



## Scottsville Business Newsletter: May 2018

### Quick Notes to Support Businesses in Town



#### Interim Police Chief now at work

Jeff Vohwinkel has begun work as the Town's interim police chief while the chief recruitment is underway. Chief Vohwinkel brings a career of law enforcement experience to the town, and he's worked patrol in Scottsville for about a year. Look for him around town, and let him know how he can help you!



#### Upcoming Community Events

Spring brings plans for our community's favorite annual events! These traditions bring us together, along with thousands of visitors from farther away. Some of the best days for Scottsville businesses are when we have an influx of tourists. Here are the dates to save:

Batteau Festival. June 20. The boats come to town.

Independence Day. July 4. Parade and fireworks.

River Town Fest. September 8. Health & community.

Wizards Festival. October 27. Magic & mystery.

Second Saturdays continue every month, a chance for your business to highlight the arts to visitors.

The Farmers Market is now open every Saturday.

For all of these events, the Town helps with marketing, logistics, and security. Your business can sponsor one or more events and gain some excellent visibility. To learn about sponsorship or to share ideas about an event, go online to <https://www.scottsville.org/artsculture/>



## Business Open House

Town staff and Town Council want to help make Scottsville a great place to start and grow a business. As a current business owner, your input matters. One simple step is to talk together! So, you're cordially invited:

Business Open House

Saturday, May 26. 5pm – 7pm

Tavern on the James. Second Floor Banquet Room.

Share your ideas with Town staff and officials, and review the Town's plans and policies to learn and make suggestions for improvements.

Come on down! We can grow together!

## Historic District Update

Historic character makes the town a distinctive and appealing place for visitors and businesses.

The downtown historic district protects over 150 buildings.

Historic Tax Credits can offset up to 40% of the cost of renovation!

Before starting construction on a historic building, check with Town staff about required permits and compliance with all state laws and local ordinances.



## Comprehensive Plan draft ready

Required by state law, this 80-page plan tracks community data and shares a vision for preserving small-town character improving the quality of life for all. Town Council hopes to adopt this plan soon. Read the full plan on the Town website and share ideas! Here are some key points:

- Town population is about 600.
- Daily traffic on Rte 20 is about 7,400.
- The town has 147 owner-occupied homes and 101 homes rented.
- Restaurants are the largest employers in town, but only a few town residents also work in town.
- 60% of the town residents who have jobs go north to C-ville and throughout Albemarle County
- Albemarle County is likely to grow from 106,000 to 140,000 residents by 2040. For Scottsville, the plan calls for 1,000 residents by 2040.

**Future Land Use:** This map from the draft Comprehensive Plan shows a focus on redeveloping the vacant factory site (purple). The rest of town generally keeps its existing look and feel.

