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SR 400 WIDENING update

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is nearing completion of the addition of a lane on SR 400 northbound. Once the bridge work over Lake Lanier is complete, the new northbound lane will be open in its entirety – from McFarland Parkway to SR 369. Work to add a lane to SR 400 southbound began in the spring and has a projected completion date of fall 2018.

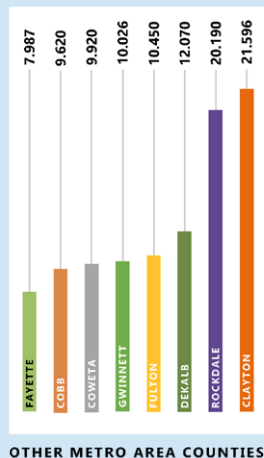
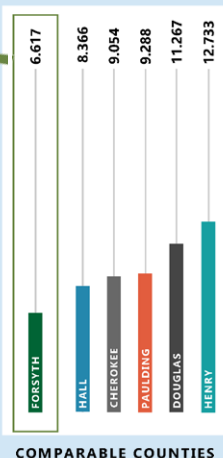
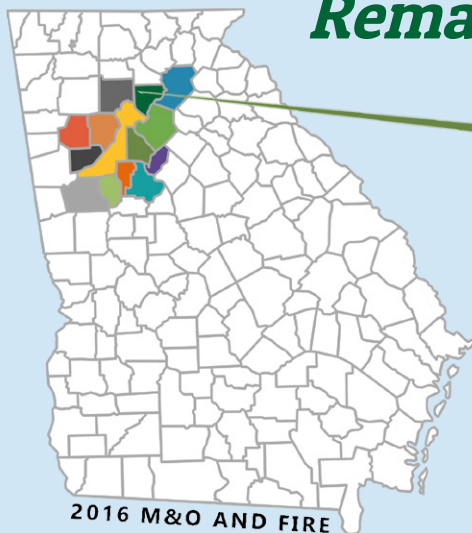


The SR 400 widening project is funded by state funds and the voter-approved Forsyth County Transportation Bond.

2018 Budget Update: Millage Rates Remain Unchanged

At their July 20 meeting, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted the millage rates that will fund a major portion of the county's 2018 General Fund budget, Fire District and Bonds. The board voted to maintain the county's millage rates with no change. The county's millage rate of 8.036 is one of the lowest millage rates among metro Atlanta counties.

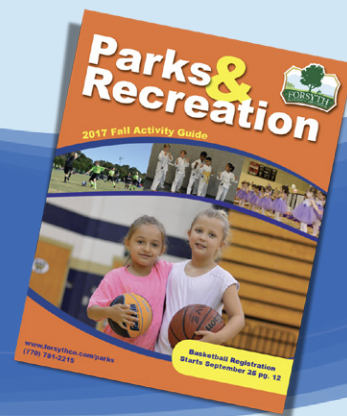
Forsyth County staff, the Finance Committee and the Board of Commissioners will continue preparing the county's proposed 2018 budget, which is slated for adoption in November.



Parks & Recreation Fall Activity Guide Now Available!

Register today for fall activities including youth and adult athletic leagues, youth and adult tennis, youth and adult dance classes, youth and adult art classes, gymnastics and tumbling, martial arts, special interest programs and more.

You may register online at www.forsythco.com/parks or in person at any of the county's three recreation centers. To view the Parks & Recreation Fall Activity Guide, visit www.forsythco.com/parks. For more information, call Forsyth County Parks & Recreation at (770) 781-2215.



Commissioner's Corner



As you'll read in this month's *The Current* newsletter, last month your Board of Commissioners held three public hearings to discuss and ultimately vote on the county's millage rates that will fund in large part the 2018 general operating budget. I am happy to report that the board voted unanimously to maintain the current millage rates, with a total county rate of 8.036, which remains one of the lowest in metro Atlanta.

In the coming months, county staff and officials will continue working on the proposed 2018 budget, on which a public hearing will be held later this year. I

encourage you to attend this public hearing, either in person or follow along on TV Forsyth (available on Comcast channel 23, AT&T Channel 99 and at forsythco.com). You can also provide your feedback directly with your district commissioner. My hope is that you will stay engaged and informed throughout this process, as a balanced budget is the priority for our county and its citizens.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve,

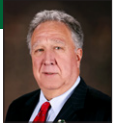
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Did You Know? Senior Services Hosts Day Trips

Day trips are a fun and inexpensive way for local seniors to get out of town and travel with a group of their peers.



David J. Sencer CDC Museum photo: www.cdc.gov



Old Batesville General Store photo: <http://soqueriverramble.com>

David J. Sencer CDC Museum includes transportation and a guided tour with lunch on your own at The Cheesecake Factory.

Thursday, August 17

(Deadline to register: August 10)

The North Georgia Artisans Tour includes transportation to four unique artisan shops with lunch on your own at the historic Old Batesville General Store outside Clarksville, Georgia.

Friday, September 15

(Deadline to register: September 8)

For more information: Forsyth County Senior Services (770) 781-2178 | www.forsythco.com/seniors



Save the Date:
15th Annual Play at the Park
Family Fun Festival
Saturday, September 30, at Fowler Park

Free event includes kid-friendly activities, live entertainment, food trucks and hot air balloon tether rides. Visit www.playatthepark.com for event details.



August Events

August 1

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

August 3

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

August 8

Board of Commissioners
Zoning Workshop

August 8

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

August 17

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

August 22

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

August 29

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates are subject to change.

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NOTICE: County government offices, including the animal shelter, Senior Services, the three recreation centers and the three recycling convenience centers, will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.