



News and Views

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Independence Day

The Declaration of Independence, unanimously declared by the thirteen United States of America, was adopted by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. The task of getting the document signed began on August 2, 1776. Congress made sure that all states would have access to an authenticated copy of the Declaration by ordering a special printing of multiple copies on January 18, 1777.

The first celebrations occurred shortly after the declaration in various locales along the Eastern Seaboard. Much of the tradition inherent in the way we celebrate today was evident almost from the beginning. Sound, spectacle, and sentiment played an important role in that tradition.

National Anthem: *Star Spangle Banner* by Francis Scott Key

Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Thank You!!!

Thanks go to our troops at home and around the world (retired and active) who have ensured that we retain our freedom and liberties.

The CITY OF FORNEY is kicking off the patriotic season with the bang at our annual Independence Day Celebration on June 28th at the beautiful Forney Community Park. FREE Festivities including games, face painters, rides, giveaways, AND FIREWORKS are available from 6-9pm on park grounds.

Downtown Corner

2nd Saturdays Downtown Forney



On the 2nd Saturday of every month the Forney Arts Council hosts a free event for the entire family. Shop unique artisan vendors, experience the rhythm of drum circle, and enjoy an acoustic jam session with live music. Located in Historic Downtown Forney, this is an event you do not want to miss. For more information on the Forney Arts Council, visit their website at www.forneyarts.org.

Downtown Business Association
Find out more at
www.fdba-tx.com



Think SHOP Live FORNEY

REMEMBER TO CONSERVE WATER

Stage 3 Watering Restrictions have been extended limiting landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to once every two weeks and watering days have been assigned. For your watering days and additional restrictions, please visit our website at www.cityofforney.org. If you have any questions about the restrictions, please contact the City of Forney Public Works Dept. at 972-564-7340.

Upcoming Events and Things to Do

For more information on our events, please visit our website at www.cityofforney.org or our Facebook page.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

June 28, 2014
From 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Location: Community Park
Spellman Amphitheater

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

Friday, July 4, 2014
City Offices are closed

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 1, 2014
City Offices are closed

X-TREME GREEN EVENT

Saturday, October 4, 2014
From 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Location: Community Park

TRAIL OF TREATS

Saturday, October 25, 2014
From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Community Park/Soccer Complex

TURKEY TRAX

November 9, 2014
From 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Downtown

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

December 6, 2014
From 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Downtown

Helpful Phone Numbers

Emergency.....	911
Police Non-Emergency.....	972-564-7600
Fire Non-Emergency.....	972-552-2211
Animal Control.....	972-564-7397
Permitting.....	972-564-7381
Parks & Recreation.....	972-564-7326
City Hall.....	972-564-7300
Utility Billing/Water-Sewer.....	972-564-7304
Public Works	972-564-7340
Trash Service/CWD.....	972-392-9300 – option #2
Kaufman County Sub Courthouse	972-564-4054

From the Mayor

Approximately a year ago I wrote the following column regarding the implementation of the Stage 3 Water Conservation Mode by the North Texas Municipal Water District. The Severe Drought has continued and NTMWD has extended Stage 3 through October 2014. Please do your part to conserve our precious resource.

June 2013

As I write this article in late April, Forney is making plans to implement Stage 3 Water Conservation Mode, effective June 1st. Several weeks ago, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) called an emergency meeting of the area city managers to discuss our current and projected water levels for the coming summer. All agreed that we needed to act sooner rather than later in making the public aware of the situation. More information is included in this newsletter.

The NTMWD was formed in the early 1950's by 10 original member cities: Garland, Mesquite, Wylie, Plano, McKinney, Rockwall, Royse City, Forney, Princeton, and Farmersville. Looking at that list, and thinking back to the Metroplex area 60 years ago, it took some real forward-thinking visionaries to add Forney to that list. We should be grateful that Forney's leaders took that action.

Royse City, Princeton, and Farmersville stand out in that list, too. They became members because of their proximity to the newly-formed water source that would service the area ... Lake Lavon. That's right, Forney's water comes from Lake Lavon not Lake Ray Hubbard. Hubbard supplies water to the City of Dallas.

Forney has been well served by the action those leaders took many years ago, as has our entire Metroplex. For Forney, we have directly benefited by having a water source and treatment plant that we participate in cooperatively, instead of owning and maintaining one here – a huge cost savings over time. For the Metroplex, being able to implement long range plans with other cities has enabled us to weather the recent drought periods and plan for the growth that the Dallas-area has experienced and will continue to experience. In a Texas Water Board meeting, we learned that Texas is projected to have a population of about 46 million, an increase of about 70% from today. Kaufman County is expected to double from about 105,000 to 210,000.

Please do everything you can to conserve water, and continue to look to this newsletter, our city website, and our Facebook page for updated information.