

## City of Danville, Virginia Office of Economic Development

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## **Danville welcomes River District Printing to River District**

Danville city officials joined other area leaders and citizens Monday morning in welcoming River District Printing as the latest addition to the River District's growing list of businesses.

The full service, digital printing and production company is located at 406 Main St., where it is teaming up with Maddyzack Designs, which has operated at the location for nearly 10 years.

Vice Mayor Alonzo Jones wished the two companies success in their venture.

"David Hobson has proven to be a successful entrepreneur in our community -- first as owner of one of the fastest growing copier businesses, DocuSystems Co. Inc. and owner of 3-D solutions, the only local company dealing in 3-D technology and innovations," Jones said at Monday's grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. "With over 25 years in the industry, David has been working toward opening a top of the line digital printing and production company. River District Printing will provide the highest quality in digital printing technology."

Jones noted that Hobson will be joined by Kevin and Angel Keys, owners of Maddyzack Designs; Heather Gillie, formerly of PIP Printing; Debbie Walton and Roxanne Burns.

Hobson said he had been considering the print business venture for three years. A year ago, he took another step when he began discussing a partnership with Kevin and Angel Keys. Gillie also joined the team.

"We have a good team that is coming together," Hobson said. "You surround yourself with good people, and that is what we have done."

River District Printing has been in operation for about a month, with two digital presses with cutters and folders in operation in space at the rear of the store. The storefront will continue to house promotional items offered by Maddyzack Designs.

The River District includes the downtown and historic tobacco warehouse areas. Seven years ago, the City launched the River District Development Project to provide new amenities and to repurpose empty buildings for residential units and for starting or

expanding businesses. Today, private investment is taking place as hoped, and it is outpacing public investment by threefold, with \$33.3 million in public seeding and investment and \$127 million in private investment.

The Danville Office of Economic Development recruits and retains businesses for the Danville area. The office provides information on available sites and buildings, incentives and other financial resources and offers a website designed for the business community, discoverdanville.com.

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