

Forsyth County Town Hall Meeting

Commissioners Jim Boff and Jim Harrell Request your attendance at a Town Hall Meeting to discuss county spending, the allocation of Park and Recreation Bond Funds, and the options and proposals for the purchase of the Lanier Golf Course property.

Location: Mashburn Elementary School, 3777 Samples Road, Cumming Georgia 30041

When: Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 pm

Click here for more details:

<http://www.lanierlifestyle.com/TownHall02252010.htm>

PARK & REC RESOURCE FACILITIES	NUMBER EXISTING	ALLOCATED TO DISTRICT FIVE
Ball Fields	50	None
Batting Cages	19	None
Pitching Machines	8	None
Playgrounds	7	None
Lighted Soccer Fields	12	None
Soccer Stands	42	None
Football Fields	6	None
Lacrosse Fields	3	None
Outdoor Basketball Courts	6	None
Lighted Tennis Courts	26	None
Tennis/Handball Walls	2	None

Disc Golf	1	None
Pavilions	11	None
Community Buildings	4	None
Recreation Centers	1	None
Neighborhood Parks	2	None
Park & Rec Bond Money	\$64,000,000	None
Park & Rec Budget to 2013	More than \$50,000,000	\$1,120,000
Greenspace Bond Fund	\$36,000,000	\$225,000

Summary

District 5 has 20% of the population and pays 20% of the park and rec bill. The district is obviously under served now and of the over \$150,000,000 of park and rec funds to be spent district 5 will receive less than 1%. Any reasonable and honest person would have to agree that the people of district 5 have not been and are not being treated fairly ... and this affects the entire county, its businesses, schools, and organizations that would benefit from a fair distribution of facilities and funding support.

About the Bond On February 5, 2008, Forsyth County voters approved the issuance of a \$100 million Parks/Recreation and Green Space General Obligation Bond. The issue received overwhelming voter approval of 69-70% countywide.

Bond Language "Shall there be issued up to \$100,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Forsyth County General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of financing parks and recreational areas, programs and facilities, including, but not limited to, green spaces

and conservation areas for the protection of lakes, rivers, forest and wildlife habitats?"

Bond Intent - Improvements and expansion to existing parks
- Purchase land for future (active recreation) parks - Acquisition of land for green space (passive recreation)