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Make a Difference to the County – Be Counted this Spring in Census 2010

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census form takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key information such as whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and names, genders, ages, and races of other living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

By now, you should have already received your Census questionnaire. Please complete and send it back as soon as possible. For those who do not return the form, Census takers will visit households in May and June.

Commercial, Businesses, and Industries of Pulaski County -- Did You Know?

One purpose of the Pulaski County Zoning Ordinance is to encourage beneficial growth and economic prosperity in the County. Many of us have been in communities where the number and haphazard placement of signage only serves to confuse the customer. Appropriate spacing and sizing of signs have a major impact on whether a community looks organized or confusing and sometimes can be hazardous to the public. Thus, the Community Development Department is asking that anyone planning to install a new sign or repair/replace an existing sign contact the Pulaski County Community Development Department at 540-980-7710 or visit our website at www.pulaskicounty.org to view the Pulaski County Zoning Ordinance. Article 15 of the Pulaski County Zoning Ordinance helps to organize signage in the unincorporated parts of the County. This Article provides standards for all types of signs including a listing of exempt as well as prohibited

signs in the County, the formula for calculating the square footage of a sign, the square footage allowed in the Zoning District, the setbacks for signs, and other various standards for various types of signs. We'll be glad to answer questions regarding signage standards and can be reached from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday by calling 540 980-7710 or e-mailing Melody Taylor at mtaylor@pulaskicounty.org.

Input Needed to Plan Local Agency on Aging Services

With a current operating budget of approximately \$1.5 million, NRV Agency on Aging provides many different services with federal, state and local support. The largest programs include Home Delivered Meals (also known as "meals on wheels"), Congregate Meals (Friendship Cafes), Information and Assistance, Transportation and Homemaker services. Other services provided include Caregiver Support, Care Coordination, Ombudsman, Elder Abuse Prevention, Health Insurance Counseling and Medicare Fraud Prevention, Long Term Care Coordination, Home Repair and Legal Assistance. A client waiting list currently exists for Homemaker Services, Caregiver Respite, and Home Repairs.

Individuals are invited to send comments now, before the draft Area Plan is developed, regarding the services listed above or other needed services to NRV Agency on Aging, 141, East Main Street, Suite 500, Pulaski, Virginia 24301 or e-mail at nrvaoa@nrvaoa.org.

Pothole Problems?

Having a problem with potholes, please call 800-367-7689 or visit www.vriginia.gov

2009 Recycling Update

The Pulaski County Public Service Authority continues its efforts to promote and encourage recycling efforts. The following information represents the total tons and money spent or earned. The only item in which the PSA makes money is with the recycling of metals. For 2009, the PSA earned more funds recycling than it spent. The PSA thanks the county's businesses and citizens for their efforts.

Item	Tons	Dollars spent or earned
Brush	853.44	17,068.80 spent
Glass/Plastics	64.44	1,695.61 spent
<i>Metals</i>	<i>303.55</i>	<i>37,475.51 earned</i>
Newspaper	127.4	1,684.76 spent
Cardboard	15	264.60 spent
Mixed paper	7.53	210.84 spent

***Pulaski County's 1st Annual
Kids Fishing Day
Saturday May 8th, 2010 8 am until 2 pm
Camp Powhatan Lake, Hiwassee***

This cooperative effort is being designed exclusively for NRV youth and gives our kids the option of getting off the couch and getting outdoors! Efforts of this type are shown to help combat many of the difficulties facing our kids today such as obesity, lack of attention, and apathy. We want to get kids up, outdoors, and get them HOOKED on a lifetime of outdoor activity. The Kids Fishing Day model is a time tested, real world opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children who would otherwise simply sit at a TV, computer or game system. We want to reach those kids who need it most!

There are several ways to help: **TIME:** We need volunteers who don't mind sharing an afternoon on the water, bait a hook, remove a fish, and make a difference in a kid's life. **MONEY:** If you can't give of your time, we need money for bait, tackle, t-shirts, and other supplies associated with the day. **STUFF:** In need of fishing items that you might have, door prizes, raffle items, drinks, food supplies, etc. Event staff includes: local volunteers, Blue Ridge Mountains Council BSA, Local Conservation Police Officers, Area Hunter Education Instructors, local Police Departments, Fire Departments and EMS teams.

For more information, please call (540) 641-4455 or e-mail kidsfishingday@gmail.com.

The mailing address is: Pulaski County Kids Fishing Day, PO Box 891, Dublin, VA 24084: All donations are tax deductible, Fed ID # available upon request

of donor. Any donation may be made through National Bank (Pulaski and Dublin branches) or checks can be made payable to "The County of Pulaski" and mailed to Anthony Akers, Community Activities Director Pulaski County, Randolph Park 5100 Alexander Road, Dublin, VA 24084, C/O Kids Fishing Day.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The New River Resource Authority is planning a hazardous waste day on **April 17 from 10 am to 3 pm** in the parking lot of Pulaski County High School. Disposal contractors will be there to collect household hazardous waste, e-waste (such as monitors, printers, scanners, TV's, cell phones), and for document shredding services.

Items that are **NOT** accepted include commercial, industrial, biological, or agricultural waste; ammunition or explosives; fire extinguishers; prescriptions or syringes; asbestos; propane containers larger than 1 lb; anything with Freon; and empty trash containers.

Spring Baseball at Calfee Park

April 17 Bluefield College vs Tenn Wesleyan College, 5pm

April 19 Ferrum College vs Emory and Henry College, 7pm

April 23 Bluefield College vs Bryan College, 7pm

April 24 same teams at 1pm

May 7 PCHS vs Christiansburg 5pm (JV&V)

May 11 PCHS vs Cave Spring 5pm (Varsity only)

Pulaski County Adult Day Care Services

Pulaski County administrators would like to hear from you concerning your interest in and needs for adult day care services in the county. A group of concerned citizens have proposed an Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center that would be an independent, not-for-profit 3rd party agency managed by a professional nursing staff. Adult Day Services are services provided in a group setting for adults who need daytime supervision, care, and support. Services may include health and nutrition monitoring, assisting with bathing, dressing, using the toilet, getting in and out of bed, feeding, walking, and supervision of medications. They may also include rehabilitation, recreation, and socialization. Services are usually offered for a fee that is normally lower than nursing home or in-home care. Medicaid, Medicare, Veterans Administration, private insurance, etc. typically assist with the service fees. Please provide us with your opinions, ideas, and interest in Adult Day Service. Return this page with your PSA bill or go online at www.pulaskicounty.org/ADSurvey to complete the survey online! Thank you!

1. Is an Adult Day Service needed in Pulaski County?
 - Yes No Unsure

2. Do you know an adult who needs daytime supervision but stays at home alone?
 - Yes No

3. What types of activities do you currently provide to an adult living with you or an adult in the community? (Check all that apply)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing <input type="checkbox"/> Dressing <input type="checkbox"/> Using the Toilet <input type="checkbox"/> Getting In and Out of Bed <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance Eating/Feeding <input type="checkbox"/> Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Housekeeping <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping Errands <input type="checkbox"/> Money Management <input type="checkbox"/> Medication Administration or Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision for Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Provide Services (Skip to Q. # 5)
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4. If an Adult Day Service was open 5 days a week and 12 hours each day (example 6:30am -6:30pm), HOW MANY DAYS A WEEK and HOW MANY HOURS EACH DAY would you use the service for an adult for whom you currently provide care? (Please check one category for each column)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Would Not Use <input type="checkbox"/> One Day <input type="checkbox"/> Two Days <input type="checkbox"/> Three Days <input type="checkbox"/> Four Days <input type="checkbox"/> Five Days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Would Not Use Any Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Four Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Six Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Eight Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Ten Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Twelve Hours
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5. Please check the box that represents the number of persons (including you) in your household.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8
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6. If the income for the number of people in your household is BELOW the income listed, check the box.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 person \$31,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 people \$35,400 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 people \$39,850 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 people \$44,250 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 people \$47,800 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 people \$51,350 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 people \$54,850 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 people \$58,400
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7. If you have additional comments, please include them below.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget

The Board of Supervisors has advertised a possible maximum 6-cent increase in real estate tax. The recommended rate increase is four cents at this time; however, a 6-cent increase was advertised in order to provide the Board with flexibility pending adoption of the state budget. The purpose of this proposed increase is to partly offset the school system’s anticipated operational shortfall.

For every two cents that the rate is increased, a home assessed for \$100,000 would see a \$20 per year or \$1.66 per month increase in taxes. Thus, a 4-cent increase would result in an increase of \$40 per year or 3.33 per month for each \$100,000 or assessed value and a 6-cent increase would cost \$60 per year or \$5 per month. The proposed four-cent tax increase would raise approximately \$1.03 million for the school budget. However, this amount would replace less than one-third of the anticipated \$4 million shortfall in state funding of the Pulaski County Public School system. A 6 cent increase would raise approx. \$1.54 million.

The decision of whether or not to raise taxes to provide partial help to the school system is a particularly difficult one in light of the economic times. Please take a minute to let the Board of Supervisors know your thoughts by responding to the following questions:

Do you support the maximum 6-cent increase in real estate tax? YES NO

If no, would you support a lesser amount or none at all? 4 cents 2 cents No increase

Would you support a 23-cent increase in the personal property rate as an alternative to a 2-cent increase in the real estate increase? YES NO

Other comments or suggestions for addressing this budget deficit:

The Board of Supervisors appreciates your participation in this survey. The Board values your input as it diligently works through this most difficult budget process as it strives to improve the efficiency of existing programs and services while maintaining our general quality of life. Please return this survey form with your PSA payment in the enclosed envelope. If you would rather complete an online version, please visit the County’s website at www.pulaskicounty.org and click on Citizen Tax Survey. Thank you.

Permits for Storm Damaged Docks

Understanding the significant damage done to docks along Claytor Lake and the New River by the winter ice, Pulaski County is waiving building/zoning permit fees for repair/replacement of uninsured damaged docks along the Claytor Lake Shoreline. The waiver of building/zoning permit fees applies where docks are built within the same size and footprint of docks existing before the storm. The Contractor and owner will be required to sign an affidavit agreeing there have been no additional fees in the price quoted by the Contractor for repair/replacement of the damaged docks for the building/zoning permit. In addition, the County is seeking to assist property owners by easing the repair/replacement of the storm damaged docks in the following manner:

1. Floating docks which only need to be secured back to the seawall in their original location will not require a building/zoning permit, but will require documentation of the floating dock’s original location (pictures, sketch or aerial).
2. All other storm damaged docks requiring repair/replacement will require a building/zoning permit. The permit application and related items are available on line at <http://www.pulaskicounty.org/zoning.htm> and can be dropped off at the Building/Zoning Departments at 143 Third St., NW, Ste 1, Pulaski, VA from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. The County staff will provide a three-day turnaround for completed applications. Please contact the office at 540-980-7710 or www.pulaskicounty.org/departments/zoning/SpecialRequirements to let us know how we can assist.
3. The fee waiver for dock repairs will be valid through June 1, 2010. Thereafter, the County’s fees will apply.