



Comprehensive Plan Update Process: Implementation Workshops to be Held this Month

Foster Forsyth is the planning process for updating the Forsyth County Comprehensive Plan. Five in-person and one online *Foster Forsyth* Design Workshops were held in May. At these workshops, county residents worked collaboratively with planners to consider the land uses and character of different areas of the county. The workshops built upon the first round of workshops in April, which sought input from the public about their vision and priorities for the county's future.

The *Foster Forsyth* community survey, posted online between April 25 and May 22, garnered more than 4,000 responses. Information gathered by the survey will be used by the planning team to help establish the community's vision and priorities for the county's future.

This June, *Foster Forsyth* will hold Implementation Workshops. At these workshops, residents can provide input that will assist in shaping the implementation program to help realize the vision for Forsyth County. Implementation workshops will be held at the following dates and times (*both meetings will have the same agenda*):

Monday, June 13, 6 to 8 p.m.
County Administration Building
Commissioners Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 15, 6 to 8 p.m.
Central Park Recreation Center
Banquet Room

More information about the planning process is available at FosterForsyth.com.



Roads Renamed to Honor Fallen Firefighters

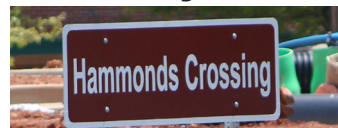


During the May 19 meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, tribute was paid to honor the three line-of-duty deaths the Fire Department has experienced since its inception. Roads renamed for fallen Firefighters Allyn Lane, Dennis C. Martin and Brant Chesney were the focus of a presentation during the meeting.

- The roadway leading into Shady Grove Campground is designated as "Allyn Lane Memorial Way."
- The roadway leading into Coal Mountain Park is designated as "Dennis C. Martin Memorial Way."
- The roadway along Forsyth County Fire Station 10 on Old Atlanta Road is designated as "Brant Chesney Way."

The roads were renamed as a way to memorialize these firefighters who died in the line of duty.

Hammond's Crossing & Coal Mountain Intersection Officially Dedicated



Hammond's Crossing at Highways 306 and 369 and Coal Mountain Intersection at Highways 9 and 369 were officially dedicated on May 4 and 6.

Hammond's Crossing has been a hub for the local economy since its first general store in 1897, owned by William Henry Hammond. Today, the Hammond family continues to operate Hammond's Fishing Center.

The name for the area of Coal Mountain can be found as far back as the 1870 federal census and has been home to a general store, Wofford Hatchery, Martin's Store, Coal Mountain Building Supply, Thomas Lumber Company and the office of Dr. William Bottoms.

Commissioner's Corner

"So much of our future lies in preserving our past."

– Peter Westbrook

As a lifelong resident of Forsyth County, there are so many places I think we take for granted that have always just existed in our lives – places like Sawnee Mountain, Booger Mountain, Coal Mountain and Hammond's Crossing. In our growing and dynamic community, I thought it was very important to do something to help us hold on to our heritage. I wanted to preserve our history and strong sense of community by formally naming two of the most prominent intersections in the northern portion of the county with the names by which we have all known them – Coal Mountain (at Highways 9 and 369) and Hammond's Crossing (at Highways 306 and 369). I did not want to risk these intersections being named at some

point in the future anything other than those names by which we have known and cherished them for so many years. The turnout at the dedication ceremonies for both of these intersections was great – it showed how much our citizens care about preserving our county's history. The stories shared at these ceremonies touched my heart and reminded me how very lucky I am to live in Forsyth County. My appreciation also goes out to Senator Michael Williams for his help in achieving these intersection namings for our community.

Sincerely,



Cindy Jones Mills
District 4 Commissioner

Update on Widening of SR 400

The much-anticipated project to widen State Route (SR) 400 in Forsyth County is in the early stages of construction. The work will add one lane both north and south bound from McFarland Parkway to SR 369, and is being made possible thanks to voter approval in 2014 of the Forsyth County Transportation Bond.



The construction of the additional northbound lane began in November. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is managing this project and anticipates opening a stretch of the new northbound lane – from McFarland Parkway to SR 141 – by September.

Forsyth County and GDOT are working hard to make important transportation improvements in our county. Thank you to the voters for making this project possible!

2016 Water Quality Report Now Available

The Forsyth County Water & Sewer Department recently published its 2016 Water Quality Report, providing information from 2015 on where the county's water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by the regulatory agencies. Forsyth County's water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water health standards in 2015.

Visit the Water & Sewer Department page at forsythco.com to view the report online. Reports can be mailed upon request by calling (770) 781-2160.



Two Sections of Big Creek Greenway Temporarily Closed

Locations:

- Big Creek Greenway mile marker 1.3 – 1.4 beneath SR 400 (related to the widening project on SR 400)
- Union Hill Road Trailhead north to mile marker 0.4 (to allow for renovation and repairs to be made to a section of the trail)

Closure Dates:

May 31 through August 31

All four trailheads will remain open during closures.

For more information:

(770) 781-2215 or www.forsythco.com/parks

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June Events

June 2

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

June 7

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

June 7

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

June 16

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

June 28

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

June 28

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates
are subject to change.

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