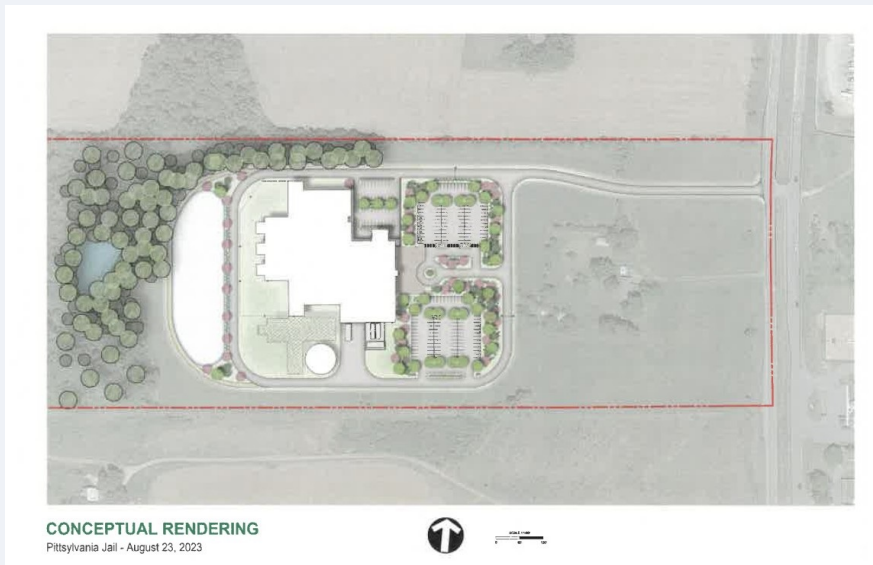




Dec. 8, 2023

## Property Rezoned for New Jail by Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors approved the rezoning of 32.26 acres for a new jail at its November 28 business meeting. The property is located at 11965 U.S. Highway 29 North, south of the Town of Chatham. The Board closed on the property in August at a cost of \$500,000.

[Learn More Here](#)

# Grant for Body Worn Cameras Approved



The Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant for new body worn cameras and the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the funding at its November 28 business meeting. The \$148,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, requires a 50% match from the locality. For this grant, the Board approved a match of \$148,000 for a total of \$296,000.

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## Open House Scheduled for Draft County Ordinance Review

**Join us to review  
the County's Draft  
Zoning  
Ordinance!**



**WHAT?**

Open house to review the County's draft Zoning Ordinance. Listen to a presentation, review the draft, & ask questions.



**WHERE?**

Board Meeting Room  
39 Bank Street  
Chatham, VA 24531



**WHEN?**

Thursday, December 14, 2023  
6:00-7:30 P.M.  
*Open house style: drop-in & stay as you like!*



**QUESTIONS?**

Emily Ragsdale, Director of  
Community Development  
434-432-7974  
Emily.Ragsdale@pittgov.org

<https://www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov/government/projects/zoning-ordinance-updates>

If you are interested in the future of Pittsylvania County, check out this upcoming open house. The County's zoning ordinance was created in 1991 - more than 30 years ago - and hasn't received a major update since. The County's zoning ordinance represents the primary tool for regulating the use of land in Pittsylvania County and we need your input.

[Learn More Here](#)

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## **STEM Students Tour Pittsylvania County Landfill**

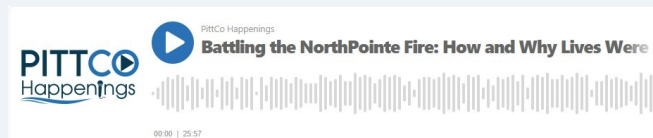


Pittsylvania County STEM Academy students were surprised that the County's landfill isn't as smelly or as messy as they thought it would be. That was just one of many lessons the environmental science students learned after a recent trip to the landfill, hosted by Pittsylvania County Public Works staff.

[Learn More Here](#)

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## **Battling the NorthPointe Fire: How and Why Lives Were Saved**



Blairs Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief of Administration Stephen Barts takes listeners back to the early morning hours of November 12 when a fire at the NorthPointe Apartments threatened the lives of its residents. Barts describes how prior experience, forethought and planning, along with the purchase of a key piece of apparatus, kept numerous lives from being lost, as well as the strategic decisions made by Pittsylvania County dispatch and all the County's first responders that contributed to that outcome.

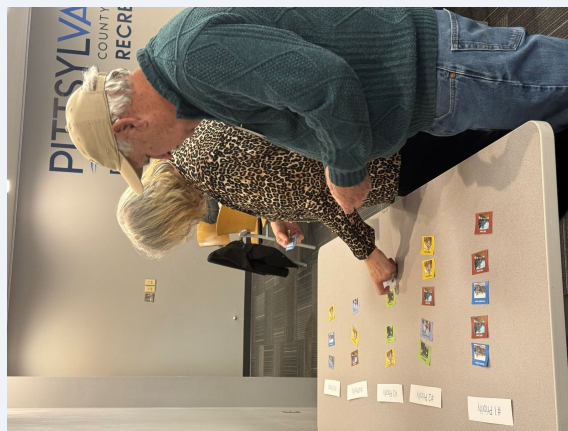
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## **Citizens Academy Session 3**



# Covers GIS, Legal, Finances



Site selection, land acquisition and financing were the main topics covered during the third session of the Pittsylvania County Citizens Academy on Wednesday, December 6 at the Community Center. Participants heard from GIS Systems Analyst Barry Guidry, who walked them through the process of using GIS and its filters for site selection purposes. County Attorney Vaden Hunt explained how local government acquires property and the many facets of those transactions. Procurement Manager Connie Gibson returned from session two to talk about how the County would solicit bids to design and build the hypothetical recreation facility – the mock project being used to showcase how local government works. Finally, Finance Director Kim Vanderhyde went over how large projects are funded in the County and the many ways to do it. The session concluded with an interactive exercise where participants were asked to rank five potential projects currently being discussed in Pittsylvania County. Participants took into consideration the need, the cost and how the projects could be phased in given the County's debt capacity. The final session of the Citizens Academy is Thursday, December 21,

## Sheriff's Office Donates Body Armor Vests to Assist Israel



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors approved the donation of 22 surplus body armor vests from the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office to assist the Israel Defense Forces at its November 28 business meeting. The donation came at the request of Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares, who sent a letter to local law enforcement agencies in October in response to the terrorist attack by Hamas in Israel.

[Learn More Here](#)

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*You're Invited to a  
Ribbon Cutting*



**12.11.23 | 1:30 PM**

*See the newly completed  
shell building in Cyber Park*

**120 SLAYTON AVE | DANVILLE VA 24540**

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Come celebrate the completion of the new shell building in Danville's Cyber Park at 120 Slayton Ave. This building was a joint effort between the Industrial Development Authorities of Pittsylvania County and Danville and is expected to further enhance economic development efforts in this region.

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**Make A Family's Christmas  
Brighter**

## Christmas 2023 – Pittsylvania County DSS

### **Interested in Donating?**

If your family, business, organization or faith-based group is interested in helping to support a family during the holiday, please consider sponsoring one or more to help make their holiday brighter.

**To Sponsor a family, please contact:**

**[regina.barger@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:regina.barger@dss.virginia.gov) or**

**[m.minter@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:m.minter@dss.virginia.gov)**

Please include your name, organization/company name, email, phone number and mailing address.

Indicate the number of children you would like to sponsor (please try to purchase 2-3 gifts per child in addition to winter clothing)



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## Volunteers Needed in Fire, Rescue





*Have you thought about ...*

# Answering the call to serve?

**Helping those in need, making a positive contribution to your community and learning new skills?**

Achieve all that and more by serving as a firefighter or EMT in Pittsylvania County at a volunteer station near your home or workplace.  
To learn more, visit <https://ow.ly/gOV450Pit0A>

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