The Best Local TV  
Personality  
Andrew Freiden  
NBC12

First runner-up  
Curt Autry NBC12

Second runner-up  
Megan Wise NBC12

The Best Museum  
Virginia Museum  
of Fine Arts

First runner-up  
Science Museum of Virginia

Second runner-up  
Children’s Museum  
of Richmond

The Best Performing  
Arts Theater  
Altria Theater

First runner-up  
Perkinson Center for the  
Arts & Education

Second runner-up  
Swift Creek Mill Theatre

The Best Place  
to Spend the Day  
as a Family  
Metro Richmond  
Zoo

First runner-up  
Maymont Farm

Second runner-up  
Busch Gardens

The Best Summer Camp  
Camp Thunderbird

First runner-up  
Camp Hanover

Second runner-up  
Maymont

The Best Way To  
Place Your Bets  
Virginia Lottery

First runner-up  
Rosie’s Gaming Emporium

Second runner-up  
Colonial Downs Racetrack

The Best Wedding  
Venue  
The Jefferson Hotel

First runner-up  
Lewis Ginter Botanical  
Garden

Second runner-up  
The Mill at Fine Creek



THE WINNERS  
Financial



The Best Bank  
Atlantic Union  
Bank

First runner-up  
Wells Fargo Bank

Second runner-up  
Truist Bank

The Best Credit  
Union  
Virginia  
Credit Union

First runner-up  
Navy Federal  
Credit Union

Second runner-up  
Henrico Federal  
Credit Union

The Best Local  
Accounting Firm  
Keiter CPAs

First runner-up  
Adams, Jenkins &  
Cheatham

Second runner-up  
WellsColeman

The Best Local  
Financial Planner  
Thomas P.  
Marshall,  
Virginia  
Estate and  
Retirement

First runner-up  
Michael Greer- Greer  
Financial Group

Second runner-up  
Carl Carlson-Carlson  
Financial

The Best Local  
Financial  
Services Firm  
Welcome  
Home  
Financial  
Partners

First runner-up  
Carlson Financial

Second runner-up  
Atlantic Union  
Wealth Management



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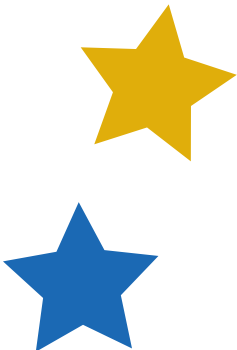






# THE WINNERS

## Health & Medical



### The Best CBD Store

#### Willie’s Wellness

- First runner-up**  
gLeaf
- Second runner-up**  
RVA Cannabis Company

### The Best Chiropractic Practice

#### ICAC Ironbridge Chiropractic and Acupuncture Center | Chesterfield

- First runner-up**  
Holland Family Chiropractic
- Second runner-up**  
Guarino Chiropractic Center

### The Best Cosmetic Surgery Practice

#### Niamtu Cosmetic Facial Surgery

- First runner-up**  
Virginia Eye Institute Aesthetics Center
- Second runner-up**  
Richmond Plastic Surgeons

### The Best Dental Practice

#### Virginia Family Dentistry

- First runner-up**  
Murry & Kuhn Dentistry
- RVA Dental Care

### The Best Family Physician Practice

#### Commonwealth Primary Care

- First runner-up**  
Midlothian Family Practice
- Second runner-up**  
Bon Secours Primary Care Associates

### The Best Hearing Aid Store

#### Richmond Hearing Doctors

- First runner-up**  
Virginia Eye Institute Hearing Center
- Second runner-up**  
Inspired Hearing Solutions

### The Best Hospital

#### Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital

- First runner-up**  
Henrico Doctors’ Hospital
- Second runner-up**  
VCU Medical Center Main Hospital



### The Best In-home Healthcare Provider

#### Care Advantage

- First runner-up**  
Always Best Care Senior Services
- Second runner-up**  
Executive Home Care

### The Best Local Pharmacy

#### Buford Road Pharmacy

- First runner-up**  
Westbury Apothecary
- Second runner-up**  
Midlothian Apothecary

### The Best Massage Therapy/Therapist

#### Mint Spa - RVA - Alyssa Dillaman

- First runner-up**  
Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa
- Second runner-up**  
Escape Massage

### The Best Mental Health Practice

#### Richmond Creative Counseling

- First runner-up**  
Zoe Therapy Services
- Second runner-up**  
Tucker Psychiatric Clinic

### The Best OB/GYN Practice

#### Virginia Physicians for Women

- First runner-up**  
Virginia Women’s Center
- Second runner-up**  
Bon Secours Richmond OB-GYN



### The Best Occupational Therapy Practice

#### VCU Occupational Therapy

- First runner-up**  
Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy
- Second runner-up**  
Hanover Physical Therapy Clinic & Rehabilitation Center

### The Best Optometry Practice

#### Virginia Eye Institute

- First runner-up**  
Grove Eye Care
- Second runner-up**  
Monument Family Eye Care

### The Best Orthodontic Practice

#### Virginia Family Dentistry

- First runner-up**  
Horsey Orthodontics
- Second runner-up**  
James River Orthodontics

### The Best Orthopedic Practice

#### Ortho Virginia: St Francis

- First runner-up**  
Bon Secours Tuckahoe Orthopedics
- Second runner-up**  
OrthoVirginia: Henrico Parham

### The Best Pediatric Practice

#### Pediatric Associates of Richmond

- First runner-up**  
Commonwealth Pediatrics
- Second runner-up**  
RVA Pediatrics

### The Best Physical Therapy Practice

#### Center For Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, P.C.

- First runner-up**  
Sheltering Arms Institute: Physical Rehabilitation Hospital
- Second runner-up**  
OrthoVirginia Physical Therapy: Henrico Parham

### The Best Spa

#### Bourbon & Bubbles Beauty Studio LLC

- First runner-up**  
Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa
- Second runner-up**  
Mint Spa RVA

### The Best Specialty Weight Loss Program

#### Hope30 Weight Loss

- First runner-up**  
WW - Weight Watchers
- Second runner-up**  
Weight Loss RVA

### The Best Urgent Care Facility

#### Patient First

- First runner-up**  
Bon Secours Short Pump Emergency Center
- Second runner-up**  
KidMed Pediatric Urgent Care

### The Best Weight Loss Program

#### Hope30 Weight Loss

- First runner-up**  
WW- weight watchers
- Second runner-up**  
Weight Loss RVA





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Home & Garden



The Best Antiques  
The Lazy Daisy  
Gift Store

First runner-up  
West End Antiques Mall

Second runner-up  
The Elephant’s Trunk

The Best Carpet  
Cleaner  
Chem-Dry Of  
Henrico

First runner-up  
SERVPRO of Richmond

Second runner-up  
Chem-Dry of Richmond

The Best Commercial  
Real Estate Company  
Long & Foster  
Real Estate

First runner-up  
Shaheen, Ruth, Martin &  
Fonville Real Estate

Joyner Fine Properties

The Best Flooring  
Company  
The Floor Store

First runner-up  
Costen Floors

Second runner-up  
Floor & Decor

The Best Foundation  
Repair  
JES Foundation  
Repair

First runner-up  
Stable Foundations

Second runner-up  
Virginia Basement

The Best Furniture  
Store  
Green Front  
Furniture

First runner-up  
Virginia Wayside Furniture

Second runner-up  
Lazy Daisy Gift Store

The Best Garden  
Center/Nursery  
Strange’s Florist,  
Greenhouse and  
Garden Center

First runner-up  
Cross Creek Nursery &  
Landscaping

Second runner-up  
The Great Big Greenhouse  
and Nursery

The Best Home  
Cleaning Company  
Five Star Maids

First runner-up  
2 Maids and a Handyman

Second runner-up  
Cavalier Clean Team

The Best Homebuilder  
Main Street Homes

First runner-up  
Boone Homes

Second runner-up  
Tailored Homes

The Best HVAC  
Company  
Heating and Air  
Near Me LLC

First runner-up  
Woodfin

Second runner-up  
James River Air Conditioning  
Company

The Best Lawn Service/  
Landscaping  
Virginia Green

First runner-up  
Greener Designs Landscaping

Second runner-up  
Raindrop Irrigation Inc.

The Best Mattress Store  
The Original  
Mattress Factory

First runner-up  
Sleep Number

Second runner-up  
Costco Wholesale

The Best New Homes  
Community  
Tuckahoe Bridge-  
Main Street Homes

First runner-up  
Magnolia Green

Second runner-up  
GreenGate

The Best Painting  
Company  
Painter Near  
Me LLC

First runner-up  
H. J. Holtz & Son, Inc.

Second runner-up  
Kern Paining Services, Inc.



The Best Plumbing  
Company  
Plumber Near  
Me LLC

First runner-up  
James River Air Conditioning  
Company

Second runner-up  
Heinco Plumbing

The Best Real Estate  
Agent  
Erin Hungerford -  
Erin & Co. -  
Long & Foster

First runner-up  
Heather Valentine with  
Valentine Properties

Second runner-up  
Elliott Gravitt - Providence  
Hill Real Estate

The Best Real Estate  
Firm  
Long & Foster

First runner-up  
Providence Hill Real Estate

Second runner-up  
Valentine Properties

The Best Real Estate  
Team (two or more  
people)  
Erin & Company,  
Long and Foster

First runner-up  
PH Partners

Second runner-up  
The Yeatman Group

The Best Remodeling  
Company  
Mueller Builders  
Roofing

First runner-up  
Tailored Homes Virginia

Second runner-up  
A1 Garage Door Company

The Best Roofing  
Company  
Davidson Roofing  
Company

First runner-up  
Mueller Builders Roofing

Second runner-up  
Cross Timbers Roofing

The Best Senior  
Living Facility  
Avery Point  
Senior Living

First runner-up  
Westminster Canterbury  
Richmond

Second runner-up  
Brandermill Woods  
Retirement

The Best Window  
Company  
Mueller Builders  
Roofing

First runner-up  
Richmond Window Corp. -  
Renewal by Andersen  
of Central VA

Second runner-up  
Pella Windows & Doors  
of Richmond





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Services



The Best Attorney  
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First runner-up  
Van Smith-Smith Strong

Second runner-up  
Christina Pendleton,  
The Pendleton Law Team

The Best Child Care  
Bundle of Joy  
Company

First runner-up  
Starling International Schools

Second runner-up  
Bon Secours Family Center  
at SMH

The Best Customer  
Service  
Wendy Carter -  
Allstate Insurance

First runner-up  
Chick-fil-A

Second runner-up  
Virginia Family Dentistry

The Best Dry Cleaners  
Puritan Cleaners

First runner-up  
Mechanicsville Cleaners

Second runner-up  
Princess Cleaners Inc

The Best Funeral Home  
Bliley’s Funeral  
Homes

First runner-up  
Bennett funeral home

Second runner-up  
JT Morriss & Son  
Funeral Home

The Best Insurance  
Agent  
Wendy Carter -  
Allstate Insurance

First runner-up  
Andrew Heare- Thurston  
and Heare Insurance

Second runner-up  
Chris Lynch, Virginia’s Health  
Insurance Agent

The Best Law Firm  
Marks & Harrison

First runner-up  
Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen

Second runner-up  
CowanGates



The Best Local  
Electrical Company  
SS Electrical  
Solutions LLC

First runner-up  
James River Air Conditioning  
Company

Second runner-up  
Davis & Green

The Best Local Non-  
Profit Organization  
Richmond Animal  
Care and Control

First runner-up  
Worthdays

Second runner-up  
Feed More

The Best Local  
Photographer  
Moseley Road  
Photography

First runner-up  
Katherine Comparetto  
Photography LLC

Second runner-up  
Rachael Anne Photography

The Best Moving  
Company  
D1/RCS Moving  
& Storage

First runner-up  
Heroes Moving and Storage

Second runner-up  
Cavalier Moving

The Best Pest Control  
Company  
Dodson Pest  
Control

First runner-up  
Southern Pest Control

Second runner-up  
Victory Pest Management

The Best Pet Day Care/  
Boarding  
Holiday Barn  
Pet Resorts

First runner-up  
Hanover Your Pet LLC

Second runner-up  
Manchester Groom  
Saloon, LLC

Second runner-up  
Furry Godmother Pet Spa  
& Boarding LLC

The Best Pet Groomer  
Pink Poodle RVA

First runner-up  
Dog Krazy, Inc.

Second runner-up  
Shaggy Paws Spa, LLC.

The Best Place to Work  
Virginia Family  
Dentistry

First runner-up  
Atlantic Union Bank

Second runner-up  
Hilldrup

The Best Towing/  
Roadside Assistance  
Top Level  
Diesel, LLC

First runner-up  
AAA

Second runner-up  
Allstate Roadside Assistance

The Best Travel Agent  
Catherine Hopkins-  
An Academy  
Travel Affiliate

First runner-up  
AAA Midlothian

Second runner-up  
Shawn Cordle AAA Travel

The Best Veterinarian  
Locke A.  
Taylor DVM

First runner-up  
Brandt Veterinary Services

Second runner-up  
Mechanicsville Animal  
Hospital





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THE WINNERS  
Shopping



The Best Appliance Store

Appliances On Lakeside

First runner-up

The Home Depot

Second runner-up

The Appliance Place

The Best Gift Shop

Lazy Daisy Gift Store

First runner-up

The Elephant's Trunk

Second runner-up

Tweed

The Best Kids' Clothing Store

Milby's Just Kids

First runner-up

Kid to Kid - Midlothian

Second runner-up

Kid to Kid Mechanicsville

The Best Local Women's Clothing Store

Licious Boutique

First runner-up

Daffodil Boutique LLC

Second runner-up

Rede

The Best Farmer's Market

Pole Green Produce

First runner-up

Tom Leonard's Farmer's Market

Second runner-up

South of the James Market

The Best Grocery Store  
Publix

First runner-up

Wegmans

Second runner-up

Kroger

The Best Local Men's Clothing Store

Franco's Fine Clothier - Short Pump

First runner-up

Mens warehouse

Second runner-up

Jos A. Bank

The Best Shoe Store  
Saxon Shoes

First runner-up

DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse

Second runner-up

Licious Boutique

The Best Florist

Coleman Brothers Flowers Inc.

First runner-up

Boulevard Flowers at Ruffin Mill

Second runner-up

Vogue Flowers

The Best Jewelry Store  
Lustre By Adolf.

First runner-up

Schwarzschild Jewelers

Second runner-up

Penelope

The Best Local Pet Store

PetSmart

First runner-up

Fin & Feather Pet Center, Inc.

Second runner-up

Dog Krazy, Inc.

The Best Thrift or Consignment Shop

Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia

First runner-up

HOPE Thrift Tuckahoe

Second runner-up

Uptown Cheapskate



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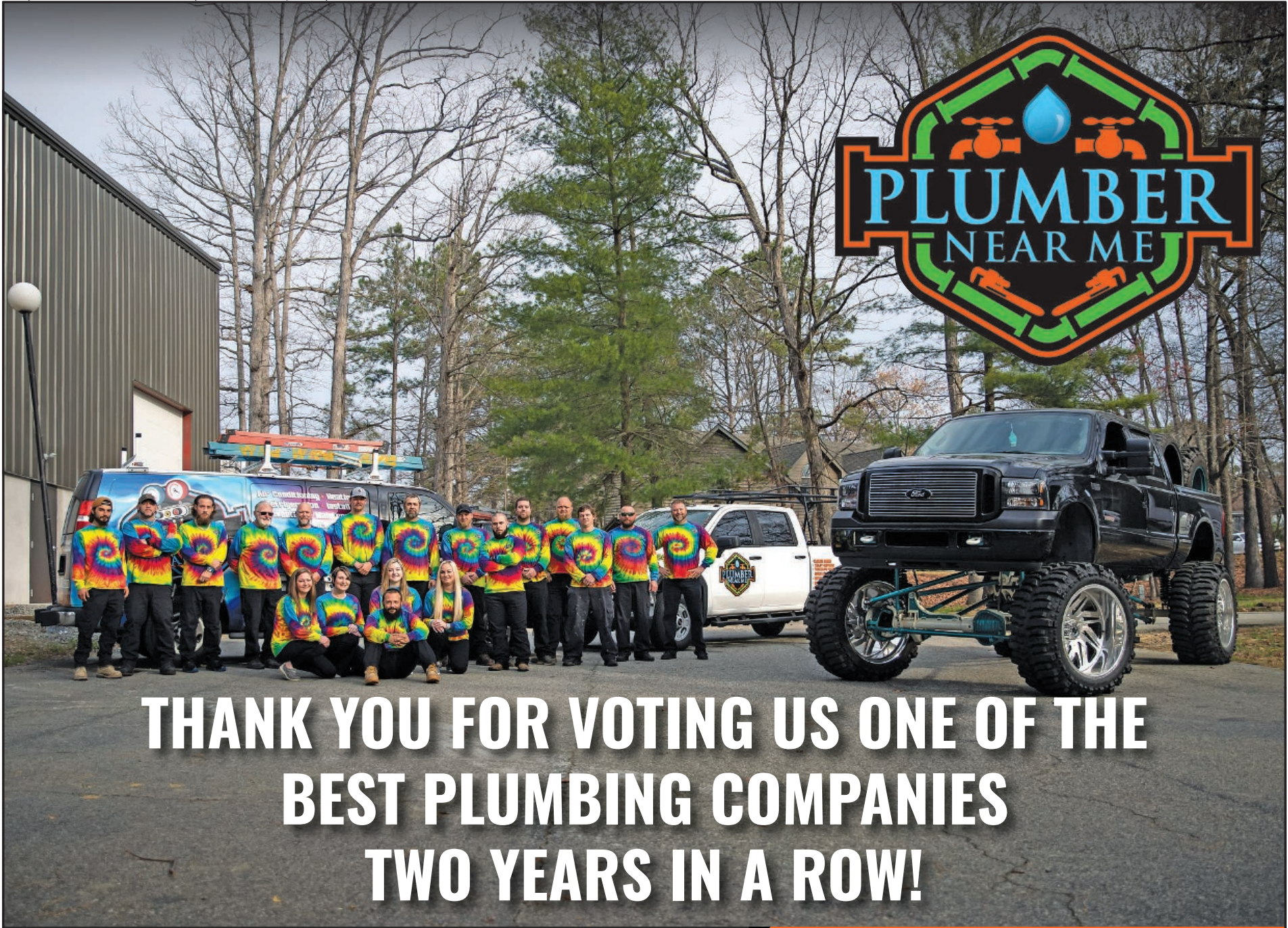


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