



# News and Views

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## Fire Prevention Week – October 7-13, 2012 "Have Two Ways Out"



### Fire Safety Check List

- Do you have a working smoke alarm on every level in your home and inside every bedroom?
- Does a grown-up test your smoke alarms at least once a month?
- Are your smoke alarms less than 10 years

old? (If they are more than 10 years old, you need new ones.)

- Do you know the sound of your smoke alarms?
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- Do you know two ways out of every room?
- Does your plan have an outside meeting place?
- Does your family have a fire drill at least twice a year?
- Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once they are outside?
- Do you get outside and stay outside if the smoke alarm sounds?

For more information about Fire Prevention Week or to schedule an educational program for your organization, contact our Fire Marshall, John Holcomb, at 972-564-7368.

### Congratulations

To B. J. Putnam who has been promoted to Public Works Field Supervisor and for obtaining his Class "B" Water Certification.

Congratulations also go to Matt Hartley for obtaining his Class "C" Water Certification.

**WAY TO GO GUYS. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.**

### Goodbye

Jerry Pipkins, Parks Maintenance Technician, retired August 17, 2012 after 6 years of service.

**Goodbye Jerry and Good Luck. You will be missed!**

### Mayor's Corner

#### Roads, Kroger, and Our Economy

It is wonderful to be finished with the construction at FM 548 and Hwy 80! It is so nice to see traffic flowing through the four open lanes, the two dedicated turn lanes, and even the two Texas U-turns. I'm sure everyone joins me in thanking Webber, KBR, and our city staff in managing a difficult project, and seeing it through to completion.

All four lanes of FM 741 were open to traffic before the first day of school. We still have a couple of months of work to complete all of the sidewalks, curbs, and driveways. This continued work will require some temporary lane closures, but school traffic will not be impacted. The closures will be during the day and on weekends, so all lanes will be open for morning and afternoon school traffic.

The third and final road project is FM 740; north from the Pinson Bridge to Criswell Elementary. This project will have two north-bound and two south-bound lanes, storm sewers, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. The construction contract should be awarded this fall, with actual construction starting after the first of the year.

One of the questions the Council is asked most often is, "Is Kroger still coming?" The answer is, "Yes!" Their site plan was approved a few weeks ago, and they have been meeting with our development review committee. While Kroger has not yet announced a date for a ground breaking, they have indicated they would like to be open in 2013. So, we're anticipating an announcement in the very near future. Be sure and check the city's website and Facebook page for updates.

Despite the impact of a national recession, our state, our metroplex, and our city have all weathered much better than most of our neighbors. Our sales tax revenue is up, homes are selling, and new businesses are opening, thanks in large part to our Forney community. The support you show for our local businesses, the commitment you make to our school system, and the care you show for your neighbors make Forney a great place to call home.

## Everyone's Invited to the Trail of Treats

October 27, 2012



This year's event is bigger and better than ever! We will start with a candy station decorating contest for the vendors around 4:30 p.m., then Trick or Treating for all ages will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Older kids will then get to enjoy visiting the new Spellman Amphitheater to see the movie Poltergeist (rated PG-13). In case you skip dinner or get hungry and thirsty while you there, vendors will be setup to sell food and beverages. A costume contest will be held all evening long at the main stage and you will be entertained by Radio Disney. There is no charge to attend the event. So come on out and have some fun! We'd love to have you!



### Coming Soon!

The fifth annual Turkey Trax Auto Show is set for November 11 on Main Street in Downtown Forney!

Unique Karz will once again rally hundreds of collector vehicles in many classes including 50's, 60's and 70's favorites as well as Muscle Cars, Mustangs, Corvettes, Tricked-out Trucks and a perennial crowd pleaser: Low Riders!

Come out and shop, eat, and play! The show begins at noon and shuts down at 5pm. There will be kids activities, a live band, giveaways, and lots of prizes. The weather should be a perfect fall day . . . so be sure you join us to see the sights and sounds of Forney's famous "Turkey Trax Auto Show!" Remember . . . admission, parking and smiles are FREE!

For information on car registration, contact Gabby at 469-632-6993. To be a vendor, contact Kayla at 972-564-7377 or [kbryson@cityofforney.org](mailto:kbryson@cityofforney.org).

### 2012 City Council Meetings

Times are subject to change – Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance on our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org)

1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month Start Time 6:00 p.m. Work Session/Action Agenda	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month Start Time 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
January 3	January 17
February 7	February 21
March 6	March 20
April 3	April 17
May 1	May 15
June 5	June 19
July 3	July 17
August 7	August 21
September 4	September 18
October 2	October 16
November 6	November 20
December 4	December 18

## Welcome

In the Public Works Department, Jeff Jones, Maintenance Technician, August 13<sup>th</sup>; in the Police Department, Nicole Phillips, Police Officer, August 22<sup>nd</sup>; and in the Special Events Department, Alexa Tiesman, Special Events Coordinator, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Events and Things to Do

For more information on these events, please visit our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) or our Facebook page.



**Community Parade**  
Saturday, October 20, 2012



**Unity Bowl [FNHS v. FHS]**  
Friday, October 26, 2012



**Trail of Treats**  
Saturday, October 27, 2012  
From 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Community Park



**Forney Arts Festival**  
Saturday/Sunday, November 3 & 4, 2012  
Downtown **Updated Date!!**



**State Offices and Federal (Presidential) Election**  
Tuesday, November 6, 2012



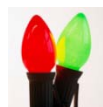
**Turkey Trax**  
Sunday, November 11, 2012  
Location: Downtown



**Veterans Day**  
Sunday, November 11, 2012  
Federal Holiday Observed on Monday,  
November 12, 2012



**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, 2012  
City offices will be closed



**Christmas Tree Lighting**  
Date to be determined  
Location: Downtown



**Hometown Christmas**  
Saturday, December 1, 2012  
Location: Downtown



**Christmas Holiday**  
Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25, 2012  
City offices will be closed

