



THE CURRENT

Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

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Better Together

Cat and Kitten Adoption Special

Now through October 31!

Adopt **TWO** cats or kittens for **ONE** adoption fee of **\$85!** (includes altering, age appropriate vaccinations and microchipping) Adoption fee for a single cat or dog: \$85



Change to Two Election Day Polling Locations

Attention voters in the 03-Browns Bridge precinct and the 04-Chestatee precinct – you now have a new Election Day polling place! Voters in both precincts will now vote at the Central Park Recreation Center located at 2300 Keith Bridge Road. That means if you used to vote at Browns Bridge Church or Harmony Grove Baptist Church, both of which are no longer available to serve as polling locations, you will now go to the Central Park Recreation Center on Election Day.

“We are so appreciative to both Browns Bridge Church and Harmony Grove Baptist Church for having served as polling places in the past,” said Voter Registrations and Elections Supervisor Barbara Luth. “The Central Park Recreation Center will be a great polling location for voters, as it is a large space with lots of parking.”

For additional information, call: Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections (770) 781-2118

www.forsythco.com/animalshelter



Forsyth County Animal Shelter
4065 County Way,

Adoption Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (678) 965-7185

Are You Prepared?

Stay informed during emergency and severe weather events by signing up to receive alerts from Forsyth County government. Residents can elect to receive the time-sensitive notifications via email, telephone call and/or text message. There is no cost to sign up to receive these alerts, but phone usage or text charges may apply.

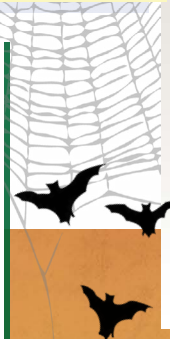
The alerts will be sent out for three severe weather situations (severe thunderstorm warnings, flash flood warnings and tornado warnings) as well as for emergency situations such as public safety issues or important water notifications from the Forsyth County Water & Sewer Department.

There are two ways to sign up:

Text SWIFT911 to 99538



Visit forsythco.com and click on: 'Emergency & Weather Alerts' on the home page.



Forsyth County Public Safety Hosts Trunk or Treat Halloween Safety Event

Mark your calendars for the 8th annual Forsyth County Public Safety Trunk or Treat safety event, which will be held Saturday, October 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Cumming Fairgrounds. The event will include fun games and activities that teach children about pedestrian safety, stranger danger and more. Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Admission is one family-sized bag of candy per family. For more information, visit forsythco.com.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Commissioner's Corner



Last month, another major milestone in the widening of State Route 400 was reached when the new northbound lane opened in its entirety. Motorists now have a third lane on SR 400 available to them all the way from McFarland Parkway to SR 369. Work continues on the addition of a third lane southbound, with the first new four-mile section slated to open the first part of next year. This widening will undoubtedly improve traffic on SR 400 – something we can all be excited about.

The widening of SR 400 is a critical infrastructure project for Forsyth County, and we have our residents to thank for making it happen through their approval in 2014 of the Forsyth County Transportation Bond. Thank you to our voters for

GA 400 Widening Update: New Northbound Lane Now Completely Open

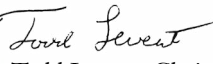
The final section of the new northbound lane on State Route (SR) 400 opened to traffic in September. Motorists can now travel in the new northbound third lane from McFarland Parkway to SR 369.

Widening on the southbound side of SR 400 began in May and the first section – from SR 141 to McFarland Parkway – is expected to open in early 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% of Forsyth County voters in 2014.

recognizing the importance of this and the other transportation improvement projects being funded by the Transportation Bond. Improving our roads truly helps preserve the outstanding quality of life we enjoy here in Forsyth County. Thank you for making this project possible!

For a quick and easy way to find information about the road projects that matter to you, be sure to visit the county's interactive transportation projects map at www.forsythco.com/transportation.

Sincerely,

 Todd Levent, Chairman



Above: Green section indicates the newly opened lane of SR 400

The month of October is:

Fire Prevention Month

Don't Wait – Check the Date!

Smoke alarm safety tips:

- 🔥 Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- 🔥 Make sure you know how old all of the smoke alarms in your home are.
- 🔥 To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.
- 🔥 If your smoke alarm has no date of manufacture, assume that it is beyond 10 years old and should be replaced.



Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, and the Forsyth County Animal Shelter is ready to help you find the perfect canine companion! Located just off of SR 400 at 4065 County Way in northern Forsyth County, the shelter is open for adoptions Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

[Facebook.com/ForsythCountyAnimalShelter](https://www.facebook.com/ForsythCountyAnimalShelter)
www.forsythco.com/animalshelter



Family Fun Fest and haunted trail

Saturday, October 28, 6 to 9 p.m.

Sawnee Mountain Preserve Visitor Center

Free event featuring family crafts, games and nature-themed activities

6:30 p.m. - Costume contest for all ages
 7 p.m. - Haunted trail for ages 8 and up

For more information: (770) 781-2217

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October Events

October 3

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

October 5

Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

October 10

Board of Commissioners
 Work Session

October 19

Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting

October 24

Board of Commissioners
 Work Session

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Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates are subject to change.

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