

# PittCo Weekly

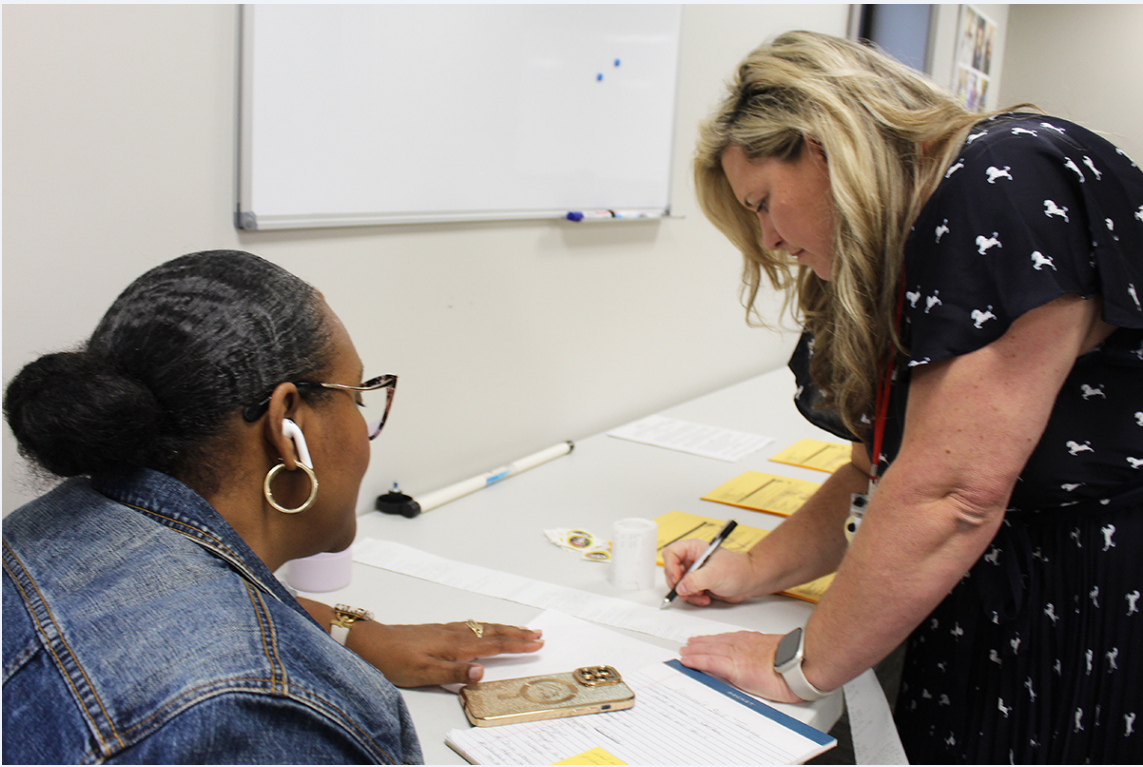


Sept. 13, 2024

## Vanilla wins Mock Election at Citizens Academy











Vanilla beat out chocolate and strawberry as the favorite ice cream flavor among those who attended the fourth session of the Pittsylvania County Citizens Academy on Thursday.

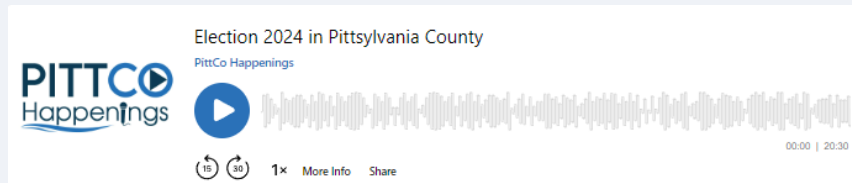
The evening included a mock election where participants were able to cast votes for their favorite vacation spot, favorite leisure activity and dog breed and other important issues, such as free lunches on Fridays. Pittsylvania County Registrar and Director of Elections Shani Shorter walked the group through the process, and with Deputy Director Tammy Reynolds, reviewed the results tabulated by the voting machine while participants learned about the Child Services Act and how that department works in the County. Shorter also provided an overview of her office and how elections work.

Following a break, the group then met with Social Services Director Regina Barger and Ashlie Shealy, Family Services Supervisor of Adult Protective Services. Barger and Shealy spoke with the group about the many programs and benefits the agency administers. Shealy went over how mandatory reporting works and provided some scenarios that gave the participants a chance to apply that knowledge to real life situations.

The Citizens Academy provides residents an inside look into the daily operations of the various departments within the County government organization.

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# Election 2024 in Pittsylvania County



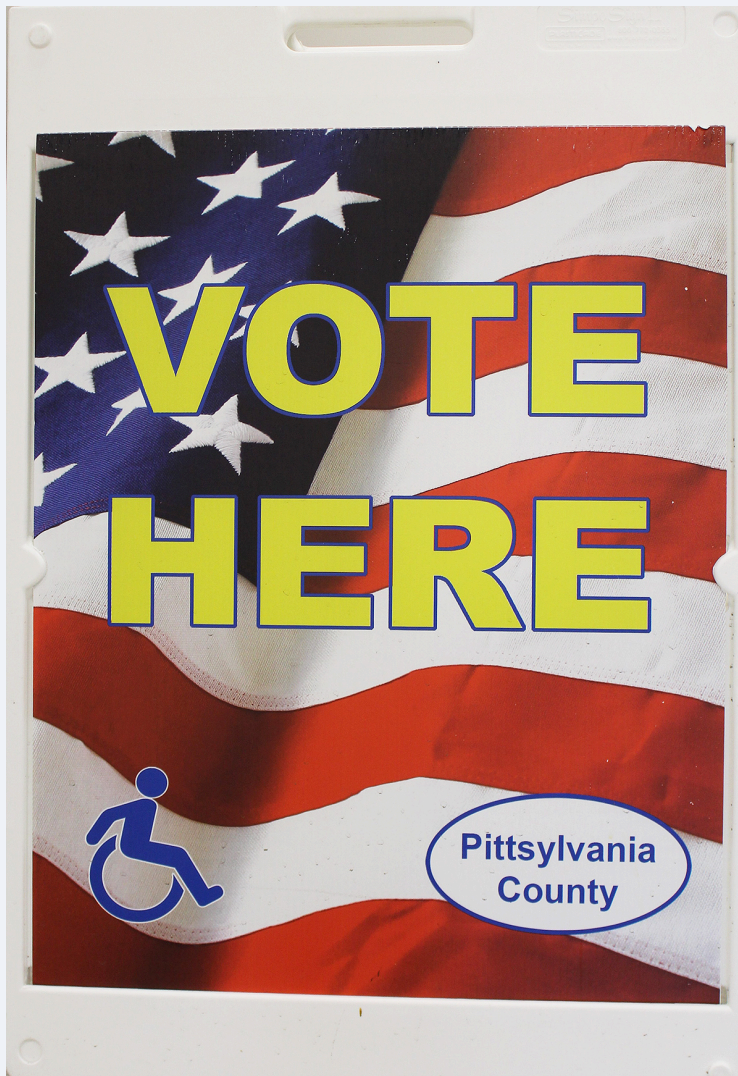
Pittsylvania County Registrar Shani Shorter talks with PittCo Happenings about who and what is on the ballot this fall, which also includes three town elections and a constitutional amendment. Shani provides information on when sample ballots will be available, how and when to register to vote, various voting options and the need for poll workers

[Learn More Here](#)

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## Sample Ballots Available for Viewing





Sample ballots for the upcoming November 5 general election are now available for viewing on the Pittsylvania County website and are listed by precinct. Remember, in addition to the federal elections and a state-wide constitutional amendment, town elections are included for those who live in Gretna, Chatham and Hurt.

[Learn More Here](#)

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## Be a Weather Spotter

# SKYWARN Spotter Training

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Pittsylvania County Community Center

115 S Main Street, Chatham, VA

Training is free and open to the Public

Photo Credit: Cameron Worsham

**National Weather Service  
Blacksburg, VA**



The National Weather Service encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the SKYWARN® program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are encouraged to become a spotter. The training is free and no registration is necessary. You'll learn:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

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## Fall Clean-Up Scheduled



## Pittsylvania County Fall Litter Clean-up Oct. 5



You can make a difference -  
one bag at a time.

To find out more about the  
community-wide clean-up,  
go to  
[ow.ly/sUbW50QQ8CF](https://ow.ly/sUbW50QQ8CF)

Scan me!



Bags and vests available, prizes, refreshments and more!

**PITTSYLVANIA** Beautification  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA Committee

The Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee has scheduled a fall clean-up for Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. to noon in each of the County's seven voting districts.

[Learn More Here](#)

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## Time to Chowdown!

Open to  
the public!



# DOWNTOWN CHOWDOWN

September 19th • 11 am-2 pm

County Administration Parking Lot  
1 Center Street, Chatham

*Food Truck Vendors*

Southern Belle

Sunset Slush

Ga'te Shoken

Collins Roadside Produce

Tables and Chairs will be available.

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**Regional Housing Summit Oct. 24**





The City of Danville will host the third annual Southern Virginia Regional Housing Summit, on October 24, at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, 150 Slayton Avenue, Danville, from 8:30am – 3:30pm.

The summit will aim to spark new residential housing in the region, including Halifax, Henry, Patrick and Pittsylvania counties and the cities of Danville and Martinsville. Developers, builders, contractors, home renovators, financial institution representatives, architects, and community advocates are encouraged to attend.

This full-day event will feature presentations on local, state, and federal funding options, a panel showcasing examples of housing projects currently underway, and an exhibit hall. In addition, participating localities will provide information about single- and multi-family development opportunities throughout the Southern Virginia region.

[Learn More and Register](#)

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# PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

15th Annual Safe Halloween Event

# TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday 10.26.2024

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex

19783 U. S. Highway 29 - Chatham, VA



Trunk or Treat is a HUGE community outreach event and lots of fun for all! We strive to provide families with a SAFE Halloween event full of candy, hot dogs, drinks, contests and music. But, we cannot do it without you! We are looking for volunteers to come and decorate their vehicles and pass out treats. We welcome businesses, fire/rescue, churches, civic organizations, and individuals. If you would like to join us, please call or email to reserve your spot.

We are, also, in need of sponsors and monetary donations. Your generosity helps to cover the costs of the venue, food, entertainment, and candy – lots and lots of candy! Every penny we receive goes towards providing this event free to the public. We also have sponsorship opportunities, which would provide your business/organization's name/logo on advertising material and t-shirts.

For monetary donations, please make your check payable to: "Treasurer of Pittsylvania County" and note "Trunk or Treat" on the memo line. Donations may be made in-person at 21 North Main Street, or mailed to Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, P. O. Box 407, Chatham, Virginia 24531. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call. We hope to see you there!

**For More Info: Natalie Hudgins - 434.432.7713 - [natalie.hudgins@pittgov.org](mailto:natalie.hudgins@pittgov.org)**

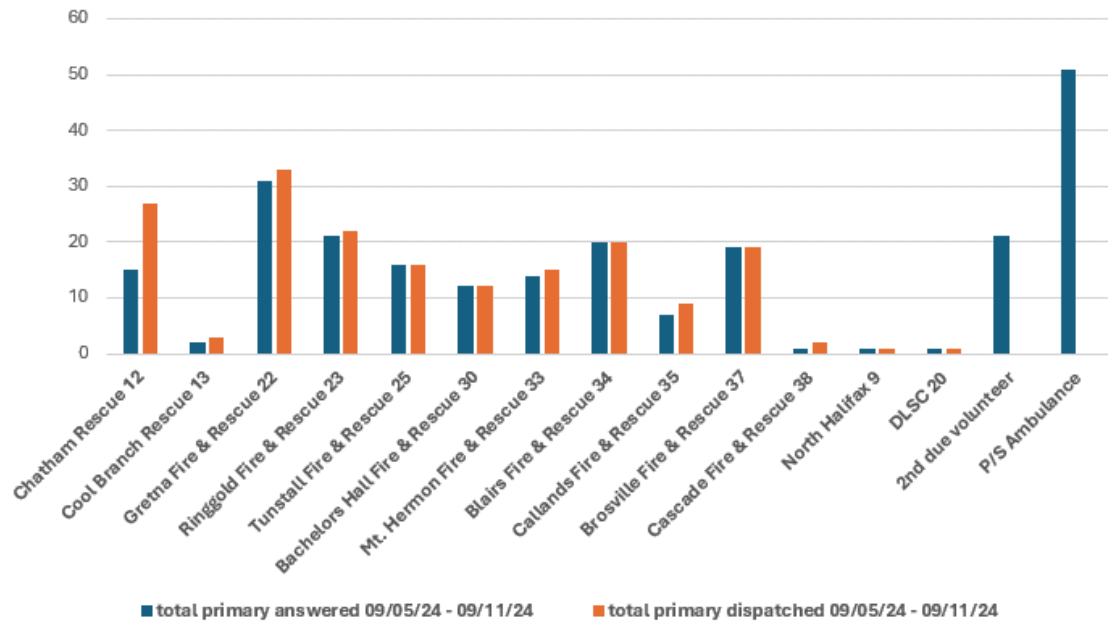


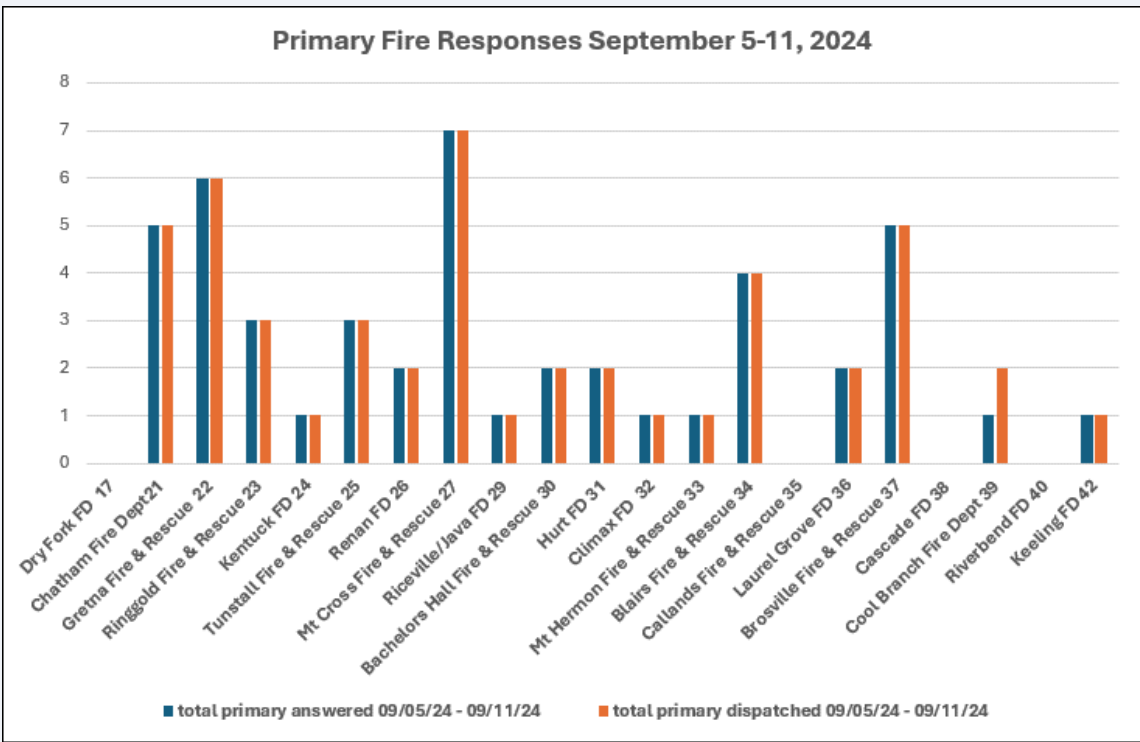
# Pittsylvania County First Responders

## ANSWERING THE CALL



### Primary EMS Responses September 5 - 11, 2024





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 232 primary calls for service between Sept. 5-11. Of those, volunteers responded to 181 of those calls – or 78%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 51 of those calls, or 22%, and outside agencies took five.

The County’s fire departments responded to 47 fire calls during that same period.

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