

FORSYTH COUNTY

JULY 26, 2016

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUNOFF FOR COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

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.

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GA Secretary of State: www.sos.ga.gov



ELECTION FACTS, FIGURES & GUIDE PAGES

Date of Election: TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016 (page 6)

Type of Election: REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUNOFF FOR COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

Candidate(s), issue(s) to be voted on: COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 5 ONLY– (Sample Ballot attached)

Total Active and Inactive registered voters involved in this election: 27461 voters (as of 5.25.16)

Area of County or City involved in the election: COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

Number of Election Day precincts involved in the election: 5 - SOUTH/EAST part of the county

The Browns Bridge, Mashburn, Otwell, South Forsyth and Windermere polling places will be open on Election Day for those voters residing in County Commission District 5. No other polling locations will be open in Forsyth County on Election Day because only those voters who reside in County Commission District 5 are eligible to vote in this Runoff.

Primary Ballot Type: REPUBLICAN

Absentee Vote By Mail: Accepting Applications Now through Friday, July 22 (page 5)

Voter Registration Deadline: April 26, 2016 (page 3)

Early/Saturday/Advance Voting In Person: Weekdays, July 5-22 and Saturday, July 16

ONE Location open: Administration Building. Hours vary by day and location, (page 4)

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

Election Results: Available online, by telephone and in person (page 6)

WHAT IS A GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF?

A primary is held by a political party to nominate candidates for public office to be voted on in the ensuing November General Election. In Georgia, a Runoff is necessary when a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast. In this case, the top two vote getter's would then run against each other in the Runoff. A majority is equal to 50 percent of the votes cast plus one vote. Because Georgia voters do not register to vote by party, each voter must choose a Democratic, Republican or NonPartisan General/Special Election ballot when they vote in a Primary or Primary Runoff.

GEORGIA VOTERS DO NOT REGISTER BY PARTY

In Georgia, voters do not register by party. On the day of a Primary, each registered voter chooses a Democratic, Republican or NonPartisan General/Special Election (if applicable) ballot.

In the case of a Runoff:

Those who chose a Democratic ballot in the Primary can only vote a Democratic ballot in the Primary Runoff.

Those who chose a Republican ballot in the Primary can only vote a Republican ballot in the Primary Runoff.

Those registered voters in County Commission District 5 who did not vote in the Primary or who voted a NonPartisan General/Special Election ballot are eligible to vote in this Runoff.

For this Primary Runoff, there is only one ballot type:

Republican: ballot contains **ONLY the Republican** Primary Runoff candidates for County Commission District 5

What Happens to the Winner of a Primary/Primary Runoff?

The winner of the Republican Primary (or Primary Runoff) in a particular race will be the person whose name appears on the ballot in the General Election as the Republican designee. Conversely, the winner of the Democratic Primary (or Primary Runoff) in a particular race will be the person whose name appears on the ballot in the General Election as the Democratic designee. In Georgia, a Runoff is necessary when a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast. In this case, the top two vote getter's would then run against each other in the Runoff. A majority is equal to 50 percent of the votes cast plus one vote.

NOTE: Write-In candidates are NOT permitted in the *General Primary Runoff*. This means that there is no option to 'write-in' a candidate's name on the General Primary Runoff ballot.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 26, 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: Tuesday, April 26, 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 or 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 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 possible July 26 General Primary Runoff, 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 2 for more information

Number of Advance Voting locations open for this election: **1**

Advance Voting hours and days vary by location.

Number of Weekdays open for this election: **14**

Number of Saturdays open for this election: **1**

Voters eligible to vote in this election: This Republican Primary Runoff only affects those voters in County Commission District 5. The Browns Bridge, Mashburn, Otwell, South Forsyth and Windermere polling places will be open on Election Day for those voters residing in County Commission District 5. No other polling locations will be open in Forsyth County on Election Day because only those voters who reside in County Commission District 5 are eligible to vote in this Runoff.

ADVANCE VOTING HOURS

Weekdays, July 5-22: 8am to 4:30pm

Saturday, July 16: 9am to 4pm

ADVANCE VOTING LOCATION

There is only one Advance Voting Location open for this Runoff:
Forsyth County Administration Building
110 E. Main Street, Cumming, 30040

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 (**July 26, 2016**) **AND** because this is a Primary Runoff the request will need to include the type of ballot the voter wishes to receive (there is only one ballot type for this Runoff: 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. 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

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 July 26, 2016 General Primary RUNOFF now. The last day an absentee ballot can be mailed for this election is Friday, July 22, 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, July 22.**

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

On Election Day, Tuesday, July 26, 2016 voters must go to their designated polling place to vote. All FIVE Election Day polling places involved in this Runoff are open for voting from 7am to 7pm on Election Day.

This Runoff only affects the voters in County Commission District 5.

County Commission District 5 encompasses portions of the following five precincts:

Browns Bridge: Browns Bridge Church, 3860 Browns Bridge Rd, Cumming, 30041

Mashburn: Lanier United Methodist Church, 1979 Buford Hwy, Cumming, 30041

Otwell: First Baptist Cumming, 1597 Sawnee Dr, Cumming, 30040

South Forsyth: Sharon Springs Park Community Building, 1950 Sharon Rd, Cumming, 30041

Windermere: Windermere Lodge, 4444 Front Nine Dr, Cumming, 30041

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 polling place, visit:

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

Things to Note on Election Day:

*Schools NO LONGER serve as Election Day Polling Places

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

*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 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 after the election has been certified.

REPUBLICAN SAMPLE BALLOT (page 1/1)

FORSYTH COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT July 26, 2016 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION Forsyth County Commission District 5

This Runoff only affects the voters in County Commission District 5.

County Commission District 5 encompasses portions of the following five precincts/polling locations:

- 03 Browns Bridge, Browns Bridge Church, 3860 Browns Bridge Rd, Cumming 30041
- 08 Mashburn, Lanier United Methodist Church, 1979 Buford Hwy, Cumming 30041
- 16 Otwell, First Baptist Cumming, 1597 Sawnee Dr, Cumming 30040
- 21 South Forsyth, Sharon Springs Park Community Building, 1950 Sharon Rd, Cumming 30041
- 25 Windermere, Windermere Lodge, 4444 Front Nine Dr, Cumming 30041

To confirm your voter registration AND/OR to confirm your eligibility to vote in this Runoff, visit:

- *Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections at
110 E Main Street, Suite 200, 30040 P: 770.781.2118 www.forsythco.com Email: Voter@forsythco.com
- *or the GA Secretary of State: www.sos.ga.gov

ADVANCE VOTING HOURS AND LOCATION FOR THIS RUNOFF

July 5 - 22 (Weekdays Only): 8am to 4:30pm (Monday, 7/4 - NOT OPEN FOR VOTING/holiday)

Saturday, July 16: 9am to 4pm

All Advance Voting will take place at the:

Forsyth County Administration Building 110 E. Main Street, Cumming 30040

On **ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016** voters must go to their designated polling place to vote. All FIVE Election Day polling places involved in this Runoff (listed above) are open for voting from 7am to 7pm on Election Day.

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

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

For County Commissioner District 5
(Vote for One)

JUSTIN T. HAWKINS

LAURA SEMANSON