



THE CURRENT

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Learn About Proposed Project to Widen McGinnis Ferry Road at Public Information Open House January 10

The Forsyth County Engineering Department invites citizens to a public information open house regarding the proposed widening of McGinnis Ferry Road from Sargent Road to Union Hill Road/Ronald Reagan Boulevard – approximately 4.58 miles.

Tuesday, January 10, from 5 to 8 p.m.*
Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College
3410 Ronald Reagan Boulevard, Cumming

*The format is informal, and the public is invited to attend anytime between these hours.

For more information on this proposed project, click here: <https://goo.gl/mmY4GV>. For more information about other county road projects, visit: <https://goo.gl/uNSTIU>.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree Through January 30



Christmas Tree Recycling Locations:

- Home Depot - 1000 Market Place Boulevard
- Home Depot - 2635 Peachtree Parkway
- Jan. 7 only, all day
- Vickery Creek Elementary School - 6280 Post Road
- Through Jan. 7 (no trees after 4 p.m. on Jan. 7)
- Three County Recycling Convenience Centers
- 351 Tolbert Street
- 3678 Old Atlanta Road
- 3560 Settingdown Road
- Through Jan. 30, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on Sundays and holidays – see closure information on next page)

For more information, call (770) 205-4573 or visit keepforsythcountybeautiful.org.

2017-2018 Board of Commissioners

Find Board of Commissioners' biographies, meeting information and videos (streamed live and available On Demand), and more at forsythco.com.

District 1
R.J. (Pete) Amos

District 2
Rick Swope

District 3
Todd Levent

District 4
Cindy Jones Mills

District 5
Laura Semanson

Local Business Initiative Extended

Forsyth County continues to focus on providing more opportunities for local companies to do business with the county government, as the county has extended its Local Business Initiative through 2017.

In place since 2009, the program's goal is to return as much taxpayer money back into the local economy as possible. For solicitations less than \$1 million, a qualified local business that submits a responsive and responsible bid receives a local preference credit of five percent. Some projects, such as public works and road projects, are excluded from the initiative.

Vendors desiring to qualify for the program are required to complete an affidavit demonstrating they satisfy all of the requirements. Among the requirements to be considered a local business, companies must have their principal office located in Forsyth County (and have had such for at least six months prior), hold a valid business license and have a banking relationship with a bank branch located in Forsyth County.

For more information, visit the Procurement Department page at forsythco.com or call (770) 888-8872.

Commissioner's Corner

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Brian Tam and Jim Boff, who at the end of 2016 completed their terms as the District 2 and District 5 commissioners respectively. With a combined total of 20 years of service on the Board of Commissioners, these gentlemen deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to our community.

I would also like to welcome our two new members of the Board of Commissioners – District 2 Commissioner Rick Swope and District 5 Commissioner Laura Semanson. I look forward to working alongside them both, as well as Commissioners Amos and Mills, as we represent the people of Forsyth County – long-time and new residents alike.

Buying local has many benefits. It ensures tax dollars stay in the county, creates jobs and supports our community's businesses. Purchases you make in Forsyth County

generate sales taxes that will stay here in the county; these taxes fund a number of important projects, including public safety, transportation and parks improvements. In this edition of *The Current*, you will read about the extension of the county's Local Business Initiative. This program focuses on keeping the county government's spending local, which benefits our residents and businesses in numerous ways. If you are a Forsyth County company, I encourage you to contact our Procurement Department about this initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you – I look forward to 2017 being another great year for Forsyth County.

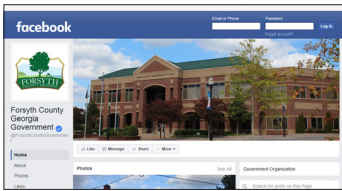
Sincerely,



Todd Levent, District 3 Commissioner

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Adopt a Pet Through the Forsyth County Animal Shelter



4065 County Way
Cumming
(678) 965-7185

Visit www.forsythco.com/animalshelter for information on adoptable animals, adoption fee, directions and more.

GET FIT Forsyth!

Registration deadline:
Jan. 9

Challenge dates:
Jan. 9 - Feb. 10

Cost: \$25

Activity #: 142825-A

Join your peers and neighbors in the Get Fit Forsyth month-long fitness challenge! The program will provide participants ages 18+ with weekly challenges, a one-month FitPlus pass to the county's three recreation centers and weekly encouragement with educational facts. Each participant will receive a Get Fit Forsyth T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to the male and female with the highest program participation.

For more information, call (770) 205-4646. To register online, visit www.forsythco.com/parks and click on 'Register for programs'.



Central Park



Fowler Park



Old Atlanta Park

Upcoming Holiday Closures: County government offices (including county offices, the animal shelter, three Senior Services locations and three recycling convenience centers) will be closed January 2, in observance of New Year's Day and January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The three recreation centers will be closed on January 1 and January 16 and will be open January 2.

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January Events

January 2

County Government Offices Closed

January 3

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

January 5

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

January 10

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

January 16

County Government Offices Closed

January 19

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

January 24

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

January 31

Planning Commission Meeting

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

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