



SUMMER OF LOVE  
 ADOPTION  
 SPECIAL  
 FORSYTH COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

A SPECIAL 'SUMMER OF LOVE' EDITION OF THE

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## Pet Adoptions are FREE Through Sept. 3

The Forsyth County Animal Shelter would like to help families bring a new pet, and some summer love, home by waiving their standard \$85 pet adoption for all animals! The Summer of Love adoption promotion is available for pet adoptions through September 3, 2019. Whether you are looking to bring a new dog or cat into your family, this summer may be the perfect time to share the love!

All pet adoptions through the summer long promotion also include microchipping for all pets, altering and age appropriate vaccinations.

The Forsyth County Animal Shelter, located just off 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 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.

See all the shelter's adoptable animals by visiting [www.forsythco.com/animalshelter](http://www.forsythco.com/animalshelter).

### 2020 Budget Update: Millage Rates Adopted by the Board of Commissioners

At their July 23 meeting, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted the millage rates that will fund the county's 2020 budget.

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

Forsyth County staff, Finance Committee and Board of Commissioners will continue preparing the county's preliminary 2020 budget, which is slated for adoption in October.



### SAVE THE DATE: 17th Annual Play at the Park Family Fun Festival

Saturday, September 28 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Fowler Park

The festival is free to the public and features family entertainment, children's activities, food trucks, community vendors and more! Registration is now open for vendors and volunteers that want to participate. Vendor space is limited so register to secure your space today by visiting [parks.forsythco.com/patp](http://parks.forsythco.com/patp).



# Commissioner's Corner



**Cindy Jones Mills**  
Commissioner

August is a time when people begin to think about new routines. Fall is in the air and some folks could have football on their minds. School is back and schedules are being set for the year. We have some exciting and educational opportunities we would like for you to consider attending as well:

**Sept. 10th - 6:30 p.m. (Forsyth Conference Center):** Third Annual Suicide Prevention and Mental Wellness Summit. The theme will be dealing with stress to prevent suicide and promote wellness in our lives. Keynote speaker and former school psychologist Jeannie Jannot will cover topics such as teen anxiety, high expectations and pressures and why our youth are 'super smart and falling apart'. Panels will discuss child anxiety and

methods for dealing with stress, as well as how adults can cope with stress.

**Oct. 29th at 6:30 p.m. (Forsyth Conference Center):** Forsyth County Drug Summit - Every Step Counts in Wellness. On this evening we will look at how far we have come since 2013 and celebrate all the agencies that helped us get to this place. We are working to have some very special guests with us.

**Nov. 11th at 11 a.m. (Forsyth County Courthouse):** Veterans Day Celebration and Memorial Unveiling Ceremony.

These community events have been created to be progressive and proactive in dealing with serious situations, address our needs and honor those who deserve our debt of gratitude. Thank you for your support.

Cindy Jones Mills, District 4 Commissioner

## Upcoming Events with Keep Forsyth County Beautiful

### MEET THE CREEK

KFCB will host a fun hands-on introduction to the Adopt-A-Stream Program at Poole's Mill Park on August 22. **Meet the Creek** is a fun way for adults and kids (12 and older) to get their feet wet while learning about local waterways, stream insects, chemical water testing and more.

**Poole's Mill Park**  
7725 Poole's Mill Road,  
Ball Ground

Aug. 22 • 6-9 p.m.

### SHORE SWEEP

Join KFCB and the Lake Lanier Association to make a positive impact on local waterways! Families, coworkers, organizations, scout troops and individuals are encouraged to volunteer for the annual waterway cleanup event on Lake Lanier and its tributaries.

**Bald Ridge Marina**  
1850 Bald Ridge Marina Road,  
Cumming

**Port Royale Marina**  
8800 Port Royale Drive, Gainesville

Sept. 14 • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Register and learn more about both events at [keepforsythcountybeautiful.org](http://keepforsythcountybeautiful.org).

## Senior Services Day Trips

Did you know that Forsyth County Senior Services offers adults age 50+ fun day trips to interesting places around north Georgia? Upcoming day trips in August include:

➤ **Atlanta History Center - Thursday, Aug. 15**  
Atlanta History Center is an all-inclusive, 33-acre destination featuring one of the nation's largest History Museums, the Swan house, The Smith Family Farm and 22 acres of gardens. Also includes the new Cyclorama, restored to its original intent from when it first arrived in Atlanta.

➤ **Avalon Shopping Day - Thursday, Aug. 29**  
Avalon infuses resort-level hospitality throughout a walkable, seamlessly connected community of shopping, dining, entertainment, living and working. It's more than just another place to go, it's a place to be.

For details on all upcoming classes, events and activities, view the Senior Services newsletter by visiting the Senior Services webpage at [forsythco.com](http://forsythco.com). Fees may apply.

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## August Events

**August 1**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

**August 6**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**August 6**  
Zoning Board of Appeals

**August 15**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

**August 20**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**August 27**  
Planning Commission Meeting

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## LABOR DAY CLOSURE

County government offices, including the animal shelter, Senior Services, the three recreation centers and the three recycling convenience centers, will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.