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## DA gets suspected voter fraud

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The Forsyth County Board of Elections voted to let the District Attorney's office decide what to do with what seems to be two separate cases where voters tried to vote twice during the 2018 General Election.

Here's what we know: During the official canvass at the Forsyth County Government Center on Friday, Nov. 16, it was announced that two voters, one age 18 and the other 34, tried to cast their ballot twice during the General Election earlier this month. According to Tim Tsujii, director of the Forsyth County Board of Elections, on Election Day

three voters showed up to voting locations who had already submitted a ballot during the Early Voting Period.

The first of the three was submitted by a 74-



year-old voter and was discounted because the ballot submitted on Election Day was filled out but not signed, which means no legal action would be taken. The other two ballots were completely filled out and signed by the voters.

When discussing the

matter, board members seemed to have mixed emotions on how to handle the situation. BOE Vice Chair Susan Campbell said she felt uncomfortable taking legal action against the two voters who submitted two ballots. She said, "There is some innocence there. It could possibly be a misunderstanding. I don't know if I want to turn this over."

Board chair Stuart Russell thought otherwise. Russell said there might be an innocent explanation as to why the voter signed both ballots, but there might not be. He said it is up to the District Attorney to decide that.

"There's no way for us

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

Last week the Forsyth County Board of Elections met to finalize votes from the 2018 General Election.



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Mayor Tempore Vivian Burke, incoming City Council Member Annette Scippio, and State Rep. Derwin Montgomery unveil a sign outside the city's Lowery Street facility, renaming the building after former council member Joycelyn Johnson.



Joycelyn Johnson thanks her supporters in attendance during the Lowery Street facility renaming ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 17.

## City's Lowery Street facility renamed to honor Joycelyn Johnson

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For her years of service on the Winston-Salem City Council, serving the East Ward, Joycelyn Johnson was honored on Saturday Nov. 17. The city's Lowery Street facility, a Public

Works facility, was renamed to honor her legacy.

Johnson served as the representative for the East Ward from 1993 until 2009. During that time she spearheaded several projects across the city. She is

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## No fly zone: City panel votes to remove Bird scooters

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Just a few months after they landed on street corners across the city, on Monday, Nov. 19, the Public Safety Committee voted 3-1 to remove all Bird Scooters from public sidewalks until city officials can come up with a method to regulate use.

Shortly before Labor Day, Bird, an electric scooter rental service with the mission to make cities more livable by reducing car usage, traffic, and congestion, dropped 100 scooters in various locations across the city. While the scooters have grown in popularity among teens and young adults, safety concerns have dominated the conversation since the scooters arrived in the Twin City.

According to Cpl. J.A. Henry with the Winston-Salem Police Department there have been at least three accidents in the downtown area caused by someone riding a scooter. Henry said although no one has been seriously harmed, it's only a matter of time before it happens.

"When you're riding with a Bird in comparison to a car, there is going to be potential for serious injury. We're also getting repeated calls from the community about them riding on the sidewalks," said Henry. "We get at least two to three calls every day, and it seems like we're getting more calls about people doing things on scooters they probably shouldn't."

Although there is an ordinance in place that prohibits the use of the scooters on sidewalks, there isn't any law that allows the scooters to be used in the streets, which can be confusing for riders because they don't know where they can and cannot ride the scooters.

During the committee meeting, City Council Member James Taylor, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, said it is important that they find a way to balance where everyone in the community is happy. Taylor, who is a co-owner of The Chronicle, said, "Some people believe them to be a public nuisance, others, a viable form of transportation. There must be a healthy balance between the two."

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## Commissioners approve funding to enhance Tuberculosis Infection testing

BY TEVIN STINSON  
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During their meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners approved a budget ordinance to increase Latent Tuberculosis (TB) infection screening in the area.

Earlier this year the Department of Public Health received notification that they had received an additional \$3,326 from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Epidemiology and Communicable Disease Branch to enhance testing for the illness that affects the lungs.

According to Assistant County Manager Ronda Tatum, because the funds are part of a federal grant, funds awarded to the Department of Public Health must be used by Dec. 31.

Unlike TB disease that can be spread from person to person and causes symptoms of coughs or

sneezes containing the germ Mycobacterium tuberculosis, those with the Latent TB infection do not feel sick and do not have any symptoms. The only sign of TB infection is a positive reaction to the tuberculin skin test or TB Blood test.

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