



# THE CURRENT

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## Overlay Being Considered for Coal Mountain Area of North Forsyth County



An area of north Forsyth County known as Coal Mountain is the subject of a potential overlay, design of which is currently underway. The overlay could potentially include architectural standards as well as regulations as to internal road placement, site configuration, and building design and aesthetics. The idea behind the overlay would be to create character for the area.

District 4 Commissioner Cindy Jones Mills, in whose district a large portion of the overlay area exists, noted the reason for moving forward with the overlay now is the large number of projects about to begin in the area.

“Properties that were zoned decades ago are all now moving forward at the same time,” said Mills. “Therefore, the timing is right to develop and implement an overlay, so we can be sure the quality of development in this area is very high. We want Coal Mountain to be a destination where people will want to live, work and play.”

Voter approval of the 2014 Forsyth County Transportation Bond was also noted as a reason for developing the overlay now, as the bond will fund the widening of SR 369 and an interchange at SR 369 and SR 400, both of which are located within the Coal Mountain area.

A Coal Mountain Overlay Committee has been formed by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to work on this project. For information on the committee’s meetings, see the ‘Meetings’ tab at [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com).



## Citizens’ Fire Academy Accepting Applications through February 21

If you are interested in learning more about the Forsyth County Fire Department, consider being a part of the fourth annual Citizens’ Fire Academy. This upcoming session will be held on Tuesday evenings, March 7 through May 9, with end-of-session activities May 13. During the free 10-week program, citizens will take courses on engine company and ladder company operations, learn about the duties of the fire department’s special operations units and honor guard, vehicle extrication techniques, participate in a live burn and more.

For eligibility requirements and to download the application packet, visit the Fire Department webpage at [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com). Submission deadline: February 21.

## Attention Third-Graders: Enter the Fire Safety Poster Contest

Display your artistic talent while promoting a commitment to fire safety! Open to all Forsyth County third-graders. Instructions and contest rules are available on the Fire Department webpage at [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com).

For additional information, call Fire Prevention Training Officer Robert Taylor at (770) 205-4688. Submission deadline: March 24.



## Commissioner's Corner

As a county commissioner, many of the questions I am asked by citizens center on transportation projects and what we as commissioners are doing to improve their daily drive. I am happy to share that our Engineering Department is working hard to mend our roads, bridges and intersections.

One project nearing completion is Mullinax Road/Union Hill Road – which includes widening to four lanes with a 20-foot raised median, 10-foot wide multi-use trail on the east, 5-foot wide sidewalk on the west, turn lanes at the major intersections and a closed drainage system. Also, the Union Hill Road/Bridge project is now well underway with an anticipated completion date of late 2017. Like the Mullinax Road/Union Hill Road project, improvements include widening to four lanes with a 20-foot raised median, 10-foot wide multi-use trail on the east and 5-foot wide sidewalk on the west. This project will also widen the existing bridge over SR 400 to four lanes with a raised median, which I foresee creating a viable

alternate link to McGinnis Ferry Road and McFarland Parkway. Thank you to Forsyth County voters for making these important improvements possible through their approval of the Transportation Bond and the SPLOST sales tax program.

I am also pleased to share two road improvement projects in the initial planning stages – Post Road and SR 9. These roads will undergo improvements in two to three years after the purchase of right of way is complete. To learn more about county road projects, I encourage you to look for the Transportation Projects icon on the home page of the county website at [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com). The SR 9 project information will be found on the Georgia Department of Transportation website.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you,



Todd Levent, Chairman

# Love

Bring Home Some



Come and adopt a new four-legged friend, 8 weeks of age and older, at the Forsyth County Animal Shelter.

The \$85 per animal adoption fee includes: vaccines, deworming, flea and heartworm prevention and microchipping. Alteration for animals over 12 weeks of age is included in the adoption fee. For those animals between the ages of 8 and 12 weeks, alteration will be at the owner's expense, and the animal may only be adopted by Forsyth County residents. Once an animal reaches 12 weeks of age and is altered by the shelter, it is available for adoption by both county and non-county residents.

**Forsyth County Animal Shelter**  
4065 County Way, Cumming

Open Tues. through Sat. from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
(678) 965-7185 | [www.forsythco.com/animalshelter](http://www.forsythco.com/animalshelter)



## Save the Date! Forsyth County Senior Expo Presented by Senior Services

Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College  
3410 Ronald Reagan Boulevard

No cost to attend – event includes free health screenings, resource tables from a wide variety of useful product and service providers, refreshments and door prizes. This annual expo is an opportunity for senior citizens and their families and friends to get information on a variety of topics including health care, housing, finance, safety and security, recreation and travel.

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## February Events

### February 2

Board of Commissioners  
Special Called Meeting

### February 2

Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

### February 7

Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

### February 7

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

### February 16

Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

### February 21

Board of Commissioners  
Special Called Meeting

### February 21

Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

### February 28

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates  
are subject to change.

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current information,  
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