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Featured photo: Trail at Matt Community Park



New Trails Now Open at Three County Parks

Forsyth County's newest trails are now open! Natural surface trails have been added at both Lanierland Park and Matt Community Park at Settingdown Creek, and a 'braille trail' for visitors with visual impairments has been added at Fowler Park.

The trail at Lanierland Park (6115 Jot-Em-Down Road) is a 2.6-mile out and back route for walking and running. The trail at Matt Community Park at Settingdown Creek (6555 Wallace Tatum Road) features stacked loops that total 3.06 miles for walking, running and mountain biking. Construction of these trails was funded by the 2008 Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond and by Impact Fees.

The new braille trail at Fowler Park (4410 Carolene Way), which is located near the entrance to the Big Creek Greenway, is approximately 200 yards in length with guide ropes. The trail features two sensory gardens and eight braille signs for visually impaired individuals, and was made possible by the Forsyth County Lions Club in partnership with Ms. Fedorchuk's 4th grade class at Kelly Mill Elementary School.

Below: Braille trail at Fowler Park



With the addition of these new trails, the county now has just under 50 total miles of trails. For more information, contact Forsyth County Parks & Recreation at (770) 781-2215 or visit www.forsythco.com/parks.

Summer Safety Tips

Celebrate Independence Day Safely

- Always have adult supervision when lighting fireworks.
- Do not allow children under 12 to handle any form of fireworks, including sparklers.
- Never re-light or pick up failed fireworks.

The Forsyth County Fire Department wants to help you and your family stay safe this summer, with these helpful tips!

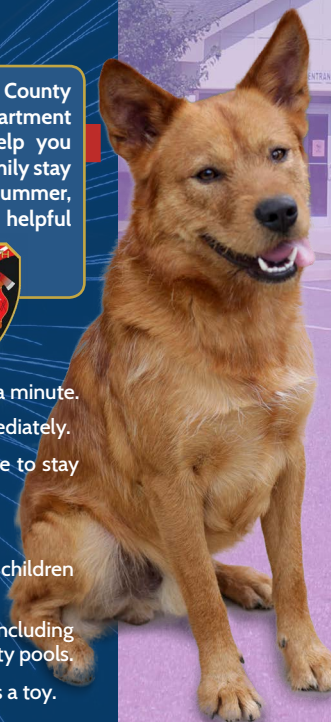


Stay Safe in Summer Heat

- Never leave a child or pet unattended in a vehicle – not even for a minute.
- If you see a child or pet unattended in a hot vehicle, call 911 immediately.
- Limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours and be sure to stay well hydrated with water.

Be Safe in the Water

- Never swim alone – use the buddy system. Neither adults nor children should swim alone regardless of age or skill level.
- Always be aware of potential dangers in all environments, including unfamiliar surroundings such as while on vacation or at community pools.
- Never use a floatation device as a substitute for a supervisor or as a toy.



FORSYTH COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

SUMMER OF LOVE
ADOPTION SPECIAL



To help find their adoptable pets a home, the Forsyth County Animal Shelter is providing animal adoptions at Beaver Toyota (1875 Buford Highway) on the second Saturday of each month throughout the summer.

Stop by the dealership from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. to meet many of the shelter's adoptable dogs and cats. During the May adoption event, the shelter's longest K-9 resident was adopted by an employee of Beaver Toyota!

This summer, stop by Beaver Toyota on the second Saturday of each month to adopt a new pet or visit the Forsyth County Animal Shelter, located just off of GA 400 at 4065 County Way in northern Forsyth County, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Commissioner's Corner



**Todd Levent,
Chairman**

Last month I had the honor of presenting an update on Forsyth County government at the annual State of the County event. I'm pleased to share with you here just a few of the highlights discussed at the event. One of those highlights is the fact that Forsyth County continues

to maintain one of the lowest millage rates among metro Atlanta counties. Additionally, Forsyth is one of just three Georgia counties to maintain a Triple A bond rating. This bond rating cannot be achieved without having the most fiscally sound asset to debt ratio possible, just as a citizen would need to have in order to accomplish an 850 credit score.

Our community's economic development outlook is strong, with new and expanding businesses bringing more than 1,300 new jobs and \$167 million in capital investment to the county in 2017. That growth is on track for another strong year in

2018, as 477 new jobs and \$62.7 million have been announced so far.

Perhaps the greatest news I was able to share at the event was that, for the first time ever, the county has strong potential for water independence, which is absolutely critical. The Board of Commissioners has worked diligently with a number of officials at various levels of government who I am proud to say support Forsyth County's easement into Lake Lanier for a 408 permit. I look forward to providing updates on this as continued progress is made. And as always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Todd Levent

Todd Levent, Chairman
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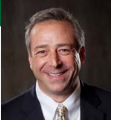
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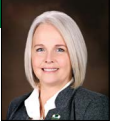
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Summer Camp Fun - Sign up today!

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? Forsyth County Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of camps including recreation center day camps, adventure and nature camps, sports camps and more.

New this year, Parks & Recreation is offering therapeutic recreation programs for individuals with specific

needs in order to develop leisure and recreation skills, enhance socialization, independence and overall quality of life. Therapeutic recreation summer camps, arts and crafts workshops, music classes, horseback riding lessons and more are available.

Learn More & Register

www.forsythco.com/parks

or in person at one of the county's three recreation centers.

Recycling and Trash Drop-Off is Convenient at County's Three Centers

Did you know Forsyth County operates three recycling and trash convenience centers for residential use? The county's convenience centers accept a variety of recyclables, plus bagged household trash.

- Recycling is free with a few exceptions, and the quantity is unlimited.
- The cost for trash is 50 cents per bag for recycling customers, and one dollar per bag for non-recycling customers. The daily trash limit is five bags. There is no minimum bag size, and the maximum bag size for household trash is 32 gallons.

For information on this convenient in-county service, visit the 'Recycling & Solid Waste' department page at forsythco.com or call (770) 205-4573.

All three centers are open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are closed on Sundays and county holidays.



Tolbert Street Center

351 Tolbert Street
(770) 781-2176

Old Atlanta Center

3678 Old Atlanta Road
(770) 205-3010

Coal Mountain Center

3560 Settingdown Road
(770) 781-2071



June Events

June 5

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

June 7

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

June 12

Board of Commissioners Work Session

June 21

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

June 26

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Planning Commission Meeting

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

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