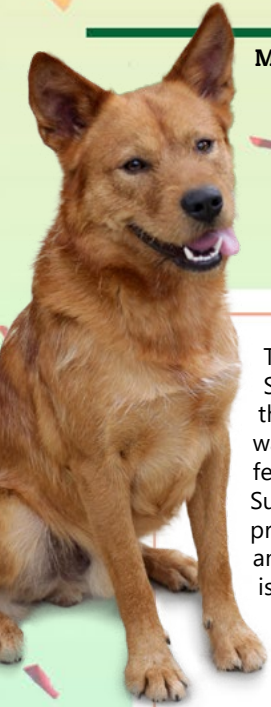




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August 2018



The Forsyth County Animal Shelter is spreading the love this summer by waiving all pet adoption fees through Sept. 1. The Summer of Love adoption promotion is going on now and to celebrate, the shelter is waiving the standard \$85 adoption fee on their adoptable pets.

FREE

pet adoptions
until September 1, 2018

The Forsyth County Animal Shelter, located just off of GA 400 at 4065 County Way in northern Forsyth County, provides animal adoptions Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to seeking homes for all of the animals in their care, the Forsyth County Animal Shelter is always looking for volunteers, those willing to foster animals and donations of items such as pet food, toys and bedding.

The shelter's adoption fee includes microchipping for all pets, spaying/neutering and age appropriate vaccinations.

See all of the shelter's adoptable animals by visiting:

www.forsythco.com/animalshelter

SUMMER OF LOVE
ADOPTION SPECIAL
FORSYTH COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER



PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON COUNTY'S TREE AND EFFECTIVE MASS GRADING ORDINANCES

Two public input meetings will be held in August to continue the public engagement process for the review of the county's tree ordinance and regulations pertaining to mass grading.

The Aug. 15 meeting will provide an opportunity and platform for Forsyth County residents and other interested parties to discuss tree preservation requirements and options related to tree save areas and legacy trees.

The Aug. 22 meeting will provide an

opportunity and platform for Forsyth County residents and other interested parties to discuss the current requirements and best practices of clearing vegetation and moving earth during the development process.

Both public input meetings for stakeholder feedback will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Forsyth County Administration Building located at 110 E. Main Street in Cumming (Suite 220). The meetings are open house format, with an overview presented at 6:30 p.m. during both meetings.

TREE ORDINANCE • MASS GRADING REGULATIONS

08.15.18 / 08.22.18



soaring to new heights!

Save the Date:
16th Annual Play at the Park
Family Fun Festival

September 29
at Fowler Park

Event includes kid-friendly activities, live entertainment, food trucks and hot air balloon tether rides.

Visit www.playatthepark.com for event details.



Todd Levent,
Chairman

Commissioner's Corner

Forsyth County and the City of Cumming are two of the many communities that rely on Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River as their primary water source.

For many years, the county and city have had a single, shared water withdrawal point from the lake. Recently, however, a resolution was passed by the Board of Commissioners, by a 5-0 vote, to ask for our own easement into Lake Lanier.

This means that your Forsyth County government is working toward water independence for our residents and businesses. This independence is essential to help maintain our quality of life and economic viability. With the support of your Board of Commissioners, County Leadership, Congressman Woodall, Congressman Collins, U. S. Senator Purdue and others, we have submitted documents to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a 408 permit, which will allow Forsyth County to directly withdraw water from the lake. Our local state delegation was instrumental in working with the EPD to draft a

letter of support for Forsyth County. On April 27, the EPD sent this letter to the Corps, supporting Forsyth's requested easement into the lake.

These actions help to accomplish many things, including:

1) Our community will now have a redundant water supply. This will give residents of Forsyth County and the City of Cumming the comfort of having a secondary intake. This type of redundancy is recommended by the Department of Homeland Security.

2) Our community will be in charge of our water future. By having direct access to lake withdrawal, we anticipate significant savings for residents and businesses.

So where are we? The State of Georgia, through the Georgia EPD, is currently negotiating with the Corps for water withdrawal rights for the various permit holders. The steps your County's Leadership and Commissioners have taken have ensured that Forsyth County is one of those permit holders.

Sincerely,

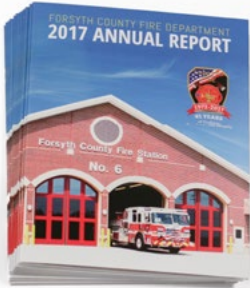
Todd Levent, Chairman and District 3
Commissioner

Pick up a Copy! Annual Reports Now Available



2017 Forsyth County Annual Report

Learn more about your county government and recent projects and accomplishments. Copies of the report can be picked up at the County Administration Building located at 110 E. Main Street in Cumming.



2017 Forsyth County Fire Department Annual Report

Learn about your Fire Department's divisions, facilities, apparatus and more. Copies of the report can be picked up at the County Administration Building, Public Safety Complex located at 3520 Settingdown Road or any fire station.

(Both reports can also be viewed online at forsythco.com)

2019 Budget Update:

Millage Rates Adopted by Board of Commissioners.

At their July 19 meeting, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted the millage rates that will fund a major portion of the county's 2019 General Fund budget, Fire District and Bonds. The board voted to maintain the M&O and Fire millage rates and reduce the bond rate by .10 of a mill.

The county's millage rate of **7.936** is one of the lowest millage rates among metro Atlanta counties.

Forsyth County staff and Board of Commissioners will continue preparing the county's proposed 2019 budget, which is slated for adoption in November.

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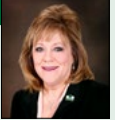
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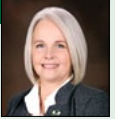
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August Events

August 1

Southeast Forsyth Design Standards Listening Session

August 2

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

August 6

Southeast Forsyth Design Standards Listening Session

August 7

Zoning Board of Appeals

August 7

Board of Commissioners Work Session

August 9

Southeast Forsyth Design Standards Listening Session

August 15

Tree & Mass Grading Ordinance Public Meetings

August 16

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

August 21

Board of Commissioners Work Session

August 22

Tree & Mass Grading Ordinance Public Meetings

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

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County government offices, including the animal shelter, Senior Services, the three recreation centers and the three recycling convenience centers, will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★