



Ground Broken for Two New Fire Stations



New Fire Station 6



New Fire Station 8



Work is underway on the construction of two new fire stations – one in the southern portion of Forsyth County and one in the northeast. In the southern part of the county, the addition of new Fire Station 6 is designed to improve service and reduce response times. It will be located just off of Peachtree Parkway (Hwy. 141) on Brookwood Road, south of the intersection with Caney Road. In the northeast part of the county, new Fire Station 8 will replace the aging Station 8 on Keith Bridge Road and will be constructed adjacent to the existing structure, which will be demolished. While new Station 8 is under construction, the station's personnel and equipment will temporarily respond from a nearby Dawson County fire station.

Funding for both projects comes from a combination of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VI program and Impact Fees. Construction of both is expected to take approximately 12 to 14 months.

Planning & Community Development: Creating the Vision for Forsyth County's Future: Learn more about the Comprehensive Plan Update

An update to the Forsyth County Comprehensive Plan is underway, and you are invited to help create the vision for the county's long-range future. This will be a full update focused upon community elements such as **housing, transportation, land use (including zoning) and economic development**. The update process kicks off soon with two public hearings and a meeting. The public hearings will introduce the purpose, time frame and process of the update, and the committee meeting will be the first in a series that the public may attend.

Comprehensive Plan Kick-Off Public Hearings
(as part of the Board of Commissioners' regular meetings)
Thursday, March 17, at 5 p.m. and Thursday, April 7, at 5 p.m.
County Administration Building, 110 E. Main Street, Suite 220

Joint Meeting of the Vision and Steering Committees
Monday, April 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.
(please note this meeting was previously scheduled for March 31)
County Administration Building, 110 E. Main Street, Suite 220

Stay tuned for details on public workshops to be scheduled in the future. For more information about the Comprehensive Plan Update, call the Planning and Community Development Department at (678) 513-5866.

Mark Your Calendar for the Forsyth Senior Expo

WHAT: 14th Annual Forsyth Senior Expo

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College, 3410 Ronald Reagan Boulevard

WHO: Seniors, their families, friends and caregivers

WHY: Meet local businesses and service providers and learn about what is available in our community to meet seniors' needs.



Admission is free, and attendees will have access to free health screenings, refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call Forsyth County Senior Services at (770) 781-2178.

Commissioner's Corner

Forsyth County is well-known for our great parks system. We are very fortunate to have award-winning parks, beautiful green spaces and numerous athletic, recreation and fitness programs – and all right here in our own back yard. If you would like to have input on the vision for the future of Forsyth County's parks, now is the time to get involved.

Our Parks & Recreation Department is conducting a Comprehensive Master Plan that will serve as a blueprint for the future of our parks system, and we want your feedback to help in its development. Please make plans to attend one of the three upcoming public input meetings, which you will read more about in this edition of

The Current. The same information will be presented at each meeting and the format is drop-in, so I hope you can spare a few minutes to attend one of these meetings and be a part of this process.

Our parks system is without question one of the things that makes Forsyth County so great – make sure your voice is heard as we plan for its future.

Sincerely,



Todd Levent, District 3 Commissioner

Parks & Recreation Wants *Your* Input!

Forsyth County Parks & Recreation is conducting a Comprehensive Master Plan and is looking for your input to help plan for the future of the county's parks system. Make plans to attend one of three upcoming public input meetings. The format of the meetings will be drop-in, and everyone who attends will have the opportunity to offer feedback. For more information, call Parks & Recreation at (770) 781-2215.

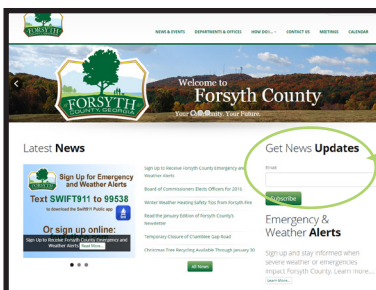
- Tuesday, March 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. - *Central Park Recreation Center, 2300 Keith Bridge Road*
- Wednesday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to noon - *Midway Park Community Building, 5100 Post Road*
- Wednesday, March 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. - *Old Atlanta Park Recreation Center, 810 Nichols Road*

Important Information about Homestead Exemptions

Those who purchased a house during 2015, were living there on January 1, 2016, consider this their primary legal residence and are not claiming homestead at any other location are eligible for lower property taxes by filing for Homestead Exemption. While you can file for Homestead Exemption year-round, you must file by Friday, April 1 to receive these benefits for 2016.

Where to file:
 Tax Assessor's Office
 County Administration Building
 110 E. Main Street, Suite 260
 Monday through Friday
 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 (770) 781-2106

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March Events

March 3
 Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

March 8
 Board of Commissioners
 Work Session

March 8
 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

March 17
 Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting

March 22
 Board of Commissioners
 Work Session

March 29
 Planning Commission Meeting

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

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