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PASSENGER FARE FOR DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE TO INCREASE

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – Effective September 1, 2011, the passenger fare for Forsyth County’s public transportation Dial-A-Ride service will increase. The increase will be the first fare increase for the Dial-A-Ride service in approximately 10 years.

The rates will increase from the current \$1.50 per one-way trip and \$2.50 per round-trip, to a flat \$2.00 per trip fare.

“We have been able to maintain the same rates for many, many years, but rising operating expenses and fuel costs necessitated the need for an increase,” Director of Fleet Services Avery Gravitt said. “Even with the slight increase in our fare, our rate will still be lower than or the same as our neighboring counties.”

The Dial-A-Ride program offers on-call transportation services to Forsyth County residents.

“Residents utilize Dial-A-Ride for a variety of purposes, including such things as medical appointments, shopping, education and errands,” Gravitt said.

The service operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To use Dial-A-Ride, passengers must be at least 18 years of age or be accompanied by an adult. All five of the Dial-A-Ride vans are equipped with lifts for wheelchair service.

The Dial-A-Ride program is operated by the county’s Fleet Services Department and is funded by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, the Georgia Department of Transportation and passenger fees.

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Appointments are accepted up to 30 days in advance on a first-come, first-served basis. Scheduling hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to schedule a trip, call 770.781.2195.

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