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16th annual **SENIOR EXPO**

admission is
FREE

Saturday, April 14
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Forsyth County Senior Services will host the 16th annual Forsyth Senior Expo on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College (3410 Ronald Reagan Boulevard). The free event will be filled with vendors from a variety of industries including healthcare, insurance, real estate, senior living, nonprofits and more. Drop by for information, refreshments, health screenings and multiple chances to win door prizes.

For details: www.forsythco.com/seniors or (770) 781-2178.

Fire Department's First Career Firefighters Reach 20-Year Anniversary

March 23 marked the 20-year anniversary of the hiring of Forsyth County's first full-time, career firefighters, a group whose nickname was the "Dirty Thirty". Prior to 1998, the county had been served by a volunteer fire department.

Of the original 30 firefighters hired, 16 remain with the department today. Many have taken on various leadership ranks within the organization and have played a role in the department's growth.

Congratulations to the "Dirty Thirty" and thank you for your service and commitment to Forsyth County!



Handbag Auction

Presented By Forsyth County Senior Services



Join Forsyth County Senior Services for their first handbag auction to benefit older adults in need on Saturday, April 28, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Sexton Hall Enrichment Center (2115 Chloe Road, adjacent to Sharon Springs Park). The auction will feature generously donated gently used handbags, purses and wallets.

The event's items will be auctioned off through a silent auction format with a few special items auctioned off live. Funds raised will help fund programs such as Meals on Wheels, the Congregate Meal and Activity Program, and Respite Care.

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Commissioner's Corner



Todd Levent, Chairman

Earlier this year, I asked what your vision for Forsyth County's future looked like and, more specifically, how sales tax dollars should be spent to help bring that vision to life. Over the last several months, your responses to those questions did not disappoint. From January through March, ten public input meetings were held at various locations throughout the county to discuss how funding from the proposed continuation of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax – also known as SPLOST – could be utilized.

Now that your input has been received from those meetings and an online survey, it's time for the Board of Commissioners to begin working to develop and approve a list of projects to be funded by the proposed SPLOST VIII program. The next anticipated step in this process is a town hall meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 12 at the County Administration Building - please watch forsythco.com for updates and information.

And to everyone who attended one of the SPLOST public input meetings or completed an online survey, thank you for your time, your opinions and your interest in our county's future.

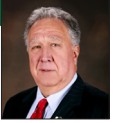
Sincerely,

Todd Levent,
Chairman and District 3 Commissioner

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April Events

April 3

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

April 5

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

April 10

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

April 12

SPLOST Town Hall Meeting

April 19

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

April 24

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

April 24

Planning Commission
Meeting

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

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS MAY 22

General Primary, NonPartisan General Election
&
Special Elections

Voter Registration Deadline for the May 22 General Primary, NonPartisan General Election and Special Elections is Approaching

The voter registration deadline for the May 22 General Primary, NonPartisan General Election and Special Elections is Tuesday, April 24. If you wish to register to vote or change your name and/or address on the voter registration list, you may do so online at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or in person at the Forsyth County Voter Registration and Elections Office (please note their new location of 1201 Sawnee Drive). Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call Forsyth County Voter Registration and Elections at (770) 781-2118 ext. 9.

Community input needed!

Work Underway to Develop New Residential Design Standards

Forsyth County has begun the process of creating new design standards for the single-family Res2, Res3, and Res4 zoning districts. Design standards under consideration include exterior materials, windows, building orientation to street, building scale and disposition on lot, parking configuration, site design, connectivity and walkability, landscaping, open space, lighting and accessory structures.

Thank you to everyone who attended the two listening sessions held on this topic in March. The next step in the process is an open house which will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 in the Forsyth County Administration Building (110 E. Main Street, Suite 220). Make plans to attend and be a part of this important process.

Swing by Sawnee Mountain Preserve This Spring

Looking for something fun to do this spring? Get outside and get adventurous at Sawnee Mountain Preserve! Try rock climbing at Sawnee Mountain Preserve's rock climbing tower on Tuesdays and Thursdays in April and May from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Climb for 90 minutes for \$5 per person with all equipment provided.

Rock climb and zip line from 12 to 4 p.m. by stopping by the Sawnee Mountain

Preserve Visitor Center on the first and third Saturdays of April and May. Climb and zip for 90 minutes for \$15 per person with all equipment provided.

Both programs are open to ages 8 and up. For more information call Forsyth County Parks & Recreation at (770) 781-2217.

