



# THE CURRENT

Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

January 2019

## START THE NEW YEAR WITH A CHALLENGE

from Forsyth County Parks & Recreation!

1 month  
fitness  
challenge

JAN 28 - MAR 1



Register by January 25 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 and the program takes place January 28 through March 1.

To learn more about these and other offerings, visit [parks.forsythco.com](http://parks.forsythco.com)

## Cooper Sworn-In as District 1 Commissioner



In a ceremony held December 17 at the Forsyth County Administration Building, newly-elected Forsyth County District 1 Commissioner **Molly Cooper** was sworn in to office, with Probate Judge Woody Jordan officiating. Cooper fills the post held by R.J. (Pete) Amos who did not run for re-election. District 1 covers much of the central and western portions of the county. **Welcome Commissioner Cooper!**



**Todd Levent** was also sworn in during the ceremony for his third term as District 3 commissioner. District 3 covers the southwest portion of the county.

Both terms run through **December 31, 2022.**

## GET A LOOK INSIDE 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 5. Completed application packets must be submitted by Thursday, February 22.



The application packet is available on the fire department's page on the Forsyth County website at [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com).

# Commissioner's Corner



**Dennis T. Brown,  
Commissioner**

On behalf of my fellow commissioners, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Pete Amos, who at the end of 2018 completed his term as District 1 commissioner. Pete served on the Board of Commissioners for eight years and served on the county's Planning Commission for five years

before that. He deserves recognition and thanks for his dedication to our community. A well-deserved thank you as well to Commissioner Levent for serving as chairman of the board for the past two years.



I would also like to welcome our newest member of the Board of Commissioners – Commissioner Molly Cooper (right). I look forward to working alongside her, as well as Commissioners Jones Mills, Semanson and Levent, as we represent the people of Forsyth County.



The start of a new year is often seen as a time to look back on the accomplishments from the past 12 months. And while there were many in 2018, the focus of your county government is on the future. Your future. I look forward to enhancing what makes Forsyth County the best place to live – great parks, excellent public safety services, an updated transportation plan, some of the lowest tax rates in metro Atlanta and much more.

My best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Dennis T. Brown  
District 2 Commissioner

## 2019 Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

Find Board of Commissioners' meeting information and videos (streamed live and On Demand), biographies and more at [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com).



### Bring One For the Chipper

Keep Forsyth County Beautiful is offering Christmas tree recycling at the county's three recycling convenience centers through January 30, 2019. 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.

The Forsyth County Animal Shelter's 'Home for the Holidays' adoption special helped nearly all animals in the shelter find their forever homes. From late November through the end of the year, all adoption fees were waived on all animals at the shelter resulting in dozens of animals being adopted during the five-week period.

Visit the Forsyth County Animal Shelter (4065 County Way) Tuesdays through Saturdays between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or visit their website and Facebook page to view all adoptable animals.

County government offices (including county offices, the animal shelter, three Senior Services locations and three recycling convenience centers) will be closed Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Our Commissioners

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### DISTRICT 4

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### DISTRICT 5

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## January Events

**January 1**  
County Government  
Offices Closed

**January 3**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

**January 8**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**January 8**  
Zoning Board of Appeals

**January 17**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting

**January 21**  
County Government  
Offices Closed

**January 22**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**January 29**  
Planning Commission  
Meeting

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## ANIMAL SHELTER'S "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" FINDS NEW HOMES FOR PETS

