



April 19, 2024

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## **Turille Resigns as County Administrator**



Pittsylvania County Administrator Stuart Turille, Jr. offered his resignation Tuesday, which was accepted unanimously by the Board of Supervisors at the April 16 business meeting.

The resignation was effective immediately and the Board waived the 30-day resignation notice stipulated in his employment contract.

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# Animal Control Officers Honored for Service, Dedication

*Celebrating National Animal Control Officers Week, April 14-20*



When Pittsylvania County's Animal Control Officers Leslie Fowler, Joey Johnson and Zane Williams describe their jobs, one thing is clear – each has a desire to better the lives of animals in need.

Those animals in need can range from a cow that has wandered outside its fenced pasture to a dog that has strayed far from home. It can also include cases of abuse and neglect.

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# Deputy Clerk Earns Statewide Award



Pittsylvania County Deputy Clerk Kaylyn McCluster was named Clerk of the Year by the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association during its annual conference in Charlottesville.

The award was based on a nomination process of clerks throughout Virginia and is considered a great honor.

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## Pittsylvania County Adjusts Land Use Rates



Pittsylvania County has updated its land use rates following the 2024 real estate reassessment.

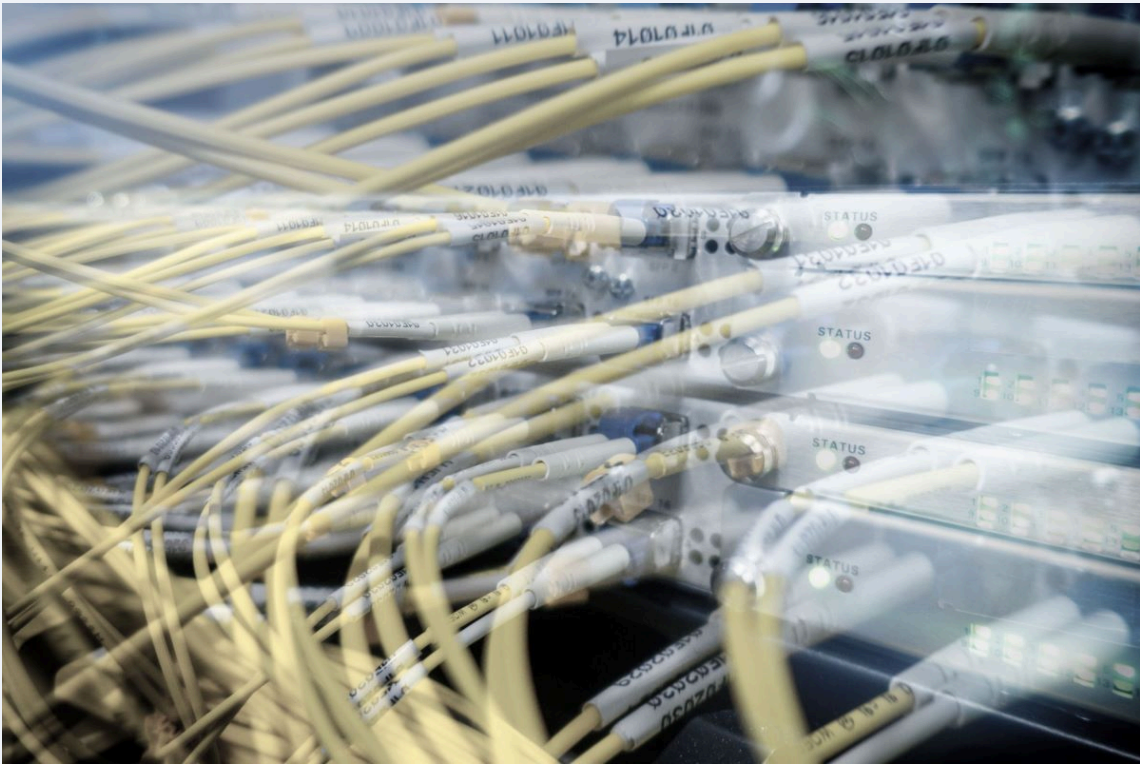
The rates are set by the Commissioner of the Revenue and are within the Code of Virginia guidelines of the “use” value of land in production. Taxpayers qualifying for the land use program pay tax based upon the “use value” instead of fair market value.

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## **RiverStreet Continues to Expand Broadband Access in Pittsylvania County**





RiverStreet Networks continues to add new subscribers to its high-speed fiber internet service in Pittsylvania County.

RiverStreet is currently at a 14% “take rate” in the County, which is significantly higher than the typical 5% rate for this initial phase of the project, according to Robert Taylor, Director of Business Development, at the April 16 Board of Supervisors work session.

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## **Board Celebrates Keen's 105th Birthday**



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors wished Ressie Tarpley Keen a happy 105<sup>th</sup> birthday with a certificate of recognition at its April 16 business meeting.

Ms. Keen was born in Pittsylvania County on February 19, 1919, to the late Edward Tarpley and Roxie Webb Tarpley. She worked on the farm with her husband, George B. Keen and children and she liked to fish. Ms. Keen enjoys cooking, playing dominoes and is a devoted member and mother of Callands Missionary Baptist Church.

Tarpley is also known for her delicious biscuits, layer cakes and turnip greens. Ms. Keen believes that we are not to worry, but to leave things in the hands of the Lord.

“I try to live a life that people can appreciate. I love everybody. I might not like your way, but that doesn’t keep me from liking you, loving you. It doesn’t keep me from treating you the best I know how,” said Tarpley.

The Board wishes its warmest congratulations on this amazing milestone and hopes that Ms. Keen’s special day was filled with everlasting joy and happiness.

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## Board Honors Fitzgerald for Service





The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors honored Sgt. Major Jeffrey A. Fitzgerald on the occasion of his retirement from the Army National Guard at its April 16 business meeting.

Fitzgerald is a County native, graduated from Chatham High School and enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1983. His career included three deployments for Operation Noble Eagle (2003-2004); Operation New Dawn (2010-2011); and Operation Spartan Shield (2021-2022).

His awards and dedications include Meritorious Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Award, Army Commendation Medal, one Oak Leaf Clusters Army Achievement Medal, two Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, two Awards Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, two Oak Leaf Clusters Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon five Awards, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Transportation Drivers Badge, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Honorable Order of Saint Christopher Award, and Honorable Order of Saint Barbara's Award.

Fitzgerald served for 35 years.

During his civilian career, Fitzgerald served as a 1st class operator at Hickson DanChem in Danville for ten years; area manager at Goodyear Tire & Rubber for 23 years; and Defense Military Affairs.

Fitzgerald has been married to his wife Subrena for 38 years and they have two children, DaMarcus and Ambria.

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# Get Involved! Sign up for Citizens Academy



Pittsylvania County has created a way for residents to gain a greater understanding about how local government works through its Citizens Academy. Offered again this year beginning in May, the Citizens Academy gives residents a chance to learn the how and why behind decisions made by the Board of Supervisors, as well as other boards and commissions in an informal and interactive format. During this episode, Banister District resident Kathy Ramsey and Director of Community Development Emily Ragsdale share their own experience with the Citizens Academy and why they feel this program is important.

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## Fill Bags, Win Prizes



## Pittsylvania County Community Litter Cleanup April 27

Collect the most bags ...

To find out how you can participate in the County's Earth Day Cleanup scan the QR code to the right.

Scan me!



...and be eligible to win a vintage-style trash can!  
*Other prizes also available*



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## Chamber Hosts Legislative Forum



The Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce invites the public to hear from the region's legislators on the 2024 session of the Virginia General Assembly on Thursday, May 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program will feature Senator Tammy Mulchi, Delegate Danny Marshall, and Delegate Eric Phillips. Matt Hall, the Community Liaison Officer with the Office of the Attorney General will also

make special remarks. The event will be held at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research located at 150 Slayton Avenue in Danville. The cost to attend is \$40 for members and \$50 for future members and includes a luncheon buffet.

Send your questions for legislators by email to: [Crystal@dpchamber.org](mailto:Crystal@dpchamber.org) by May 1. All questions must be submitted ahead of time and will be answered as time permits.

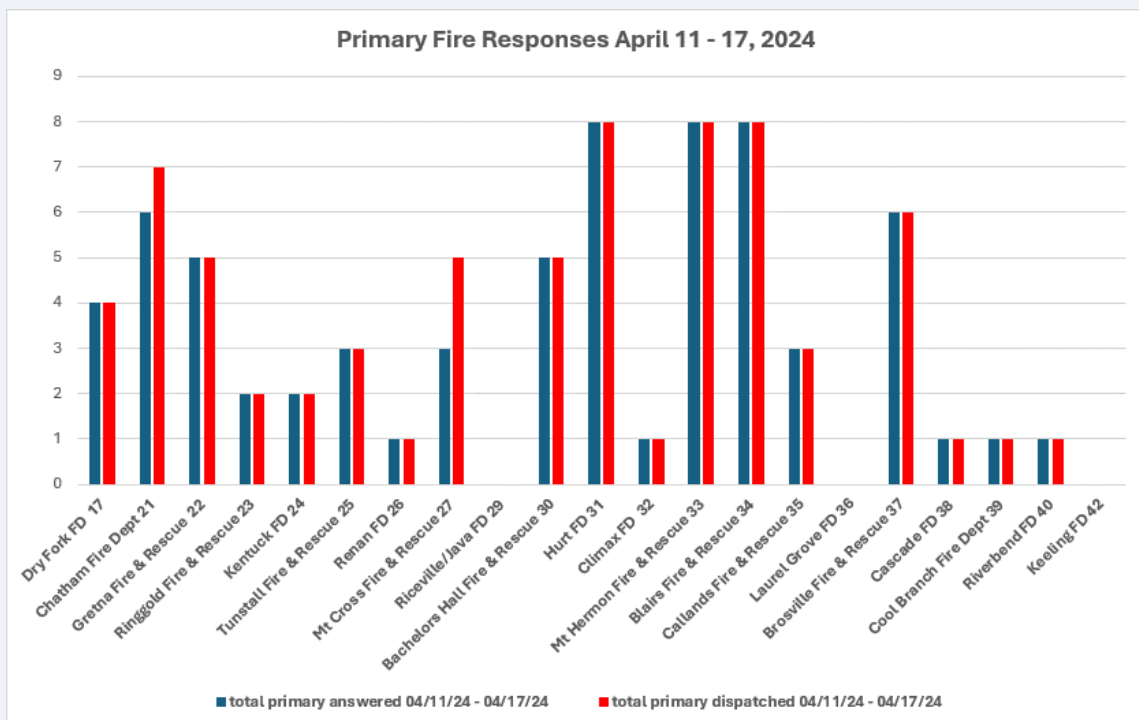
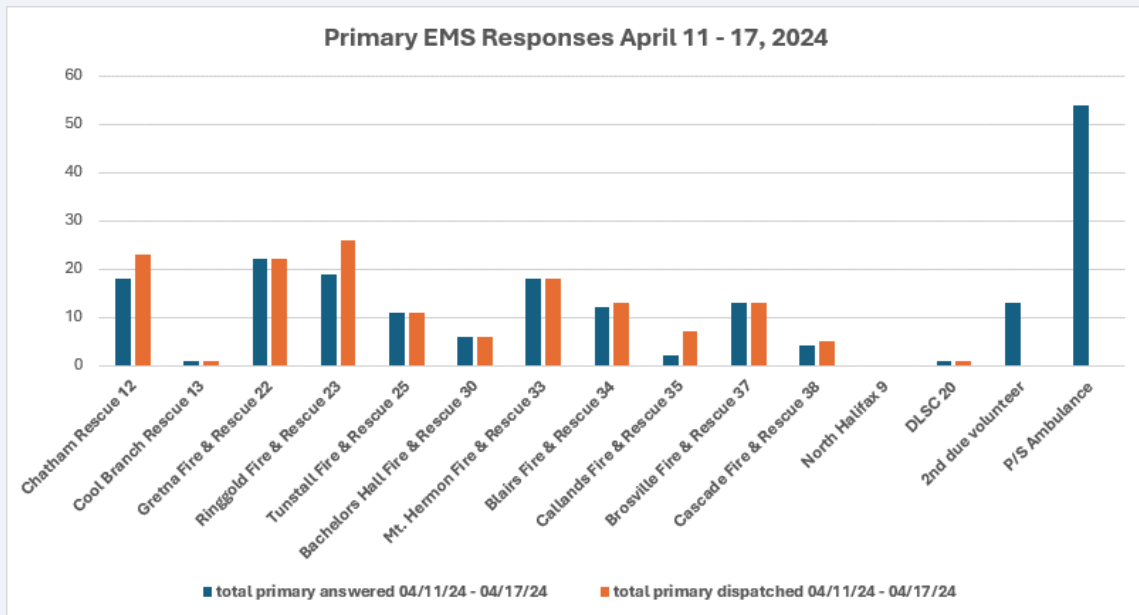
The event is sponsored by American National Bank & Trust Company, now a division of Atlantic Union, Sovah Health, PLDR, and Epic Health Partners.

[Register Here](#)



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 194 primary calls for service between April 11-17. Of those, volunteers responded to 140 of those calls – or 72%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 54 of those calls, or 28%, and outside agencies took one.

The County's fire departments responded to 68 fire calls during that same period.





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