



Comprehensive Plan Update Scheduled for 2016

An update to the Forsyth County Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for 2016 with public workshops anticipated to begin in March and set to continue through the summer. A new plan is expected to be adopted prior to the close of 2016. This will be a full update focused upon advancing newly identified community goals with a fresh vision for future land use. The public will be encouraged to participate via public meeting announcements throughout the year. Stay tuned for updates on this process and come join us to help create a core vision for the county's long range future.

Attention Local Companies: County's Local Business Initiative Extended for 2016

Forsyth County is continuing its focus on providing more opportunities for local companies to do business with the county government. The county has extended its Local Business Initiative through 2016.

In place since 2009, the program's goal is to return as much taxpayer money back into the local economy as possible. For solicitations less than \$1 million, a qualified local business that submits a responsive and reasonable price receives a local preference credit of five percent. Some projects, such as public works and road projects, are excluded from the initiative.

Vendors desiring to qualify for the program are required to complete an affidavit demonstrating they satisfy all of the requirements. Among the requirements to be considered a local business, companies must have their principal office located in Forsyth County (and have had such for at least six months prior), hold a valid business license and have a banking relationship with a bank branch located in Forsyth County. For more information, visit the Procurement Department page at forsythco.com or call (770) 888-8872.

Get Fit Forsyth!

Forsyth County Parks and Recreation invites you to sign up for a 1-month fitness challenge this winter. The Get Fit Forsyth program will provide participants with a 1-month FitPlus pass to the county's recreation centers as well as weekly challenges and encouragement.

The FitPlus pass includes access to basketball gyms, walking tracks, cardio/weight rooms and fitness classes at the county's three recreation centers. Prizes will be awarded to the male and female with the highest participation based on a points system. Participants must be able to attend one of the weigh-in and weight-out times to be eligible for prizes. Registration and weighing will take place at the Central Park, Fowler Park and Old Atlanta Park recreation centers. For more information, please call (770) 205-4646.

Ages: 18 and up

Register: Now through January 19

Program Dates: January 19 - February 19

Weigh-in: January 19, noon - 1 p.m. or 5 - 6 p.m.

Weigh-out: February 19, noon - 1 p.m. or 5 - 6 p.m.

Activity #: 142825-A

Fee: \$25 for county residents (\$30 for out-of-county residents) - includes a T-shirt



Sheriff's Office Headquarters has Moved

New location: Forsyth County Courthouse Annex, 100 E. Court House Square

Office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Services:

- Ordinances & Permits – Background checks, alcohol sales, solicitor permits, etc.
- Civil Processing – Property seizures summonses, evictions, writs, temporary probate orders, protection orders, FiFas and condemnations
- Other Sheriff's Office functions that are now located in this building include the Office of the Sheriff, the Office of the Chief Deputy, the Office of Professional Standards, Finance, Human Resources, and the Operations Division.



Commissioner's Corner

In an effort to involve the citizens of Commission District 2 at a closer level in the zoning process, the District 2 Sub-Area Planning Commission was approved by the Board of Commissioners in December. The sub-area planning commission will be charged with reviewing all of the zoning items in Commission District 2 that come before the Planning Commission, and will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

The sub-area planning commission will consist of four members who live in Commission District 2. As the commissioner for District 2, I will serve as the chair of the group but will only vote in the event of a tie.

The tremendous value that citizen involvement brings to local government cannot be stated enough. We realize that zoning issues can have a pronounced impact on residents' lives, and have developed this sub-area planning commission to further the engagement of the public in the zoning process.

I welcome your feedback regarding this new sub-area planning commission and look forward to additional involvement with the citizens of District 2.

Sincerely,



Brian R. Tam, District 2 Commissioner

Christmas Tree Recycling Available through January 30

Throughout January, you can drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at any of the county's three recycling convenience centers.

- **Tolbert Street Recycling Convenience Center**
351 Tolbert Street
- **Old Atlanta Recycling Convenience Center**
3678 Old Atlanta Road
- **Coal Mountain Recycling Convenience Center**
3560 Settingdown Road

The centers are open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please note that all three recycling convenience centers will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Wood chips made from the recycled trees will be available for county residents, just inside Coal Mountain Park at 3560 Settingdown Road. Residents are responsible for loading and hauling their own wood chips.

For more information visit www.keepforsythcountybeautiful.org or call Keep Forsyth County Beautiful at (770) 205-4573.



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January Events

January 1

County Government Offices Closed
for New Year's Day

January 5

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

January 7

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting/Public Hearings

January 12

Board of Commissioners Work Session

January 18

County Government Offices Closed for
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

January 26

Board of Commissioners Work Session

January 26

Planning Commission Meeting

Meeting and event dates
are subject to change.

To receive the most current information,
visit forsythco.com.

Holiday Closure

Forsyth County government offices will be closed **Monday, January 18**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This includes county offices, the animal shelter, Senior Services locations, three recreation centers and three recycling convenience centers.

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