

October 13, 2023

### Reassessment Notice Mailing Date Moves to October 25



Pittsylvania County property owners are advised that the 2024 reassessment notices will be mailed on Wednesday, October 25. The notices will not only include the new real estate values along with the previously assessed values for the past two years, but they will also provide additional information regarding when the tax rate will be set and further details about the informal appeals process.

Learn More Here

Link to Reassessment Webpage

#### U.S. Navy Breaks Ground on New Regional Training Center at IALR Campus



Members of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator attended the groundbreaking for the Navy's Accelerated Training in Defense Manufacturing program at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville.

Learn More Here

# Economic Director Matt Rowe Discusses Economic Development in the First of a Multi-Part Series



Join Pittsylvania County Director of Economic Development Matt Rowe in the first of a multi-part series on the state of business and the workforce in this region. While economic development may be a challenge to describe, its efforts lead to concrete results such as brick and mortar facilities, jobs and future prosperity.

#### **Doggie Bag Thrift Shop Moving**



The Doggie Bag Thrift Store is moving to its new location at 34 North Main Street in Chatham in late October. The Doggie Bag Thrift Store, operated by the SPCA of Pittsylvania County, has been located behind the Pittsylvania Pet Center. There will be a big moving sale at its current location behind the Pet Center through October 21.

The Pet Center Thrift Shop, currently located behind the Pet Center, will remain open and is operated by the Pittsylvania Pet Center, located at 11880 Highway 29 in Chatham.

The animals of Pittsylvania County will continue to benefit from sales at both locations.

Learn More Here

## **Pittsylvania County Offers First Citizens Academy**



Seats are filling up fast for Pittsylvania County's first Citizens Academy - an exciting, unique and fun way to learn how local government works. The Academy provides residents the opportunity to meet and work with key department staff members, to include the chance to participate in a hypothetical, but realistic problem-solving exercise. This program is designed to give participants knowledge about, and appreciation for, how local government operates. The four-session program begins Thursday, Nov. 9.

Learn More Here

#### Parks and Recreation Offers First Youth Fishing Day



#### Saturday, November 11, 8 a.m. to noon Wayside Park, 1678 Main St., Hurt

Youth age 15 and under only, limited to 100 participants. All children must be accompanied by an adult. After noon, those age 16 and older can fish but must have a valid fishing license.

Bring your fishing rod, bait and tackle to fish for rainbow trout in Sycamore Creek and stocked by Cedar Springs Trout Farm in Rural Retreat

The limit is 6 fish per person with a length limit of 7 inches. Once the trout is taken into possession by placing in the creel, it becomes part of the daily creel limit and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ may not be released (culled).

A conservation police officer with the Virginia Conservation Police will be on site during the event.



To register online, go to https://arcg.is/uv0ji or scan the UPC symbol on the left. Register in person at the Community Center, 115 S. Main St. in natham. The Community Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign Up Today!

#### Be Prepared to be Scared!



Be prepared to be scared - genuinely spooked, startled and downright terrified and it all starts on Friday the 13th!

Blairs Fire and Rescue has created a Haunted House that is guaranteed to cause goosebumps for those who dare to enter!

The Blairs Fire and Rescue Haunted House, a tradition for more than 35 years, is more than the department's largest fundraiser, it's a local attraction for folks of

all ages.

And while it's scary, Blairs firefighter and paramedic Ben Dalton said it's all good, clean, family-friendly fun.

Dalton advises those who have come before that the Haunted House is different every year. This fall it features real-live contortionists, a haunted trail, a creepy, slimy tunnel walk and a grand finale that may just leave you gasping for air. Dalton said the crew works for months to put it all together and they are excited to begin this year's Halloween fun.

The Haunted House is open October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Free parking begins at 6 p.m. and the Haunted House opens around 7 p.m. or when it becomes dark – weather permitting.

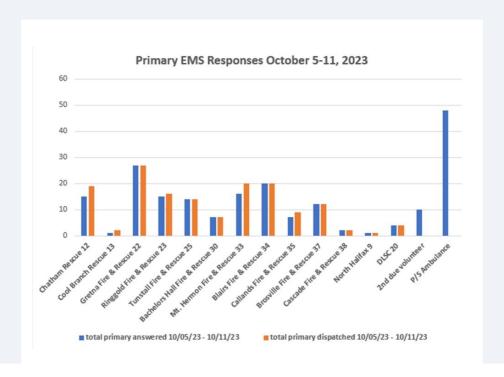
The cost is \$20 per person, and children under five are free. Concessions, to include hamburgers and hot dogs, are also available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the volunteer Blairs Fire and Rescue.

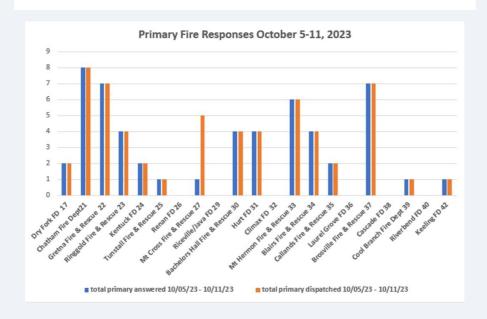
The station is located at 7100 U.S. 29 in Blairs.



Pittsylvania County's first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County's citizens. EMS responders answered 199 primary calls for service between October 5-11. Of those, volunteers responded to 151 of those calls – or 76%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 48 of those calls, or 24%, and outside agencies took two.

The County's fire departments responded to 54 fire calls during that same period.





## Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office hosts Drug Take Back Day



Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

There are two convenient locations offered on Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Food Lion parking lots at 140 Mount Hermon Circle and 100 Vaden Drive in Gretna.

Learn More Here

**Last Chowdown of the Season** 

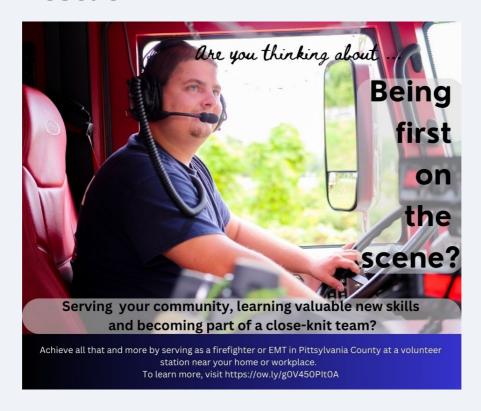


Tables and Chairs will be available

## Halloween Treats Coming to Main St.



## **Volunteers Needed in Fire, Rescue**



**Gretna Library Has New Phone Number** 



#### **Be Prepared for an Earthquake**

**Join US** in the World's Largest Earthquake Drill.

**October 19, 2023** 

Register: **ShakeOut.org** 

Have peace of mind that you know what to do in the next earthquake: Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Join millions who are improving their level of earthquake safety through Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills: ShakeOut.org.

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