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City Welcomes Grand Opening of Papa's Pizza ***"Southside Restaurant Opens With City Assistance"***

Richmond, VA - The city of Richmond welcomes the grand opening of Papa's Pizza to the city's Manchester area. Papa's Pizza will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at their 214 Hull Street location at noon on Friday, March 12. Business owners Riccardo Cucuzza and Drew Papa are opening the new establishment with financial assistance from the city's Department of Economic and Community Development's Commercial Area Revitalization Effort (CARE) and Enterprise Zone programs.

"While it was not an easy decision to open a restaurant in the current economic climate, the city's Enterprise Zone and CARE programs were extremely helpful when deciding to break ground on Papa's Pizza," said Cucuzza. "Upon seeing the Manchester district of Richmond, it reminded me of the Greenwich Village area in New York City with the old historic warehouses, hip urban apartments, and the growing population of young professionals and its artist community."

Papa's pizza offers traditional New York Style Pizza with delivery to surrounding areas, including downtown Richmond. The menu and restaurant layout was influenced by Cucuzza's experience in culinary school and at many restaurants in Italy.

Papa's Pizza hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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