



News and Views

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From the Mayor

The Gateway Bridge construction is moving along well. If you haven't seen it lately, drive east on Hwy 80 toward Windmill Farms, and you'll drive under it. Construction is scheduled to be complete October of 2013.

There have been some questions about the funding and cost of the Gateway Bridge. In round numbers: the City of Forney has invested about 3 million in right-of-way and engineering, we received about 9 million in Regional Toll Revenue from the Regional Transportation Council, and the Hunt Family Investment Group has invested about 12 million. There are NO federal dollars in this project.

The fact is, the Hunt family has made a significant investment in the development of the Gateway Bridge. There are over 2,000 acres to be developed between both the north and south side. The recession has obviously slowed the development, but the retail will come. This entire project could take as many as 20 years to develop. As the project develops, the Hunt's will be repaid for their investment. They are in this for the long term.

The Gateway Bridge will provide an eastern link from FM 1641 to FM 548, over Hwy 80 AND over the railroad tracks; but more than that, I see this project as a bridge to our future.

Initially, there will be some apartments built on the far north side. There will also be some residential, probably somewhere on the south side. The residential would be higher-end homes, so families would be able to move up in house without having to move out of the city.

The retail will come -- retail, entertainment, hotels, office, mixed-use. A master plan is being developed, but with such a large amount of land developing over such a long period of time, it has to have some flexibility built into it. No one can map out today exactly what the development will be 20 years from now. Just like Forney has evolved, we will have to grow into it.

I am convinced the resulting development will be a regional attraction for our area for many years to come. As always, if you have any questions, please email me at drozell@cityofforney.org.

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. There is something for all ages. For more information, please contact:

Courtney Mzyk
Forney Arts Council
Arts Center & Artisan Market
469-595-1659
972-388-6181

The August event date is Saturday, August 10th
Place: Bell Park in Downtown Forney
300 S. Bois D'Arc

September 14—October 30, 2013
Forney Arts Council presents Top 40
Regional Art Exhibition



Tickets: \$25.00 for FAC Members and
\$35.00 for non-members

Contact Information:
Forney Arts
213 South Bois d' Arc
Forney, Texas 75126
972-388-6181

Visit them on Facebook

Downtown Business Association



The Downtown Business Association meetings are scheduled for every second (2nd) Tuesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. Locations will change, so please check the Downtown Forney Facebook or forneytexasedc.org for the location.

Upcoming Events and Things to Do

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

Monday, September 2, 2013

Labor Day

City offices will be closed



Saturday/Sunday, September 14-15, 2013

Forney Arts Festival

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Downtown

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Saturday, October 26, 2013

CWD and City of Forney X-treme Green Event

Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Forney Community Park

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Trail of Treats

TBD

Forney Community Park

BIWEEKLY MOSQUITO SPRAYING CONTINUES

In June, the City of Forney began spraying for mosquitoes when weather and wind permitted. The City will continue the spraying for mosquitoes between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. through October. Under normal conditions, the water soluble spray used to fog for mosquitoes will not harm animals. Residents will not want their pets or open windows in the path of the fog machine due to residue and mild odor. Updates are available at www.cityofforney.org and on Facebook. Please take the following precautions:

- ★ Bring in pet dishes or cover them.
- ★ Cover ornamental ponds and birdbaths.
- ★ Bring your pets inside for the night.
- ★ Do not go outside during spray time.
- ★ Keep windows and doors closed during spraying.
- ★ If you have health problems, such as asthma, take special precautions as directed by your doctor, if necessary.

Tips For Residents To Help With Mosquito Control Follow The Four (4) D's:

1. **Drain the water.** Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding.
2. **Avoid going out during dusk and dawn.** Mosquitoes are active during these times. They are especially active for two hours after sunset.
3. **Dress appropriately. Wear long sleeves and long pants.** Also make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
4. **Wear a good repellent that has DEET in it.** Apply according to directions.

Spraying Schedule

August	September
Sunday August 11, 2013 Parks, Off Road & Creeks	Sunday September 8, 2013 Parks, Off Road & Creeks
Monday August 12, 2013 North of Hwy 80	Monday September 9, 2013 North of Hwy 80
Tuesday August 13, 2013 South of Hwy 80	Tuesday September 10, 2013 South of Hwy 80
Sunday August 25, 2013 Parks, Off Road & Creeks	Sunday September 22, 2013 Parks, Off Road & Creeks
Monday August 26, 2013 North of Hwy 80	Monday September 23, 2013 North of Hwy 80
Tuesday August 27, 2013 South of Hwy 80	Tuesday September 24, 2013 South of Hwy 80
October	
Sunday October 6, 2013 Parks, Off Road & Creeks	
Monday October 7, 2013 North of Hwy 80	
Tuesday October 8, 2013 South of Hwy 80	
Sunday October 20, 2013 Parks, Off Road & Creeks	
Monday October 21, 2013 North of Hwy 80	
Tuesday October 22, 2013 South of Hwy 80	

Congratulations

To **Melonie Walker**, formerly Accounting Specialist, promoted to Accountant; to **Russell Bannister**, Firefighter, for receiving his Advanced Firefighter Certification; and to **Todd Eudy**, Police Sergeant, for receiving his Master Peace Officer Certification.

2013 City Council Meetings
Times are subject to change – Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance on our website at www.cityofforney.org

1 st Tuesday of the Month Start Time 6:00 p.m. Work Session/Action Agenda	3 rd Tuesday of the Month Start Time 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
January 8 – Date Change	January 22 – Date Change
February 5	February 19
March 5	March 19
April 2	April 16
May 7	May 21
June 4	June 18
July 2	July 16
August 6	August 20
September 3	September 17
October 1	October 15
November 5	November 19
December 3	December 17

REMEMBER TO CONSERVE WATER

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

Watering is allowed only once a week on your assigned day.