Community. Your Future Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

#### MAY 2017



### **New Interactive Transportation Projects** Map Available at forsythco.com

Visit www.forsythco.com/transportation to quickly and easily find information about the road projects that matter to you.

### **Replacement Fire Station 8** Now Open!

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Forsyth County officially opened new Fire Station 8 in the northeast portion of the county with a hose uncoupling ceremony on Friday, April 21. Construction of new volunteers, was opened in 1984 and had far exceeded its life expectancy. The new Fire Station 8 was designed for 24-hour occupancy, which the former station was not. It is a four-stall facility, better suited to house the fire apparatus apparatus placement.



# PAINT & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

## **Recycle Your Paint and Electronics on May 20**

Keep Forsyth County Beautiful (KFCB) invites residents to participate in their upcoming paint and electronics recycling event on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cumming Fairgrounds' parking lot 3 off of Castleberry Road.

For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, visit keepforsythcountybeautiful.org and click on the 'Recycling/Disposal' tab, call KFCB at (770) 205-4573 or email kfcb@forsythco.com.

### PAINT RECYCLING PRICE LIST

#### Latex-Based

5-gallon bucket\$12	5-gallon bucket
2-gallon bucket\$5	1-gallon can
1-gallon can\$3	1-quart can
1-quart can or smaller\$1	1-pint can

Any type of spray can.....\$1

oil-Based

.....\$17 .....\$4

.....\$2

.....\$1

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING Television fee: \$20 Computer monitor fee: \$10



#### **ACCEPTED ELECTRONICS** see website for complete list • Computers • Power Supplies • Printers Scanners Servers Modems • Gaming Consoles • Toner & Ink-Jet Cell Phones • CD Players • LCD Monitors Stereos Blu-Ray Players • Lithium & Rechargable Batteries

### Old Atlanta Park's Spray Pad **Opens May 27**

Forsyth County's popular spray pad is located inside Old Atlanta Park at 810 Nichols Road. Annual passes and private rentals are available. For more information, call (770) 205-4646.

**Regular Season** May 27 - August 2 Tuesdays - Saturdays August 3 - September 4 Tuesdays - Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Daily Admission | Cash or check only



per person (ages 1+)

FREE<sup>\*</sup> for adults entering with paying child \*dry deck only

### **Commissioner's Corner**

Over the past two months, I have been fortunate to attend the grand opening ceremonies of two brand new fire stations. The first station, Fire Station 6, is located in a rapidly growing part of the county by the intersection of SR 141 and Brookwood Road. Fire Station 6 is the first 'new' station built in the county since 1999. The department has 13 fire stations, and naming the new facility Station 6 fills a gap in the facilities' numbering. As you'll read about in this issue of The Current, Fire Station 8 replaces former Station 8, a station built more than 30 years ago by volunteers that was never meant to be occupied for 24 hours a day.

For you the citizen, these new stations not only make you and your neighbors safer and better connected to public safety, but it may lower your property insurance premium due to the county's low Insurance Services Offices (ISO) rating. ISO determines a property's insurance risk and having 13 fire stations throughout the county only lowers that risk by shortening response times. In 2015, the county's rating went from a 5 to a 3, the lower number representing a better level of protection. If you have not recently, I encourage you to contact your homeowners insurance and ask about what our ISO meeting means for your policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

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Chairman



### May is National Water Safety Month

As the weather warms up and pools open, National Water Safety Month is the perfect time to prepare you and your family for fun and safety in and around the water. Check out these safety tips provided by the American Red Cross:

- If you go boating, wear a life jacket
- Actively supervise children whenever around the water
- · Always stay within arm's reach of young children and avoid distractions
- Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub
- Keep unused toys away from the pool and out of sight

# **Dial-A-Ride**

### A Low-cost Transportation Option for County Residents

Dial-A-Ride, which operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., provides Forsyth County residents with transportation for medical appointments, shopping, employment, education, personal errands and more. Dial-A-Ride operates six vans, all equipped with lifts for wheelchair service. Appointments are accepted up to 30 days in advance, on a first come, first served basis. The cost per trip is \$2 per person. For more information and to make an appointment, call (770) 781-2195.



ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 29

### Our Commissioners

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### May Events

May 2 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

May 4 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

> May 9 Board of Commissioners Work Session

May 18 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

> May 23 Board of Commissioners Work Session

May 23 Planning Commission Meeting

May 29 County Government Offices Closed

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



Email questions, comments or suggestions to thecurrent@forsythco.com.

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