

FORSYTH COUNTY

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

GA House District 26 Special Election
City of Cumming Municipal General Election
County Commission District 2 Special Election

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).



For more information, contact us at:
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GA Secretary of State: www.sos.ga.gov



DESCRIPTION OF ELECTIONS

Three elections have been called in Forsyth County on November 7, 2017. Each of these elections only affects voters in a certain district. Please read below to determine your eligibility to vote in any of these elections.

GA House District 26 Special Election

On November 7, 2017 a Special Election will be held to fill the vacancy in Georgia House District 26. Only Forsyth County registered voters who reside in GA House District 26 who were registered to vote by the October 10, 2017 voter registration deadline are eligible to vote in this election. Georgia House District 26 covers the north and northeastern portions of the county and includes approximately 40,000 voters. See **page 3** for details.

City of Cumming Municipal General Election

On November 7, 2017 a Municipal General Election will be held for the City of Cumming Mayor and two City Council seats. Only voters who reside in the city limits of Cumming who were registered to vote by the October 10, 2017 voter registration deadline are eligible to vote in this election. The City of Cumming is located in the center of Forsyth County and includes approximately 3,000 voters. See **page 4** for details.

County Commission District 2 Special Election

A Special Election was called for November 7, 2017 to fill the vacancy in County Commission District 2; however, the election has been cancelled. The election is not needed because only one candidate qualified for the office. County Commission District 2 covers the southern end of Forsyth County. Only voters who live in County Commission District 2 would have been eligible to vote in this election.

Voters are encouraged to verify their eligibility to vote in any of these elections at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov prior to going to the polls to vote.

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To view district maps and Sample Ballots for the elections, please go to www.forsythco.com.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10, 2017

(for the House District 26 Special Election or the City of Cumming General Election)

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

The Voter Registration Deadline for the elections (and any subsequent runoff) listed on page 1 is Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

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 8:00am to 4:30pm 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 (4:30pm) 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 Runoff in December, 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 that 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.

HOUSE DISTRICT 26 SPECIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

ADVANCE VOTING

Vote In Person Early, BEFORE Election Day, November 7, 2017 During Three Weeks of Advance Voting

10/16 – 10/27, Mon-Fri, 8am to 5pm, 1 voting location

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

10/28, Saturday, 9am to 4pm **AND** 10/30 – 11/03, Mon-Fri, 2 voting locations

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

Hampton Park Library, 5345 Settingdown Road, Cumming, 30041

HOUSE DISTRICT 26 SPECIAL ELECTION

ELECTION DAY VOTING INFORMATION

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2017 voters must go to their assigned polling location to vote. All Election Day polling locations listed below are open for voting for the House District 26 Special Election from 7am to 7pm.

House District 26 encompasses all or portions of the following precincts/polling places:

Browns Bridge: Central Park Recreation Center, 2300 Keith Bridge Rd, Cumming, 30040

Chestatee: Central Park Recreation Center, 2300 Keith Bridge Rd, Cumming, 30040

Coal Mountain: Coal Mountain Park Community Building, 3560 Settingdown Rd, Cumming, 30028

Crossroads: Hampton Park Library, 5345 Settingdown 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, 30040

Concord: Concord Baptist Church, 6905 Concord Rd, Cumming, 30028

THINGS TO NOTE ON ELECTION DAY

- One Advance Voting location, Hampton Park Library, is also an Election Day polling location. However, ON Election Day only those voters who are assigned to the Crossroads Precinct, which votes at Hampton Park Library, should go there to vote.
- The Forsyth County Administration Building is open for all of Advance Voting but is NOT an Election Day polling location. 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 Administration Building ON Election Day. A voter's polling location ON Election Day is specific to where their residence, as registered, falls within designated precinct lines and in most cases is no more than five miles from a voter's house.

House District 26 Special Election Runoff

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, a Runoff will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

To confirm your voter registration, verify your Election Day polling location, & review your Sample Ballot, visit:

- *My Voter Page:* www.mvp.sos.ga.gov
- Forsyth County Voter Registrations & Elections: www.forsythco.com or call 770.781.2118 x9
- GA Secretary of State: www.sos.ga.gov

Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections P: 770.781.2118 www.forsythco.com

To verify your voter registration and view your Sample Ballot: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

CITY OF CUMMING GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

ADVANCE VOTING

Vote In Person Early, BEFORE Election Day, November 7, 2017 During Three Weeks of Advance Voting

10/16 – 11/03, Mon-Fri, 8am to 5pm, 1 voting location
Cumming City Hall, 100 Main Street, Cumming, 30040

ALL Advance Voting and Election Day Voting for the City of Cumming Municipal General Election will take place at Cumming City Hall.

CITY OF CUMMING GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

ELECTION DAY VOTING

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2017 Cumming City Hall will be open from 7am to 7pm for voting. ON Election Day voters can ONLY vote at their assigned polling place.

EXPLANATION OF RUNOFF

In the City of Cumming General Election, there will be no Runoff for any of the three races on the ballot. The election is decided by a plurality of the votes cast (whichever candidate in each race receives the most votes is the winner).

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ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL (for the House District 26 Special Election or the City of Cumming General Election)

HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL

All persons desiring to vote by mail must first submit a written request to the 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, which is November 7, 2017, and the voter **MUST SIGN** the request.

The simplest way to request a ballot 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, emailed or faxed to them.

HOW TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION/REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

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

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 November 7, 2017 Special Election now. The last day an absentee ballot can be mailed for this election is Friday, November 3, 2017. This means an absentee ballot application must be received in our office by 4:30pm at the close of business in order to be processed and mailed by Friday, November 3.

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 7:00pm 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.

ELECTION STATISTICS & RESULTS

(for the House District 26 Special Election and the City of Cumming General Election)

ABSENTEE VOTING TURNOUT STATISTICS

The Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections Office posts the Absentee Voting Turnout Statistics (which includes Advance Voting in Person as well as Absentee Voting by Mail) to the Forsyth County website daily at <http://www.forsythco.com/Departments-Offices/Voter-Registrations-Elections/Election-Results>. The turnout statistics posted are through the day before and are posted by approximately 11:00am. *All totals are unofficial and incomplete until certified by the Board of Voter Registrations and Elections.*

ELECTION DAY VOTING TURNOUT STATISTICS

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

IN PERSON OBSERVATION OF TABULATION

Advance Voting in Person, 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 after all votes are tallied with the exception of provisional votes which are tabulated the Friday after the Election (*except when the Friday following Election Day is a holiday. When this is the case, the election will be certified at 4:30pm on the Monday following the election.*)

ELECTION NIGHT 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 and incomplete until certified by the Board of Voter Registrations and Elections generally at 4:30pm on the Friday immediately following the election (except when the Friday following Election Day is a holiday. When this is the case, the election will be certified at 4:30pm on the Monday following the election).*