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First section of new SR 400 southbound lane **OPEN TO TRAFFIC!**

Progress on the widening of State Route 400 in Forsyth County continues! The first section of the new SR 400 southbound lane – between SR 141 and McFarland Parkway – opened to traffic on December 22.

Construction will continue widening SR 400 from SR 369/Browns Bridge Road to SR 141/Peachtree Parkway. Weather permitting, that section is expected to open to traffic in late spring 2018.

The SR 400 widening project – adding a lane in each direction of SR 400 from McFarland Parkway to SR 369 – is being made possible through a partnership between Forsyth County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. GDOT has contributed funding to this work and is managing the project. The remainder of the project funding comes from the Forsyth County Transportation Bond approved by 63 percent of Forsyth County voters in 2014.



Coming Soon: **SPLOST Public Input Meetings**

A series of public input meetings is being planned to get your feedback on how you would like funds from the next Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program allocated.

WATCH FORSYTHCO.COM FOR DETAILS!

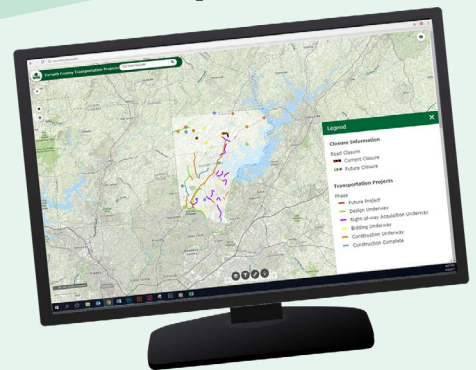
What is SPLOST?

It is a special one percent voter-approved sales and use tax for designated programs or named capital projects.



Transportation Project Information at Your Fingertips at forsythco.com

Visit www.forsythco.com/transportation to quickly and easily find information about the road projects that matter to you! Road widening underway near your subdivision? Intersection improvement coming near your child's school? Find details on the map!



You can filter projects by phase – including 'design underway,' 'under construction' or 'construction complete' – and by commission district. Each project listing also provides a project summary, mileage, cost, funding source and contractor. Check out www.forsythco.com/transportation today!

Recycle Your Christmas Tree through January 27

Keep Forsyth County Beautiful is offering Christmas tree recycling at the county's three recycling convenience centers through January 27. The service is free and helps keep trees out of landfills. For a list of tree recycling locations and dates, visit keepforsythcountybeautiful.org or call (770) 205-4573.



Commissioner's Corner



'Your Community. Your Future.' It's a catchy tag line for Forsyth County, but it's also a mission for your Board of Commissioners. It's a mission to create a community that's the best place to call home today and for many years to come. Last year, the board made great strides toward this goal.

In order to preserve and enhance our community for future generations, a number of amendments to the county's Unified Development Code were approved in 2017 aimed at reducing residential density. These amendments will play an important role in the new year.

Along with a new year comes a new budget for the county. In November, the 2018 operating budget was adopted by the board, funded with no increase in the county's property tax millage rate. Along

with millage rates being among metro Atlanta's lowest, Forsyth County also is one of only three governments in the state of Georgia to maintain the best bond rating possible. That is the equivalent of an individual having a credit score of 850!

It's easy to get excited about being a part of a community with a wonderful quality of life and bright future. The Board of Commissioners is committed to working hard to continue to make Forsyth County the ideal place to live not just for 2018, but for many years and generations to come.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy 2018!

Sincerely,

Todd Levent, Chairman and District 3 Commissioner

2018 Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

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January Events

January 1
County Government
Offices Closed

January 2
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

January 4
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

January 9
Board of Commissioners
Work Session

January 15
County Government
Offices Closed

January 18
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting

January 23
Board of Commissioners
Work Session

January 30
Planning Commission Meeting

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Meeting and event dates are subject to change.

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

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Get Fit Forsyth Challenge

Does your New Year's resolution include a focus on fitness? Then register by January 22 to join Forsyth County Parks & Recreation for the one-month Get Fit Forsyth fitness challenge! Participants ages 18 and up will receive a one-month FitPlus pass to the county's three recreation centers, weekly challenges and encouragement. Prizes will be awarded to the male and female with the highest participation based on a points system. Each participant will earn a Get Fit Forsyth T-shirt! The fee is \$25 for county residents. The program takes place January 22 through February 23.

Learn more and register at www.forsythco.com/parks.



GET FIT FORSYTH!

County government offices (including county offices, the animal shelter, three Senior Services locations and three recycling convenience centers) will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.