



RINER CANNERY VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON COUNTY WEBSITE

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Montgomery County, Virginia – Montgomery County Public Information has produced a video on the Riner Cannery, 4163 Riner Road. It may be viewed at the County's media center (under quick links) at www.montgomerycountyva.gov.

This video takes a retrospective look at the cannery, its history and how it got started, current operations and future plans. There are interviews with the original operator, who tells the story of the very beginnings of the cannery, and the current operator, who discusses the day to day operations. Cannery clients discuss their memories of using the cannery, the types of food they can, its benefits and their hopes for the future of the cannery.

First opened in 1947, the cannery has had hundreds of clients through the years. "Until I started this project I had never stepped foot in the cannery," said Chris Valluzzo, the County's TV Media Specialist. "Once I started talking to folks I really got a sense that this place is rich in history and very much tied to our agricultural heritage. It's also very much tied to the future of agriculture in this area as more and more people are starting to grow their own gardens or buying locally grown food. If County residents want to can large quantities of fruits, vegetables and meats, and faster than in their kitchen, the cannery is the place to do that. This video tells that story."

The Montgomery County Cannery is behind the log cabin, on the campus of Auburn High School in Riner.

Individuals canning for home use and non-profit groups canning for fundraisers may use the cannery. It is open by appointment only on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. from mid July to mid November.

Other days and times may be available upon request. Call Mike Ewing, cannery operator, at 382-9566 for appointments.

For more information on the Riner Cannery video, contact Chris Valluzzo at (540) 382-6887 ext. 4031 or valluzzoct@montgomerycountyva.gov.

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