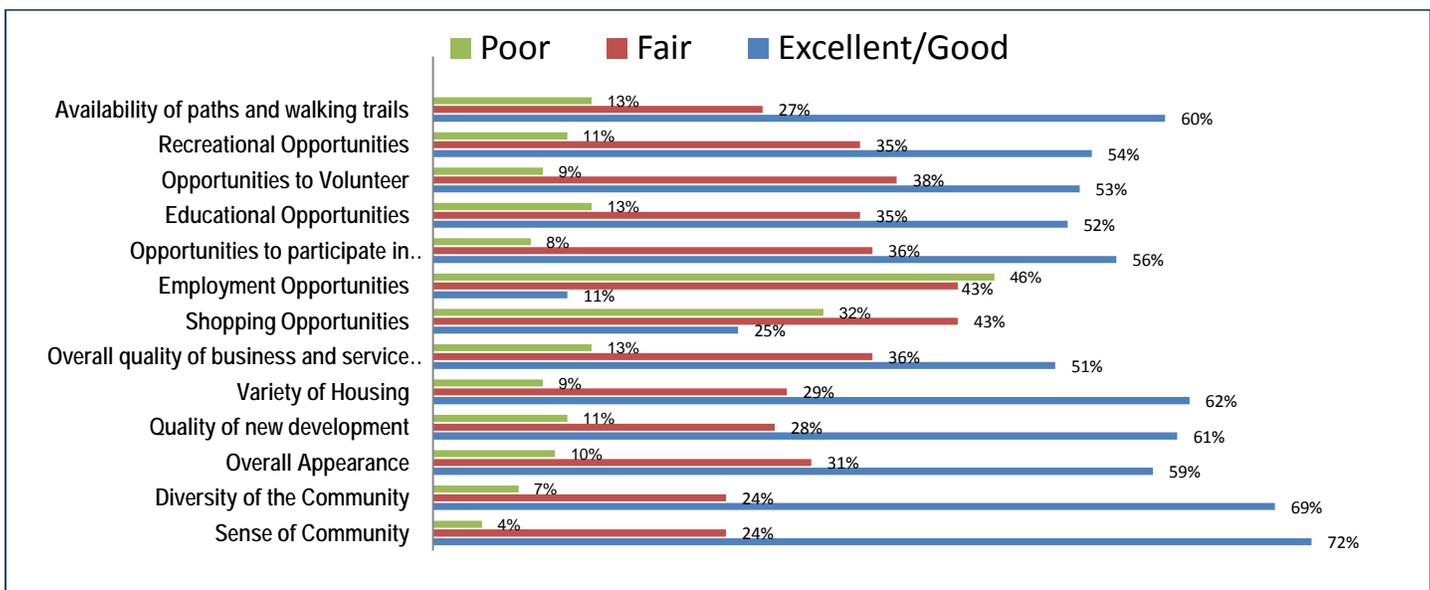


## Excerpts from the 2011 Citizen Survey

We had another great response to the Citizen Survey – a 29% return. Thank you for taking the time to respond. We greatly appreciate it. The City Council received the report on the results of the 2011 Citizen Survey at their strategic retreat held in mid-June. Below are a few excerpts from the report:

### How the respondents perceive Forney:



### Residents have positive opinions regarding the quality of life in Forney

- 85% of the survey participants rate their neighborhood as a “good” or “excellent” place to live. While 86% say that Forney is a good place to live. They rate the overall quality of life in Forney at 78%. 2010 Overall Satisfaction was 77%.

### Most citizens consider Forney very family friendly.

- 86% rate Forney as a good” or “excellent” place to raise children
- 78% rate the quality of life in Forney as “good” or “excellent”
- 45% say the educational opportunities in Forney are “good” or “excellent”

### Generally, residents perceive Forney as a safe community.

- 94% rate Fire Services a good” or “excellent”
- 85% rate Police Services as “good” or “excellent”
- 81% rate General Community Safety “good” or “excellent”

### When asked if they would be willing to pay 1/2¢ to 1¢ more in taxes in order to be able to hire more officers and firemen and to purchase the equipment they would need:

- 67% stated that they would be willing to pay the additional tax for this specific purpose.

### Residents rate the City Government’s performance positively overall.

- 67% rate the overall direction that Forney is taking as “good” or “excellent”
- 61 % rate the effort the City is taking to communicate with its citizens as “good” or “excellent”

The entire report can be found on the City’s website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org).

Again, **Thank You** for taking the time out of your busy schedules to reply to the survey.

**School will be starting soon. Parents, talk to your sons and/or daughters and urge them to read this article, so that they don't become a statistic.**

### **Distracted Driving Creates Dangerous Situations**

*By Chief Murray Pendleton, Chairman, Connecticut Police Chief's Association Highway Safety Committee as published in TEEX Lone Star Roads, 2010, Issue 3*

It only takes a second for crash to happen. Driving a car is challenging enough even when you are paying full attention to the road and its potential hazards.

Distractions occur when drivers concentrate on something other than operating their vehicles – such as talking on a cell phone. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that 25% of all crashes involve some form of drive distraction.

National surveys show that most drivers at least occasionally engage in behaviors that draw some of their attention away from their driving tasks. The most common of these behaviors include such general activities as:

- Talking or texting on a cell phone
- Talking with passengers
- Changing radio stations or CDs
- Eating or drinking while driving

Your complete attention to driving is not only in the best interest of you and your passengers, but can clearly save lives as well as reduce serious injuries.

**Common Distractors** – Do you do any of the following while driving?

- Use a cell phones
- Eat/drink/smoke
- Text and e-mail
- Personal hygiene
- Change radio stations/CDs/DVDs
- Sightsee/gawk
- iPods
- In-car information screens
- Adjust mirrors/heat/AC
- Search for items
- GPS
- Unsecured objects
- Read maps/directions/book/magazine/ newspapers

Such distractions may not only cause you to lose control of your vehicle. They may cost someone, including you, their life.

### **Texting is a Major Distracter**

The National Safety Council estimates that 80% of Americans admit to using cell phones while driving, and 20% admit to texting while driving. That amounts to about 100 million drivers.

Driving while using a cell phone incurs a four times greater risk of crashing, which is equivalent to driving while drunk (with 0.08 blood-alcohol level). Talking on a cell phone while driving slows down the reaction time of even the most experienced driver. **FOR TEXTERS, THE RISK IS EIGHT TIMES GREATER. ALL drivers must be committed to reducing serious injuries and deaths on our roadways. This starts with your commitment to NOT BECOME A DISTRACTED DRIVER!**

### **Future City of Forney and CWD Green Carnival Recycling Events**

8:30 a.m. to Noon @ Forney Community Park  
241 South FM 548

Saturday, August 6, 2011

Saturday, November 5, 2011

The following will be collected: Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics, Automotive Tires, Household Metal Appliances, Cardboard, Document Shredding, and Eye Glasses. For more information call 972-564-7390.

### **Upcoming Special Event**

Community Park Trail of Treats 2011 will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information contact Dodie VanSchuyver at 972-564-7326, or by email at [dvanschuyver@cityofforney.org](mailto:dvanschuyver@cityofforney.org).

### **Citizens on Patrol (COPs) Program**

The COP Program is another opportunity to make our community better. The program is an extension of the Neighborhood Crime Watch program, and provides an opportunity for citizens to volunteer and take an active role in crime prevention in their neighborhood. If you have questions about the program, you can contact the Police Department's non-emergency number at 972-564-7600.



Mayor Darren Rozell and Mr. Hebert Hunt at the ground breaking ceremony for the Meadow Ridge Farms project.

Think  
SHOP  
Live  
FORNEY

Meals on Wheels  
Volunteers Wanted  
Call 972-564-7348

### **Remember To Conserve Water**

Watering is not allowed from  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.



### **Important Dates**

City Council Meetings  
101 E. Main, Forney, Texas  
Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 2, 2011, 7pm  
Tuesday, August 16, 2011, 7pm