

The Current

Forsyth County's Monthly Newsletter

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New Recycling Center to Open inside Coal Mountain Park

Beginning this month, Forsyth County residents will have an additional location at which to recycle. Coal Mountain Recycling Center, located inside Coal Mountain Park on Settingdown Road, is slated to open in July. The new facility is the county's third recycling center. Recycling is available to residents at no charge.

Effective July 1 at the two existing recycling centers and beginning with the opening of Coal Mountain Recycling Center, residents will pay the following rates for trash drop-off:

- 25¢ per bag for recycling customers (limit of five bags per day)
- \$1 per bag for non-recycling customers (limit of five bags per day)
- \$2 per bag for every bag over the five bag limit

The county's recycling centers accept a variety of recyclables and bagged household trash. There is no minimum bag size for trash, and the maximum bag size is 32 gallons. Although a daily bag limit exists for trash drop-off, no limit is set on recycling.

Residents can visit any of the county's three recycling centers:

- 351 Tolbert Street in Cumming, 770.781.2176
- 3678 Old Atlanta Road in Suwanee, 770.205.3010
- 3560 Settingdown Road (Building E, inside Coal Mountain Park) in Cumming, 770.781.2071

Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Sundays and holidays). The centers accept cash only. Proof of residency may be requested.



Forsyth County's newest fire station, located at 234 Castleberry Industrial Drive in Cumming, is now in service. New Fire Station 1 replaces the former location on Veterans Memorial Drive. The new four double-bay station is a SPLOST V project. A grand opening ceremony was held at the new station June 21.

Commissioner's Corner

This past month we broke the ground for a project that is a shining example of what can be accomplished when a community comes together to make a difference. On June 11, ground was broken at Coal Mountain Park for the new Miracle League field. The Miracle League provides physically and mentally challenged children with an opportunity to play baseball just like other children. This is an opportunity that many of these children would otherwise not have. The new field will feature a special surface specifically designed for Miracle League play and is slated for completion in spring 2008.

I encourage everyone to attend a Miracle League game and see what an amazing program this is. We are truly fortunate to have in this county great people and organizations working so hard to make this possible.

In closing and as we celebrate our nation's independence during this month, I would like to thank all of our community's veterans who have served our country. I would also like to thank our public safety personnel who serve our citizens day in and day out. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of you.

Sincerely,

Charles Laughinghouse, Chairman

Know Your Codes: Commercial Maintenance Requirements (UDC 10-1.14)

Developments in commercially zoned districts shall comply with the following site maintenance requirements once Certificate of Occupancy has been released; regardless of tenant or absence of tenant, the owner shall be responsible for ensuring that:

- A) Cleanliness of entire site shall be maintained by removing any trash, rubbish or other debris deposited on the site.
- B) Landscaping shall be maintained, and dead or damaged plants shall be replaced.
- C) Damaged elements of building (such as but not limited to broken windows) and site (such as but not limited to curb stops, parking stripes, dumpster screening) shall be repaired or replaced if damaged, dilapidated or in disrepair.
- D) Should any single occupied premise become vacant for more than 60 days, and the owner fails to maintain the property in accordance with the conditions above and upon notification from the county for such failure, the owner shall be subject to citation by the appropriate county Code Enforcement officer and shall be subject to the maximum fine permitted for ordinance violations for each violation of any provision of this ordinance.

To receive additional information or report a violation, please call 678.513.5893. Violations can also be reported online at www.forsythco.com.

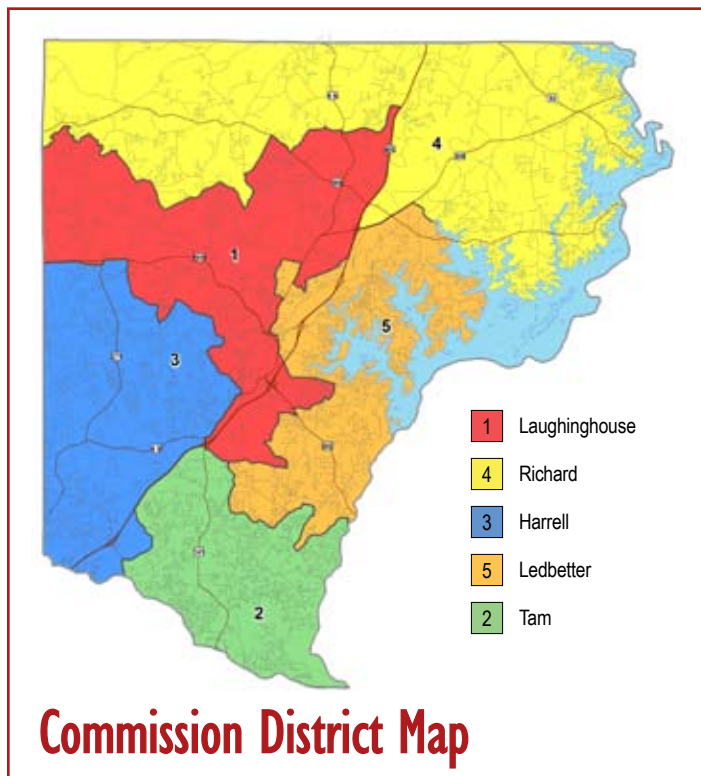


Easiest Way to Buy Tags and Pay Taxes Try renewing your tag or paying your property taxes online

Forsyth County residents can now enjoy the convenience of buying tags and paying taxes online. For a nominal fee, the online option saves you from getting in your car to drive to one of the tax offices or from searching for a stamp to mail payments.

The online tag fees, for up to 50 renewals, are \$4.95 using a credit card or \$3.00 using an electronic check. For property taxes, a 2.5% convenience fee will be added to online credit card payments.

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