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SPLOST VIII Public Input Meetings: Make Your Voice Heard!



Forsyth County wants to hear from citizens regarding the types of projects they would like to see funded by the proposed continuation of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax program – SPLOST VIII. Join your district's commissioner at one of the following meetings to weigh in on how funding from the proposed continuation of the penny sales tax program should be allocated.

February meeting dates

7 District 5 Windermere Lodge 10 a.m. - noon 4444 Front Nine Drive, Cumming	8 District 4 Hampton Park Library 6 - 8 p.m. 5345 Settingdown Road, Cumming	13 District 1 Central Park Recreation Center banquet room 6 - 8 p.m. 2300 Keith Bridge Road, Cumming
22 District 2 Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College 6 - 8 p.m. 3410 Ronald Regan Blvd, Cumming	27 District 3 Post Road Library 10 a.m. - noon 5010 Post Road, Cumming	28 District 5 County Administration Building Lobby 6 - 8 p.m. 110 E Main Street, Cumming

Can't attend a meeting in person? View meeting materials and submit feedback at forsythco.com.

Get an Inside Look at Your Fire Department

Want to learn more about Forsyth County's fire and emergency services? Sign up for the Forsyth County Fire Department Citizens' Fire Academy – a free, 10-week program giving citizens a hands-on experience and chance to learn about the variety of services the department provides.



The course is available to Forsyth County residents age 25 and older, and will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Forsyth County Public Safety Complex on 10 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning March 6 and continuing through May 8. Completed application packets must be submitted by Tuesday, February 16.

Attend the 2018 Transportation Summit

Hear updates on transportation projects happening throughout the county.

Join officials with Forsyth County and the Georgia Department of Transportation on Wednesday, February 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College for the 2018 Transportation Summit.

For more information or to register visit cummingforsythchamber.org or call (770) 887-6461.



Click here for the application packet

The application packet is available on the Fire Department's page on the Forsyth County website at forsythco.com.



Commissioner's Corner



We all have a voice. It's one of the greatest privileges of living in this nation, this state and even this county. Every citizen has a say in who our elected officials are, the issues we need to focus on and how tax dollars should be allocated. The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax – also known as SPLOST – is a special one percent voter-approved sales and use tax that has been in place in Forsyth County since 1987, raising revenue for designated programs or named capital projects. Now we need to hear from you on the future of SPLOST.

Now through early March, there will be a series of public input meetings at locations throughout the county allowing residents the opportunity to weigh in on how funding from the proposed continuation of the SPLOST penny sales tax program should be allocated.

I cannot stress enough how important your voice will be at these meetings as we discuss – together – how much of the potential SPLOST funding should go toward various categories that could ultimately fund projects like transportation improvements, parks, libraries, trails, Senior Services, fire stations, fire trucks, Sheriff's Office precinct and patrol cars, and more. Each district's commissioner will host two public input meetings where they will be available to talk with you one-on-one to hear your thoughts.

So, what does the future of Forsyth County look like to you? Attend a SPLOST VIII Public Input Meeting to let your voice be heard and I assure you, we will be listening to what you have to say.

Sincerely,

Todd Levent, Chairman and District 3 Commissioner

The Forsyth County Elections Office Has Moved

The Forsyth County Voter Registration & Elections Office has officially moved from the County Administration Building to a new location at:

**1201 Sawnee Drive
Cumming, GA 30040**



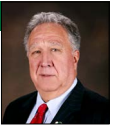
**Office hours:
Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

You can contact the elections office by phone at (770) 781-2118 (ext. 9) or by email at Voter@forsythco.com.

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February Events

February 1

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

February 6

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

February 6

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

February 15

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

February 20

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

February 27

Planning Commission
Meeting

Meeting and event dates are subject to change.

To receive the most current information, visit forsythco.com.

SUBAREA PLAN

SURVEY

Online Survey Seeks Community Input on Subarea Plan

Provide your feedback on a subarea plan designed to establish an integrated trail system in the northern portion of the county. The plan includes sidewalks, bicycle paths, multi-use trails and supporting facilities that foster community health through promotion of bicycle travel and increased walkability.

An online survey is now available for Forsyth County residents at forsythco.com along with an interactive online map that showcases the preliminary plan, which spans portions of districts one, four and five.

The survey will function as the key community engagement tool for the subarea plan and is available to county residents on the Forsyth County website through March 9. Data from both the survey and the map's comment portion will be used to refine the plan and produce a subsequent draft that will undergo a final review during a community open house, to be held in April.



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Email questions, comments or suggestions to thecurrent@forsythco.com.

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