



August 2, 2024

## Visit SoSi Hosts First Tourism Ambassadors Workshop







Visit SoSi, the tourism brand serving Danville and Pittsylvania County, hosted its first I am Tourism Ambassador workshop on Thursday, Aug. 1 at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.

The workshop is designed to help residents, business owners and other stakeholders become champions of Danville and Pittsylvania County and to

pass on that excitement and knowledge to SoSi visitors.

[Learn More Here](#)

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## Interns Enhancing Security for Upcoming Election



Pittsylvania County Registrar Shani Shorter and her poll workers will be on the front lines of the November 5 general election, which not only includes the Presidential race, but Senate and Congressional races as well.

Behind the scenes, and working remotely on laptops, are three University of Virginia computer science graduates – Raheem Weldon, Nathan Bouzar and Brian Jones - and one Longwood University senior and Pittsylvania County resident, Eli Clark.



[Learn More Here](#)

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## Visit SoSi: Sports Tourism Strategic Plan Released



The Huddle Up Group, in collaboration with the Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism, unveiled its research and recommendations for the City's sports tourism strategic plan on July 25. Through the creation of a strategic plan, or "playbook", the regional tourism brand, Visit SoSi, aims to strengthen its position among sports tourism destinations in the region and develop a framework for its marketing efforts.

Visit SoSi includes Pittsylvania County.

[Learn More Here](#)

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## More BOE Hearing Dates Available

**PITTSYLVANIA**  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA



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.

[Learn More Here](#)

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## **Health Care Coverage Available for Qualified Families**



# BACK TO SCHOOL ESSENTIALS



CLOTHES



SUPPLIES



HEALTH COVERAGE

Virginia's Medicaid and FAMIS programs (jointly called Cardinal Care) provide **free**, comprehensive health coverage to keep Virginia's families healthy and students learning. Children in a **family of four** with annual income up to **\$63,960** may qualify!

#### Cardinal Care for kids covers:

- ✓ Annual well checkups for babies, kids, and teens
- ✓ Prescription drugs
- ✓ Shots
- ✓ Doctor visits
- ✓ Dental care
- ✓ Behavioral health care
- ✓ Emergency services
- ✓ Vision care and glasses
- ✓ Tests and X-rays
- ✓ Hospital stays
- ...and much more!

#### CARDINAL CARE ISN'T JUST FOR KIDS!

Many parents and caretakers also qualify for free, comprehensive coverage – including dental.

#### Apply or check your status at

[commonhelp.virginia.gov](http://commonhelp.virginia.gov)

or call toll free **1-833-5CALLVA**

(TTY: 1-888-221-1590) or contact your local Department of Social Services.

For more information about Cardinal Care, go to [coverva.dmas.virginia.gov](http://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov).

**Already enrolled?** Remember, coverage must be renewed every 12 months. Call 1-833-5CALLVA to check your status and get your next renewal date.

Text **SCHOOL** to **268782** to sign up for updates.

Message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies.

Reply **HELP** for help or **STOP** to cancel.

Visit <http://bit.ly/vawireless> for more info.

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## Earn to Learn with DCC Apprenticeships



Danville Community College offers businesses and employees an opportunity to grow with its registered apprenticeship program. PittCo Happenings meets with coordinator Barry Richmond to talk about how this flexible program benefits both employees and employers. The apprenticeship program also aims to address the need for more skilled workers as Danville and Pittsylvania County continue to attract new business and industry to the region.

[Listen to the Podcast Here](#)

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## Server Being Upgraded



## Important notice

Keystone and Keyweb, the server used by Pittsylvania County to process **building permits**, will be down for upgrades Aug. 16-19.

For that reason, no building permits will be issued after 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 16.

Processing of building permits will resume on Tuesday, Aug. 20.



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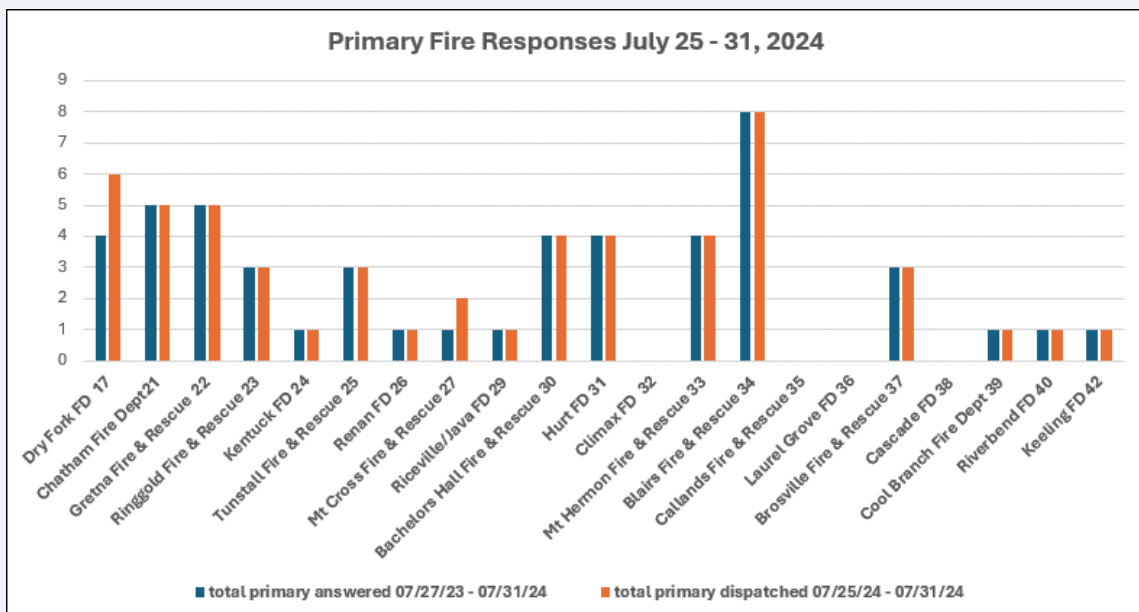
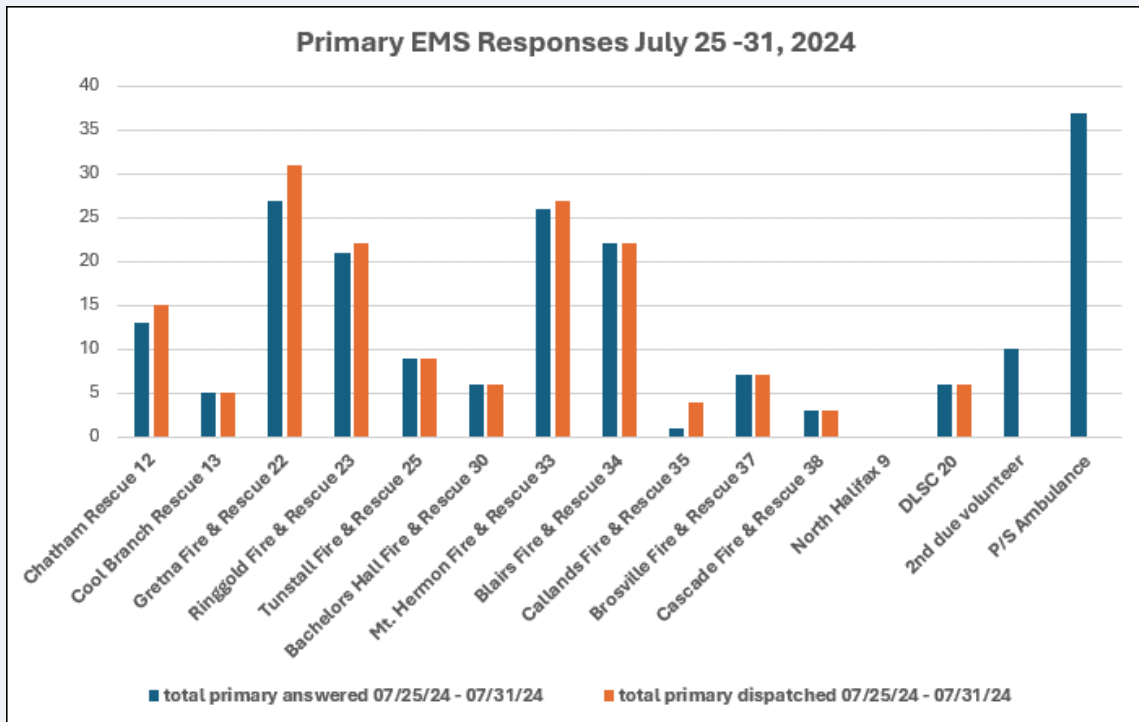
*Pittsylvania County First Responders*

**ANSWERING THE CALL**



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 193 primary calls for service between July 25-31. Of those, volunteers responded to 156 of those calls – or 81%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 37 of those calls, or 19%, and outside agencies took two.

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



# Food Assistance for Families

## 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](#) 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](#) beginning July 1, 2024 for information and details about Virginia Sun Bucks.





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**Serving your community, learning valuable new skills and becoming part of a close-knit team?**

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To learn more, visit <https://ow.ly/gOV450Pit0A>

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