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Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

July 2017

MILLAGE RATE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Forsyth County's Board of Commissioners will hold three public hearings regarding the county's tentatively adopted millage rates, and all citizens are invited and encouraged to attend. The hearings will be held in Suite 220 of the County Administration Building at 110 E. Main Street in Cumming.

THURSDAY, JULY 6 AT 11 A.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 6 AT 5 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 6 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners has announced its intention to maintain the county's millage rates currently in place with no change. Adoption of the millage rates is slated for July 20 at 6:30 p.m. Visit forsythco.com for more information.

Transportation Project Update: Bethelview Road Widening

A 5.02-mile portion of Bethelview Road, from Castleberry Road to SR 20, is currently under construction to widen the road to four lanes, make alignment modifications and add a 20-foot raised median and 5-foot wide sidewalks. This is a state project with the Georgia Department of Transportation overseeing construction. Forsyth County was responsible for the two previous phases: design and the acquisition of right of way; the county was reimbursed for the right of way acquisition cost of the project by the state. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2019.



For more details on this and other transportation projects, visit the Interactive Transportation Projects Map at:

www.forsythco.com/transportation



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2016 FORSYTH COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

Learn more about your county government and recent projects and accomplishments. Copies of the report can be picked up at the County Administration Building located at 110 E. Main Street in Cumming.

2016 FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Learn about your Fire Department's divisions, facilities, apparatus and more. Copies of the report can be picked up at the County Administration Building, Public Safety Complex located at 3520 Settingdown Road or any fire station.

Both reports can be viewed online at forsythco.com.

Park Spotlight: Big Creek Greenway

If you have not visited one of the county's most popular amenities, you are missing out! The Big Creek Greenway is a 12-foot wide concrete and boardwalk path ideal for walking, jogging, biking and inline skating. The Greenway currently spans from McFarland Parkway to Kelly Mill Road for approximately 9.6 miles and can be accessed at four trailheads:

- 5120 Bethelview Road
- 4110 Carolene Way at Fowler Park
- 1622 McFarland Parkway
- 5259 Union Hill Road



For more information on the Big Creek Greenway, visit www.forsythco.com/parks or call (770) 781-2215.

Commissioner's Corner



This month the Board of Commissioners will hold three public hearings concerning millage rates that will fund the county's 2018 budget. For those unfamiliar, the millage rate determines how much money the Forsyth County Tax Commissioner collects from county property owners. The millage rate is broken into three categories: Maintenance & Operations, Fire District and Bonds.

For 2017, the Board of Commissioners plans to maintain the county's 2016 millage rate: Maintenance & Operations rate at 4.642 mills, Fire rate at 1.975 mills and Bond rate at 1.419 mills. If an individual tax bill changes it is due to a change in the assessed valuation for that property rather than a change in the millage rate. With the increase in many home values and new construction, we anticipate this to result in a higher tax digest for

the 2018 budget. Forsyth County continues to have millage rates among the lowest in metro Atlanta.

I encourage you to attend any one of the three public hearings, or watch them broadcast live on TV Forsyth (Comcast Channel 23, AT&T Channel 99 and live streaming on forsythco.com). If you have any questions about your property's assessment, contact the Tax Assessor's Office at (770) 781-2106 or visit their office inside the County Administration Building, 110 E. Main Street, Suite 260, in downtown Cumming. They are open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

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JULY EVENTS

- July 4**
County Government Offices Closed
- July 6**
Millage Rate Public Hearings
- July 6**
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting/Public Hearings
- July 11**
Zoning Workshop
- July 11**
Board of Commissioners Work Session
- July 11**
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- July 20**
Millage Rate Public Hearing
- July 20**
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
- July 25**
Board of Commissioners Work Session
- July 25**
Planning Commission Meeting

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

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FIREWORKS SAFETY!

Always have ADULT SUPERVISION when lighting fireworks

Do not allow CHILDREN UNDER 12 to handle sparklers

NEVER RE-LIGHT or pick up failed fireworks

NEVER POINT OR THROW fireworks at another person

Keep a BUCKET OF WATER handy in case of fire

Always view fireworks from a SAFE DISTANCE



County government offices, including the animal shelter, Senior Services, the three recreation centers and the three recycling convenience centers, will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.