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Monthly Newsletter of Forsyth County, Georgia

October 2019



HAW CREEK PARK
SOUTHEAST FORSYTH

CHARLESTON PARK
NORTHEAST FORSYTH

MATT PARK
NORTHWEST FORSYTH

FORSYTH COUNTY HAS THREE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS FOR NEW AND ADVANCED RIDERS

Fall is a great time to get outside and explore the great outdoors in Forsyth County! Whether you're an avid mountain biker or a beginner, Forsyth County has three great mountain bike trails to explore and each one presents something unique for riders!

Haw Creek Park 3.2 miles

This park is ideal for both beginner and intermediate level mountain bikers. It includes a bike skills park that opened in late 2018.

Charleston Park 6 miles

Located in east Forsyth, Charleston Park has the county's longest mountain bike trail, taking you along Lake Lanier.

Matt Park 3.1 miles

The county's newest mountain bike trail opened in 2018. The out and back track takes riders along a wooded trail to a quiet hidden pond.

So, grab your bike, your helmet, a few friends and find a trail near you! Learn more about the county's mountain bike trails as well as other great places to ride, like the Big Creek Greenway, on the Parks and Recreation webpage: parks.forsythco.com



Forsyth County Public Safety Hosts

TRUNK OR TREAT Halloween Safety Event

Mark your calendars for the 10th annual Forsyth County Public Safety Trunk or Treat safety event, which will be held Saturday, October 19, 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 encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and bagged candy donations are encouraged. For more information, visit the Fire Department webpage at forsythco.com.

October is Fire Prevention Month:

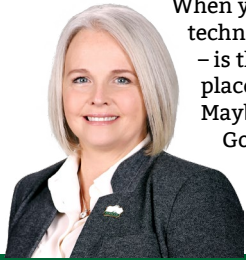
Don't Wait – Check the Date!
Replace Smoke Alarms
Every 10 Years.

Smoke alarm safety tips:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all 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.



Commissioner's Corner



Laura Semanson
Chairman

When you think of the words technology and innovation – is there a particular place that comes to mind? Maybe Silicon Valley – with Google, Apple, HP, Intel and Adobe. Or perhaps Washington state, home of Microsoft and Amazon.

Did you know that Forsyth County is also a place for technology and innovation? In fact, we have an upcoming event in the county that will help enhance our reputation as a technology leader.

From November 7-11, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will be hosting a smart vehicle technology challenge in our community. The Southeast Forsyth County area was chosen as the location for this event because it has one of the

highest concentrations of software developers and programmers in the state.

The event, called “Talking Traffic Lights,” is sponsored by GDOT, Forward Forsyth, Digital



Ignition and Forsyth County. Established information technology companies will be participating in the smart vehicle tech challenge, which will involve interpreting GDOT traffic light and connected vehicle data, to help support GDOT’s ongoing focus on safety and traffic innovation. More information on the event can be found at talkingtrafficlights.com.

Welcome to the future – welcome to Forsyth!



Laura Semanson, District 5 Commissioner

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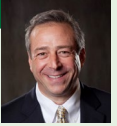
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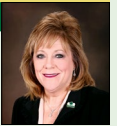
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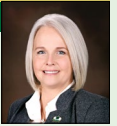
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Tune in to your county government! Regular meetings of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals are broadcast live on TV Forsyth:

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If you miss a live meeting, it will typically be available the following afternoon at forsythco.com on TV Forsyth On Demand, or watch it during a TV Forsyth rebroadcast at the times below:

- ▶ **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting rebroadcast:**
Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at noon
- ▶ **Board of Commissioners work session rebroadcast:**
Tuesday and Thursday at noon
- ▶ **Planning Commission meeting rebroadcast:**
Friday at noon and Sunday at 5 p.m.

- ▶ **Zoning Board of Appeals meeting rebroadcast:**
Monday at noon and Saturday at 5 p.m.
- ▶ **School Board meeting and work session rebroadcast:**
Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m.



October Events

October 1
Zoning Board of Appeals

October 3
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

October 8
Board of Commissioners
Work Session

October 22
Board of Commissioners
Work Session

October 22
Planning Commission Meeting

October 24
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

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