



## Forney's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street 5K Race & 1-Mile Fun Run!

Saturday, May 5, 2012

**For Registration Details:**

email [kbryson@cityofforney.org](mailto:kbryson@cityofforney.org) or call 972-564-7377  
[www.forneytexasedc.org](http://www.forneytexasedc.org)

Don't forget:

***Shop Forney First!***

Remember: Sales tax dollars help pay-down your tax rate.



Watch our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) and our Facebook page for updates on our road construction projects and on the drought.

### ***Community Park Events***

The grand opening of the Amphitheater will take place Memorial Day weekend (May 25-28). Please check our website or Facebook Page for more information closer to the date.

For the kids, the splash park will also open Memorial Day weekend.



City Offices will be **closed** on Good Friday – **April 6, 2012**

### ***Upcoming Election***

The General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012. Early voting by personal appearance starts on April 30, 2012, and ends on May 8, 2012. If you do not vote early, you will have to vote in your precinct on Election Day. The City contracts with the County for election services, so for information regarding where you will need to vote on Election Day, please call the Election Administrator at 972-932-0298.

### ***Board & Commission Members Honored***

On Saturday, March 3, 2012, the City Council held its Annual Recognition Banquet honoring the volunteers who sit on our various boards and commissions. Each board member received a blanket to use when they visit the new Amphitheater. Food was catered by 4T's BBQ and door prizes included the cute center pieces made by Billie Kasper at the Flower Basket.

These volunteers help make Forney a great place to live, play and work, and their dedication to the City is greatly appreciated.

If you think you would be interested in serving on a board or commission, the link to the application and information about each board can be found on our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) on the City Secretary's page. If you don't have access to the internet, contact the City Secretary at 972-564-7302 and she will send you an application.

### ***Forney Fire Department Citizen's Fire Academy***

The Forney Fire Department will be hosting a Citizen's Fire Academy later this year. The eight-week program will give citizens an inside view of the Fire Department and allow them to experience what the firefighters do during the 24-hour tour of duty. Participants will experience several hands-on fire fighting techniques including handling a fire hose, operating the fire trucks and riding along with firefighters on actual emergency calls. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Fire Marshall John Holcomb at 972-564-7368, for more information.

## Bad Weather Threats



“April Showers Bring May Flowers”

Forney Dispatch Center works with the Fort Worth NOAA National Weather Service when bad weather hits our area, along with local storm chasers. Between the two, it helps us determine how severe the weather is, the direction it is moving, and how fast it is moving.

If the severity of the weather calls for it, the tones to the Forney Outdoor Warning Sirens are sounded. Please note that those sirens are meant for people who are outside and need to take cover from the bad weather. We suggest that if there is a possibility of bad weather, or it appears to be close, that you watch local weather channels or monitor a weather radio. Unless you live directly near the one of the three sirens in the city, you will not hear it inside your home.

When bad weather does hit your area, please take cover to ensure that the people you are with are safe. Please limit the usage on cell phones, during bad weather high cell phone usage will congest cell phone provider services and emergency calls cannot be made.

### Terms to know

**Watch:** Likely to occur.

**Warning:** Has been spotted in the area and people in the path are in danger. Take cover if it is a Tornado Warning.

## Water Conservation/Drought Update

While recent rains have increased available supply capacities, two of the four reservoirs (Lavon Lake & Lake Jim Chapman) that supply our drinking water are still in a drought stage. As a North Texas Municipal Water District Member City **we are ARE still in a hydrological drought** until the reservoirs return back to full elevation and the loss of Texoma's water supply is returned.

### Types of Drought

A **hydrological drought** is any time the reservoir falls below the full conservation level. This is a result of low inflows from rain events.

The drought as stated by the climate prediction center, as reflected on the Texas Drought Map, takes into account soil moisture and agriculture indexes, which is a **meteorological/agricultural drought**.

The **City of Forney is remaining in Stage 3** water restrictions and **beginning April 1st you can begin once a week watering** on your designated day. Please watch for your weekly watering calendar in your water bill and for more information on ways to conserve or the current restrictions go to [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org). Click on the picture of a Boat sitting in no water on Lavon Lake our water source.

**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.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month Start Time 7:00 p.m.
January 3	January 17
February 7	February 21
March 6	March 20
<b>April 3</b>	<b>April 17</b>
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

## Forney Community Park Pavilion

The City of Forney parks are operated for the benefit of the general public and permission for private use of the pavilion is a privilege given to the residents of the community. There are “Rules and Regulations” that must be agreed upon before permission to use the pavilion is granted, and the user agrees to abide by City Ordinances. Non-adherence may result in forfeiture of all or a portion of the deposit. The user will be held responsible for adherence to the regulations and any damage that might occur. A full copy of the Rules and Regulations can be found on our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) under the Parks Department.

Park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Forney Community Park pavilion may be reserved for private parties for a four-hour time period. Reservation times are 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Please do not arrive earlier than your scheduled reservation for set-up or decorating.

Splash Pad hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend.

Contact **Dodie Witt** at 972-564-7326 or [dwitt@cityofforney.org](mailto:dwitt@cityofforney.org) to reserve the pavilion during normal office hours (Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm).

Fees: City of Forney Resident or Business:  
(Inside the City Limits)  
Reservation Fee: \$50  
Deposit: \$50, refundable

Non City Resident or Business:  
(Outside the City Limits)  
Reservation Fee: \$100 Deposit: \$50, refundable

## Welcome!

In the IT Department, Craig Verner, IT Administrator, who began February 6<sup>th</sup>, and in the Police Department, Jessica Wheat, Police Officer, who began February 20<sup>th</sup>.