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New Park Coming to Northeast Forsyth County: Lanierland Park



Northeast Forsyth County will be home to a new 109-acre park, for which ground was broken March 18. The new Lanierland Park will be located off of Jot Em Down Road and its construction is being funded by the Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond approved by voters in 2008 and by Impact Fees. The county purchased the land for Lanierland Park in 2009.

The new park will feature four rectangular synthetic-turf fields, two picnic pavilions, a playground, restroom and concession facility, and parking. Construction of the park is expected to take approximately 10 months.

Forsyth Named Healthiest County in Georgia



For the fourth consecutive year, Forsyth County has been named the healthiest county in both metro Atlanta and the entire state – No. 1 among Georgia's 159 counties! The distinction came as part of the annual County Health Rankings & Roadmaps study initiated by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. For more detailed information on the study, visit www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Mark Your Calendar: Paint and Electronics Recycling Event

When: Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: City of Cumming Fairgrounds, 235 Castleberry Road, Lot 3



Paint Recycling

Latex and oil-based paints in their original containers will be accepted.

The cost to dispose of latex paint is \$10 for a 5-gallon bucket, \$5 for a 2-gallon bucket, \$3 for a 1-gallon can or \$5 for two, and \$1 for a 1-quart can or smaller.

The cost to dispose of oil-based paints is \$15 for a 5-gallon bucket, \$4 for a 1-gallon can or \$6 for two, \$2 for a 1-quart can, and \$1 for a 1-pint can. The cost is \$1 for any type of spray can.

Electronics Recycling

Accepted items for the electronics recycling event include laptops, stereos, CD players, cell phones, printers, gaming consoles and controllers, fax machines and more. The minimum donation per carload drop-off is \$5 while an additional \$20 fee will apply for each television and an additional \$10 fee will apply for each computer monitor.

Some items, such as washers and dryers, large wooden console televisions, projector televisions, toaster ovens and refrigerators, will not be accepted during the event.

For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, visit keepforsythcountybeautiful.org and click on the Recycling/Disposal tab. For additional information, call Keep Forsyth County Beautiful at (770) 205-4573 or email KFCB@forsythco.com. **Cash Only.**

Commissioner's Corner

Last month I had the privilege of joining members of the community and local officials to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new Lanierland Park, which will be located on Jot Em Down Road at the site of the former Lanierland Music Park. This project is near and dear to my heart because, growing up, the music venue was such a big part of my life. Now this 109-acre piece of land where so many people were entertained over the years will become an amazing amenity for the residents – especially the children – of Forsyth County to enjoy for generations to come.

Another Parks & Recreation project underway in District 4 is Matt Community Park at Settingdown Creek, located off of Wallace Tatum Road. I am so excited that the construction is nearing completion, and we are expecting to be able to open this new park in the coming months. Phase I

of the park will open with four synthetic-turf rectangular fields, a playground and a walking trail. A long-range goal is to hopefully extend a multi-use trail to connect to the park, making it even more accessible for residents to enjoy.

Both of these new parks are funded by the Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond approved by voters in 2008 and by Impact Fees. Thank you to the voters for making these projects, and many more, possible. Our great parks are without question one of the reasons Forsyth County is the healthiest in Georgia for the fourth straight year!

Sincerely,



Cindy Jones Mills
District 4 Commissioner



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FORSYTH COUNTY COMP PLAN

Join the Countywide Conversation about our Future this April

Imagine Forsyth County in 2037. How did we get there? Be a part of the effort that led us to achieve our vision! **Join public workshops beginning this April 2016** to begin providing input to Forsyth County's Comprehensive Plan Update, *Foster Forsyth*.

Visioning Workshops*

What is Forsyth like today? What will it be like in 20 years?

Work with other community members to shape our long-term vision and goals.

Join us at a Visioning Workshop on one of the dates listed below:

Monday, April 18 Monday, April 25
Wednesday, April 20 Wednesday, April 27
Saturday, April 23

*All five workshops will follow the same agenda and format. An online community survey will be debuted in coordination with the visioning workshops. More information is forthcoming.

Visit <http://www.forsythco.com/Update2016> for times and locations.

Foster Forsyth provides an opportunity for the community as a whole to pause and have a meaningful dialogue about its vision for the county as it relates to housing, quality of life, employment opportunities and the policies and programs that will support plan implementation. The April workshops are the first set of a series of four public input forums occurring throughout 2016 to help collect input for the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan. Action on the plan by the Board of Commissioners is anticipated for December 2016.

Comprehensive Plan 101

The Comprehensive Plan is the umbrella policy document for Forsyth County's future growth and development. It plays an important role in rezoning and development decisions and also establishes community goals and priorities for the county's future.

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April Events

April 2

Community Yard Sale
Forsyth Senior Expo

April 5

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

April 7

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

April 12

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

April 16

Paint and Electronics
Recycling Event

April 21

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

April 26

Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates
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