

May 17, 2024

Fallen Peace Officers Honored







Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Deputies who died while on duty were honored last night as part of National Police Week at Chatham Baptist Church. "Law enforcement today are like the knights of old. They charge into danger," said Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Haskins, who also thanked the families for their dedication and sacrifice.

Honored from Pittsylvania County were George C. Williams Sr., James Dallas Bryant, David J. Payne, William M. Coward, J. Holland Thomas Sr., Eugene B. McBride, Frankie Lynn Betterton and Terry L. Barker Sr.

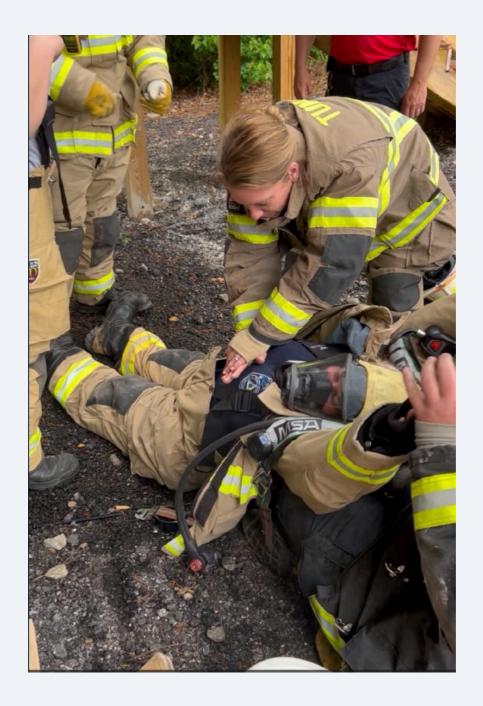
Fallen officers and deputies from the Danville Sheriff's Office, the Danville Police Department and the Virginia State Police were also honored, and they were William A. Cook (DSO); J.C. Parks, William H. McCray, John P. Jones, Cooper

L. Morris and Courtney Dickerson (DPD); and Henry Murray Brooks Jr. and Henry Noel Harmon (VSP).

For each officer and deputy named, a rose was placed in a vase at the front of the church. The memorial included a police officer's prayer, TAPS and the lighting of candles.

Haskins noted that as of May 14, 58 officers nationwide have lost their lives while on duty. "No one is honored for what they have received, but for what they have given," said Haskins.

EMS Week Commemorates Work of EMTs, Paramedics







EMS Week starts Sunday, May 19, and to highlight the work that these dedicated professionals perform, PittCo Happenings spoke with Pittsylvania County Deputy Director of Public Safety Scott Hutcherson and Mt. Hermon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Chief Tommy Barber. Learn what it takes to be an EMT and paramedic today and why this work is vital to our community.

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County Offers Building Permit Dashboard



Pittsylvania County has added a new tool to allow greater transparency into how government works. The County now offers a Building Permit Dashboard on its website that provides data about residential and commercial construction.

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Primary Elections Set for June 18



Dual Party Primary Election Tuesday, June 18, 2024



DUAL PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

CHOOSE ONLY ONE:

Member, U.S. Senate – Republican Party

Member, House of Representatives, 5th District - Democratic Party or Republican Party

Voters must indicate which ballot they would like to receive.

§24.2-530. No person shall vote for the candidates of more than one party.

SAMPLE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

AN APPROPRIATE ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE

(OR SIGN AN ID CONFIRMATION)

Please verify your voter registration, polling place, and VALID ID before voting!

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POLLS OPEN ON ELECTION DAY 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY May 28, 2024: Last day to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election.

**Voters may register after this date, through Election Day, and vote using a <u>provisional ballot</u>

Mailed voter registration applications must be sent to the Pittsylvania County Voter Registration and Elections Office postmarked on or before the deadline to: Pittsylvania County Registrar's Office, P.O. Box 460, Chatham, Virginia 24531

EARLY VOTING

Pittsylvania County Registrar's Office 18 Depot Street Chatham, Virginia 24531

May 3, 2024 – June 15, 2024

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, June 8, 2024 and SATURDAY, June 15, 2024: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
PLEASE NOTE THAT COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

SATURDAY, June 15, 2024: Last day to vote an In-Person (early) Absentee Ballot at the Pittsylvania County Registrar's Office

MAIL ABSENTEE VOTING

Request an Absentee ballot application online: shani.shorter@pittgov.org

Absentee ballots ARE counted.

FRIDAY, June 7, 2024: Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the County Voter
Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 18,2024: Election Day ALL Absentee voted ballots must be returned to the Pittsylvania County Registrar's Office by 7:00 p.m. (Virginia/Eastern Standard Time) to be counted OR be postmarked and received by noon on FRIDAY, June 21, 2024.

BALLOT DROP OFF STATIONS

MONDAY - FRIDAY, May 3, 2024 - June 17, 2024; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, June 8, 2024 & June 15, 2024; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Pittsylvania County Registrar's Office
18 Depot Street
Chatham, Virginia 24112

On Election Day Only: Polling places and the Pittsylvania County Registrar's Office

Shani Shorter, Director of Elections & General Registrar 18 DEPOT STREET, CHATHAM, VIRGINIA 24531 TELEPHONE: 434-432-7971 FAX: 434-432-8062

Email: shani.shorter@pittgov.org Website: elections.virginia.gov

There is a dual primary election on June 18 for both the Republican and Democratic parties – so to clarify, there are TWO separate elections running at the same time.

Per Virginia Code §24.2-530, a voter can only vote in ONE election. Virginia does not have "party registration"; therefore, the question must be asked and answered so that the voter will receive the ballot requested, and the pollbook(s) will be appropriately marked.

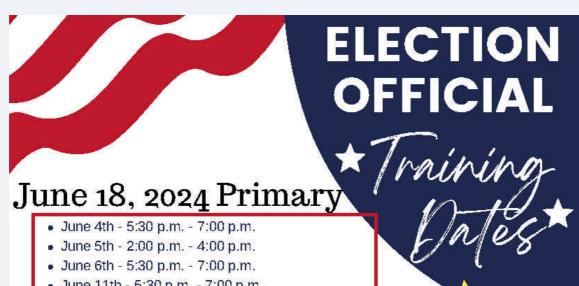
It is lawful for the voter to write down their choice of ballot secretly or point to their selection on a sign for privacy. State laws require separate ballots and separate pollbooks for each party's primary. Furthermore, the choice to vote in a party's primary does not mean that the voter will be "registered" with that party. For the June 18th Dual Primary, you can either vote for the Republican or the Democratic candidate for the 5th Congressional District and/or the Republican

candidate for the U.S. Senate. As Sen. Tim Kaine, the incumbent, is not being challenged by someone in his party (Democrat) there is no Democratic candidate for the Senate race.

Republicans on the June 18 ballot for the U.S. Senate seat are Hung Cao, Jonathan Walker Emord, Eddie Garcia, Scott Parkinson and Chuck Smith. Republican candidates running for the 5th Congressional District seat are incumbent Bob Good and challenger John McGuire.

Democratic candidates for the 5th Congressional District are Paul Riley, Gary Terry and Gloria Tinsley Witt.

Election Officer Training for June 18 Primary



- June 11th 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- June 12th 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
- June 13th 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

**This training will focus on closing your precinct on election night. We will go over "end of night" procedures, closing down machines and how to navigate paperwork fast and accurately.



CALL 432-7971 OR

EMAIL: SHANI.SHORTER@PITTGOV.ORG

November 5, 2024 General Election



- October 8th 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Chief's Training
- October 10th 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. NEW Officer Training
- October 15th 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- October 16th 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
- October 23rd 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
- October 24th 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- October 26th 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- October 29th 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- October 30th 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

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Pet Center Hosts Fundraiser Golf Tournament



Like to golf? Take your game to another level by competing to raise money for the Pittsylvania County Pet Center. If golfing isn't your game, then consider being a sponsor!

RiverStreet Continues to Host Meet and Greets



RiverStreet Networks hosted its second community meet and greet at the Gretna Library, where Pittsylvania County residents had the opportunity to ask questions and sign up for service - as well as win some cool electronic door prizes. RiverStreet plans to host a third meet and greet on June 6, with time and date to be determined.

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Citizens Academy Begins 2024 Season





Pittsylvania County hosted its first session of the 2024 Citizens Academy: Government 101 on May 9. Participants heard presentations from Community Development, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation and the Library, along with time for questions and discussion. They also had a chance to participate in some fun, hands-on activities, such as "Spot the Violation" game - where participants had to distinguish between violations and non-violations. The Citizens Academy is a way for residents to learn more about how their local government works and meet the people who implement the decisions of the

Board of Supervisors and the General Assembly. The next session is June 13, and the entire program runs through November 14.

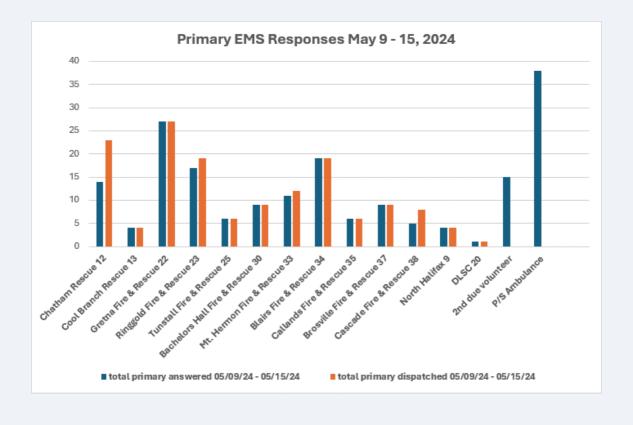
Free Document Shredding Event

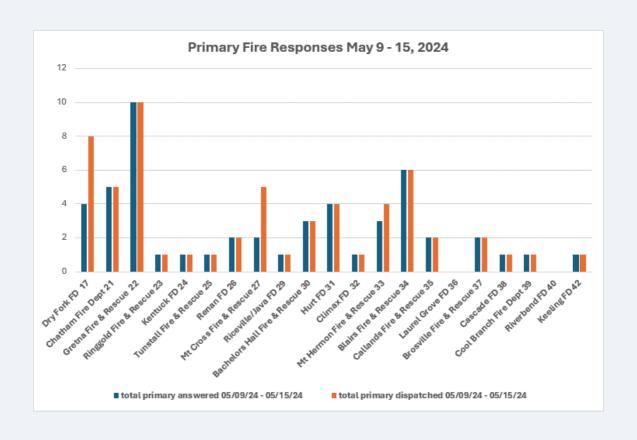




Pittsylvania County's first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County's citizens. EMS responders answered 177 primary calls for service between May 9-15. Of those, volunteers responded to 147 of those calls – or 79%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 38 of those calls, or 21%, and outside agencies took eight.

The County's fire departments responded to 51 fire calls during that same period.









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