



April 5, 2024

Board Approves 56-cent Real Estate Tax Rate, County, Schools Budgets



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors approved a real estate tax rate of 56-cents per \$100 of assessed value, as well as the Fiscal 2025 School and County budgets at a called meeting April 4.

This is the first adjustment of the tax rate in six years, which currently stands at 62-cents. The Board was presented with a proposed tax rate of 59-cents in early

March but following a public hearing on March 28 and budget work session on April 2, decided to lower that rate to 56-cents in response to citizens' concerns.

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Investigation by Pittsylvania County Public Safety Averts Possible Water Contamination





Potential contamination of two town water systems were averted by the observation of a reddish sheen on a pond and an ensuing investigation by Pittsylvania County Public Safety as to its source.

Hurt Mayor Gary Hodnett was notified about a visible sheen on the pond in the late afternoon of Tuesday, March 26. Fed by small creeks, the pond eventually drains into the Staunton River which contains the intake system that supplies water to the towns of Hurt and Altavista.

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Talkin' Trash: Cleaning up Pittsylvania County



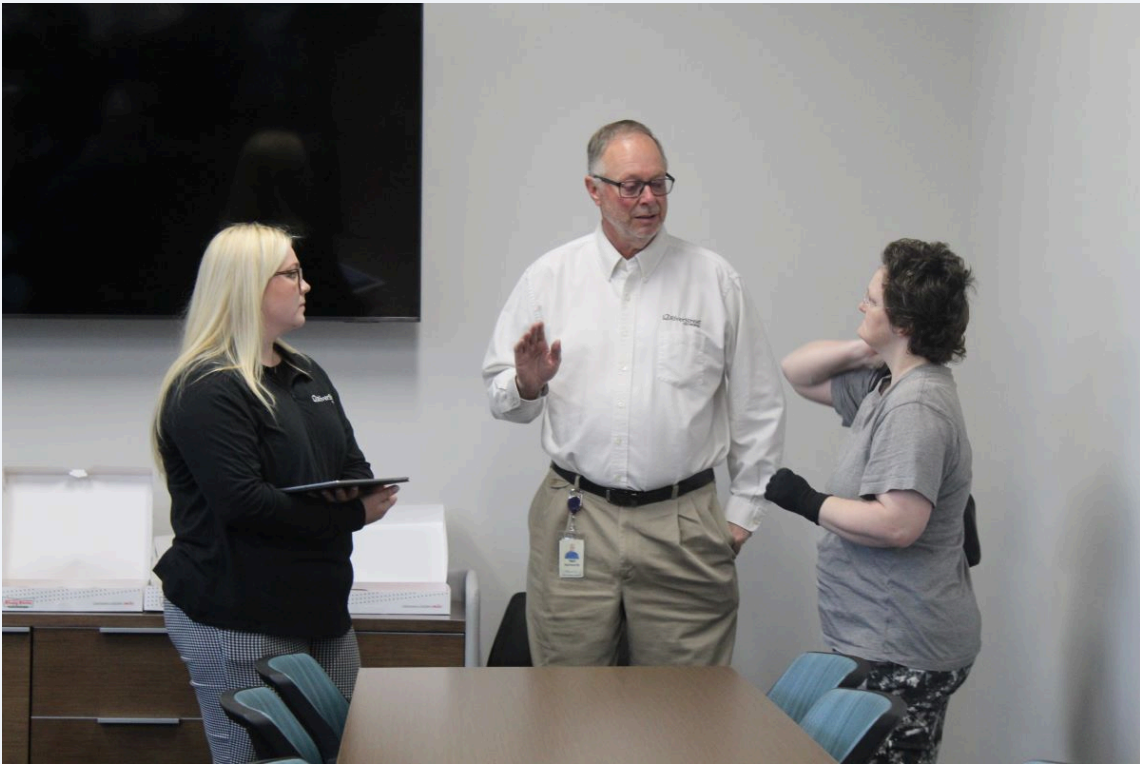
Pittsylvania County is celebrating Earth Day this year with a litter clean up event on April 27, as well as waiving the tipping fee for the landfill for a week to inspire residents

to pitch in to clean up the roads and their properties in the County. The event will also highlight the revival of the County's Beautification Committee, spearheaded by Chatham Blairs Supervisor Ken Bowman. Bowman visits with PittCo Happenings to talk about this important initiative.

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RiverStreet Hosts Community Meet and Greet





About 30 Pittsylvania County residents came to the Gretna Library on April 2 to meet with representatives from RiverStreet Networks to learn more about the high speed internet services it offers. RiverStreet is partnering with Pittsylvania County to bring fiber internet to underserved areas of the County. More community events with RiverStreet are being planned for this spring and summer.

Be a Litter Superhero!



Easton McCluster is a litter superhero and you can be too by participating in the Pittsylvania County Earth Day litter pickup event on Saturday, April 27. Click on the buttons below to watch Easton in action as well as learn more about the pickup event.

[Watch Video Here](#)

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Chatham Library Reopening Delayed



Chatham Library patrons will have to wait a bit longer before being able to access their favorite books and videos as supply chain issues have delayed the completion of the carpet replacement in the library. Part of that effort included boxing up all the books so the shelves could be lifted to install the carpet. The library is now tentatively scheduled to reopen on April 15.

Sign Up for the Citizens Academy



CITIZENS ACADEMY

Government 101

LEARN HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS

The Citizens Academy is a unique way for residents to engage directly with County staff, ask questions and gain knowledge through interactive activities. The Academy will be held the second Thursday, May through November, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Chatham.



Meet County Staff
in informal setting



Tour County
Facilities



Fun Activities



The Citizens Academy is free and limited to 25 Pittsylvania County residents. Deadline to register is April 30. To learn more, scan the QR code or visit www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov. Under "Residents," click on Citizens Academy 2024. For more information contact Public Relations Manager Diana McFarland at 434-432-3575 or diana.mcfarland@pittgov.org



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Solar Eclipse Glasses Available



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

April 8th, 2024
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Peak at 3:15 pm

Glasses while supplies last



Join us at all branches of the Pittsylvania County Public Library (Chatham, Gretna, Brosville, Mt Hermon) to view the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. The library will begin handing out solar eclipse glasses at 2:30 p.m. while supplies last. Limit one per person.



Please join us in remembrance of our fallen heroes and loved ones.

THE PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

will hold its annual

Law Enforcement Memorial Service

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 • 6:00 p.m.

Chatham Baptist Church • 12 Court Place • Chatham, Virginia

GUEST SPEAKER: Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security Terrance C. Cole

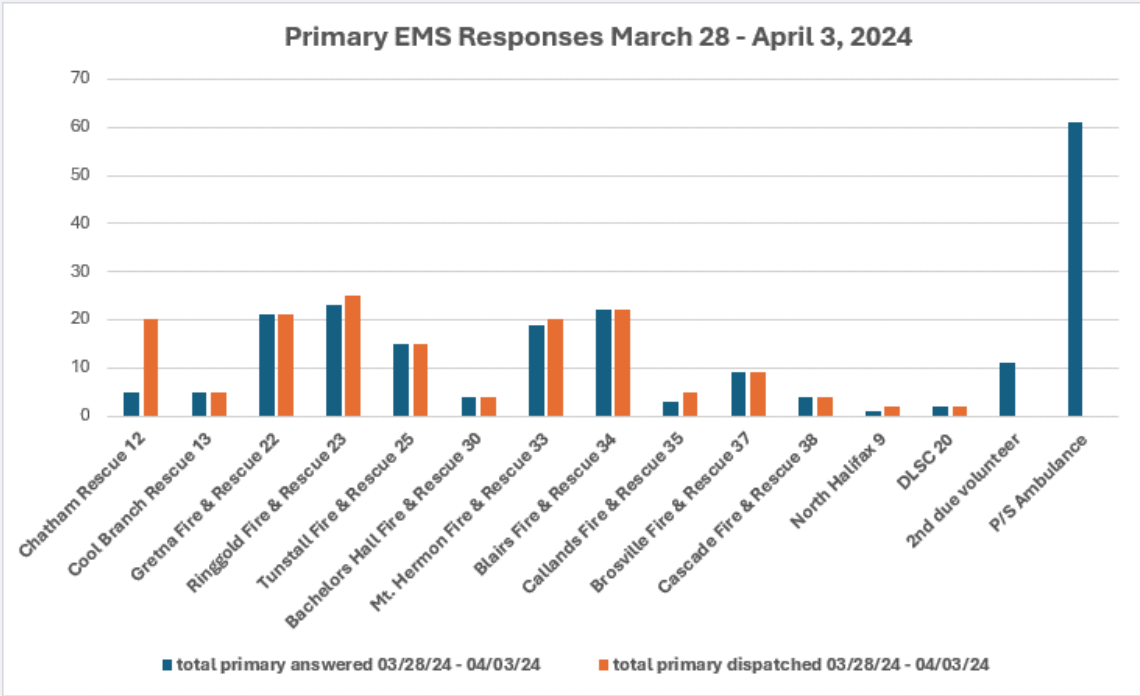
Weather permitting, the service will conclude at the Law Enforcement Memorial located within the Pittsylvania County Courthouse Complex.

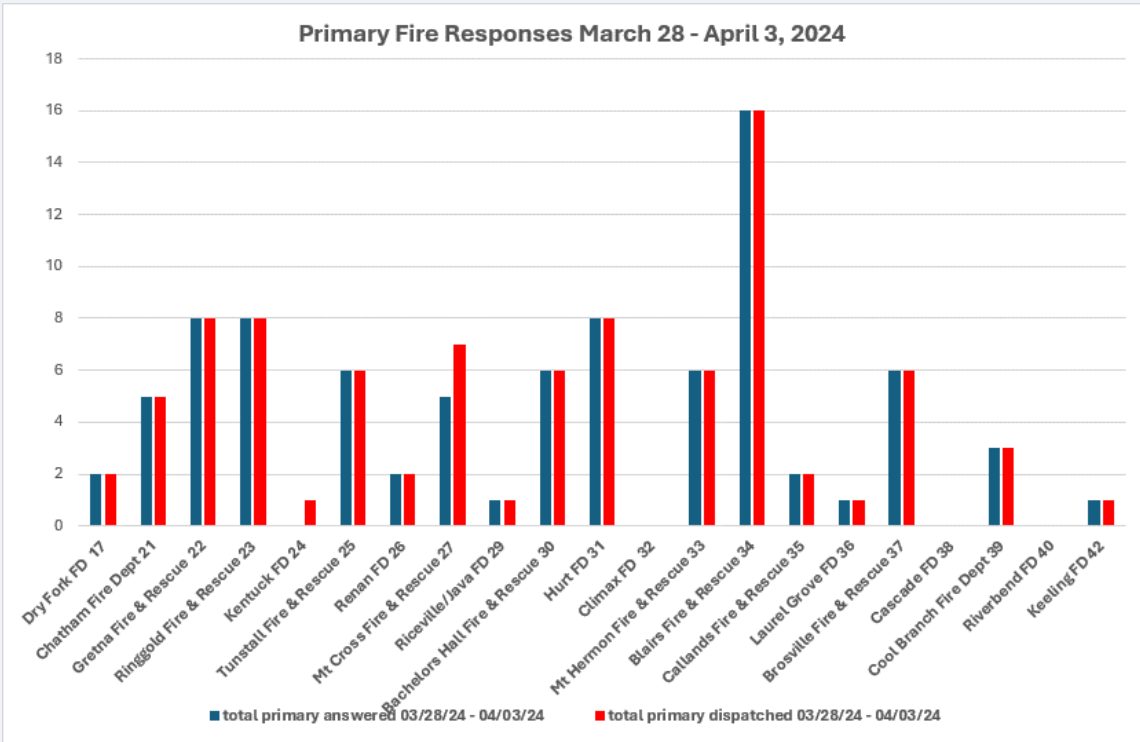




Pittsylvania County’s first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County’s citizens. EMS responders answered 205 primary calls for service between March 28 – April 3. Of those, volunteers responded to 144 of those calls – or 70%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 61 of those calls, or 30%, and outside agencies took five.

The County’s fire departments responded to 86 fire calls during that same period.





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