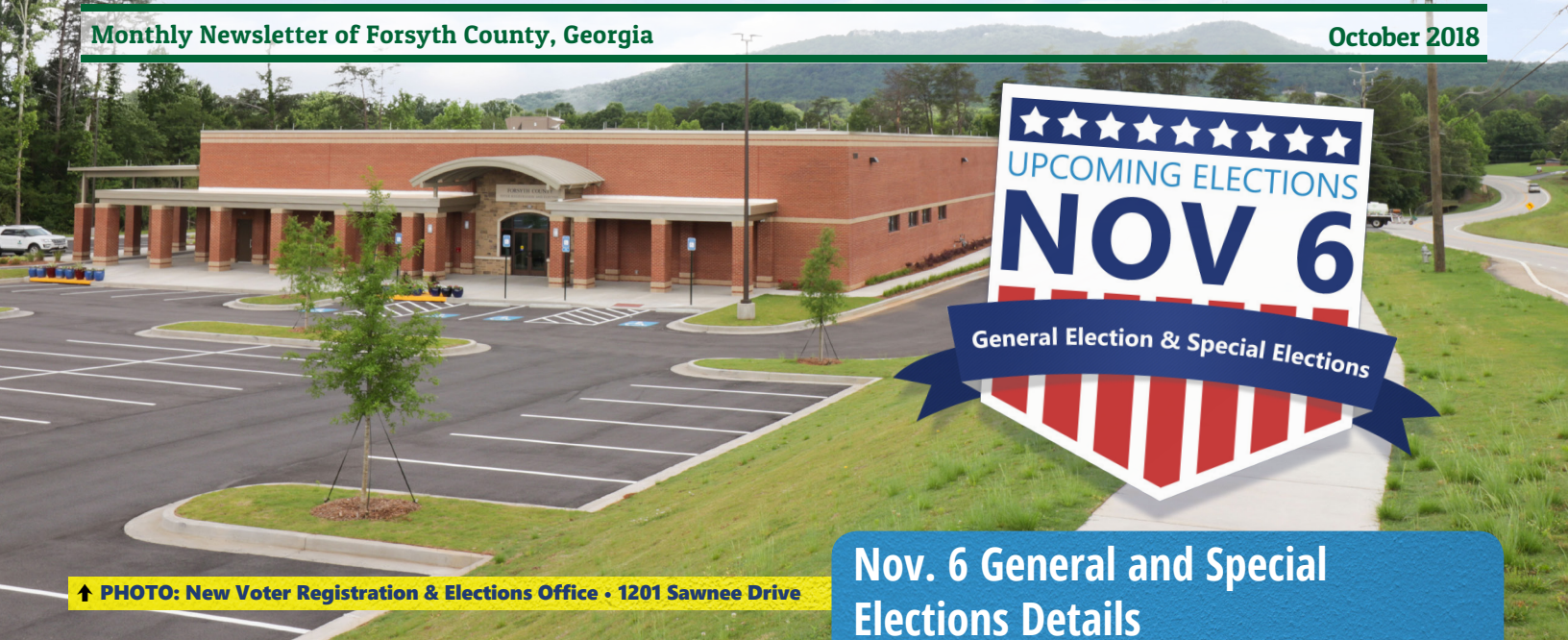




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Nov. 6 General and Special Elections Details

Forsyth County residents wishing to register to vote in the Nov. 6 General Election and Special Elections must do so no later than Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Advance voting will be available weekdays for three weeks, Oct. 15-Nov. 2, and on Saturday Oct. 20 and Oct. 27. Registered voters can take advantage of advance voting for the Nov. 6 election:

FORSYTH COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE 1201 Sawnee Drive

- Monday through Friday, Oct. 15 to Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 20 and Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Advance voting will also be available at the following three locations during the times provided below:

HAMPTON PARK LIBRARY 5345 Settingdown Road

MIDWAY PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING 5100 Post Road

SHARON SPRINGS PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING 1950 Sharon Road

- Saturday, Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Oct. 29, Oct. 31 and Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 30 and Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

REMINDER: The Forsyth County Administration Building and Cumming City Hall are no longer advance voting locations.

Registrations will be accepted online at www.forsythco.com/parks and at the county's three recreation centers located at **Central Park** (2300 Keith Bridge Road), **Fowler Park** (4110 Carolene Way) and **Old Atlanta Park** (810 Nichols Road). The registration fee is \$125 for Forsyth County residents and \$250 for non-county residents.

League practices begin the week of November 5, with games beginning in December. The season ends in February.

Animal Shelter's 'Summer of Love' Finds New Homes for Hundreds of Pets



The Forsyth County Animal Shelter's 'Summer of Love' adoption special helped over 250 animals find their forever homes. During the months of June, July and August, all adoption fees were waived on all animals at the shelter resulting in 256 animals being adopted during the three month period.

TOTAL ADOPTIONS: 256
88 🐕 166 🐈 2 🐾

WINTER BASKETBALL

boys and girls

Registration for boys and girls ages 9 (by January 1, 2019) through 14 is open through October 19 at 5 p.m.



Commissioner's Corner




On November 6, we have the opportunity, and privilege to be at the heart of democracy by voting. One of the items on the special elections ballot is SPLOST VIII (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax). SPLOST is a special, one percent voter-approved sales and use tax in Forsyth County for a specified period of time (up to six years), raising revenue for designated programs or named capital projects. Forsyth County voters first approved a county SPLOST referendum in 1987, for 5 years. The one percent sales tax has been continuously extended through voter approval by referendum.

Past SPLOST programs have provided funding for a number of important infrastructure projects that otherwise may not have been possible. These include numerous transportation projects such as new roads, road widenings, intersection improvements and sidewalks; fire engines and fire stations; land for parks and green space; libraries; the county's

new courthouse, jail and downtown parking facilities; animal shelter and more.

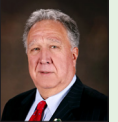
In the first quarter of 2018, Forsyth County residents were invited to provide input on projects they would like to see included in a proposed SPLOST VIII. Topping the wish list were transportation, parks, public safety (sheriff and fire), senior services, water and sewer services and libraries. Using SPLOST to help make needed investment in these and other county infrastructure projects helps ensure that we can continue to have the quality of life we enjoy in Forsyth County.

Sincerely,

 Todd Levent,
 Chairman and District 3 Commissioner

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OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH:

Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

Smoke alarm safety tips:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every **10 years**. Make sure you know how old all of the smoke alarms in your home are.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced **10 years** from that date.
- If your smoke alarm has no date of manufacture, assume that it is beyond **10 years** old and should be replaced.



October Events

October 2
 Zoning Board of Appeals

October 4
 Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

October 9
 Board of Commissioners
 Work Session

October 18
 Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting

October 23
 Board of Commissioners
 Work Session

October 23
 Planning Commission
 Meeting

Meeting and event dates are subject to change. To receive the most current information, visit forsythco.com.

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OCT 20 TRUNK OR TREAT

Main entrance of Cumming Fairgrounds

Forsyth County Public Safety Hosts Trunk or Treat Halloween Safety Event

Mark your calendars for the 9th annual Forsyth County Public Safety Trunk or Treat safety event, which will be held Saturday, October 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cumming Fairgrounds.

The event will include fun games and activities that teach children about pedestrian safety, stranger danger and more. Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. For more information, visit forsythco.com.

OCT 27

Family Fun Fest

Sawnee Mountain Preserve Visitor Center

Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Free event featuring family crafts, games, a costume contest for all ages and nature-themed activities
 For more information: (770) 781-2217