

# Pulaski County Citizen Newsletter

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**Pulaski Free Clinic**

Providing Healthcare to Pulaski County's  
Uninsured since 1984

### The Pulaski Free Clinic Now Accepting New Patients

The Free Clinic has been providing high quality, personal, cost-free healthcare to Pulaski County's uninsured residents for almost 40 years.

Anyone in Pulaski County qualifies to become a patient and to receive free medications and free healthcare visits with a doctor or a nurse practitioner if:

- \* They are Pulaski County resident, must be between 18 and 64 years
- \* They have no insurance and,
- \* Their total annual household income is less than:

\$46,950.00 for just a single person

\$63,450.00 for a household of 2

\$79,950.00 for a household of 3 people

**We also accept Medicaid patients.**

For more information, or to set up your first appointment, simply call the office at (540) 980-0922, email us at: [office@pulaskifreeclinic.org](mailto:office@pulaskifreeclinic.org), or stop by our beautifully renovated clinic at 25 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Pulaski, VA. Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or Friday's from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Mission:

Dedicated to protecting Claytor Lake's environment for all...

FOCL envisions...

An engaged community that stewards environmental sustainability and enjoyment of Claytor Lake for future generations.

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**New Year Reminders from the Commissioner of the Revenue Office****General Reminders:**

Real Estate reassessments are underway. Data collectors from Vison Government Solutions will be visiting neighborhoods throughout 2026. Learn more about the process at <https://www.vgsi.com/pulaski-county-va-reassessment>.

- ◆ Please review and update your DMV record to remove vehicles you no longer own or to ensure your address is current. Our office receives these DMV updates year-round.
- ◆ Keep documentation for any taxable personal property you've sold, discarded, or otherwise disposed of — such as cars, trucks, motorcycles, or manufactured homes.
- ◆ Planning to start a business this year? Resource information for new and existing businesses can be found on our webpage (<https://www.pulaskicounty.org/cor>) under "Business Info At A Glance".
- ◆ Renting out your home or rooms for short-term stays? Be sure to complete the required paperwork for local taxes collected from guests. Contact our Deputy Commissioner, Sabrina Bishop for more details.
- ◆ Business License renewal forms are due annually by **March 1**. Contact our Deputy Commissioner, Terri Earles if you have questions.
- ◆ Real Estate Tax Relief applications are due by **April 1**. Applicants must be permanently disabled or 65 years or older to apply. Contact our office for more information.
- ◆ Veteran Real Estate Tax Exemption applications are requested by **April 1** but can be submitted throughout the year. Veterans must meet the 100% service-connected permanent and total disability requirement. The official veteran rating letter is required from the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs. A surviving spouse may also apply.
- ◆ A tax exemption on one motor vehicle as of January 1, 2021 is also allowed for 100% service-connected totally disabled veterans. The vehicle must be used by or for the Veteran. For more information contact our office.
- ◆ Surviving spouses of individuals killed in the line of duty may qualify for a real estate tax exemption. For more information contact our Real Estate Department at (540) 980-7753.

**Income Tax Reminders:**

- ◆ Need help filing your Virginia State Income Tax? The Commissioner's Office provides FREE state tax filing assistance to our residents all year. The filing deadline is **May 1**.
- ◆ Need help filing your State & Federal Income Tax? New River Community Action continues to service Pulaski County by offering FREE help through their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for those who qualify. Call (540) 320-3217 for more information.

**Pulaski County Commissioner of the Revenue Office**

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*Kim Matthews, Commissioner of the Revenue*

**Volunteer Opportunities and FREE GED Preparation with Literacy NRV****Volunteer Tutors Needed in Pulaski!**

Are you interested in helping another adult improve their skills in reading, writing, basic math, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), or basic computer skills, or to prepare for exams such as the GED or U.S. Citizenship Exam? We need your help! You can make a significant impact by helping adults in the Pulaski community improve their literacy skills. Volunteer tutors with LNRV provide one-to-one or small group tutoring in public locations throughout the NRV, in-person or virtually. Visit our website at [www.literacynrv.org](http://www.literacynrv.org) for more information or give us a call at 540-382-7262.

**"GED Your Way" Free GED Exam Preparation Resources**

LNRV helps adults achieve literacy-related goals to become successful parents, employees, and community members. If you or a loved one are preparing for the GED exam, we are here to help. You can study at your own pace with our online curriculum (on-call tutor support included as needed) or meet weekly with a tutor to grow your skills and confidence in each subject area. All services are FREE; if testing in the LNRV office, your exam is free, as well. Please visit our website at [www.literacynrv.org](http://www.literacynrv.org) to complete a student application or call us at 540-382-7262.

**Learn English for free!**

Literacy NRV offers many different opportunities to help improve your English speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills. We have one-to-one tutoring and 10-week classes throughout the year with locations across the New River Valley. Please visit our website at [www.literacynrv.org](http://www.literacynrv.org) to complete a student application or call us at 540-382-7262.





# Pulaski County Property Reassessment Information

- Property owners can expect an in-person visit from Vision's team to help ensure the most accurate data is collected. If the team is unable to complete the visit, some property details may need to be estimated, which could lead to an inaccurate valuation. For this reason, we strongly encourage full participation to ensure the information gathered is as precise as possible.
- Vision plans to use doorhangers with their contact information if there are questions and will mail correspondences to owners concerning value changes with a deadline to appeal inaccuracies.
- Notices of new property values will be mailed to owners in late 2026.
- Property owners will have an initial opportunity to appeal their reassessment with Vision around December 2026.
- A second appeal opportunity will be available through the Board of Equalization in early 2027; exact dates will be announced later.
- County Administration and the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office serve as Vision's local points of contact regarding the county landscape and act as overseers of the project's progress. However, if you have questions about your reassessment, please contact Vision directly during this phase, as local offices will not have access to the assessment data until the project is complete.

Visit [www.vgsi.com/pulaski-county-va-reassessment/](http://www.vgsi.com/pulaski-county-va-reassessment/) for reassessment updates!

**PULASKI COUNTY**  
VIRGINIA

## Message from Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

There are several different types of scams going around so please be very careful. Keep in mind that Pulaski County Sheriff's Office will never tell you to pay a fine or we are going to come arrest you. If you get a text, call, or email that tells you that a loved one has been arrested in a foreign country and you need to pay money or they will have to stay in jail, don't believe it. Another scam is where a caller will pretend to be a loved one like a grandchild and tell you they are broke down in state far away and they need money to get their vehicle fixed. If you get a call and they are wanting you to verify your personal or financial information, don't do it. If you have any doubts if a caller is legitimate or not, tell them you need to get a call back number from them and you will call them back after you have talked to someone at your local sheriff's office to make sure the caller is legitimate. If you have any questions about scams or anything we can help with, please call us anytime day or night at (540) 980-7800.



Sheriff Mike Worrell



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.

**January 10, 2026\***

**Mountain Thunder  
Gap Civil**

**February 14, 2026\***

**The Brothers Young  
New Grass Edition**

**March 14, 2026\***

**Marshall Page & Coal Mountain  
Slate Mountain Ramblers**

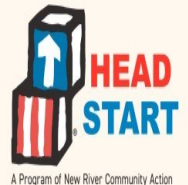
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Community College

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## NO COST PRESCHOOL FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

**NRCA HEAD START PRESCHOOLS WILL BEGIN TAKING  
APPLICATIONS FOR 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR  
FOR 3- & 4-YEAR OLDS IN FEBRUARY 2026**

### PULASKI LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

- **EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT NRCC DUBLIN CAMPUS:**  
PHONE: 540-674-3600 EXT. 4246
- **PROJECT GROW & LEARN IN FAIRLAWN:**  
PHONE 540-217-9426
- **PULASKI HEAD START: PHONE 540-994-5740**

**PLEASE CALL ANY LOCATION TO GET YOUR NAME ADDED TO  
THE RECRUITMENT LIST**

*Chair's Corner*

**This year in Pulaski is truly the Year of the Projects!** We are moving forward with an incredible array of enhancements aimed at improving the quality of life for our citizens, strengthening our infrastructure, and supporting long-term economic vitality. Many of these projects are already under construction, with the goal of completion by the end of 2026. So – what's happening across Pulaski County?

**The Pulaski County Sportsplex:** Our largest and most ambitious project is the new Sportsplex, fully financed **without raising taxes**. The project will cost \$20 million or less, yet will provide a facility valued at approximately \$70 million, making it the **largest indoor versatile sports complex in Virginia**. When complete in Fall 2026, the Sportsplex will include: Numerous multi-use pickleball, volleyball, and basketball courts, two full-size turf fields, the **largest indoor playground in Virginia**, a walking and sprint track, a golf training institute, batting cages, a full-service restaurant, crafting, training, and workout rooms, a cardio fitness room, and much more. It will also serve as an expo/event center. This center will be a huge asset to our community and our youth athletes, our seniors, and all citizens. This facility will serve our local residents while also attracting travel tournaments that bring tourism and tax revenue into Pulaski County. The Board of Supervisors has envisioned this project for years, and it is now becoming a reality.

**Countywide Broadband Expansion:** You've likely noticed crews and trucks throughout the county – our **Broadband Project is well underway**. We anticipate completing service to the Little Creek area by the end of this year, with the remaining communities following soon after. Our goal is simple: **reliable, high-speed internet for every Pulaski County resident who currently lacks access**.

**Motorsports Are Back:** We are excited to bring back auto racing this summer at the **Pulaski County Motorsports Park**, with both oval track and drag racing returning for the enjoyment of thousands of fans and families who treasure this tradition.

**Sheffey Park:** Work continues on Sheffey Park, a beautiful new public space along the New River that will feature a walking trail and boat launch – another investment in outdoor recreation and community connection.

**Paws Spay/Neuter Clinic Expansion:** We are expanding the **Paws Spay/Neuter Clinic** at the Animal Shelter to provide affordable spay/neuter services, vaccinations, and treatment for shelter animals while giving residents greater access to low-cost pet care.

**Convenience Center Improvements:** The Convenience Center in Fairlawn is nearing completion and construction is underway for a brand-new center in Draper at the site of the former Red Carpet Inn. These facilities will improve convenience and service for residents across the county.

**Business Growth and Community Success:** In addition to these major projects, Pulaski County is celebrating **over 30 ribbon-cuttings** for new and expanding local businesses. Please support our businesses – they are vital to our ongoing economic growth!

It's a busy and productive year in Pulaski County, and there is much more to come. We are truly blessed, and we extend a heartfelt thank-you to our dedicated staff whose hard work makes all of this possible.

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