



# THE CURRENT

Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

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## 2017 Budget Update: Millage Rates Remain Unchanged



At their July 21 meeting, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted the millage rates that will fund a major portion of the county's 2017 General Fund budget, Fire District and Bonds. The board voted to maintain the county's millage rates with no change. The county's millage rate of 8.036 is one of the lowest millage rates among metro Atlanta counties.

Forsyth County staff, Finance Committee and Board of Commissioners will continue preparing the county's proposed 2017 budget, which is slated for adoption in November.

## Tennis Courts Resurfacing at Central Park and Fowler Park

The Central Park tennis courts were resurfaced this summer and are now open for play. The park features eight lighted tennis courts adjacent to a pavilion and restrooms. Fowler Park tennis courts will be resurfaced this month. Fowler Park features 12 stadium lighted tennis courts with a pavilion and restrooms. All Parks & Recreation tennis courts are first come, first served unless otherwise reserved for lessons, drills or league play. If you are interested in reserving a tennis court, taking tennis lessons or signing up to play league tennis, please visit [www.forsythco.com/parks](http://www.forsythco.com/parks) or call (770) 781-2215 for more information. Central Park is located at 2300 Keith Bridge Road and Fowler Park is located at 4110 Carolene Way.



## Comprehensive Plan Update: Draft Plan Open Houses — *See what you've made!*

Forsyth County's Comprehensive Plan update process, *Foster Forsyth*, continues to move forward this month. The planning team spent July continuing to synthesize community input collected during preceding months, while turning its attention to drafting the updated plan document. A joint Vision and Steering Committee meeting held on July 14 served as an important check-in point with committee members to review draft plan content, seek feedback and help ensure the plan's development to date was compatible with community sentiment.

This month, *Foster Forsyth* will hold two open houses, giving community members an opportunity to review highlights from the draft plan, discuss aspects with planning team members and offer feedback to refine it. These open houses will feature the same format and materials, offering two opportunities to participate:

**Monday, August 29**

**4-8 p.m.**

County Administration Building  
Commissioners Meeting Room

**Wednesday, August 31**

**4-8 p.m.**

County Administration Building  
Commissioners Meeting Room



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FORSYTH COUNTY COMP PLAN



For more information on the Comprehensive Plan update process, visit [FosterForsyth.com](http://FosterForsyth.com).

## Commissioner's Corner

Developing the county's budget is arguably one of the most detailed, complex and important functions of the county government. The Board of Commissioners adopts the annual budget, so it is critical that we be involved throughout the nearly yearlong process. Last month, a key step in the budget process occurred with the board's adoption of the county's millage rates. These rates will fund in part Forsyth County's 2017 general operating budget. I am pleased to advise that we were able to maintain the same millage rates as last year – a total of 8.036 for Maintenance & Operations, Fire and Bonds. Your

county staff and officials work hard to keep the tax levy on citizens as low as possible while also providing the very best services our county desires.

We will continue working on the proposed 2017 budget, on which public hearings will be held later this year. As always, your attendance and input at these hearings will be welcomed and encouraged.

Sincerely,  
R.J. (Pete) Amos, Chairman

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## Parks & Recreation Fall Activity Guide Now Available!

Register today for fall activities covering a variety of interests including youth and adult athletic leagues, youth and adult tennis, youth and adult dance classes, youth and adult art classes, gymnastics and tumbling, martial arts, special interest programs and more.

You may register online at [www.forsythco.com/parks](http://www.forsythco.com/parks) or in person at any of the county's three recreation centers. To view the *Parks & Recreation Fall Activity Guide*, visit [www.forsythco.com/parks](http://www.forsythco.com/parks). For more information about programs offered by Forsyth County Parks & Recreation, call (770) 781-2215.



14th Annual

Mark Your Calendar:

Play at the Park Family Fun Festival

Saturday, October 1, at Fowler Park

Visit [www.playatthepark.com](http://www.playatthepark.com) for event details.

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## August Events

### August 2

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

### August 4

Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

### August 9

Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

### August 18

Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

### August 23

Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

### August 30

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates are subject to change. To receive the most current information, visit [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com).

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