

FROM  
*High Falls to Hollywood*  
THE CITY OF  
**FORSYTH** HAS IT  
ALL!

OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE



# WELCOME

## TO THE CITY OF FORSYTH & MONROE COUNTY, GEORGIA

**T**here's a magical place nestled in the heart of Georgia. The City of Forsyth and Monroe County is centrally located close to Georgia's most thrilling attractions, on the pathway to and from the coastal regions. It is rich in beauty and adventure.

Each visit should begin with a taste of fried green tomatoes at the world-famous Whistle Stop Café in Juliette or a meal from the award-winning Grits Café in Forsyth. Stroll through the gift shops and boutiques in town and try other culinary delights and sweet treats. It is time to relax, refresh and renew. Discover why so many people keep coming back to visit.

Forsyth is the "Public Safety Capital of Georgia." It is where 45,000 heroes come to train annually. Visit the Public Safety Memorial at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, where we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

If history is your thing, must-sees are Monroe County Museum, Forsyth's historic sites and Confederate Cemetery. Don't miss the opportunity to explore nearby Culloden, one of seven Monroe County sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit Culloden Cemetery to learn about the last Civil War battle fought in Georgia after the South surrendered. Hungry? Stop in at Lockett's Kuntry Cooking.

Enjoy the public art installations of murals and sculptures sprinkled around town. Looking for a fun challenge? Start at the Welcome Center and join the Forsyth Foxhunt.



The Forsyth Foxhunt is a downtown based scavenger hunt. Small fox statues are hidden around different shops, businesses, and historic buildings, taking you on an adventure through Forsyth. It is free, and sure to delight all ages!



We have celebrations all year round! Visit Forsyth in March and celebrate the advent of spring at our annual Forsythia Festival! Cool off with us at the Fall Festival on the Square and the Footsteps Through Forsyth Art Walk, or take a short drive to Juliette for the Green Tomato Festival in October.

Stroll around the square any time of year to enjoy Monroe County's 1896 red-brick Victorian courthouse and the charming turn-of-the-century environment. If you happen to be in town during a performance at the delightfully intimate historic Rose Theater or the new Monroe Fine Arts Center, you're in for a treat.

Make a splash at the High Falls Water Park, featuring two thrilling waterslides. Or, nearby at High Falls State Park, enjoy the sound of the Towaliga River as it crashes down the falls, the beautiful trails, the grist mill and power house ruins and more. Hungry? Give one of the local eateries like the Hot Dog House or Falls View Restaurant a try.

With its location on I-75, Forsyth is a great place to rest and renew for a day (or several) as you travel along Georgia's main thoroughfare. Check out Magnolia's Med Spa. Or take a scenic drive past cattle ranches and unspoiled forests. Don't miss the Splash Pad and Pumptrack while in Forsyth. Practice your aim at Meadows Gun Club in Smarr.

Explore the City of Forsyth for all its hidden gems and for a fine meal at an award-winning restaurant and a good night's sleep in one of several comfortable hotel/motel accommodations or the KOA campground. Forsyth KOA has mini golf and mining for arrowheads, gems and crystals. Open to the public daily.



Juliette Bridge



# EXPLORATIONS

## OF HERITAGE

**A**re the explorations of history and genealogy your passion or do adventures in dining whet your appetite? Do you find treasures in the great outdoors or do you crave the secret corners of intriguing antique shops? Do the glories of Hollywood beckon to you, or do you seek the simple pleasures of strolling through streets that remind you of a kinder and gentler yesteryear? Can you find the hidden green tomato in the welcoming train mural across the street from the depot or the flying Kite Mural at the City Park? Whatever your heart's desire, it awaits you here.

## A LONG, LONG TIME AGO

- See the campus of the historic **TIFT COLLEGE**, now the home of the administrative headquarters for the Georgia Department of Corrections, fronting on I-75, or head over to and tour the historic Hubbard Women's Dormitory.
- In the wake of Sherman's "March to the Sea," Forsyth served as a special hospital camp. Every available shelter in town was used: the courthouse, Monroe Female College, the old Lumpkin Hotel, stores, and even private homes. Eventually, tent hospitals had to be erected for the multitude of wounded soldiers. Today, you can visit the **CONFEDERATE CEMETERY**, where 300 of those soldiers are buried. **NEWTON MEMORIAL DR.**, or call the Monroe County Museum **478.994.5070**
- Agriculture has been the backbone of Monroe County's economy for a couple of hundred years. You can see why when you stop in at the **FORSYTH FARMERS MARKET**, Fridays, noon-6pm, for a basket of Georgia Grown fresh fruits, vegetables, honey, dairy, eggs and more. **N. JOHNSTON ST., 478.994.7747, WWW.CITYOFFORSYTH.NET/ FORSYTHMAINSTREET**. Or take in the history of farming while visiting **HAMLIN HILLS**.
- Don't miss the Victorian Train Depot, site of the **MONROE COUNTY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY MUSEUM**, gift shop, and genealogy room. **126 E. JOHNSTON ST., 478.994.5070**. Pick up the City Cemetery Tour Guide and map and don't miss out on the train sculpture and historic train mural across the street!

- Stroll Forsyth's picturesque downtown **COURTHOUSE SQUARE**. See the 1896 **MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE** and 40 structures listed on the National Historic Register. **WWW.MONROECOUNTYGEORGIA.COM 478.994.7000**
- Muse over Culloden Cemetery's historical marker at the site of the last Civil War battle fought in Georgia after the Confederate surrender at Appomattox. **MAIN STREET, CULLODEN, 478.885.2249**

## STAGE & SCREEN

- In **JULIETTE**, enjoy the legendary fried green tomatoes at the **WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ**, the site chosen to film the hit movie *Fried Green Tomatoes*, and more recently, *Baby Driver* and *First Man*. Juliette comes complete with a historic grist mill, whistle-blowing trains, the Honey Comb, antique shops, gift shops, and traditional Southern cookin'.

### FILMS MADE IN MONROE COUNTY

- *Fried Green Tomatoes*
- *Jane Mansfield's Car*
- *Anchorman 2*
- *The Secret Passion of Robert Clayton*
- *Cockfighter*
- *A Killing Affair*
- *The War*
- *Fried Green Tomatoes: Juliette GA Lives*
- *Baby Driver*
- *First Man*

## ARTS ALIVE

- Enjoy a riveting drama or toe-tapping musical by the **BACKLOT PLAYERS** or **BACKLOTS ORIGINAL YOUTH ACTORS** on the stage of Forsyth's historic Rose Theater. The Rose Theater also hosts movies and live music. **23 W. JOHNSTON ST., 478.994.0443, WWW.THEBACKLOTPLAYERS.ORG**
- **MONROE COUNTY FINE ARTS CENTER**, a 1,200-seat public auditorium, is a prime location to discover local talent or enjoy performances from touring acts. **27 BROOKLYN AVE., 478.994.2031, WWW.MONROEFINEARTS.ORG**
- Juliette offers the **JULIETTE OPRY HOUSE** and local musicians Pickin' on the Porch on McCracken Street.
- Annual arts events include the **FORSYTHIA FESTIVAL**, **FOOTSTEPS THROUGH FORSYTH ARTS WALK** and the **GREEN TOMATO FESTIVAL**.

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

- Fish or boat on the 700-acre lake of **HIGH FALLS STATE PARK**, spend memorable moments beside the spectacular waterfalls, and explore two scenic hiking trails leading to the ruins of an 1880s gristmill and 1904 power house.

**76 HIGH FALLS PARK DR., JACKSON, 478.993.3053, [WWW.GASTATEPARKS.ORG/HIGHFALLS](http://WWW.GASTATEPARKS.ORG/HIGHFALLS)**



- A great place to bird watch, fish and hunt is at Lake Juliette and the extraordinary 6,000-acre **RUM CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA** that surrounds the lake. A license is required for hunting and fishing. Hunting seasons vary. **116 RUM CREEK DR., 478.825.6354**
- Picnic and play at one of Forsyth's parks. Enjoy tranquil, yet challenging rounds at the **FORSYTH GOLF CLUB**, a public 18-hole course. Don't miss the **SPLASH PAD, PUMPTACK & WALKING TRAIL** at the City Park, too. **400 COUNTRY CLUB DR., 478.994.5328**



**Meadows Gun Club**

- Sample the healing spring water at **INDIAN SPRINGS STATE PARK**. An intriguing museum (hours limited) highlights Creek Indians, the resort era and Civilian Conservation Corps history. **678 LAKE CLARK RD., FLOVILLA, 770.504.2277, [GASTATEPARKS.ORG/INDIANSPRINGS](http://GASTATEPARKS.ORG/INDIANSPRINGS)**
- Make some noise at the **MEADOWS NATIONAL GUN CLUB** in Smarr, just off exit 181 on I-75, which offers a 100-bird sporting clays course over 12 stations and a 25-bird five-stand sporting clays. The course is open to the public Wednesday - Sunday. **1064 RUMBLE RD., SMARR, 478.994.9910, [WWW.MEADOWSGUNCLUB.COM](http://WWW.MEADOWSGUNCLUB.COM)**

## KID'S KORNER

- Cool off and get splashed from Memorial Day to Labor Day at **HIGH FALLS WATER PARK**, featuring waterslides, a family pool and kids area. **HIGH FALLS RD., JACKSON, 478.994.1717**
- Kick off a day of family fun at **HAMLIN HILLS FARM**, offering a fresh market and ice cream, too! Enjoy the petting zoo and family corn maze by day and haunted maze by night! **477 DAMES FERRY RD., FORSYTH, 844.386.3276, [WWW.HAMLINHILLS.COM](http://WWW.HAMLINHILLS.COM)**
- **KOA MINI GOLF** and **MINING COMPANY**. Pan for fossils, gem stones and more! Public Welcome. **414 S. FRONTAGE RD., 478-994-2019**
- At **TWIN OAKS FUN FARM**, taste the sun-kissed strawberries you picked or select that perfect pumpkin from the patch. Enjoy picnic pavilions, the Playscape Adventure, hayrides, ice cream, cider, and more. **1946 JOHNSTONVILLE RD., FORSYTH, 678.544.0756, [WWW.TWINOAKSFUNFARM.COM](http://WWW.TWINOAKSFUNFARM.COM)**
- Have a blast at **CITY PARK**, riding the **PUMPTACK** on your bike, skateboard or scooter. Cool off at the **SPLASH PAD. COUNTRY CLUB DR., FORSYTH, [WWW.CITYOFFORSYTH.NET](http://WWW.CITYOFFORSYTH.NET)**

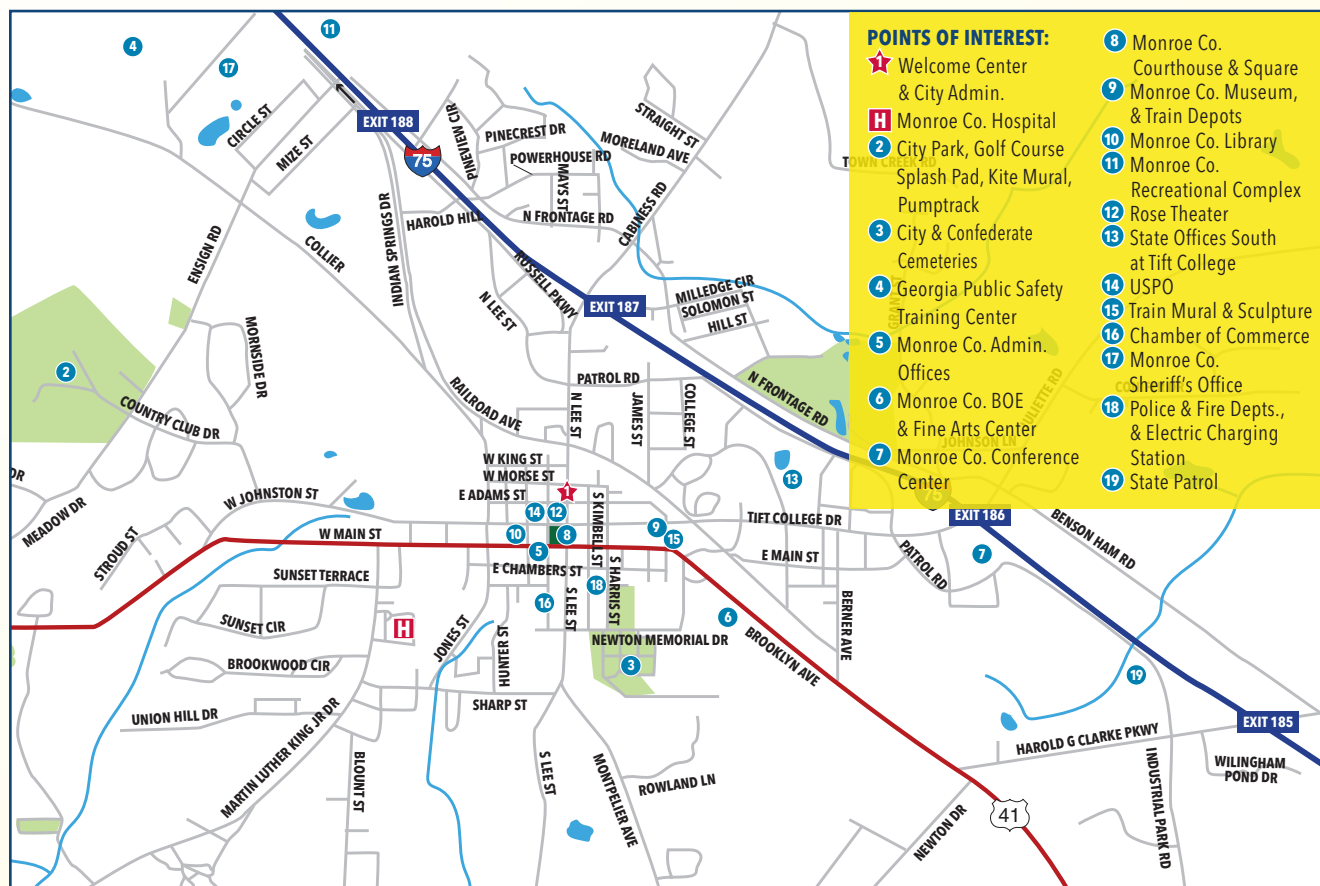
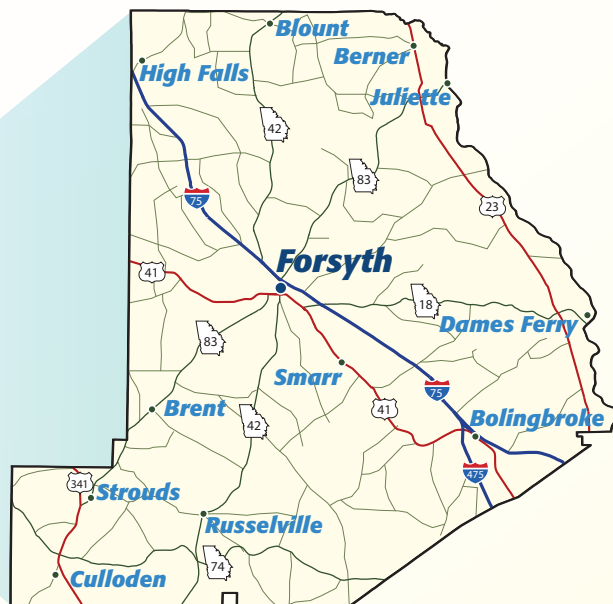
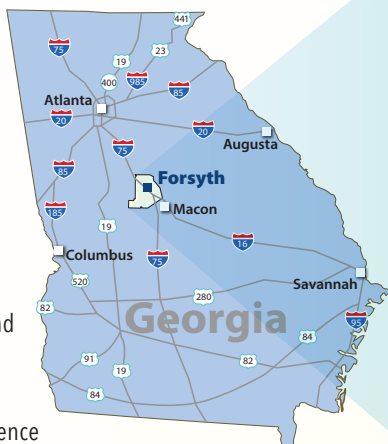




# LOCATION

## OF FORSYTH & MONROE COUNTY

**A**ttentions appeal to a variety of interests: history and genealogy, the outdoors, shopping and dining, even strolling through a Hollywood movie set! Planning a meeting, wedding or reunion? Take advantage of our easy access and central location. Forsyth offers several hotel options and event venues: Monroe County Conference Center, Crosslink Meadows, Gavi Estate and more!



# SUCCUMB

## TO THE SIREN SONG

**S**uccumb to the siren song of the small, intriguing boutiques and gift shops of Forsyth and Juliette.

- **ALEXANDRA'S FORMALS:** 54 N. Jackson St. • 478.583.4456  
www.alexandrasformals.com
- **BLUETICK MERCANTILE CO.:** 12 W. Main St. • 478.583.1258  
www.thebluetick.com
- **CASTLEBERRY DRUG & SODA FOUNTAIN:** 67 N. Lee St.  
478.994.2051
- **COTIQUE BOUTIQUE:** 19 N. Lee St. • 478.992.8371  
www.cotiqueshop.com
- **FORSYTH FEED & SEED:** 45 W. Johnston St. • 478.994.2991
- **FLOWERS BY HELEN:** 9 W. Johnston St. • 478.994.2611  
www.flowersbyhelenforsyth.com
- **HIGH COTTON UPTOWN:** 48 N. Jackson St. • 478.993.7651  
www.highcottonforsyth.com
- **HOMETOWN TREASURES MONOGRAM & GIFT SHOP:**  
51 W. Johnston St. • 478.993.2183  
www.hometowntreasures.co
- **MAGNOLIA'S ATLANTA MEDICAL SPA:** 10 N. Jackson St.  
478.993.2277 • www.magnoliasmedspa.com
- **SAGE & SPARROW:** 19 E. Johnston St. • 478.993.2281  
www.shopsageandsparrow.com
- **SARA JANE'S:** W. Johnston St. • 478.714.8842

- **SCOOPS FORSYTH:** 26 N. Jackson St. • 478.319.9129  
www.scoopsidecream.com/forsyth
- Explore your funky side with a visit to **CASH LIQUIDATIONS** collection of hotel furniture, sold from an old cotton mill near downtown Forsyth. 478.992.9901 • www.youcanaffordmore.com
- Browse movie paraphernalia and other distinctive gifts at **THE WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ GIFT SHOP** in lovely Juliette. Then set out to visit all of Juliette's quaint shops on McCracken Street, like the **HONEY COMB**, **SOUTHERN GRACE** and **PURPLE HAYES**.



The Rose Theater

# FORSYTH

## AFTER FIVE

**W**hen the sun goes down, the fun begins! Live bands and entertainment abound. Check out the Rose Theater and Monroe County Fine Arts Center for year-round events.

- **PICKLED OKRA**, Lunch and evening bar. Great place to watch the game! **33 W. JOHNSTON ST., 478.994.4993**
- **JONAH'S ON JOHNSTON** offers trivia, live music and brick oven pizza. **26 E. JOHNSTON ST., 478.994.8844**
- **THE SPOT**, next to the Monroe County Conference Center, with big screen TVs. **478.993.2240**



Whistle Stop Café



# SAVOR

## THE FLAVORS OF FORSYTH

### CULINARY DELIGHTS

#### AL'S CITY CAFÉ

##### DBA THE SALAD SPOT

275 N. Lee St.

478.394.4531

#### BLUETICK MERCANTILE CO.

12 W. Main St.

478.583.1258



#### EL DORADO

480 Holiday Cir.

478.993.2266

#### EL TEJADO

310 Cabaniss Rd.

478.994.1425

#### FORSYTH COUNTRY COOKIN'

15 E. Johnston St.

478.994.0603

#### GEORGIA BOB'S BBQ

114 E. Johnston St.

478.993.2271

#### GRITS CAFÉ

17 W. Johnston St.

478.994.8325



#### HONG KONG PALACE

465 Tift College Dr.

478.994.0973

#### JONAH'S ON

##### JOHNSTON

26 E. Johnston St.

478.994.8844



#### LUCKY CAFÉ

306 Harold G. Clarke Pkwy.

478.992.8989

#### MINORI'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE

22 W. Main St.

478.993.2300

#### PICKLED OKRA

33 W. Johnston St.

478.994.4993



#### SCOOPS FORSYTH ICE CREAM SHOP

26 N. Jackson St.

478.319.9129

#### THIS LITTLE PIGGY BBQ

866 Indian Springs Dr.

478.994.0618



### QUICK BITES

#### BIG CHIC

103 Patrol Rd. • 478.994.9918

#### BURGER KING

179 N. Lee St. • 478.994.2947

#### CAPTAIN D'S

149 N. Lee St. • 478.994.3851

#### DAIRY QUEEN

200 N. Lee St. • 478.994.2560

#### DUNKIN' DONUTS

171 N. Lee St. • 678.544.9611

#### HARDEE'S

260 N. Lee St. • 478.994.4118

#### INGLES CAFÉ

260 Tift College Dr.

478.994.4900

#### LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA

140 N. Lee St. • 478.583.1007

#### MARCO'S PIZZA

279 N. Lee St. • 478.974.5500

#### MCDONALD'S

250 N. Lee St. • 478.994.1513

#### PIZZA HUT

53 N. Lee St. • 478.994.3500

#### SHONEY'S

323 Harold G. Clarke Pkwy.

478.994.1314

#### SUBWAY

160 N. Lee St. • 478.994.3826

180 N. Lee St. • 478.974.0841

#### TACO BELL

152 N. Lee St. • 478.992.9058

#### WAFFLE HOUSE

286 N. Lee St. • 478.994.3081

444 Tift College Dr.

478.994.5368

#### WENDY'S

177 N. Lee St. • 478.994.1978



# DISCOVER

## A HIGHER LEVEL OF HOSPITALITY & COMFORT

### HOTELS/MOTELS

	Comp. Breakfast Bar	Exercise Room Pool	Free Wi-Fi	Smoking Pets	
<b>BUDGET INN</b> 990 GA Hwy. 42 • 478.994.9333 Exit 188		✓		✓	✓
<b>COMFORT INN</b> 333 Harold G. Clarke Pkwy. 478.994.3400 • Exit 185		✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>COMFORT INN SUITES</b> 343 Harold G. Clarke Pkwy. 478.994.9494 • Exit 185	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>DAYS INN</b> 343 N. Lee St. • 478.994.2900 Exit 187		✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>ECONO LODGE</b> 320 Cabaniss Rd. • 478.994.5603 Exit 187		✓		✓	✓
<b>FORSYTH KOA</b> 360 N. Frontage Rd. • 478.994.2019 or 800.KOA.8614 • Exit 186			✓	✓	✓
<b>HAMPTON INN</b> 360 N. Frontage Rd. • 478.994.9990 Exit 186		✓	✓	✓	
<b>HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS</b> 520 Holiday Cir. • 478.994.9697 Exit 186		✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>LA QUINTA</b> 400 Russell Pkwy. • 478.885.2500 Exit 187	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>NEW FORSYTH INN</b> 130 N. Frontage Rd. • 478.994.5161 Exit 187			✓	✓	✓
<b>QUALITY INN</b> 951 GA Hwy. 42 N. • 478.994.9260 Exit 188	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RED ROOF INN</b> 480 Holiday Cir. • 478.994.5691 Exit 186		✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RODEWAY INN</b> 951 GA Hwy. 42 N. • 478.994.9260 Exit 188	✓	✓		✓	✓
<b>SUPER 8</b> 436 Tift College Dr. • 478.994.5101 Exit 186		✓	✓	✓	✓

Exits are off I-75

# COME

## CELEBRATE LIFE IN MONROE COUNTY

### SPRING

FORSYTH FARMERS MARKET (FRIDAYS MAY-OCT)

FORSYTHIA FESTIVAL (2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND IN MAR)

SRI LALITA SAHASRANAMA MAHA YAJNAM (SRIM CENTER)

AUTISM AWARENESS FESTIVAL

HUBBARD DAY CELEBRATION

KITE DAY CELEBRATION

### SUMMER

FORSYTH FARMERS MARKET (FRIDAYS MAY-OCT)

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ON THE SQUARE

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

### FALL

FORSYTH FARMERS MARKET (FRIDAYS MAY-OCT)

ANCHOR OF HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

FALL FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE (OCT)

GREEN TOMATO FESTIVAL - JULIETTE (LAST WEEKEND IN OCT)

FOOTSTEPS THROUGH FORSYTH ART WALK

### WINTER

TREE LIGHTING

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PARADE

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL DROP

For more information about events in and surrounding Forsyth, please call the CVB 478.974.1460, [forsythcvb.com](http://forsythcvb.com) Monroe County Fine Arts Center and Rose Theater have year-round events featured on their websites





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