



## Happy Valentine's Day

Don't forget to tell your loved ones that you love them.

### Congratulations



Dodie VanSchuyver of our Parks Department was given the Star Employee Award at our December 7, 2011 City Council meeting for her hard work on the Trail of Treats event held on October 30, 2010. Thank you Dodie, we appreciate all you do.

The following employees were honored at the City's Employee Christmas celebration held on December 9, 2010. Congratulations for jobs well done!!!



**Employee of the Year**  
Michelle Jenkin



**Making A Difference Award**  
Dodie VanSchuyver



**Supervisor of the Year**  
Marty Coursey

#### *Thank You for Your Service and Dedication to the City*

The following employees received Recognition of Service certificates for their tenure with the City:

**5 Years:** Richard Curry, Rodney Holland, Ashley Vandiver,  
Amy Walden, Charity VanKirk and Sabrina Dickerson

**10 Years:** Gem Weems and Matthew Hutchins

**15 Years:** Curtis Stewart and Jason "Rocky" Ray

**20 Years:** Michael Williams

The City appreciates all our employees for their hard work and dedication.

### **FM740 Bridge Construction Update**

The bridge construction on FM740 is a TxDOT project. Darwin Myers with TxDOT has advised that getting the retaining wall design approved and manufactured has taken longer than they anticipated. Completion of the project is now projected for November 2011. If you have concerns or questions about this project, please contact Darwin J. Myers, P.E., TxDOT Kaufman/Rockwall County Area Engineer at (972) 962-3617.

### **Information on upcoming General Election**

On February 1, 2011, the City Council will order the General Election to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The City Secretary will have Potential Candidate Packets available for pick-up in her office on February 2, 2011. The first day to file for a place on the ballot is February 14, 2011. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 14, 2011. Up for election this time are Place 2, Place 4, Place 6, and the Mayor.



Construction is continuing at US80/FM548. This picture is what the finished product will look like. We know it is tiresome to have to go through the construction, but please keep shopping Forney. We truly appreciate your patience.

### **Congrats!**

Public Works Department employee Jerry Black passed his Class "D" Water license, which is required by TECQ. Way to go Jerry!

### **FEMA Proposes Changes to Flood Plain Maps**

The proposed Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) and other information are available for review in the first floor conference room at City Hall, which is located at 101 E. Main Street. These proposed Base Flood Elevations, if finalized, will become the basis for the floodplain management measures that we must adopt, or show evidence of having in effect, in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). However, before these BFEs are effective for floodplain management purposes, citizens are being provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed BFEs. We are currently in the 90-day appeal period and any owner of real property in the City who believes his or her property rights will be adversely affected by the BFE determinations may appeal. The appeal period will end on March 16, 2011.

Staff is available by appointment to assist property owners. For an appointment, please call 972-564-7340.

### **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!**



On December 17, 2010, the City Council held a special meeting to approve the agreements with Meadow Ridge Farms L.P. for the construction of the Forney Parkway and the retail shopping project north of US80 on the east side of Forney. This was an historic event and will greatly impact the future of Forney.

Think  
**SHOP**  
Live  
**FORNEY**



### **Fun Facts**

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

Susan Lucci is the daughter of Phyllis Diller.

### **Important Dates**

City Council Meetings  
101 E. Main Street – Council Chambers

February 1, 2011, starting at 7 p.m.

February 15, 2011, starting at 7 p.m.