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Earth Day Cleanup Kicks off Revived Beautification Committee

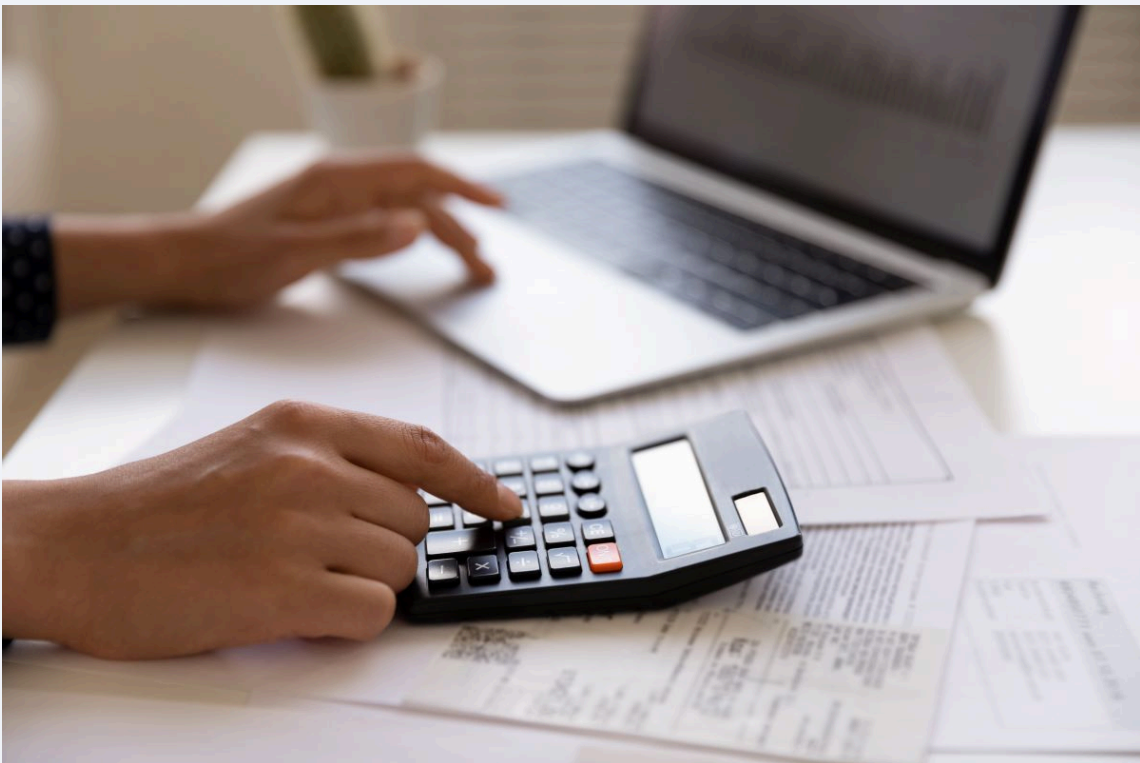


Pittsylvania County joins others worldwide to celebrate Earth Day with a community-wide litter cleanup on Saturday, April 27. This Earth Day observance includes a landfill tipping fee waiver as well as being the kickoff for the newly reinstated Beautification Committee.

Individuals, civic organizations, church groups, youth clubs, businesses and more are encouraged to participate in this effort to pick up litter along the roadways in Pittsylvania County.

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Tax Relief Offered for Elderly, Disabled, Veterans



Pittsylvania County offers real estate tax relief to elderly and disabled property owners and an exemption for service-related disabled veterans or their surviving spouses. Certain qualifying criteria apply.

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Pittsylvania County's

Fiscal 2025 Budget



Pittsylvania County Administrator Stuart Turille and Finance Director Kim VanDerHyde discuss how the Fiscal 2025 budget was formulated, the challenges the County faced, how the reassessment fits into this process and when property owners can voice their thoughts on the budget and the proposed real estate tax rate.

[Learn More Here](#)

More Information Available

Pittsylvania County has also posted information about the Fiscal 2025 budget on its Budget and Finance webpages.

[Learn More Here](#)

New Entrance at ETC Building Offers Increased Safety, Accessibility



To increase safety and accessibility for citizens, Pittsylvania County has added a new additional public entrance at the Elections and Training Center (ETC), located at 18 Depot Street in Chatham.

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Input Needed for Route 41 Study

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DRPT Office of INTERMODAL Planning and Investment VDOT PROJECT PIPELINE

Hey, Pittsylvania County! VDOT wants to hear from you. Provide input about potential improvements along Route 41 (Franklin Tpk.) between north of Hunting Hills Rd. and Orphanage Rd. in Pittsylvania County. Take the survey through April 1, 2024:
<https://publicinput.com/ly-23-09alternatives>

Route 41/Franklin Turnpike

Zip Codes:
24527, 24540, 24541, 24543, 24549, 24586

The Virginia Department of Transportation is conducting a study of potential improvements along Route 41 (Franklin Turnpike) in Pittsylvania County.

This study includes a public meeting Monday, March 25, 5:30 p.m. at the Mt. Hermon Volunteer Fire Department, 4268 Franklin Turnpike.

Interested residents are also invited to fill out a survey about improvements along that corridor.

The study area extends from north of Hunting Hills Road to Orphanage Road and focuses on providing safety enhancements and further bicycle, pedestrian and transit access. Recommendations from this project may be developed into future funding applications for Smart Scale and other funding programs.

Learn More Here

[Take the Survey](#)

Transportation Projects to be Submitted for Smart Scale



Two transportation projects in Pittsylvania County are being submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Round 6 of Virginia's Smart Scale program.

The Berry Hill interchange and the Route 41 (Franklin Turnpike) improvement study are being submitted as part of the Smart Scale pre-application process, according to Pittsylvania County Community Development Director Emily Ragsdale during a presentation to the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors during its March 19 work session.

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Sign Up for the Citizens Academy

It's Back!

**The Pittsylvania County Citizens Academy: Government 101
returns for a second season beginning May 9**

Learn how your local government works by interacting directly with Pittsylvania County staff and elected officials in an informal and interactive format.

Sessions will be held the second Thursday of each month, May through November.

The Academy is open to Pittsylvania County residents, age 18 and older and is limited to 25 people.

Participants are urged to attend all seven sessions. The Citizens Academy is free and the deadline to register is April 30.

Participants will be notified once the registration period is complete.

To learn more, go to <https://ow.ly/xWw450QTEsj>



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New Prospect Baptist Church Recognized for 175th Anniversary



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors presented a “Certificate of Recognition” to New Prospect Baptist Church to honor its 175th anniversary during its March 19 business meeting. In addition to being recognized by the County, Virginia Delegate Eric Zehr, 51st District, and Congressman Bob Good, 5th District, also recognized the church with written statements that were presented to church members present. In addition to the recognitions, flags commemorating the church’s longevity will be flown in Richmond and Washington, D.C. Those flags will then be presented to the church. New Prospect is located in the Staunton River District.

The Certificate states, “The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors expresses its sincere congratulations and admiration to New Prospect Baptist Church on its 175th year anniversary. Formed in 1849, the church was first called Baptist Church of Christ at Mt. Pleasant. The name was then changed to New Prospect Baptist Church in 1874. A devoted member, Mrs. Mary Green, once said that it was a fitting name as there will always be a “new prospect” at the church for as long as the church stands. The church is affiliated with the Staunton River Baptist Association, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and the Southern Baptist Convention. New Prospect Baptist Church is a memorial to the faithfulness of God and to those who stepped out in faith many years ago. We wish you many more years of growth and blessings as you celebrate your 175-year anniversary.”

Board Recognizes Tiffany Aherron



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors presented a Certificate of Excellence at its March 19 business meeting to Trinity Aherron, who resides in the Dan River District. Ms. Aherron displayed outstanding bravery and heroism on January 24 when she rushed to provide the Heimlich Maneuver to a fellow patron at Los Tres Magueyes, ultimately saving her life.

The Certificate states, "The courage you displayed during this event is remarkable and you are the true definition of a Local Hero. Thank you again for your courageous efforts and we wish you the best in your future endeavors."

Chatham Library Gets a Little Help From its Friends



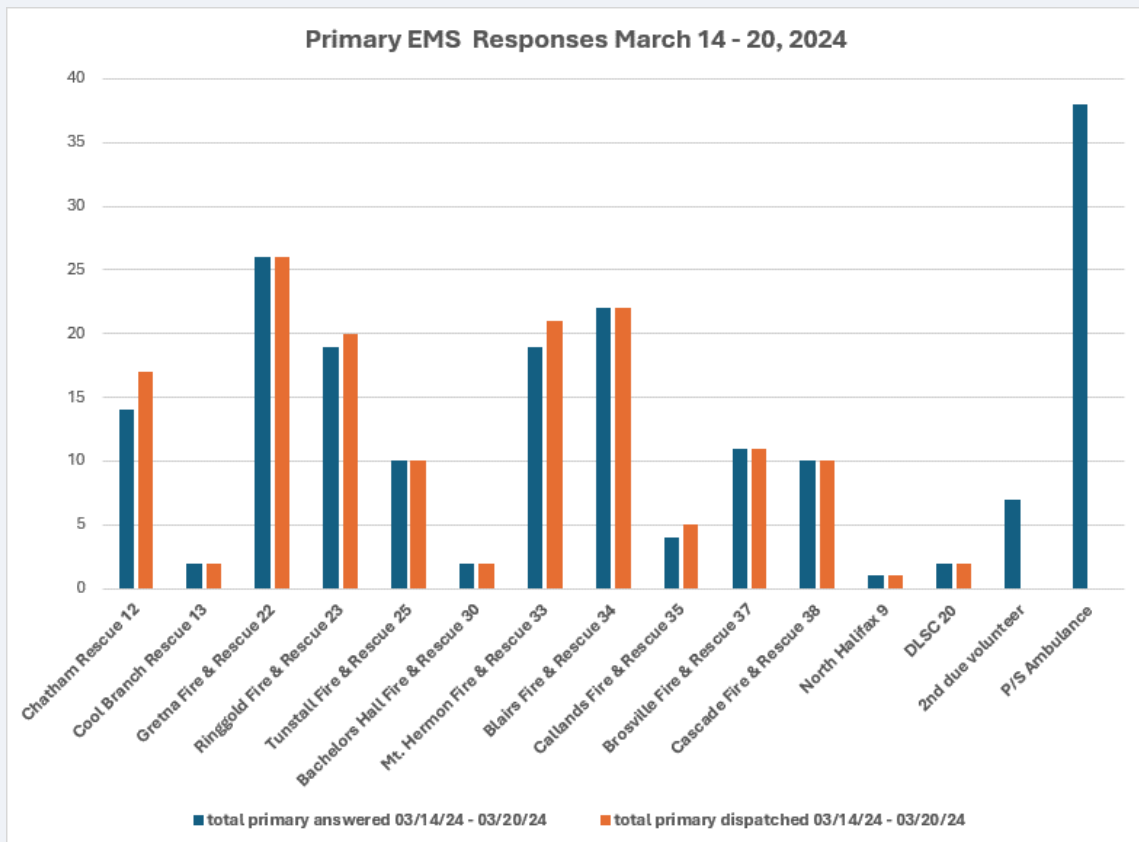


Members of the Chatham High School track team and BETA Club assisted Chatham Library staff on Friday, March 22, to box up books in preparation for new carpet to be installed throughout the library. To aid with the installation, all the books in the library had to be boxed up and moved to a storage area outside, and the shelves will be lifted as the work progresses. It took three days for staff and helpers to box up the books. Once the carpet is in place, the books will be returned. The carpet accompanies other renovations, including two new offices and a larger meeting room. The library is closed while the carpet is being installed with an estimated reopening of April 8.

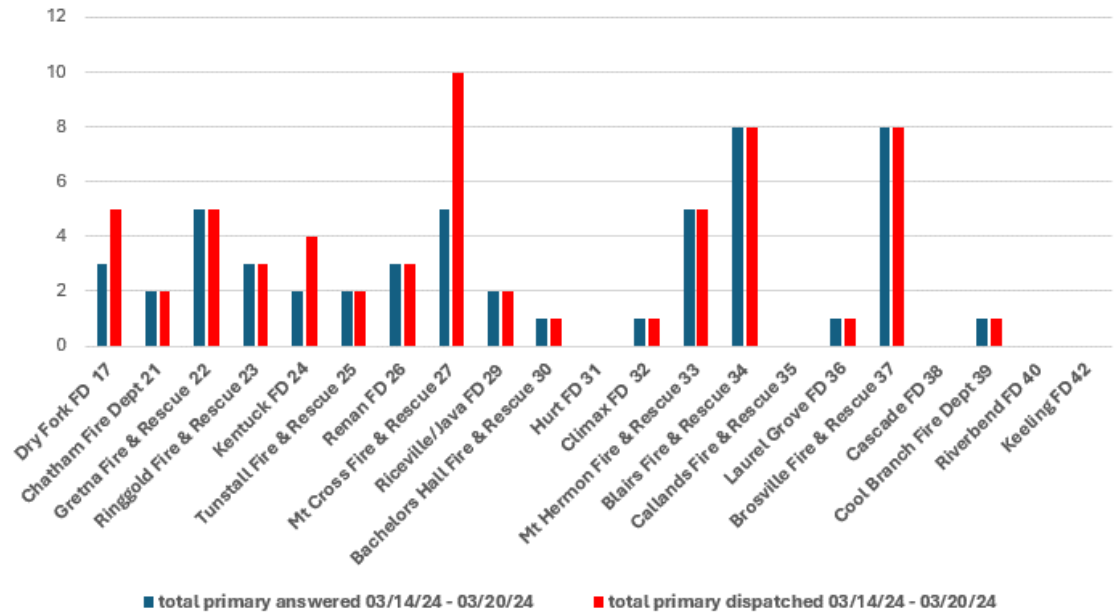


Pittsylvania County’s first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County’s citizens. EMS responders answered 187 primary calls for service between March 14-20. Of those, volunteers responded to 149 of those calls – or 80%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 38 of those calls, or 20%, and outside agencies took two.

The County’s fire departments responded to 52 fire calls during that same period.



Primary Fire Responses March 14-20, 2024



**County offices
will be closed
in observance
of Easter on
April 1, 2024.**



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