



# THE CURRENT

Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

December 2018

## ADOPTION FEES WAIVED TO BRING PETS "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

The Forsyth County Animal Shelter is making holiday wishes come true for families, and pets, by waiving their standard \$85 pet adoption fee through the end of the year! The "Home for the Holidays" adoption special is underway now on all pets at the Forsyth County Animal Shelter (4065 County Way). The shelter's adoption fee includes microchipping for all pets, altering and age appropriate vaccinations. In addition to seeking homes for all of the animals in their care, the Forsyth County Animal Shelter is always looking for volunteers, those willing to foster animals and donations of items such as pet food, toys and bedding.



### HOME FOR THE *Holidays*



For more information or to view current adoptable animals, visit [www.forsythco.com/animalshelter](http://www.forsythco.com/animalshelter) or call (678) 965-7185. Residents may also connect with the shelter on their Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/forsythcountyanimalshelter](http://www.facebook.com/forsythcountyanimalshelter).



DEC. 26 - JAN. 30

## Bring One For the Chipper

Keep Forsyth County Beautiful encourages residents to recycle their Christmas trees. Tree recycling is available at the county's three recycling convenience centers from December 26 through January 30. The service is free and helps keep trees out of landfills. For a list of tree recycling locations and dates, visit [keepforsythcountybeautiful.org](http://keepforsythcountybeautiful.org) or call (770) 205-4573.

## Bike Skills Park Now Open at Haw Creek Park



A unique bike skills park is now open at Haw Creek Park (2205 Echols Road) that features a pump track, tot track and technical trail features that are found on most mountain biking trails. The skills park is an area designed specifically for riders between the ages of 3-11 who are looking to hone their mountain bike skills.

In addition to the bike skills park, Haw Creek Park features a nature inspired playground, a picnic pavilion, and a 3.2 mile multi-purpose trail for walking, running and mountain biking.



For more information on all Forsyth County parks, including Haw Creek - visit [parks.forsythco.com](http://parks.forsythco.com).

# Commissioner's Corner



**Pete Amos,  
Commissioner**

As my time as a commissioner ends at the end of the year, I would like to say **thank you** to all of the constituents, officials and employees of Forsyth County who have made serving as an elected official a pleasure over the past seven years. Together, we have been able to make

great strides in ensuring Forsyth County is a wonderful place to call home. I would also like to thank my fellow commissioners for all of the hard work and hours they have, and continue to, put in to this call to service.

Serving Forsyth County as your District 1 commissioner and chairman (2013-2016) has been an honor and a privilege. I look forward to the future of our county and believe that future is bright.

Sincerely,

**Pete Amos,  
District 1 Commissioner**



## Our Commissioners

### DISTRICT 1

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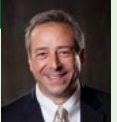
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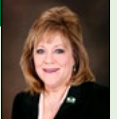
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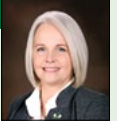
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### DISTRICT 5

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## December Events

**December 4**  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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

**December 11**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**December 20**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

**December 24**  
County Government  
Offices Closed

**December 25**  
County Government  
Offices Closed

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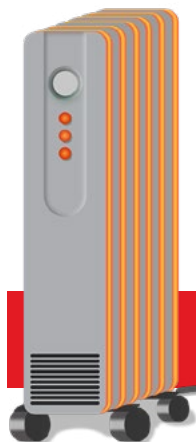
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# HOLIDAY FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS

**FROM THE FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- **Keep anything that can burn** at least three feet away from heating equipment, like a furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and **placed away from heat vents**.
- **Do not place your tree close to a heat source**, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat can dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.

**In an emergency, always dial 911.**



- **Inspect holiday lights each year** for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before using them.
- **Never place wrapping paper in a fireplace.** Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.

• Remember to **turn portable space heaters off** when leaving the room or going to bed.

*Holiday Closures*

**DEC 24**

**DEC 25**

**JAN 1**

- Forsyth County Government Offices
- Animal Shelter
- Recreation Centers
- Senior Services Locations
- Recycling Centers