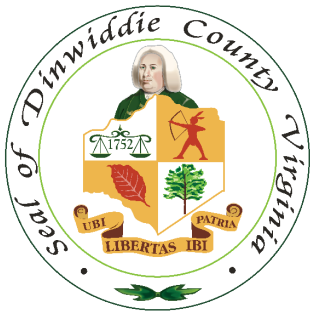




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RURALBAND FIBER INTERNET

The Board of Supervisors recognizes that broadband is more than a “want” among Dinwiddie residents... broadband has become a “need”, and an “expectation” of current residents and those considering Dinwiddie as their home.

Over the years, broadband has risen to the top of the Board’s list of priorities. As in rural localities across the country, broadband presents a challenge in Dinwiddie County. Expanding broadband coverage across the County’s 507 square miles is a daunting and expensive endeavor.

In order to make broadband a reality in Dinwiddie County, grants and public-private partnerships are essential. In 2017, the County was awarded a grant through the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission. When the initial Internet Service Provider was unable to deliver, Dinwiddie partnered with RiverStreet Networks to design and deploy a fixed-based wireless solution. While this opportunity seemed promising, RiverStreet also failed to deliver and the partnership was terminated in January 2022. Given this breach of contract, the County did not expend any funds allocated towards this contract.

The COVID-19 pandemic heightened the need for access to broadband. As such, unprecedented federal and state funds were made available to make fiber-to-the-home a reality. Recently, Dinwiddie County partnered with RuralBand, a subsidiary of Prince George Electric Cooperative, and received a grant through the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) to design and deploy a fiber-to-the-home solution. RuralBand has a proven track record of successful implementation and has already expanded service to citizens in the eastern portion of Dinwiddie County. The partnership with RuralBand includes support from VATI, The Cameron Foundation, Southside Electric Cooperative, and Dominion Energy. Leveraging American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, broadband will be a reality for all underserved or unserved areas of Dinwiddie County by the end of 2024. Simply put, if you currently have electricity to your home but no access to broadband service, this project will offer a much-needed solution.

RuralBand is establishing a presence in Dinwiddie through a “Community Living Room” at the Eastside Community Enhancement Center. Citizens can visit this space to experience, first-hand, what high-speed internet can do in their home. RuralBand will also have staff available to answer questions and assist with service options. The Community Living Room is scheduled to be open by early September. During a recent presentation to the Board of Supervisors, Lane Chambers, General Manager of RuralBand stated, “RuralBand is here to serve, and we are not going to leave anyone behind.”

For the latest information on broadband in Dinwiddie, visit www.Dinwiddieva.us and click the link located under News Spotlights.

Opening Remarks

Broadband is coming to Dinwiddie! In all of my 35 years of service on the Board of Supervisors, I cannot recall a more eagerly anticipated project. Access to the Internet is no longer a “want”, but is a “need”, which was highlighted during the pandemic. It was during that time that we saw a global shift to remote activities, such as education, work, health care, worship, shopping, and entertainment. It is imperative that all of our citizens have the opportunity to access reliable Internet. We are fortunate to have collaborated with RuralBand, a company with a proven track record for bringing high-speed Internet to rural communities. Thanks to grant funding and the generous support of our partners, we are making this long-time dream a reality. Get ready; great things are happening in Dinwiddie County!

Harrison Moody, Chairman, Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors



It is a privilege to, once again, share this newsletter with each household in Dinwiddie County. There is so much to be thankful and grateful for in this County. As County Administrator, I am very proud to lead the hardworking public servants of this community. Each of us is committed to service and reaching our collective potential. Now more than ever, we need to hear from you and need your participation in developing Dinwiddie's future. As an organization, we have adopted a Commitment to Core Values – S.T.R.I.V.E. We are committed to Stewardship, Teamwork, Integrity, Value-Added Customer Service, and Excellence. As public servants, we STRIVE to achieve each of these core values in all that we do. We hope that you will see these values throughout this publication and in our daily interactions. Dinwiddie County's future is promising and we encourage you to participate in public meetings and follow our website and social media posts and announcements. Dinwiddie County is an extraordinary community, in which to spend a lifetime and we are so glad you are here.

W. Kevin Massengill - Dinwiddie County, VA County Administrator

Are you getting all of the benefits from the Dinwiddie County website?

Sign up for alerts when items are added to the website and/or calendars that interest you. Click the [Notify Me](#) tab at the bottom of the homepage, or scan the QR code below and follow the instructions to register. Subscribers are able to specify the type of notice they receive as well as the method of notification. Subscribe today to stay on top of all the great things that are happening in Dinwiddie County!



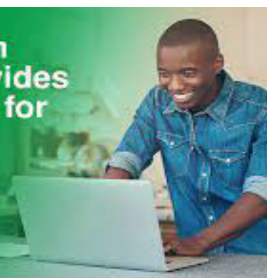
HOW IS YOUR LOCAL TAX DOLLAR SPENT?



Fiber internet from RURALBAND provides BIG opportunities for small businesses

Discover the possibilities today!

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Ann Cabell Baskervill - Commonwealth's Attorney

Our team of attorneys, victim/witness coordinator and support staff is dedicated to making our community a safer place to live, work and visit. We are here to serve you and are located on the ground floor of the County courthouse. Please contact us in person or by phone (804-469-4536), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.



J. Barrett Chappell - Clerk of Circuit Court

Our office is committed to providing citizens with the highest level of customer service while maintaining the highest standard of recordation and retention of the Court's Records.

Did you know that in collaboration with the Commissioner of Revenue, Lori Stevens, most plats have been uploaded to their respective property cards for online viewing? For more information, please contact the Clerk's Office or the Commissioner of Revenue. We are here to serve you.



Jennifer Perkins - Treasurer

We strive to provide top-notch customer service to our citizens. Dinwiddie County issues tax bills twice annually. There are two major due dates of the tax year. The most recent was June 6, 2022 and the next deadline will be December 5, 2022. We also bill supplements monthly.

Our office offers several payment options that are listed on the back of each bill as well as on the County website. Bills may be paid in person, by drop box, at local banks, online, and by phone. Additional details for each payment method are available on the website.



Lori Stevens - Commissioner of Revenue

Hello from the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue. We are honored to have this opportunity to reach out and remind you of the services that are offered through our office and share some exciting upcoming news!

Real estate and personal property tax relief opportunities are available for the elderly, disabled, and service-connected disabled veterans. We also offer a high mileage program for vehicles, assistance with state income tax returns, and help with starting new businesses or updating a current business license.

We are excited to announce that at the end of July, we will be opening a DMV Select Office. Transactions that may be conducted at the DMV Select include vehicle titles and registrations, license plates and decals, disabled parking placards, transcripts, voter registration applications and more. We will also sell E-ZPass transponders and will host DMV Connect visits.



D.T. "Duck" Adams - Sheriff

It has been my goal to educate the citizens of Dinwiddie County on how not to become a victim of scams. It is important to remember that the IRS, power company, or any other legitimate company is not in the business of accepting gift cards as payment for services. The IRS does not collect back taxes by telephone and will ONLY contact you by a letter, which will contain a number to contact them.

If someone contacts you and pressures you to pay money by gift card, or any other means, give us a call at the Sheriff's Office before doing anything. We will assist you in determining if the call is legitimate.

I have an open door policy and citizens are always welcome to stop by my office and discuss any concerns they may have.



Community Bulletin Board



Tuesday, August 2, 2022

To register your event or obtain a list of events in your area, contact the Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office at 804-469-4550



One Family Worship Service

Sunday, November 6, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Western Heights Baptist Church

24416 Cox Rd.

North Dinwiddie, Virginia

ALL ARE WELCOME

Hosted by the Dinwiddie County Faith Based Initiative



Ferndale Park in Dinwiddie offers scenic trails, fishing, paddling, covered pavilions & a playground! Stay tuned for park improvements including a new bike/ped bridge by following FOLAR - Friends of the Lower Appomattox River.



Download a map!



PLEASE VISIT FOLAR-VA.ORG



Dinwiddie County
Advisory Task Force on Equity & Racial Reconciliation



Listen & Learn:
Dinwiddie County Government

Thursday, July 28, 2022

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Dinwiddie County High School

VIRGINIA'S

Tax Free Weekend

AUGUST 5 - 7, 2022

During this weekend, shoppers can purchase qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane, and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star, and WaterSense products without paying sales tax.



FREE ADMISSION!

Dinwiddie County residents receive free admission to Pamplin Historical Park

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Photo ID required

With more than 420 acres of protected landscape, 4 miles of walking trails, and plenty of picnic areas, Pamplin Park is a great place to spend the day!

For additional information, including the park's operating schedule, visit:
www.pamplinpark.org

Includes admission to the park and select special events. Ticketed events may be purchased at full price.



DO YOU NEED COOLING ASSISTANCE?

The Cooling Assistance program helps eligible low income households with the costs of cooling their homes.

Apply by phone
1.833.522.5582

Apply online
www.commonhelp.virginia.gov

FAX completed application **804.469.4506**

Drop off completed application **Social Services Dropbox (after hours)**

Applications can also be obtained at our office
14010 Boydton Plank Dinwiddie, VA 23841

Dinwiddie County Department of Social Services will be accepting applications for this program
Beginning: June 15, 2022
Ending: August 15, 2022

For more information, you may contact Dinwiddie County Department of Social Services by calling 804.469.4524.



Dinwiddie County will become a DMV Select location beginning in Summer 2022. Located in the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, this DMV Select location will afford patrons the opportunity to conduct many types of DMV business without traveling outside of Dinwiddie County or waiting in long lines for service.

Stay tuned for more information as it is available.

McKenney FARMERS MARKET

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McKenney, VA 23872

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HOMETOWN HEROES

Each year, during the month of February, the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors recognizes "Hometown Heroes" as part of Black History Month. These individuals are native or current residents of Dinwiddie County who have made significant contributions in at least of the following areas:

Government
Law Enforcement
Education
Public Safety
Faith Community
Business
Advancement of Civil Rights
Agriculture

Honorees are selected from nominations made by the public.



Polco

Dinwiddie County leaders welcome feedback from citizens and are always looking for new ways to connect. We are excited about our latest venture with POLCO, an online platform designed to engage communities through polls and surveys that provide real time, accurate and reliable feedback. Polco provides an incredible opportunity to provide feedback to County leaders on topics that impact you the most. Learn more about Polco, by scanning the QR code below and Create a FREE account to start responding to Dinwiddie County surveys!

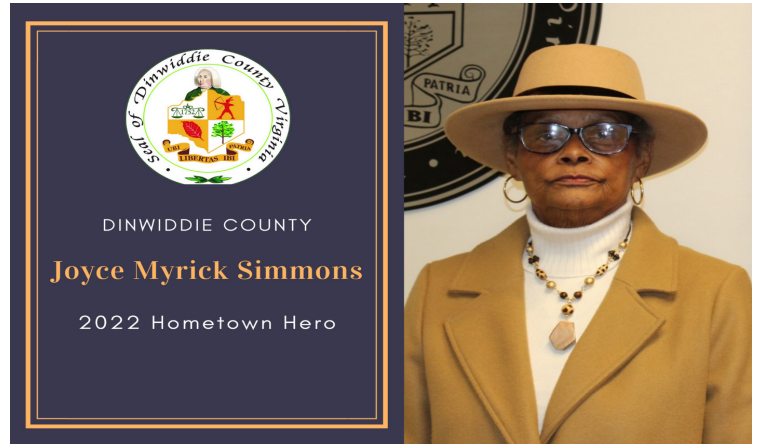


TRIAD helps keep older adults safe in their communities.

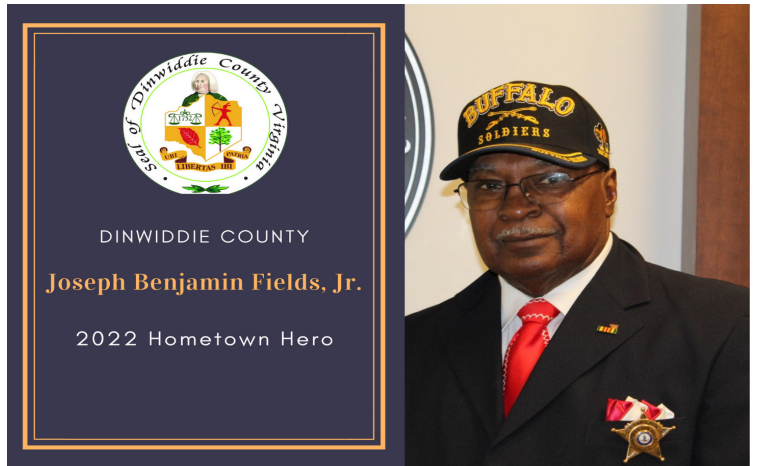
Please Join Us:
First Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm

Eastside Community Enhancement Center
7301 Boynton Plank Rd.
North Dinwiddie, VA

Sponsored by the Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office



Mrs. Simmons was nominated and selected based on her contributions in the areas of education and the faith community. In addition, Mrs. Simmons has volunteered with the American Cancer Society, Crater Community Hospice, Virginia Birdies, and the Carson Youth Empowerment Center.



Reverend Fields was nominated and selected based on his contributions in the areas of education, the faith community, and the advancement of civil rights. In addition, he is a US Army veteran, a member of the Congressional Voters League, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 12145, a Buffalo Soldier, and serves as Chaplain of the Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office.

To learn more about the Hometown Heroes Program or to read full bios for the 2022 honorees, visit: www.Dinwiddieva.us.



Safe and Secure

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community? How about an avenue to a new and adventurous career? Have you ever considered becoming a Fire & EMS Volunteer? Dinwiddie Fire & EMS is a combination (career/volunteer) system that operates out of five stations, one automatic aid station, and the Public Safety Building. We have approximately two hundred personnel. The majority of whom are volunteers. Service to Fire & EMS comes in a variety of ways and bring benefits of which you may not be aware.

Volunteering with the fire department does not always mean putting on heavy protective gear or operating specialized equipment. We have Volunteer Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, those who do both Fire and EMS, and support members. Our support members are vital to the operation of our Volunteer Fire Stations because they take a huge weight off our operational members. The more, day-to-day company business that our support members handle, the more our operational members can focus on training and running calls. All of our members are entitled to benefits. The most popular and beneficial is free training.



Did you know...all of our volunteers receive initial training at no cost to them? Firefighters receive free certification training in Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials Operations and Firefighter II (as needed). EMS volunteers receive National Registry Emergency Medical Technician certification. All members, regardless of role, complete Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) training. These certifications and trainings can be helpful to our volunteers when seeking employment with Dinwiddie County or other agencies and jurisdictions.

Many career/combination departments find it more cost-effective to hire pre-certified personnel as opposed to putting untrained individuals through a full training academy. Volunteers with Dinwiddie County Fire & EMS receive the majority of the necessary certifications to be competitive in this type of processes. In fact, many of our current employees previously served within our volunteer ranks, and many of our volunteers are employed by neighboring localities.

Regardless of your specific area of interest, Dinwiddie Fire & EMS has a place for you on our team. Benefits to volunteering can have a positive impact on your life and career. Are you interested in learning more about Dinwiddie County Fire & EMS and how you can serve your community? We invite you to follow the QR link below and fill out an interest form or reach out to us using the link or information below. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you become part of the Dinwiddie County Fire & EMS family.



Captain Ray Blake
Training Officer
Recruitment and Retention Coordinator
rblake@dinwiddieva.us
(804) 704-5617



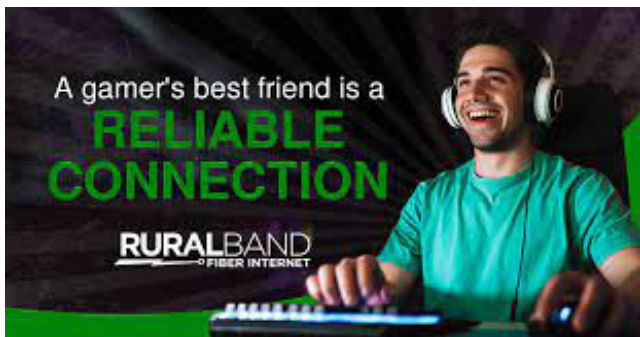
Dinwiddie County has launched a streaming service for every County public meeting, meaning anyone can now watch Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings online in a new and improved format, from the comfort of your home or office.

The streaming software from Swagit Productions, LLC (Swagit) provides a comprehensive platform for citizens to watch meetings live, view archived meetings, and access meeting transcripts.

Meetings are indexed so viewers can navigate between different agenda items, and view the meetings on computers, laptops, or mobile devices. Use the QR code link to access Dinwiddie County Meetings:

Once adjourned, meetings will be archived and accessible for on-demand viewing. Once archived, the on-demand feature allows viewers to choose which meeting agenda items, or conversations, they wish to watch and then go directly to that video segment. A transcript is created by voice to text technology, allowing citizens to search the archives for the spoken word in a meeting, which is synced to the video.

This webcasting feature is compatible with multiple platforms including Apple, Android, and other popular devices. Citizens now have the ability watch and experience public meetings while on the go.



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WHY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

The top six reasons why economic development is critical to a region's economy.

- 1** Economic developers provide critical assistance and information to companies that create jobs in our economy. **JOB CREATION**
- 2** Strategic economic development diversifies the economy, reducing a region's vulnerability. **INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION**
- 3** Economic developers work to retain and grow existing local companies and assist companies with operational needs. **BUSINESS RETENTION**
- 4** Economic development helps protect the local economy from downturns by attracting and retaining major employers. **ECONOMY FORTIFICATION**
- 5** More companies in the locality translates to increased tax revenue for community projects. **TAX REVENUE**
- 6** Better infrastructure and more jobs improve the economy of the region and raise the standard of living for its residents. **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Special Events

Interested in special events happening around the county? You can visit <https://www.facebook.com/discoverdinwiddie> or scan the QR code!



Dinwiddie County Fair

SAVE THE DATE

September 23rd-25th, 2022
Virginia Motorsports Park

CALL FOR COACHES - When you become a volunteer, you have the opportunity to share your blessings with those who need it most. Whether it is coaching a team to their personal best or passing your knowledge on to the next generation, your time and talent changes lives. At Dinwiddie Parks and Recreation, we believe in the mission of the volunteer coaches program and encourage individuals within the community to join us in supporting each child that participates.

As a volunteer Coach, you will help equip children in grades K-12 with the skills and confidence needed to succeed on the field, the court, and in life. By sharing your personal and professional experiences, you will serve as a role model to help athletes envision a successful future. Dinwiddie County Parks and Recreation utilizes volunteers for our youth sports programs in a variety of roles including; head coaches and assistant coaches. These volunteers are an important part of programs, such as tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, basketball, blastball, and soccer.

Youth Athletics programs would not be possible without the dedication, time and talent of our volunteers. Dinwiddie County Parks and Recreation makes volunteering easy and fun. Our department provides all training and materials needed to be successful, and volunteer opportunities are flexible and rewarding. In as little as two hours each week, you can give today's young people a sense of purpose and belief in themselves. You will benefit, too!

If you would like more information about becoming a Volunteer Coach, scan the QR code above. Thanks for your consideration and we will see you on the field!



DINWIDDIE PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Summer Camps



Girls Basketball Camp

July 12-14, 2022
Ages 7-14
\$50 per participant
Registration now open



Soccer Camp (Co-ed)

July 18-22, 2022
Ages 6-14
\$50 per participant
Registration now open



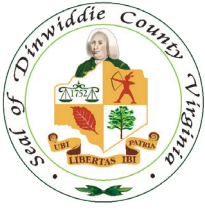
Boys Basketball Camp

July 25, 26, 28
Ages 7-15
\$50 per participant
Registration now open



Girls Volleyball Camp

July 27, 2022
Ages 7-14
\$25 per participant
Registration now open



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Dinwiddie County Administration
P.O. Drawer 70
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Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841
www.dinwiddieva.us

2022 MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

July	August	September	October
Board of Supervisors Workshop - 7/5 - cancelled Regular Meeting - 7/19	Board of Supervisors Workshop - 8/2 Regular Meeting - 8/16	Board of Supervisors Workshop - 9/6 Regular Meeting - 9/20	Board of Supervisors Workshop - 10/4 Regular Meeting - 10/18
Planning Commission Workshop - 7/13 Regular Meeting - 7/13	Planning Commission Regular Meeting - 8/10	Planning Commission Regular Meeting - 9/14	Planning Commission Regular Meeting - 10/12

Public meetings are held in the Dinwiddie County Government Center unless otherwise noted.

.14010 Boydton Plank Rd., Dinwiddie, VA

Board Workshops begin at 4 pm, and Regular Meetings at 3 pm and 7 pm.

Planning Commission Workshops begin at 5:30 pm, and Regular Meetings begin at 7 pm.

Your

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Board Meetings

Third Tuesday of each month;
Time: 3:00pm - Administrative Items
Time: 7:00pm - Public Hearings

Dinwiddie Government Center, Board Room



Harrison Moody - District 1
Phone Number: (804) 469-4500
option1, ext.2103



Dr. Mark Moore - District 2
Phone Number: (804) 265-3807
Email: mmoore@dinwiddieva.us



Chairman Daniel D. Lee - District 4
Phone Number: (804) 469-3881
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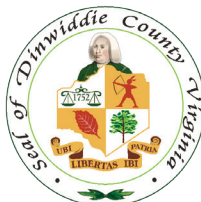
Vice-Chairman Brenda Ebron-Bonner - District 5
Phone Number: (804) 732-4507
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William "Bill" Chavis - District 3
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