



THE CURRENT

Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

November 2019



NEW FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATES, SEVERAL PERSONNEL PROMOTED

In a ceremony held Friday, Oct. 11, the Forsyth County Fire Department promoted six personnel, swore in nine firefighters and graduated its newest recruit class. Family, friends and Fire Department staff attended the ceremony held at Mountain Lake Church.



The 25 recruits in the class completed more than 640 hours of certified fire training, followed by 18 weeks of emergency medical technician (EMT) training. Each recruit completed a total of 720 hours of EMT classroom and clinical instruction. All became certified as nationally registered EMT's.

Get in the Holiday Spirit with Senior Services

Be a holiday angel to a local senior citizen in need by participating in the 2019 Holiday Gift Angels Program! Gift request tags, which list the name of a local senior citizen along with a gift idea for him/her, can be picked up at any of the three Forsyth County Senior Services locations. Please deliver your gift unwrapped in a gift bag with the angel tag attached by December 2 to any of the county's Senior Services locations.



Meals are also an urgent need, and meals certificates are available for purchase. The catered meals will be delivered by friendly volunteers through the Meals on Wheels program, providing much needed visits and safety checks.



The cost for a holiday meal gift certificate is \$4 for one day, \$20 for one week, \$85 for one month and \$1,000 for an entire year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL TOY COLLECTION - HELP BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED



Be a part of the Forsyth County Fire Department's 16th annual Aerial's House toy collection! New, unwrapped toys for local children in need - newborn through 18 years old - may be dropped off November 11 through December 11 at any Forsyth County fire station, Fire Department Headquarters (3520 Settingdown Road), or any of the county's four library branches.

To receive information regarding the distribution of toys collected through Aerial's House, call The Place of Forsyth County at (770) 887-1098. For any other questions or to make a large donation, call Firefighter Jeff Lyons at (678) 513-5899.

Commissioner's Corner



Dennis Brown
Secretary

It's hard to believe that 2019 is almost over. As we approach the winter holiday season, time will seem to move even faster and - before we know it - we will be ringing in the year 2020.

If you are like many people, you may begin the year by making a New Year's resolution. Maybe you want to exercise more or eat

healthier. Perhaps you resolve to spend more time with your family or finally take that long vacation.

Whatever resolutions you may make, I would like to ask you to add one: Resolve to be counted in the 2020 Census.

Every 10 years a complete count is taken of all residents in the United States and the next one will occur in 2020. The Census results are used for many purposes, including:

- **Redistricting** at the national, state and local level
- **Community planning**, including land use and transportation projects
- The **distribution of billions of dollars** in federal and state funds
- **Analysis** of local demographic and economic trends

By April 1, 2020, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census by one of three ways: online, by phone or by mail. It only takes a few minutes to ensure you are counted - resolve to do so.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING + DISPOSAL EVENT



Saturday, November 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cumming Fairgrounds, parking lot 3

Accepted items for the recycling event include any unwanted household products that contain corrosive, ignitable, toxic or reactive ingredients such as paints, cleaners, oils, fuels, batteries, fluorescent or HID light bulbs, herbicides and pesticides.

Residents wanting to participate must pre-register and may do so beginning Monday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. Registration will close early if the maximum amount of materials or vehicles are registered.

There is no charge for dropping off household hazardous waste. A minimum \$5 donation is requested to help support Keep Forsyth County Beautiful. For more information on accepted items and cost to dispose, visit keepforsythcountybeautiful.org.

Dennis Brown, District 2 Commissioner

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Change Clocks = Change Batteries!



Are the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home battery-powered? If so, it may be time to replace the batteries!



A convenient reminder to do so is when daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 3. Remember - only working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can help save lives!



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November Events

November 5

Zoning Board of Appeals

November 7

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

November 11

County Government Offices Closed

November 12

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

November 19

Planning Commission Meeting

November 21

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

November 26

Board of Commissioners
Work Session

November 28 & 29

County Government Offices Closed

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