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Chair's Corner

As we transition into fall and the holiday season, I am always excited to embrace a new season. Fall is a time to reflect on what we're thankful for. This summer has brought many changes and successes to Pulaski County. We have approved a balanced budget, collaborated with our School Board to fund their operational and capital funding needs, and established Pulaski County's first a career fire department - all without increasing taxes.

All economic indicators are trending in a positive direction as the County continues to attract new businesses and expand existing ones. We've set records in building permits over the last three years, achieved ribbon-cutting records over the past two years, and have seen positive growth in our transient occupancy taxes, meals taxes, and sales taxes which means our tourism industry is strong. Additionally, we will soon have 225+/- new residential rental units coming online in the Towns of Pulaski and Dublin. Pulaski County is truly blessed.

Looking ahead, several exciting developments are on the horizon. We will finally be breaking ground on a \$56 million broadband deployment project that will bring high-speed fiber to nearly 8,000 residences in the County that currently lack access or adequate bandwidth. This is the single largest public-private infrastructure project ever undertaken by Pulaski County and will be funded without local taxpayer's money. If you haven't already signed up, please visit www.allpointsbroadband.com to be included in the buildout.

We will also begin construction on the rebuilding of the new Randolph Park Pool facility, which will include enhancements that provide for a greater customer experience, and even feature a splash pad and an additional large covered shelter. Randolph Park will also be adding a dog park to its array of offerings and will be installing shade coverings throughout the park facility.

We recently hosted our Second Corporate Race for ACCE and the AJSA Jet Ski Race, raising monies for our Board of Supervisors' ACCE initiative that ensures our Pulaski County High School graduates can attend NRCC at no cost to them in exchange for 80 hours of community service. We also awarded Ms. Clara Worley our 9th 'Lead Through Service Scholarship' since 2019. The personally funded scholarship is provided to a graduating student who has demonstrated leadership through their service to the community and plans to return to Pulaski County after completing their formal education.

Our award-winning Parks and Recreation and Tourism Departments have numerous events lined up for this fall. If you haven't yet explored our Parks and Recreation Fall Catalog for sports, clubs, classes and activities, you'll be impressed by the variety of offerings for all ages. Access the catalog at: <https://www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org/>, and check out tourism events at <https://www.visitpulaskiva.org/calendar>.


Mark your calendars for several upcoming large community events: the 6th Annual Jack-O-Lantern Festival on Sat., Oct. 26th, from 3-8 PM, featuring pumpkin carving, trick-or-treating, and more. The 2nd Annual Gobble Wobble will take place on Nov. 28th, starting at 8 AM. Finally, our last major event for 2024 will be Winterfest on Dec. 7th, beginning at 1 PM, followed by the Christmas Tree lighting at 5 PM. All these events will be held at Randolph Park. As you can see, Pulaski County has so much to be grateful for. Thank you all for your support, and many thanks to our hard-working County Staff and Administration for making these achievements possible. Lastly, I extend my appreciation to my fellow Board members for their dedication and hard work in making Pulaski County a special place to live, work and play.

*Laura Walters, Chair, Ingles District
Pulaski County Board of Supervisors*



October 5, 2024 - Peak Creek Ripple Run
A 5K fund raiser for Friends of Peak Creek. Starting at the Pulaski Train Station and using the Dora Trail as a course. This race is competitive and family friendly, go to [FOPC - Ripple Run\(friendsofpeakcreek.org\)](http://FOPC-RippleRun(friendsofpeakcreek.org)) for more information and to sign up.

October 12, 2024 - Annual Fall Cleanup
10 AM - 1 PM. Meet at 41 NE First Street (parking lot behind the Senior Center). We recommend wearing long pants and closed toe shoes. Gloves, safety vests, bags and equipment will be provided. Friends of Peak Creek will also provide snacks, water and lunch. We will be cleaning sections of the banks of Peak Creek and Sproules Run.





Volunteer Pulaski

Volunteer Pulaski is a service program for Pulaski county residents that recruits volunteers and connects them with organizations in need. At Volunteer Pulaski our focus is on volunteer placement practices that increase volunteer recruitment and retention. Retention is a key to ensure that volunteers are happy and productively engaged and volunteer organizations who rely on volunteers are well served.


Everyone has something to give or a talent to share, whether they're a young mother, a student or a senior. Volunteer positions can be short term, a one-time occasion, a special project, or a recurring arrangement. If you represent an organization who relies on volunteers or a you are a caring person who wants to offer volunteer service hours in your community, please contact Pat Corvin, Volunteer Coordinator at 540-980-7720.

The fall season is in full swing and the holidays will soon be here. I pray that you and yours are happy, healthy and looking forward to the exciting new memories that will soon be made with family and friends. With the holidays also comes scammers and others who want to separate you from your hard-earned resources. Please be wary of any deal that seems too good to be true, because more than likely it is. Also, be aware that no government agency will ever ask you to pay fines using any type of gift card, money card or anything of that nature. If someone calls you and says they are with Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and that you have to provide them with anything of value in order to avoid being arrested, just hang up on them and call us immediately. Be safe and as always, we never close, we are here if you need us.

Sheriff Mike Worrell

"Use your cell phone camera to scan the QR code and check out the many sports, clubs, and fall events offered by Pulaski County Parks and Recreation! Fall clubs include line dancing, pickleball, Zumba, youth archery, youth golf and much more! Register by 09/06/24 or call 540.994.2622 for assistance."




***October 12, 2024**
New River Line
Dixie Blue Grass Boys

November 10, 2024
Jimmy Fortune
Paid event. For details visit, www.nr.edu/concerts.

***December 14, 2024**
Lonesome Heart
Gap Civil

117 Edwards Hall, NRCC
*Second Saturdays, October-April
*FREE ADMISSION
Donations accepted to help pay band expenses.
*Bands subject to change.
*Doors Open: 5:00 p.m.
*Music: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.




www.nr.edu/concerts  **NRCCConcerts** (540) 674-3625



Voter Registration and Elections

**PUBLIC NOTICE:
General and Special Election**

**ELECTION DAY:
Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

President and Vice President
Member, United State Senate
Member, House of Representatives, 9th District
Town of Dublin, Mayor and Town Council
Town of Pulaski, Mayor and Town Council
and Constitutional Amendment

ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE AT THE POLLS.
Please verify your voter registration, polling place, and **VALID ID** before Election Day!

BALLOT DROPBOX AVAILABLE AT THE VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE
87 Commerce St, Pulaski VA 24301
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
September 20, 2024 to November 5, 2024

BALLOT DROPBOX AVAILABLE AT ALL PRECINCTS AND THE VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE ON ELECTION DAY

POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15, 2024: Last day to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election. After October 15, please inquire about Same Day Registration.

Mailed voter registration applications must be sent to the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office postmarked on or before the deadline.

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

87 Commerce Street, Pulaski VA 24301

Monday-Friday, September 20, 2024 – November 2, 2024: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 26, 2024: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 2, 2024: 8:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m.

Last day to vote an Early In-Person ballot at the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office.

**PULASKI COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:
MONDAY, October 14, 2024, for Columbus Day**

MAIL ABSENTEE VOTING

Friday, October 25, 2024: Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office by 5 p.m.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN OFFICER OF ELECTION?

Pulaski County needs citizens to work at the polling places on Election Day as Officers of Election. You can apply online at www.elections.virginia.gov or call the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office.

Leann Phillips
Director of Elections and General Registrar
87 Commerce Street, Pulaski, VA 24301

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Email: vote@pulaskicounty.org
Website: <http://www.pulaskicounty.org/registrar.html>

Commissioner of the Revenue Office - Updates

52 W. Main Street, Suite 200

Pulaski, VA 24301

Open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 (540) 980-7750, Personal Property Department
 (540) 980-7753, Real Estate Department

Frequently asked questions from community members:

- ⇒ Is my 501(c)(3) exempt from local taxation?
 - Local property tax exemptions are rare and listed in the Code of Virginia under Title 58.1.
 - Two things MUST be considered and met:
 - * Is the entity owning the real estate exempt?
 - * Does the current usage of the real estate make it tax exempt?
 - Entities already tax exempt should always report to us a change in ownership and a change in the usage of the land or building.
- ⇒ Why does a manufactured home have a title listed at the DMV?
 - The Code of Virginia lists manufactured homes as personal property. The DMV maintains their ownership information until the proper paperwork is filed at the DMV and with the Clerk of Court to convert it to real estate.
 - When manufactured homes have a title and are sold, the DMV should be notified.
- ⇒ Does your office have a right to come onto my property to assess real estate?
 - Yes. Virginia law allows us to make a physical examination of land and buildings as stated in section § 58.1, chapter 32.
 - If the owner asks the assessor to leave before the assessment is complete, we will be forced to make an educated guess which could result in a higher valuation.
- ⇒ Can real estate property cards and GIS be viewed as legal documents?
 - No. Online maps and data are created as a public information service and CANNOT be 100% guaranteed as accurate due to possible clerical error.
 - Consult official county plats and records for official information.
- ⇒ If I have a new DMV issued farm placard plate, can you exempt this vehicle?
 - DMV requires unregistered farm use panel trucks, pickup trucks, and sport utility vehicles used exclusively for farm purposes to purchase a permanent farm use placard starting July 1, 2024.
 - Must provide proof of your farm use placard before we will consider a tax exemption as allowed by Pulaski County tax code section 38-1.
 - Contact your local DMV office to determine which farm use plate or placard is right for you.

Kim Matthews, Commissioner of the Revenue

Fine Arts Center
for the New River Valley

Music at the Fine Arts Center

- **September 6:** Acoustic performances with cello by Amelia Empson & Kaily Schenker
- **October 4:** Listening Room Concert featuring Singer/Songwriter **Ash Devine**
- **November 1:** Listening Room Concert - Performer TBD
- **November 9:** **Daniel Maltz** pianoforte concert at the Pulaski Theatre**
- **December 6:** Singer/ Songwriter performances by **Leslie Brooks**

** Tickets will be available on our website and at the Center for \$15 for the Daniel Maltz Concert.

All other concerts listed above offer free admission at the Center with a \$5 suggested donation.

Our current exhibit, **Menagerie**, is open through October 5, 2024. Stop by the Center to see the varied and colorful work in this community exhibit featuring local artists.

Creative Club

Families with children between the ages of 5-12 are invited to participate in our FREE monthly Creative Club art activities. The Club meets at the Fine Arts Center one Saturday morning a month. All materials are provided and children take home their artwork. September's Creative Club is making **Agamographs!** Visit our website at facnrv.org/classes to sign up!

Please visit our website at FACNRV.org or contact us with any questions about any of our programs at info@FACNRV.org, 540-980-7363 or stop by at 21 West Main Street in the Historic Downtown Commercial District of Pulaski. Our hours of operations are on our website and Google.