

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## MARCH 1, 2016

### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

# VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Voter Information Guide is intended to provide the voters of Forsyth County with information on the upcoming primary/election/runoff. We encourage voters to research candidates and issues prior to going to the polls. The guide does not provide specific information on candidates or issues; therefore, the guide does not answer every possible election question. If you have additional questions, more information can be found on our website and we are available to personally answer your questions by phone during office hours (see below).

*"If you don't vote, you can't complain"*



For more information, contact us at:  
**Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections**  
110 E. Main Street, Suite 200 • Cumming, GA 30040

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

P: 770.781.2118 • F: 770.886.2825

Email: [Voter@forsythco.com](mailto:Voter@forsythco.com) • Website: [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com)

GA Secretary of State: [www.sos.ga.gov](http://www.sos.ga.gov)



## ELECTION FACTS, FIGURES & GUIDE PAGES

Date of Election: TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 (page 5)

Type of Election: PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY (PPP)

Candidate(s), issue(s) to be voted on: FEDERAL ELECTION – (Consolidated Sample Ballots attached)

Total Active and Inactive registered voters involved in this election: 129344 voters (as of 2.6.16)

Area of County or City involved in the election: COUNTY-WIDE

Number of Election Day precincts involved in the election: ALL 16 ELECTION DAY PRECINCTS

Primary Ballot Types: DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN

Absentee Vote By Mail: Accepting Applications Now through Friday, February 26 (page 4)

Voter Registration Deadline: February 1, 2016 (page 2)

Early/Saturday/Advance Voting In Person: Weekdays, February 8-26 and Saturday, February 20  
5 Locations open throughout the county. Hours vary by day and location. (page 3)

There is NO VOTING on the Monday prior to any Election Day.

Date of Runoff: There will be NO Runoff for the PPP.

Election Results: Available online, by telephone and in person (page 5)

## WHAT IS A PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY?

The upcoming election consists of the statewide **Presidential Preference Primary**, which has been called, so that voters may express their preference for one person to be the candidate for nomination by such person's party or body for the office of President of the United States. **NOTE:** There will be NO Runoff for the Presidential Preference Primary.

## GEORGIA VOTERS DO NOT REGISTER BY PARTY

In Georgia, voters do not register by party.

For the PPP, each voter must choose either a Democratic or Republican ballot when requesting a ballot.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

In Georgia to be eligible to vote in any election and any subsequent runoff, voters must be registered to vote 30 days prior to that election.

**The Voter Registration Deadline for this election is: Monday, February 1, 2016**

Forsyth County residents desiring to register to vote or change their name and/or address may do so:

**Online:** To use the Online Voter Registration System you must have a valid driver's license or identification card issued by the GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) with your signature on file with DDS. If you do not have a valid driver's license or identification card, you will be allowed to print and manually submit a paper registration. Go to [www.sos.ga.gov](http://www.sos.ga.gov) or [registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/](http://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/).

**In person:** You may register to vote at the Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections Office, located at 110 E. Main Street, Suite 200, Cumming, GA 30040 or at any public library in the county. The Elections Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications can be downloaded at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) and are also available at the Elections Office and at any public library.

**By Mail:** A Voter Registration Application must be completely filled out and signed. The Application must be USPS postmarked by the Voter Registration Deadline or delivered in person to our office no later than the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on the Voter Registration Deadline in order to be considered timely.

All properly completed applications received by the Voter Registrations and Elections Office not meeting the above deadline will be processed after the PPP, and those individuals will be eligible to vote in future elections.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be eligible to register to vote a person must be: a citizen of the United States and the State of Georgia, at least 17 ½ years of age, a resident of the county or municipality in which he/she seeks to vote, cannot be currently serving a felony conviction, AND cannot have been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent to vote.

## **PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO VOTE**

Remember, all voters voting in person will be asked to provide one of the six acceptable forms of photo identification. Proper photo ID shall consist of any one of the following: GA driver's license, Valid ID card by any state or U.S. with photo, Valid U.S. passport, Valid government employee photo ID, Valid U.S. military ID card with photo, OR Valid tribal ID card with photo. If you do not have one of these forms of photo identification, you are eligible to receive a free Georgia ID card for Voting Purposes ONLY. These cards are issued in the Voter Registrations and Elections Office. Please call us at 770.781.2118 for more information or to schedule an appointment to have a free Georgia ID card for Voting Purposes made.

## **Vote In Person Early, BEFORE Election Day**

### **During 3 Weeks of Advance Voting**

**Voting in a Primary: Georgia Voters Do NOT Register by Party, see page 1 for more information**

Number of Advance Voting locations open for this election: 5

Advance Voting hours and days vary by location.

Number of Weekdays open for this election: 16

Number of Saturdays open for this election: 1

Voters eligible to vote in this election: Any Forsyth County registered voter may take advantage of Early/Advance/Absentee In Person Voting during the hours and dates listed, regardless of where they vote on Election Day.

## **ADVANCE VOTING HOURS**

First two weeks of Advance Voting for this election:

Weekdays, February 8 - 19: 8am to 6pm

Saturday & the Week Before Election Day for this election:

Saturday, 2/20 and

Monday to Friday, February 22-26: 7am to 7pm

## **ADVANCE VOTING LOCATIONS**

- ✓ Cumming City Hall 100 Main Street, Cumming, 30040
- ✓ Hampton Park Library 5345 Settingdown Road, Cumming, 30041
- ✓ Midway Park Community Building 5100 Post Road, Cumming, 30040
- ✓ Sharon Springs Park Community Building 1950 Sharon Road, Cumming, 30041

The Advance Voting Hours for the Forsyth County Administration Building located at 110 E. Main Street, Cumming, 30040 are different from the other four locations listed above and are from 8am to 4:30pm for all dates listed above.

NOTE: There is NO VOTING the Monday prior to any election.

NOTE: ON Election Day voters can ONLY vote at their assigned polling place.

## **ABSENTEE VOTING TURNOUT STATISTICS**

The Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections Office posts the Absentee Voting Turnout Statistics (which includes Absentee Voting by Mail as well as Absentee Voting In Person—ie, Advance Voting) to our website daily. The turnout statistics posted are through the day before and are posted by approximately 11:00 a.m. *All totals are unofficial and incomplete until certified by the Board of Voter Registrations and Elections.*

# **ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL**

## **HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL**

All persons desiring to vote by mail must first submit a written request to the Board of Voter Registrations and Elections Office by mail, email of a scanned copy, fax *or* personal delivery. The request must contain the voter's name and address as registered, mailing address (if different from registration address), date of birth, the date of the election (**March 1, 2016**) **AND** because this is a Primary the request will need to include the type of ballot the voter wishes to receive (Democratic or Republican) **AND** must be signed.

The simplest way to apply is to complete an Application for Official Absentee Ballot. This application can be found online at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com). Voters may also contact our office to have an absentee ballot application mailed or faxed to them.

## **WHERE TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT/WRITTEN REQUEST**

**To submit by Mail – mail the Application/Written Request to:**

Forsyth County Voter Registrations & Elections: Absentee  
110 E. Main Street, Suite 200  
Cumming, GA 30040

**To submit by Email – email the scanned Application/Written Request to:**

[Voter@forsythco.com](mailto:Voter@forsythco.com)

**To submit by Fax – fax the Application/Written Request to:**

770.886.2825

**To submit by Personal Delivery to Our Office– deliver the Application/Written Request to:**

Forsyth County Administration Building • 110 E. Main Street, Suite 200 • Cumming, GA 30040  
Elections Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 4:30pm

## **DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL**

Voters may request an absentee ballot by mail beginning 180 days prior to an election. **You may request an absentee ballot for the March 1, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary now. The last day an absentee ballot can be mailed for this election is Friday, February 26, 2016. This means an absentee ballot application must be received in our office by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) in order to be processed and mailed by Friday, February 26.**

## **WHEN & HOW THE VOTED-BY-MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED**

Absentee ballots must be returned to our office (either having been mailed or personally delivered by the voter or delivered for a disabled voter) by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. For more information on who can deliver an absentee ballot for a disabled voter please check out our website at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) or call our office.

## **ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL ID REQUIREMENTS**

Eligible voters desiring to vote by mail may do so without providing a reason or identification. However, voters who registered for the first time in Georgia by mail and did not provide identification with their registration, will be required to provide, at the time of voting, one of the six acceptable forms of photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Those voters not having the proper form of identification will be offered a Provisional Ballot.

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The Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections Office posts the Absentee Voting Turnout Statistics (which includes Absentee Voting by Mail as well as Absentee Voting In Person—ie, Advance Voting) to our website daily. The turnout statistics posted are through the day before and are posted by approximately 11:00 a.m. *All totals are unofficial and incomplete until certified by the Board of Voter Registrations and Elections.*

## **VOTING ON ELECTION DAY, Voting Hours 7am to 7pm**

On Election Day, Tuesday, March 1, 2016 voters must go to their designated polling place to vote. All sixteen Election Day polling places are open for voting from 7am to 7pm on Election Day.

**The sixteen Election Day Voting Precincts and Polling Places are as follows:**

- Big Creek:** First Redeemer Church, 2100 Peachtree Pkwy, Cumming, 30041
- Brandywine:** Calvary Chapel, 200 James Rd, Alpharetta, 30004
- Browns Bridge:** Browns Bridge Community Church, 3860 Browns Bridge Rd, Cumming, 30041
- Chestatee:** Harmony Grove Baptist Church, 5470 Keith Bridge Rd, Cumming, 30041
- Coal Mountain:** Coal Mountain Park Community Building, 3560 Settingdown Rd, Cumming, 30028
- Crossroads:** Hampton Park Library, 5345 Settingdown Rd, Cumming, 30041
- Cumming:** Cumming City Hall, 100 Main St, Cumming, 30040
- Mashburn:** Lanier United Methodist Church, 1979 Buford Hwy, Cumming, 30041
- Midway:** Midway Park Community Building, 5100 Post Rd, Cumming, 30040
- Heardsville:** Sawnee Mountain Park Community Building, 3995 Watson Rd, Cumming, 30028
- Otwell:** First Baptist Cumming, 1597 Sawnee Dr, Cumming, 30040
- Old Atlanta:** Olde Atlanta Clubhouse, 5745 Olde Atlanta Pkwy, Suwanee, 30024
- South Forsyth:** Sharon Springs Park Community Building, 1950 Sharon Rd, Cumming, 30041
- Windermere:** Windermere Lodge, 4444 Front Nine Dr, Cumming, 30040
- Concord:** Concord Baptist Church, 6905 Concord Rd, Cumming, 30028
- Polo:** Grace Chapel Church of Christ, 6755 Majors Rd, Cumming, 30040

### **Where Do I Vote?**

We urge voters to verify their Election Day polling place prior to going out to the polls on Election Day.

To confirm your voter registration and your Election Day voting polling place, visit:

- Forsyth County Voter Registrations & Elections: [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) / P: 770.781.2118 x9
- GA Secretary of State: [www.sos.ga.gov](http://www.sos.ga.gov) or [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov)

### **Things to Note on Election Day:**

\*Schools NO LONGER serve as Election Day Voting Polling Places

If you previously voted at a school, please verify your Election Day polling place.

\*Advance Voting Location MAY NOT be Your Designated Election Day Polling Place

Remember, four of the five Advance Voting locations (Cumming City Hall, Hampton Park Library, Midway Park Community Building and Sharon Springs Park Community Building) are also Election Day polling places. However, ON Election Day ONLY those voters who are assigned to those designated polling places should go there to vote.

\*Administration Building IS NOT Open for Voting ON Election Day

The Forsyth County Administration Building is open for all of Advance Voting BUT IS NOT an Election Day polling place. Our office in the Administration Building is open all day on Election Day to answer any questions a voter may have, however, there is NO voting in the building ON Election Day. A voter's polling place ON Election Day is specific to where their residence (as registered) falls within designated precinct lines and in most cases is no more than 5 miles from a voter's house.

### **ELECTION DAY VOTING TURNOUT STATISTICS**

On Election Day, the Election Day Voting Turnout Statistics by precinct will be posted to our website at approximately 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. *All totals are unofficial and incomplete until certified by the Board of Voter Registrations and Elections.*

### **IN PERSON OBSERVATION OF TABULATION**

Advance Voting, Absentee By Mail and Election Day totals are not tabulated until after the polls close on election night. On Election Night (after the polls have closed), the public may observe the tabulation of votes at the Forsyth County Elections Warehouse at 5110 Piney Grove Road, Cumming, 30040. Election results will be displayed and announced until all votes are tallied with the exception of provisional votes which are tabulated the Friday after the Election.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

On Election Night, Election Results may be viewed online at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) or may be obtained by telephone at 770.781.2118, ext. 9. Times when election results are available vary by election. All election results are **unofficial** until certified by the Forsyth County Board of Voter Registrations and Elections. An **OFFICIAL** summary of the election results will be available online on the Voter Registrations and Elections Department webpage at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) after the election has been certified.

Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections P: 770.781.2118 [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com)

To verify your voter registration and view your Sample Ballot: [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov)

# DEMOCRATIC SAMPLE BALLOT

## FORSYTH COUNTY, GA CONSOLIDATED DEMOCRATIC SAMPLE BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

This is the Democratic Consolidated Sample Ballot.

To confirm your voter registration and for more details, visit:

\* Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections at: [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com)  
or the GA Secretary of State at: [www.sos.ga.gov](http://www.sos.ga.gov)

\*The Forsyth County Elections Office at 110 E. Main Street, Suite 200, 30040  
Phone: 770.781.2118; [voter@forsythco.com](mailto:voter@forsythco.com)

### ADVANCE VOTING HOURS and LOCATIONS:

February 8-19 (Weekdays Only) 8am to 6pm

Saturday 2/20 7am to 7pm

February 22-26 7am to 7pm

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Cumming City Hall, 100 Main Street, 30040

Hampton Park Library, 5345 Settingdown Road, 30041

Sharon Springs Park Community Building, 1950 Sharon Road, 30041

Midway Park Community Building, 5100 Post Road, 30040

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February 8-26 (Weekdays Only) 8am to 4:30pm

Saturday 2/20 8am to 4:30pm

### For President of the United States

(Vote for One)

- HILLARY CLINTON
- MARTIN O'MALLEY
- BERNIE SANDERS
- MICHAEL STEINBERG

# DEMOCRATIC SAMPLE BALLOT

# REPUBLICAN SAMPLE BALLOT

## FORSYTH COUNTY, GA CONSOLIDATED REPUBLICAN SAMPLE BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

This is the Republican Consolidated Sample Ballot.

To confirm your voter registration and for more details, visit:

\* Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections at: [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com)

or the GA Secretary of State at: [www.sos.ga.gov](http://www.sos.ga.gov)

\*The Forsyth County Elections Office at 110 E. Main Street, Suite 200, 30040

Phone: 770.781.2118; [voter@forsythco.com](mailto:voter@forsythco.com)

### ADVANCE VOTING HOURS and LOCATIONS:

February 8-19 (Weekdays Only) 8am to 6pm

Saturday 2/20 7am to 7pm

February 22-26 7am to 7pm

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### For President of the United States

(Vote for One)

- JEB BUSH
- BEN CARSON
- CHRIS CHRISTIE
- TED CRUZ
- CARLY FIORINA
- LINDSEY GRAHAM
- MIKE HUCKABEE
- JOHN R. KASICH
- GEORGE PATAKI
- RAND PAUL
- MARCO RUBIO
- RICK SANTORUM
- DONALD J. TRUMP

# REPUBLICAN SAMPLE BALLOT