

# Not Another Pancake House coming to Richmond Road



Not Another Pancake House owner Marinos Kokolis expects to open the doors at his new restaurant on Wednesday, May 15. (Rodrigo Arriaza / Virginia Gazette)

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**M**arinos Kokolis, the owner of Williamsburg’s newest breakfast and lunch spot, already knows what you’re thinking: **Not Another Pancake House** — but he aims to set the restaurant apart when it opens on May 15.

“The name is poking fun at the area with the wide variety of pancake houses,” Kokolis said. “At the same time, it’s not like the other ones because we’ll have a more extensive menu than most places, from the breakfast side with different omelets, to lots of varieties of burgers and sandwiches. It’s going to be a little bit different than what you’re used to.”

Not Another Pancake House Diner is expected to open Wednesday, pending some final health inspections and hiring staff, he said. The restaurant will open at the former Friendly's restaurant on Richmond Road, which Kokolis and his family purchased last February.

The family also owned Five Brothers Pancake and Steakhouse before it closed last year and originally planned to move the restaurant into the former Friendly's, but instead opted to give their new Williamsburg restaurant its own identity.

"We have other buildings and locations, but we've leased out those properties and we've always had an eye on this place, even when it was a Friendly's," Kokolis said. "It's a great location and building as far as the set-up, we loved it, and it was for lease for almost five years. We went to them with an offer to buy and they accepted, so everything worked out."

Since purchasing the restaurant, Kokolis has worked to remodel the space by replacing the furniture and flooring in the dining room, along with the kitchen equipment and more. The newly renovated dining area is about 2,200 square feet with about 120 seats, he said.

"One big thing with us is our local clientele. Sure, we deal with a lot of tourists, but locals keep us running year-round and we have a great local following," Kokolis said. "You come in here and it's not like a place that caters to tourists, they'll come and go and maybe you'll never see them again, but we want you to feel comfortable when you're in here."

Not Another Pancake House will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1803 Richmond Road. For the latest updates, visit the restaurant's Facebook page at [facebook.com/pg/notanotherpancakehouse](https://facebook.com/pg/notanotherpancakehouse).

**Tractor Supply Company** stores across the country, including the company's local Williamsburg store, raised \$917,954 last month for local 4-H clubs.

The money was raised through Tractor Supply's Paper Clover campaign, according to a company news release. Over the course of 12 days, the company raised money through in-store and online purchases of paper clovers, the emblem of the nationwide youth organization 4-H.

"For every paper clover, you can donate a dollar or more, and then all of that money gets put into a big pot with all of the other Tractor Supplys and it stays locally for our 4-H kids and gets divied up to all the local 4-H programs in the area," said Cricket Gutierrez, assistant manager at the local Tractor Supply.

Donations go toward scholarships for club members, which gives them the opportunity to attend camps and other programs to learn about animal care, woodworking and more.

"Programs like Paper Clover are key to supporting the development of our youths' skills and passions, and we are beyond grateful to Tractor Supply, which continues to help us provide hands-on learning experiences for our kids," Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO of the National 4-H Council, said in the release.

"By presenting 4-H youth with learn-by-doing programming, we give them the tools they need to become tomorrow's leaders."

The Paper Clover program has raised \$13.2 million for 4-H youths since its inception, according to the release. Another fundraiser will be held in the fall from Oct. 9-20. For more information, visit [TractorSupply.com/4H](https://TractorSupply.com/4H).

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