

FORSYTH COUNTY

JULY 24, 2018

GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF

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:
Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections
1201 Sawnee Drive • Cumming, GA 30040
*****NEW LOCATION as of January 2018*****
Our office is no longer located in the county Admin Building.
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
My Voter Page: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

ELECTION FACTS, FIGURES & GUIDE PAGES

Date of Election: TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018 (page 6)

Type of Election: GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF

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

Total Active and Inactive registered voters countywide: 146,406 voters (as of 4.24.18)

Area of County or City involved in the election:

COUNTY-WIDE and US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7

Number of Election Day precincts/polling places involved in the state/countywide elections:

ALL 16 ELECTION DAY PRECINCTS = 15 ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES

Primary Ballot Types: DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN

Absentee Vote By Mail: Accepting Applications Now through Friday, July 20 (page 5)

Voter Registration Deadline: April 24, 2018 – state/local races; June 25, 2018 – federal races (page 3)

Early/Saturday/Advance Voting In Person: Weekdays, July 2 through July 20 and Saturday, July 14
Locations and Hours vary by day, (page 4)

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

Election Results: Available online, by telephone and in person (page 7)

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; 50 percent of the votes cast plus one vote. In the primary runoff, the two candidates who received the most votes in the General Primary run against each other to decide who advances to the November General Election.

GEORGIA VOTERS DO NOT REGISTER BY PARTY

In Georgia, voters do not register by party. Each registered voter must choose a Democratic, Republican or NonPartisan General/Special Election (if applicable) ballot when they vote in a Primary or Primary Runoff.

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 who did not vote in the Primary or who voted a NonPartisan General/Special Election ballot are eligible to vote in this Runoff and can choose a Democratic or Republican ballot type.

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

The winner of the Republican Primary (or Primary Runoff) in a specific race will be the person whose name appears on the ballot in the November General Election as the Republican designee. Likewise, the winner of the Democratic Primary (or Primary Runoff) in a specific race will be the person whose name appears on the ballot in the November General Election as the Democratic designee.

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

In Georgia to be eligible to vote in the state and local election races, voters must be registered to vote 30 days prior to the election. Due to a federal consent decree, the voter registration deadline for the federal runoff was extended to 30 days prior to the runoff; therefore, special circumstances may apply to some voters for this Runoff.

The Voter Registration Deadline for this election was:

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 (for state and local races) and Monday, June 25, 2018 (for federal races)

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. The Application must be dated no later than 11:59 p.m. on the Voter Registration Deadline date. 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. The Application must be USPS postmarked by the Voter Registration Deadline date or delivered in person to our office no later than the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on the Voter Registration Deadline date in order to be eligible to vote in the July 24, 2018 Primary Runoff. 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 1201 Sawnee Drive, 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. The Application must be delivered in person to our office no later than the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on the Voter Registration Deadline date *or* by the close of business of the library on the Voter Registration Deadline date in order to be eligible to vote in the July 24, 2018 Primary Runoff.

By Mail: A Voter Registration Application must be completely filled out and signed. The Application must be USPS postmarked by the Voter Registration Deadline date in order to be eligible to vote in the next election/runoff.

All properly completed applications received by the Voter Registrations and Elections Office not meeting the above deadline will be processed after the 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, at least 17 ½ years of age, a resident of the Georgia 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 or expired), 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 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: **4**

Advance Voting hours and days vary by location.

Number of Weekdays open for this election: **15**

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

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

ADVANCE VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS

Voting hours vary by date and location. Please see the chart below for details.

ADVANCE VOTING HOURS BY LOCATION				
	Forsyth County Elections Office	Hampton Park Library	Sharon Springs Park	Midway Park
Week 1, M-F July 2-6 (closed July 4)	8am-4:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Week 2, M-F July 9-13	8am-4:30pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Saturday July 14	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm
Week 3 July 16-20	Extended Voting Hours: Tuesday & Thursday			
M, W, F	8am-4:30pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm
Tu & Thu	8am-4:30pm	8am-7pm	8am-7pm	8am-7pm

Advance Voting Location Addresses:

Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections Office***, 1201 Sawnee Drive, 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

*****NEW LOCATION as of January 2018.** The Elections Office is no longer located in the County Administration Building. Both the County Administration Building and Cumming City Hall are **NO LONGER** open for Advance Voting. Cumming City Hall will be open on Election Day for Cumming precinct voters.

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

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

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

ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL

All persons who wish 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 24, 2018**) **AND**, because this is a Primary Runoff, 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 request an absentee 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 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
1201 Sawnee Drive
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 Voter Registrations & Elections Office
1201 Sawnee Drive • Cumming, GA 30040
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 as early as 180 days prior to an election. **You may request an absentee ballot for the July 24, 2018 General Primary Runoff now. The last day an absentee ballot can be mailed for this election is Friday, July 20, 2018. 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 the ballot mailed to the voter by Friday, July 20, 2018.**

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

Absentee ballots must be returned to our office either by mail or by personal delivery by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.

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 one of the six acceptable forms of photo ID or other acceptable documentation that show the name and address of the voter. Those voters not having the proper form of identification will be offered a Provisional Ballot.

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.*

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VOTING ON ELECTION DAY, Voting Hours 7a.m. to 7p.m.

On Election Day, Tuesday, July 24, 2018 voters must go to their designated polling place to vote. All fifteen Election Day polling places are open for voting from 7a.m. to 7p.m. on Election Day.

The 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: ***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

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

***NEW POLLING LOCATION, effective September 2017

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:

***NEW POLLING PLACE, effective September 2017:** Attention voters in the 03-Browns Bridge precinct and the 04-Chestatee precinct – You now have a new Election Day polling place. Voters in both precincts will now vote at the Central Park Recreation Center located at 2300 Keith Bridge Road. That means if you previously voted at Browns Bridge Church or Harmony Grove Baptist Church, both of which are no longer available to serve as polling places, you will now go to the Central Park Recreation Center on Election Day.

*Cumming City Hall is no longer open for Advance Voting, but it will be open on Election Day for the Cumming Precinct voters.

*Advance Voting Location MAY NOT be Your Designated Election Day Polling Place
Remember, three of the four Advance Voting locations (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.

* The Forsyth County Elections Office IS NOT Open for Voting ON Election Day
The Forsyth County Elections Office is open for all of Advance Voting BUT IS NOT an Election Day polling place. Our office 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.

*Schools NO LONGER serve as Election Day Polling Places
If you previously voted at a school, please verify your Election Day polling place.

ELECTION STATISTICS & RESULTS

ELECTION DAY VOTING TURNOUT STATISTICS

On Election Day, the Election Day Voting Turnout Statistics by polling place 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.*

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.

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 Office, 1201 Sawnee Drive, Cumming, 30040. Election results will be displayed and announced until all votes are tallied with the exception of provisional votes, which are tabulated at the time the Board meets to certify the election.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Board of Voter Registrations and Elections meets to certify the election results following Election Day. At this time, the Board also reviews all provisional ballots cast. The Certification meeting generally takes place the Friday following Election Day, except when that Friday is a holiday or at the discretion of the Board. For this Runoff, the date and time of the Certification Meeting has been set for Monday, July 30, 2018 at 9am at the Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections Office, 1201 Sawnee Drive, 30040.

CONSOLIDATED DEMOCRATIC SAMPLE BALLOT page 1/1

JULY 24, 2018 DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION RUNOFF

This is a Consolidated Sample Ballot which contains ALL Democratic Candidates. Candidates for Congressional District are elected by district.

Check your voter registration precinct card, contact our office or visit www.mvp.sos.ga.gov for your district and polling place information.

For Advance Voting locations, dates and times and Election Day polling place information, visit our website at www.forsythco.com or contact our office at 770-781-2118, ext. 9.

Am I registered to vote?

View My Ballot. www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

To confirm your voter registration and/or to verify your districts visit:

Forsyth County Voter Registrations and Elections at 1201 Sawnee Drive, 30040

P: 770-781-2118 www.forsythco.com Email: Voter@forsythco.com

or the GA Secretary of State at www.sos.ga.gov or www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

For State School Superintendent

(Vote for One)

SID CHAPMAN

OTHA E. THORNTON, JR.

For U.S. Representative in 116th

Congress From the 7th

Congressional District of

Georgia

(Vote for One)

CAROLYN BOURDEAUX

DAVID KIM

CONSOLIDATED REPUBLICAN SAMPLE BALLOT page 1/1

JULY 24, 2018 REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION RUNOFF

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For Governor

(Vote for One)

L.S. "CASEY" CAGLE

BRIAN KEMP

For Lieutenant Governor

(Vote for One)

GEOFF DUNCAN

DAVID SHAFER

For Secretary of State

(Vote for One)

DAVID BELLE ISLE

BRAD RAFFENSPERGER