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## BerryDunn Presents Public Input Findings for Master Plan Update



A sports complex, senior programs and staffing, as well as maintaining and improving existing parks, were a few of the recurring themes that surfaced during the community engagement phase of Pittsylvania County's update of the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The findings, compiled since the project began in November 2023, were presented to the Board of Supervisors during its July 16, 2024, work session by Berry Dunn, the consultant partnering with the County to update the 2010 Master Plan.

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## **Speyside Bourbon Cooperage to Bring 40 New Jobs to PittCo**



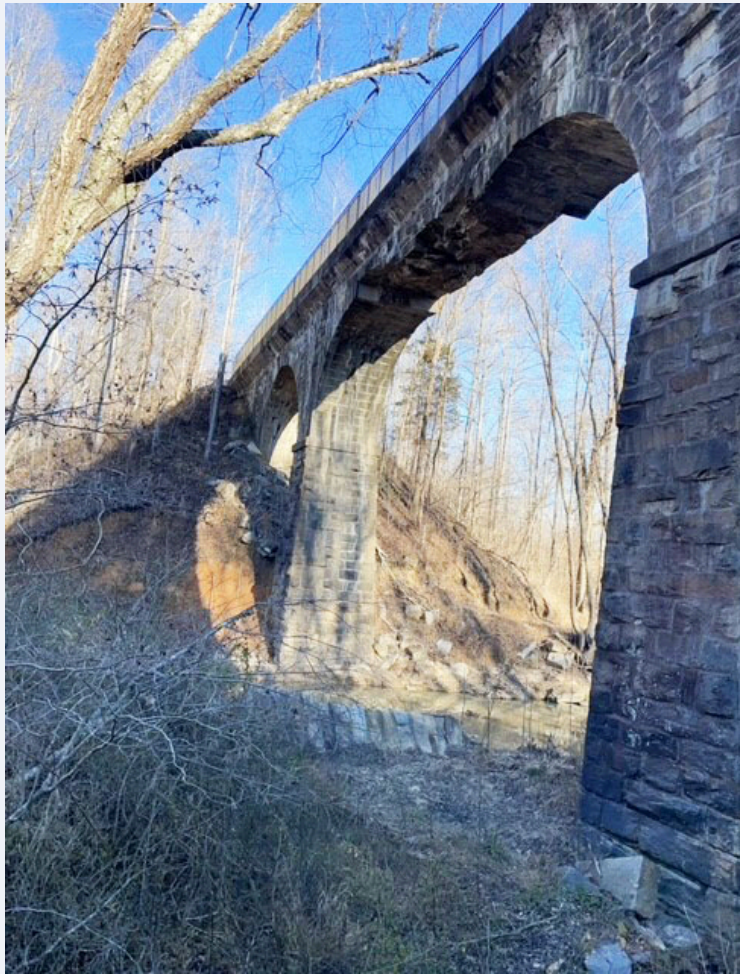
RICHMOND - Governor Glenn Youngkin announced that Speyside Bourbon Cooperage, Inc. will invest \$16.85 million to build a new stave mill in Pittsylvania County's Brosville Industrial Park, the company's fourth facility in Virginia. The new stave mill will create 40 new jobs and source 40 percent of its timber needs from Virginia forest landowners. The operation will supply the company's bourbon barrel cooperage in Smyth County

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## **Bid Request Issued for Ringgold Rail Trail Bridge**





The Virginia Department of Emergency Management has expanded the scope of the Ringgold Rail Trail bridge repair and Pittsylvania County has issued an invitation for bids to repair the structure.

The original grant amount of \$3,028,121 has been increased to \$5,328,210, and includes federal, state and local funding.

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**County Opens Up More  
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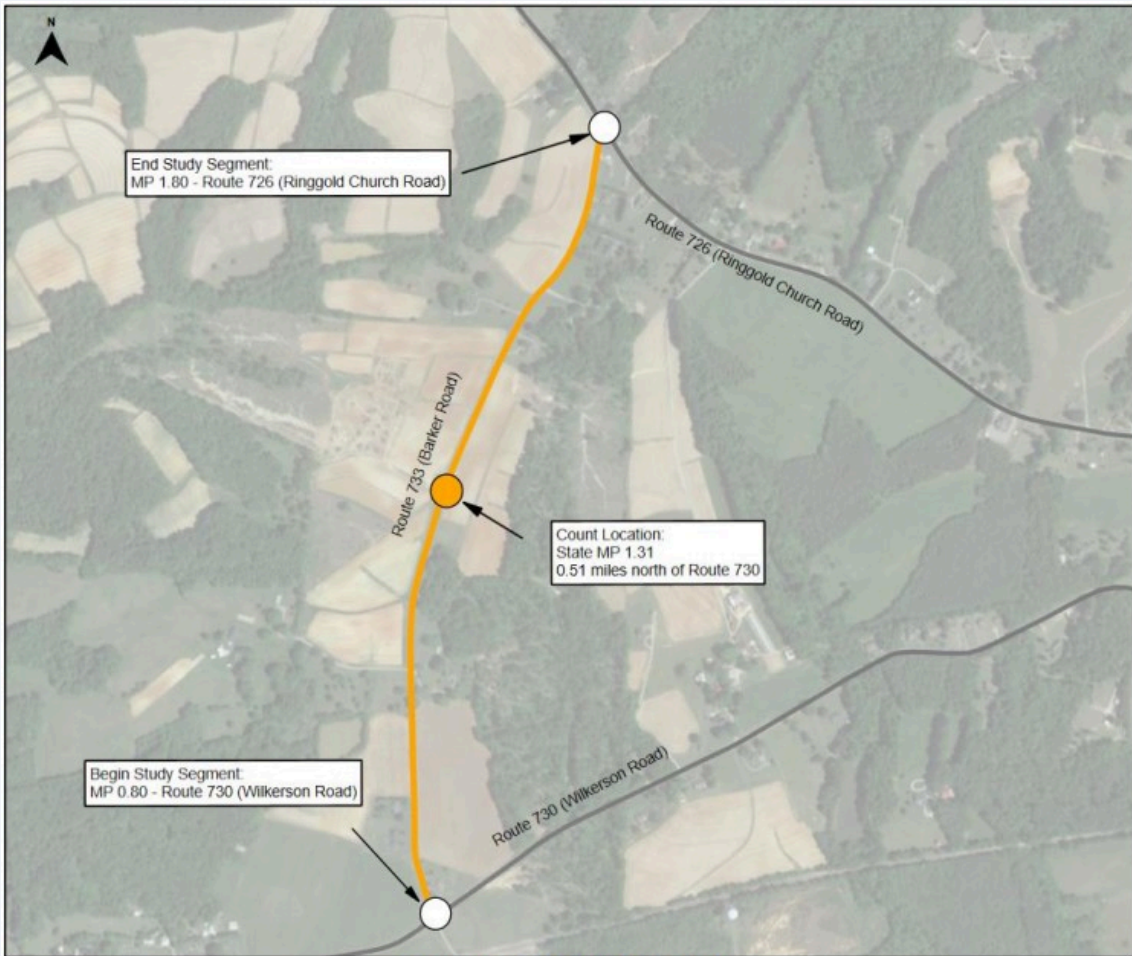
## Board of Equalization Hearing Dates Available

Pittsylvania County is offering a second opportunity for property owners to go before the Board of Equalization concerning complaints about possible inequalities in property values and errors in acreage resulting from the 2024 reassessment.

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## **VDOT Posts 45 mph Speed Limit on Barker Road**



**Figure 1: Study Area Map**

Motorists are advised that the Virginia Department of Transportation has posted 45 mph speed limit signs on Barker Road (Route 733), between Wilkerson Road (Route 730) and Ringgold Church Road (Route 726). Barker Road is about a mile long and was previously unposted.

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## Parks and Recreation: Public Input Reveals Needs, Wants in Facilities, Programs

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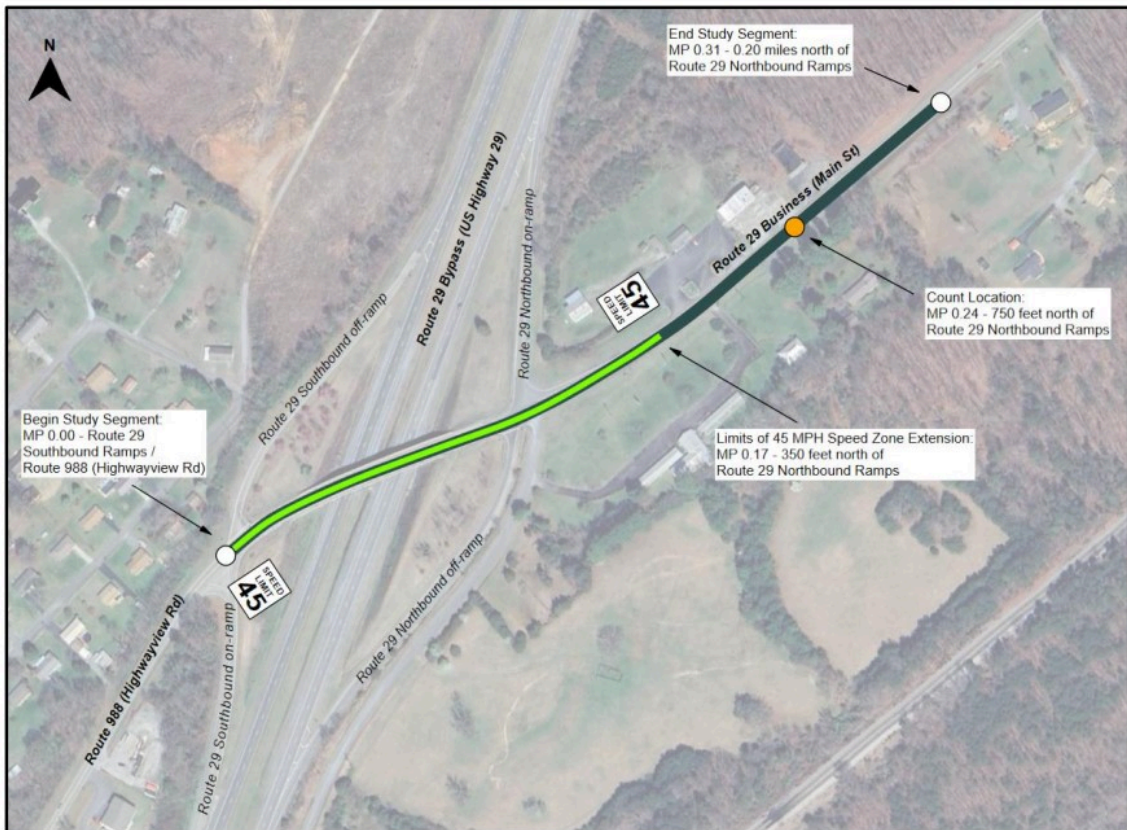
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PittCo Happenings meets with Art Thatcher with BerryDunn, the consultant hired by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors to update the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. After receiving input from the community – from adults to middle school students – BerryDunn will take that data and use it to create an updated master plan with actionable goals and objectives. Art talks about those findings with PittCo listeners and how they fit into overall trends in the recreational field.

[Listen to the Podcast Here](#)

## Southbound ramp 45 mph speed limit extension in Hurt



The 45 mph speed zone at the Route 29 southbound ramp and Highway View Road (Route 988) in Hurt has been extended another .17 miles to 350 feet north

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## Sign Up for High Speed Internet



Sign up for high speed fiber internet in Pittsylvania County!

RIVERSTREET NETWORKS IS  
**COMING TO CHATHAM**

Wednesday, July 31, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Pittsylvania County Community Center  
115 S. Main St., Chatham

Scan the QR code to the right or follow the link below to schedule an appointment with a RiverStreet representative.



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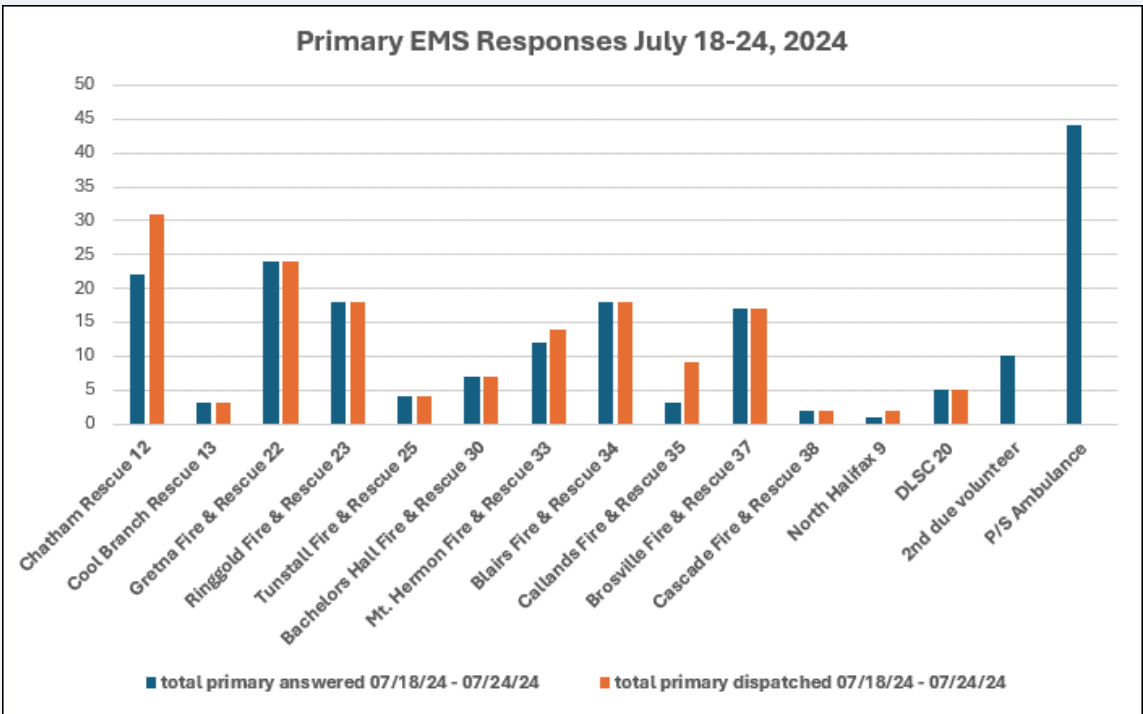
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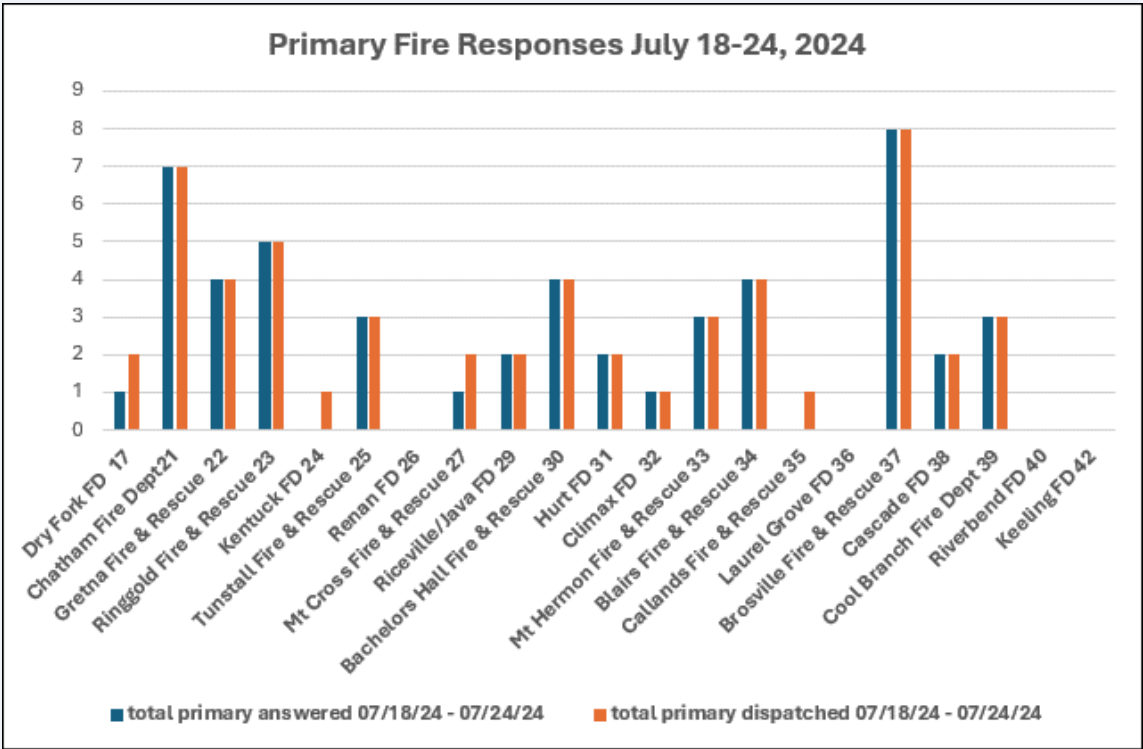


Pittsylvania County’s first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County’s citizens. EMS responders answered 190 primary calls for service between July 18-24. Of those, volunteers responded to 146 of those calls – or 77%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 44 of those calls, or 23%, and outside agencies took three.

The County’s fire departments responded to 50 fire calls during that same period.








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# Back-2-School Festival in Chatham



# Introducing Virginia SUN Bucks



A federal program created to fight food insecurity by providing eligible children with a one-time **\$120 food benefit** on a Virginia SUN Bucks card to purchase groceries.

## Who is automatically eligible for Virginia SUN Bucks and does not need to apply?

Your child is automatically enrolled in Virginia SUN Bucks if they:

- ✓ Receive SNAP or TANF benefits or participate in an income-eligible Medical Assistance (MA) program.
- ✓ Applied for and received free or reduced-price school meals at school during the 2023-2024 school year through the [National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#).

## How do I know if my family needs to apply for Virginia SUN Bucks?

If your child did not apply for and receive free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or your family does not participate in SNAP, TANF or an income-based Medical Assistance program, you must apply.

## When and how will VDSS issue Virginia SUN Bucks benefits?

Benefits will be issued **beginning August 2024 on a rolling basis** to children who automatically qualify and to families who are eligible by application. SNAP recipients benefits will be loaded onto their existing SNAP EBT card. Non-SNAP recipients' will receive a SUN Bucks card that will be mailed to the address on file.

## How do I apply?

Beginning July 1st, you can visit [VirginiaSunBucks.com](https://VirginiaSunBucks.com) to print and mail the application to 5600 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 OR you can call the Virginia SUN Bucks contact center to apply over the phone at a later in July.

Visit [VirginiaSunBucks.com](https://VirginiaSunBucks.com) beginning July 1, 2024 for information and details about Virginia Sun Bucks.







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# Climbing to new heights?

**Exploring a new career path, developing life-long friendships  
and saving lives and property?**

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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