

Red Point Taphouse Celebrates Grand Opening in Smithfield

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On June 18, 2021, the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting Celebration for the newly opened **Red Point Taphouse** in Smithfield, Virginia.

The inspiration for **Red Point Taphouse** began when owners Nick Hess and Derek Joyner met as coaches through the local youth baseball programs. Both having worked in the restaurant industry, they came up with an idea to open another place in town that offered great food and drink while highlighting the history and hometown feel of Smithfield. In Summer 2020 they brought on a third owner Tim Ryan, who is a long-time homebrewer, and who would champion the brewery aspect of the restaurant.

With all three owners living in Smithfield, it is no surprise that they chose to locate Red Point Taphouse in the town they know and love. The name "Red Point Taphouse" is actually a nod to the "Red Point Service Station" that used to occupy the building in 1929. The taphouse boasts an eclectic food menu and a 10-tap bar which includes locally sourced beers and ciders. The taphouse is also a licensed brewery that will serve its branded beer on premises along with its other local offerings. The restaurant offers indoor and outdoor seating and plans to host live music on the open-air deck located at the back of the taphouse. Red Point Taphouse is located at 803 S Church Street in Smithfield. To make a reservation for indoor dining, call 757-542-4393.

"It has really been exciting and humbling to see how much interest and support the people of the community have shown us so far. It has been a lot of work to get to this point, but the positive feedback has made the effort worth it. We want to provide a place that delivers local food and drinks of exceptional quality, that is a place where people can relax and enjoy the company of others, and that highlights the history and community feeling of Smithfield." Owner, Tim Ryan

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