

Building Permits

A building permit is required for any type of new construction on your premises whether it be a swimming pool, fence, shed or any alteration or addition to your home or any other structure on your property. While planning and prior to startup, call Building Inspector Linn Summers at 877-1653 to determine what is required and what fees apply.

Burning Regulations

Year round burning from 9 a.m. to sunset is allowed within the Village limits, but is restricted to landscape waste only. A fine can be levied by the fire chief of Hickory Point Fire Protection District if a determination is made that the burning causes emission of fumes or gases. In such cases, report your complaint directly to the Hickory Point Fire Protection District by calling the district station at 877-1398.

Fireworks

Display or discharge of fireworks throughout the year, including the Fourth of July, is allowed only between 5:30 – 10 p.m. and then only with a permit. The hours are extended to 1 a.m. on New Year's Eve. Permits must be applied for at Village Hall. If you have questions, please call.

Dog Complaints

A Village ordinance is on file concerning pets and includes a leash law for all dogs. Bio-gradable, disposable baggies at Mutt Mitt stations in Forsyth Park and on bike paths are available of dog walkers. Barking and vicious dogs should be reported to Macon County Animal Control at 425-4508.

Door-to-Door Sales

Rummage and Garage Sales

The Village has the power to regulate peddlers and itinerant merchants. Permit applications for door-to-door sales must be applied for at Village Hall. Permit fee is \$50 which cannot exceed three (3) continuous days. Permit is also subject to a background check on each applicant. Any Village resident with questions or concerns about door-to-door sales persons should ask to see the Village permit and the person's identification. Call Village Hall at 877-9445 to verify the person's authentication or to register a complaint.

If you are planning on having a rummage or garage sale, the first thing to do is to call Village Hall at 877-9445 to review Village requirements including the use of signs and the number of sales permitted during the calendar year. Tax regulations apply if you have more than three sales a year. The Village reserves the right to take down and dispose of improperly placed signs.

Forsyth Community Center

The community center is available for the use of Forsyth residents only. A fee applies. The resident who has made arrangement for use of the center must be present during the hours of the reservation. For more information, call Village Hall at 877-9445.

Water Bills – Pay conveniently

Pay your water bills with direct debit from your checking account – it's FREE to all patrons. Sign-up forms are

available at Village Hall or on the website. A signature and a voided check are required. Call Village Hall at 877-9445

Forsyth Park pavilion and Forsyth Park baseball fields.

The pavilion and the baseball fields are available for the use of the general public and enjoyment. Call Village Hall at 877-9445 to make a reservation and to review Village guidelines.

Forsyth Park

Forsyth Park is a public park open year round. Summer hours are from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. April through September. Winter hours are 7 a.m.-4 p.m. October through March. More park information is included in a booklet available at Village Hall.

Motorized Scooters, Four Wheelers

It is unlawful to operate any gasoline or diesel-powered snowmobile, mini-bike, motorbike, motor scooter, go-kart, all-terrain vehicle, or off-highway motorcycle at any place within the Village limits except on property owned by the person operating the vehicle or upon property where the landowner has given permission to the rider.

Battery-powered vehicles may be operated on Village sidewalks and bike paths not to exceed 20 miles per hour. Vehicles over 75 lbs. are allowed as long as the operator is 16 years of age or older and a licensed driver. For further information, contact Village Hall.

The notable exception to this rule is that these same vehicles cannot be operated within the boundaries of Forsyth Park, including bike-paths which run through the park.

Parking Regulations

Certain areas within the Village have restricted parking with posted signs. Parking is not permitted on the grass within Forsyth Park, and an ordinance is on file which prohibits overnight on-street parking between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. for large vehicles such as larger trucks, boats, campers and motor homes. Some subdivisions employ a homeowners' covenant which prohibits parking of large vehicles on the driveways of homeowners. For additional information contact Village Hall at 877-9445.

Stormwater Management

The Village is in compliance with a new federal mandate on storm water management. Dumping **any type** of waste into catch basins is prohibited and subject to a fine. Residents are also encouraged to not leave grass clippings in the streets. If the waste is not cleaned up, it ends up in the storm sewer system and potentially causes backups.

Swimming Pools

Fences are required around all swimming pools, both in-ground and above ground. Call building inspector Linn Summers at 877-1653 for more information.

Vacation Service

Visit the Village's website on a special free service offered to residents by deputies from the Macon County Sheriff's Department. Information is available at Village Hall or at www.forsythvillage.us.