



# THE CURRENT

Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

December 2019

## Adoption Fees Waived to Bring Pets "Home for the Holidays"

The Forsyth County Animal Shelter is making holiday wishes come true for families, and pets, by waiving their standard \$85 pet adoption fee through the end of the year! The "Home for the Holidays" adoption special is underway now on all pets at the Forsyth County Animal Shelter. The shelter's adoption fee includes microchipping for all pets, altering and age appropriate vaccinations.



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.

For more information or to view current adoptable animals, visit [www.forsythco.com/animalshelter](http://www.forsythco.com/animalshelter) or call (678) 965-7185. Residents may also connect with the shelter on their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/forsythcountyanimalshelter](http://www.facebook.com/forsythcountyanimalshelter).



### Forsyth County Animal Shelter

4065 County Way, Cumming, GA

Adoptions: Tuesday - Saturdays:  
10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Celebrate the Holiday Season with Parks & Recreation

Forsyth County Parks & Recreation has three great opportunities to help the whole family get in the holiday spirit!



### Christmas with Santa

Stop by the Central Park Recreation Center (2300 Keith Bridge Rd.) between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7 for fun at Santa's workshop! Decorate a cookie for Santa, prepare a snack for his reindeer and make an ornament to hang on your tree! Bring a camera for pictures with Santa as well! Pre-register at [parks.forsythco.com](http://parks.forsythco.com)



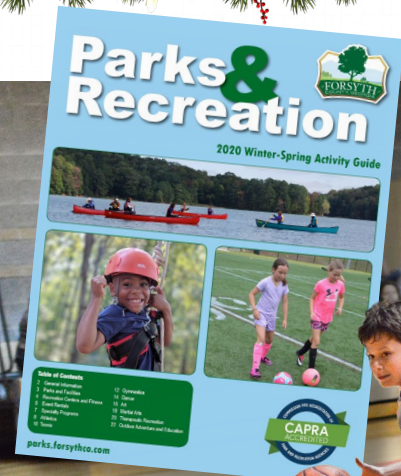
### Santa's Calling

Santa has set aside two special evenings to call children ages 3 to 10 and listen to their personal Christmas wishes! Calls will be made between 6 and 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10 and 11. Sign up by Saturday, December 7 at [parks.forsythco.com](http://parks.forsythco.com)



### Free Woodcarving Demos

Want to make your own hand-crafted holiday wood art? Free woodcarving demo classes will be held at 6 p.m. on December 10 and at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 14 at the Central Park Recreation Center. Pre-register at [parks.forsythco.com](http://parks.forsythco.com)



## 2020 Parks & Recreation Winter-Spring Activity Guide Available Now

Forsyth County Parks & Recreation's 2020 Winter-Spring Activity Guide is now available! The guide includes information on a wide variety of events, activities and programs offered. Residents can view the guide and register online at [parks.forsythco.com](http://parks.forsythco.com) or in person at any of the county's three recreation centers located at Central Park, Fowler Park and Old Atlanta Park.

# Bring One For the Chipper

DEC. 26 - JAN. 25



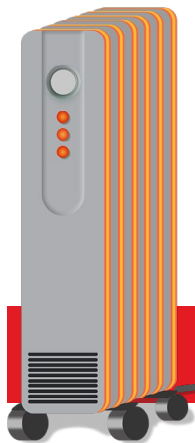
Keep Forsyth County Beautiful encourages residents to recycle their Christmas trees. Tree recycling is available at the county's three recycling convenience centers from December 26 through January 25. The service is free and helps keep trees out of landfills.

Trees are ground up and made into wood chips, available at no cost to county residents at our Coal Mountain Recycling Center (3560 Settingdown Rd.). Residents are responsible for loading and hauling their own wood chips.

Tree recycling locations include the county's three Recycling Convenience Centers as well as other locations throughout the county. To see a full list of tree recycling locations, visit [keepforsoythcountybeautiful.org](http://keepforsoythcountybeautiful.org) or call (770) 205-4573.

## HOLIDAY FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS FROM THE FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Keep anything that can burn** at least three feet away from heating equipment, like a furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
  - All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and **placed away from heat vents.**
  - **Do not place your tree close to a heat source**, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat can dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.
- In an emergency, always dial 911.**



- **Inspect holiday lights each year** for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before using them.
- **Never place wrapping paper in a fireplace.** Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.
- **Remember to turn portable space heaters off** when leaving the room or going to bed.

### Upcoming Holiday Closures

#### December 24

Forsyth County government offices  
Animal Shelter • Recreation centers  
Senior Services locations  
Recycling convenience centers

#### December 25

Forsyth County government offices  
Animal Shelter • Recreation centers  
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#### January 1

Forsyth County government offices  
Animal Shelter • Recreation centers  
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## Our Commissioners

### DISTRICT 1

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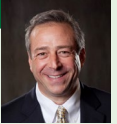
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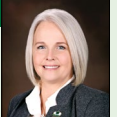
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## December Events

**December 3**  
Special Called Meeting

**December 3**  
Zoning Board of Appeals

**December 5**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

**December 10**  
Board of Commissioners  
Work Session

**December 19**  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

**December 24 + 25**  
County Offices Closed



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