



# THE CURRENT

Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

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## First Portion of SR 400 Widening Set to Open October 5

Motorists anxiously awaiting the widening of SR 400 can mark their calendars for Wednesday, October 5, when the first portion of the project – an additional northbound lane along an 8-mile stretch from McFarland Parkway to just north of Highway 20 – is scheduled to open for use. A ceremonial ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Park & Ride lot off of Deputy Bill Cantrell Memorial Road (formerly North Old Atlanta Road) in Cumming.

Work continues on the additional northbound lane from just north of Highway 20 to State Route 369, with a tentative completion in spring of 2017. Work on the additional southbound lane is slated to commence shortly thereafter. The widening project is expected to be completed in mid-2018.

The SR 400 widening project is being made possible through a partnership between Forsyth County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. GDOT has contributed \$13 million to this work and is managing the project. The remainder of the project funding – approximately \$34.5 million – comes from the Forsyth County Transportation Bond, approved by 63 percent of Forsyth County voters in November 2014.



**TRANSPORTATION BOND**

## Transportation Summit

Wednesday, October 5 at the Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. and program at noon

\$15 includes lunch; limited seating available at no cost for those choosing not to partake in lunch

For more information or to register: [www.cummingforsythchamber.org](http://www.cummingforsythchamber.org) or (770) 887-6461



## Advance Voting for November 8 General Election and Special Elections Begins October 17

### Weeks One and Two

Monday-Friday, October 17-28

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cumming City Hall

Hampton Park Library

Midway Park Community Bldg.

Sharon Springs Park Community Bldg.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

County Administration Bldg.

Saturday, October 29

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cumming City Hall

Hampton Park Library

Midway Park Community Bldg.

Sharon Springs Park Community Bldg.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

County Administration Bldg.

### Week Three

Monday-Friday, October 31-November 4

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cumming City Hall

Hampton Park Library

Midway Park Community Bldg.

Sharon Springs Park Community Bldg.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

County Administration Bldg.

### Tuesday, November 8 Election Day Reminders

On Election Day, voters must go to their designated Election Day polling place to vote. All polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please verify your designated polling place prior to heading out to vote at [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov). Ballots consist of federal, state and local offices as well as four proposed Constitutional Amendments and two local Special Elections. Due to the length of the ballot, voters are highly encouraged to review their Sample Ballot and research any questions they may have prior to going to the polls to vote. Links to explanations of the proposed Amendments and Special Election questions are available on the Voter Registrations and Elections Department page at [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com). For any questions, please call Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections at (770) 781-2118, ext. 9.

## Commissioner's Corner

Transportation will be the focus for Forsyth County on October 5. On that day, we are scheduled to open the first portion of the SR 400 widening project, giving northbound motorists an additional lane from McFarland Parkway to just north of Highway 20. The citizens of Forsyth County are to be thanked for making this important project possible. In 2014, voters approved the Forsyth County Transportation Bond which, along with funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation, made this widening project a reality. We are proud that we are able to open this new lane for use less than two years after voter approval of the Transportation Bond, and less than one year after the project groundbreaking.

It is a great example of the progress being made on transportation improvements in Forsyth County.

On October 5, we will also be holding the Transportation Summit at the Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College. Please see the information in this edition of *The Current* for more details.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



R.J. (Pete) Amos, Chairman

## Trunk or Treat Safety Event to be Held October 22

Bring the whole family and have fun while learning how to stay safe this Halloween during the Trunk or Treat Safety Event. The family-friendly event will be held at the Cumming Fairgrounds (235 Castleberry Road in Cumming) on Saturday, October 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is one family-sized bag of candy per family.



Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to Trunk or Treat, which will feature a variety of fun activities and games. There will also be information on costume safety, pedestrian safety, stranger danger, stop-drop-roll demonstrations and more.



October is **Adopt a Shelter Dog Month**, and the Forsyth County Animal Shelter is ready to help you find a canine companion to bring home with you! Located just off of GA 400 at 4065 County Way in northern Forsyth County, the shelter is open for adoptions Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



[Facebook.com/ForsythCountyAnimalShelter](https://www.facebook.com/ForsythCountyAnimalShelter)

[forsythco.com/animalshelter](http://forsythco.com/animalshelter)

(678) 965-7185

## October is Fire Prevention Month:

*Don't Wait – Check the Date!*

*Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years*

### Smoke alarm tips:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.
- If your smoke alarm has no date of manufacture, assume that it is beyond 10 years old and should be replaced.

For more information, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## Our Commissioners

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## October Events

**October 4**  
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

**October 5**  
Transportation Summit

**October 6**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

**October 11**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**October 20**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

**October 22**  
Trunk or Treat Safety Event

**October 25**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**October 25**  
Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates are subject to change. To receive the most current information, visit [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com).

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