



# THE CURRENT

Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

December 2017



## Give the Gift of a Meal to a Local Senior Citizen this Holiday Season

Participate in the 2017 Home-Delivered Meals Holiday Gift Certificate Program to give a local homebound senior a nutritious meal, friendly visit and safety check. The cost for a holiday meal gift certificate is \$3.68 for one day, \$18.40 for one week, \$80.96 for one month and \$956.80 for an entire year. Certificates for meals purchased through Forsyth County Senior Services will be delivered by the Meals on Wheels program.

Senior Services has set a goal of delivering 4,000 meals to local senior citizens this holiday season. For more information on how to help them reach that goal, please call Forsyth County Senior Services at (770) 781-2178.

## Brown is New District 2 Commissioner

In a ceremony held November 14 at the Forsyth County Administration Building, newly-elected Forsyth County District 2 Commissioner Dennis T. Brown was sworn in to office, with Probate Judge Woody Jordan officiating. Brown fills the unexpired term of Rick Swope, who resigned from the post in August. Brown's term runs through Dec. 31, 2020. District 2 covers much of the southern portion of the county. Welcome Commissioner Brown!



## ALL ADOPTION FEES WAIVED!

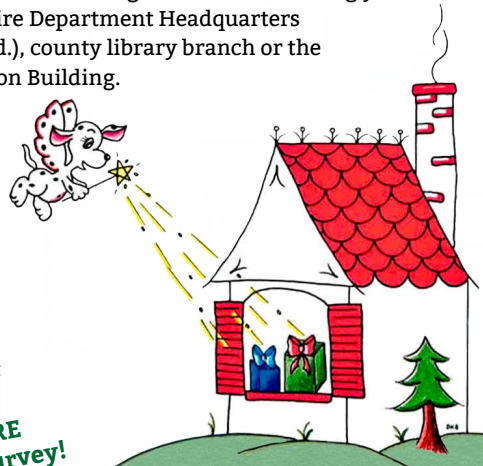
Forsyth County Animal Shelter  
4065 County Way, Cumming  
www.forsythco.com/animal-shelter (687) 965-7185

Through January 2!



## Aerial's House Toy Collection

The Forsyth County Fire Department is asking for residents' help in making the holiday season brighter for local children in need. The annual Aerial's House toy collection is accepting new, unwrapped toys for children—newborn to 18 years old—through December 15. Bring your donation to any county fire station, Fire Department Headquarters (3520 Settingdown Rd.), county library branch or the County Administration Building.



CLICK HERE to take the survey!

## Transportation Plan Update Open House

There is still time to provide your feedback on the update of Forsyth County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, a guiding document that outlines the long-range vision for transportation in the county. Make plans to attend the final open house session which will be held Thursday, December 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hampton Park Library (5345 Settingdown Road). Or provide input by taking a survey at [www.forsythtransportationplan.com](http://www.forsythtransportationplan.com).





# Commissioner's Corner



As we begin to say goodbye to 2017, we say hello to our newest commissioner! New District 2 Commissioner Dennis Brown brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the post and I look forward to working alongside him.

With all of the shopping, decorating and turkey prepping, the holiday season is certainly a busy time of year. Despite the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it always amazes me just how giving our community is throughout this special time of the year.

Looking for a way to give back this holiday season? The Forsyth County Fire Department is collecting

toys for local children in need – new, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at fire stations through December 15. And through their Home-Delivered Meal Certificate Program, you can help Senior Services deliver meals to local homebound seniors.

Whether you consider donating time, efforts or money this holiday season – thank you. It is YOU who makes Forsyth County such a wonderful place to live, work and play. Happy holidays to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Todd Levent, Chairman and District 3 Commissioner

## Our Commissioners

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## December Events

**December 5**  
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

**December 7**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

**December 12**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**December 21**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

**December 25**  
County Government  
Offices Closed

**December 26**  
County Government  
Offices Closed

Meeting and event dates are subject to change. To receive the most current information, visit [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com).

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## Holiday Fire Prevention and Safety Tips from the Forsyth County Fire Department

The Forsyth County Fire Department wants you and your family to be safe this holiday season! Here are some tips to help you celebrate safely.

- ❄️ Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like a furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- ❄️ Remember to turn portable space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ❄️ All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- ❄️ Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat can dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.
- ❄️ Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before using them.
- ❄️ Never place wrapping paper in a fireplace. Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.
- ❄️ In an emergency, always dial 911.

## Bring One For the Chipper

Keep Forsyth County Beautiful encourages residents to recycle their Christmas trees. Tree recycling is available at the county's three recycling convenience centers from December 26 through January 27. The service is free and helps keep trees out of landfills. For a list of tree recycling locations and dates, visit [keepforsythcountybeautiful.org](http://keepforsythcountybeautiful.org) or call (770) 205-4573.

Holiday Closures

### DEC 24

- Recreation Centers

### DEC 25

- Government Offices
- Animal Shelter
- Recreation Centers
- Senior Services Locations
- Recycling Centers

### DEC 26

- Government Offices
- Animal Shelter
- Recreation Centers
- Senior Services Locations

### JAN 1

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- Animal Shelter
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