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Senior Services Spotlight: Sexton Hall Enrichment Center

The recently-renovated Sexton Hall Enrichment Center, one of three county senior centers, is an active adult center for county residents ages 50 and over. The center offers a variety of programming including art, music, continuing education, technology, fitness and leisure activities, as well as congregate and respite programs. For more information, visit www.forsythco.com/seniors or call (770) 781-2178.



Sexton Hall Enrichment Center, shown above, was recently renovated to include a new kitchen, an art wing (including a kiln) and space for an outdoor garden, among other amenities.

Senior Center Locations:

Sexton Hall Enrichment Center
2115 Chloe Road
(just off of Sharon Road)

Hearthstone Lodge Community Center
7305 Lanier Drive

Center at Charles Place
595 Dahlonega Street

LEVEL 2 DROUGHT

STRICT WATER CONSERVATION REQUIRED

Level 2 Drought Response requires that residents follow strict water conservation. Outdoor landscape watering is only allowed two days a week determined by even and odd-numbered addresses. On the allowable days there is no watering allowed during the mid-day hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. No watering is allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays.

Even-numbered addresses (ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8)

Even-numbered addresses and properties without addresses may irrigate on Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of midnight until 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. until midnight.



Odd-numbered addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9)

Odd-numbered addresses may irrigate on Thursday and Sunday between the hours of midnight until 10 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. until midnight.

Ceremony Honors Forsyth County Firefighters

A ceremony held May 15 by the Forsyth County Fire Department was an opportunity to recognize current personnel and to welcome the newest members of the department.



Four Life Saved awards were presented to fire department personnel for their outstanding actions over the past several years. Two members of the department were then formally promoted to new ranks: Fire Lieutenant Douglas James Gibson to the rank of battalion chief and Firefighter/EMT Timothy Gilbert Surguy to the rank of fire lieutenant.

Concluding the ceremony was the graduation of Forsyth County's 12 newest firefighters. The recruits had just completed 34 weeks of intense firefighter and emergency medical services training. Congratulations to all!

Review updated
flood hazard maps



Representatives from Forsyth County government, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be on hand to provide the most current information and answer questions.

Thursday, June 22, from 5 to 7 p.m.
Commissioners' Meeting Room
County Administration Building

110 E. Main Street, Suite 220 | www.georgiadfirm.com

Maps may be viewed now in the Department of Engineering, located in Suite 120 of the County Administration Building.

Commissioner's Corner

Last month I was invited to speak at the State of the County, a long-standing annual event organized by the Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce. I was happy to share some of the exciting things happening in Forsyth County, including an update to our Comprehensive Plan. After regional and staff review is complete, we hope to adopt the plan this summer.

I was pleased to speak on the numerous road, intersection and sidewalk improvement projects being undertaken throughout the county. These much-needed improvements – several happening in conjunction with GDOT – are being paid for by the voter-approved \$200

million Transportation Bond and voter-approved SPLOST, or penny sales tax program. To see what transportation projects are underway, visit the interactive transportation projects map at www.forsythco.com/transportation.

Also funded by the voter-approved SPLOST, voter-approved Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond and Impact Fees are new parks, two of which opened in the last year.



Lastly, I'm happy to share a few of our county's praiseworthy statistics: 3.8 percent unemployment rate, \$88,816 medium household income and a 92.7 percent graduation rate. I could not be happier with the direction Forsyth County is moving, and I am happy to call this place my home.

If you would like to read the full speech, please visit the Board of Commissioners page at forsythco.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd Levent
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June Events

June 1

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

June 6

Zoning Workshop

June 6

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

June 6

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

June 15

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

June 20

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

June 27

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates
are subject to change.

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COUNTYWIDE BURN BAN IN EFFECT



MAY 1 - SEPT. 30

PROHIBITED BURNING INCLUDES:
LEAVES • TRASH • YARD DEBRIS • STORM DAMAGE

A countywide, state-mandated ban on outdoor burning is in effect through September 30. The ban prohibits all outdoor burning including the burning of leaves, trash, yard debris and storm damage. Questions? Contact the Fire Marshal's Office at (678) 455-8072.

FAMILY FUN IDEA:

→ Hike Sawnee Mountain ←

Hikers of all levels will enjoy a day on the wooded trails at Sawnee Mountain Preserve. There are more than 11 miles of trails for hikers, walkers and runners and a kid-friendly visitor center. The trail may be accessed at 4075 Spot Road (visitor center), 2500 Bettis-Tribble Gap Road and 2505 Bettis-Tribble Gap Road.

For more information on these and other amenities available through Forsyth County Parks & Recreation, call (770) 781-2215 or visit www.forsythco.com/parks.

