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Nancy Thomas

President/CEO Retail Merchants Association

How long have you lived in the Richmond Region?

29 Years

Where are you originally from?

Bellmore (Long Island), New York

What do you see as one of the Region's best assets?

The Richmond Region is a very easy place to live, work, and raise a family. I have experienced the vision and planning of the region's infrastructure to make sporting events, festivals, museums, historical sites and shopping all very easy to access. Through very committed organizations we have put the region on the map for NASCAR, sporting events, festivals, historical sites and the visual and performing arts.

What are some of your favorite places to take out-of-town guests to?

Shopping and eating of course! We have so many local venues to show off throughout the region. It is easy to entertain out of town guests because any given weekend you have a choice to attend a festival, art exhibit, sporting event, or concert. Strolling through Maymont, rafting on the James River, wandering through downtown to shop, eat, and visit a museum.

What is one of the biggest changes you've seen in the Region over the last few years?

How our community at large has embraced and engaged in supporting events like the Monument Ave 10K, our new baseball team the Flying Squirrels, the Folk Festival, an art district, revitalizing and saving the beautiful architecture of our historic buildings downtown. And all these things are possible through collaboration and cooperation of our city and surrounding counties.

What has been one of the RMCVB Board's greatest accomplishments during your tenure?

The organization of the task force committees within our board has given us focus to work on projects that support our mission of attracting conventions, meetings and visitors to our region but more importantly to give our visitors a great quality experience so they come back!

What makes the Richmond Region so easy to love?

What's not to love when you live in a community that cares so much about its region!



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