



News and Views

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From the Mayor

Economic Vision

Forney is blessed to have a strong economy. The opening of the Kroger Marketplace has put Forney on the radar of several regional and national retailers. As a result of that combination, and continued growing interest in downtown, our City, EDC, and its partners have been very busy.

The EDC board is also exploring bringing more medical facilities, and searching for larger employers, so more in our community can have the option of working closer to home. They can begin to research these possibilities because of the economic foundations that were laid years ago. Those plans are now beginning to bear fruit in three distinct areas.

First, we have the Mustang Crossing development, and its surrounding areas. Walmart opened in 2005. Look at the 548/80 intersection now . . . and the growth is still coming. We collect sales tax all across the city, and our collections are trending up strongly, but the 548/80 area is, and will continue to be, a major sales tax driver.

Secondly, downtown development is beginning to become very exciting! Crumbzz is doing a great business. All of the buzz around Zanata, Groovy's, and Mama's Daughters' Diner is encouraging private owners and developers to find a way to participate in our downtown revitalization. They want to be a part of the activity, and their success will create another sales tax driver.

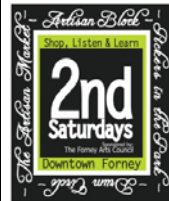
The third area of economic activity is in its infancy, but is no less important to our future. The Gateway Bridge has had some technical weather delays, but is very near completion. The developer is initially building apartments on the far north side, and is discussing residential to the far south.

The Gateway development now encompasses 2,200 acres. As it develops into a retail /entertainment area, it will be the key economic driver for Forney's future. Of course, it will take many years to develop, and that's why it's essential for the EDC board and the City Council to have a good long-term economic vision.

This scenario will give Forney three distinct areas of sales tax generation. Neither one is mutually exclusive to either of the others. They will each offer something different, should complement each other, and provide a bright economic future for Forney for many years to come.

Downtown Corner

2nd Saturdays Downtown Forney



On the 2nd Saturday of every month [from March to November] 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.foorneyarts.org.



Downtown Business Association

Find out more at

www.fdba.squarespace.com

The following businesses will be opening soon in Downtown:

[Mama's Daughters' Diner](#) coming soon to 111 E. Main St.

[Zanata Restaurant](#) opening 215 S. Bois d'Arc Summer 2014

[Groovy's](#) opening 211 S. Bois d'Arc late Spring 2014

[Spellman Museum](#) opening late Spring 2014

Economic Development

Forney's Economic Development Corporation has a new website -- <http://www.foorneytexasedc.org>. Visit the EDC online and get a peek at what is happening regarding economic development in the Forney area. If you know of a business moving to Forney, please contact the EDC by email at edcadmin@cityofforney.org.

By way, not only was the Kroger opening a **huge** success, the following businesses will be coming soon to Shafer Plaza:

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA AND HUDDLE HOUSE

OTHER RECENT RETAIL OPENINGS INCLUDE:

DOXA

Selling home decor and accessories
Opened November 2013 on Broad Street

COWBOY CHICKEN

Opened December 2013

SCHLOTZKY'S WITH CINNABON

Opened January 2014

Did you know over 6,500 people now work in Forney?!

REMEMBER: STAGE 3 DROUGHT CONDITIONS ONLY ALLOW WATERING ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS. PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO CONSERVE THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE.

Upcoming Events and Things to Do

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

EXTREME GREEN EVENT

Saturday, March 22, 2014
From 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Location: Community Park



Hey Look! Movies in the Park are starting again!!!!

MOVIES IN THE PARK -- SANDLOT

March 28, 2014
From 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Location: Spellman Amphitheater

MOVIES IN THE PARK -- HOP

April 11, 2014
From 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Location: Spellman Amphitheater

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2014
City offices are closed

EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 20, 2014

MOVIES IN THE PARK -- THE WIZARD OF OZ

May 9, 2014
From 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Location: Spellman Amphitheater

GENERAL ELECTION DATE

Saturday, May 10, 2014
Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
You must vote at your regular polling place

FORNEY LIBERTY FEST

May 23-25, 2014

MAIN STREET 5K

May 24, 2014

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26, 2014
City offices are closed

**The Splash Pad opens at Community Park on Memorial Day Weekend
May 23-26, 2014**

City Council Meetings

City Hall, Council Chambers
101 E. Main Street

Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Bad Weather Threats



It is hard to believe that it is that time of year again. Our Dispatch Center works with the Fort Worth NOAA National Weather Service when bad weather hits our area, along with local storm chasers. This interaction 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 the 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.

Stay Safe!

Save the Dates!

The City of Forney and CWD are having a

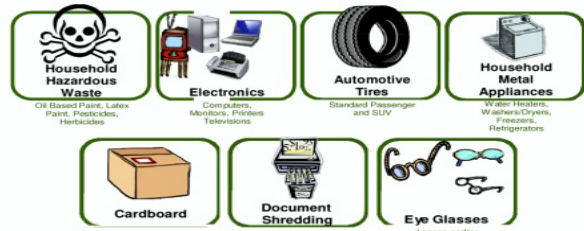


Saturday, March 22, 2014
Saturday, June 7, 2014
Saturday, October 4, 2014

8:30 AM to noon

Forney Community Park
241 South F.M. 548

The following items will be collected:



Notice: This service is provided for residential customers only. Up to 150 lbs. of paper shred on-site per customer.

All other paper will be shred off-site

Questions? Please call 972-564-7390

