



News and Views

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City Employees Honored

Each year city employees nominate co-workers for awards in three areas: *Employee of the Year*, *Supervisor of the Year*, and the *Making a Difference Award*. For 2012, the following employees were named: **John Holcomb** and **Shelia Miller** tied and both were named **Employee of the Year**; **Peter Morgan** was named **Supervisor of the Year**; and **Leigh Corson** was given the **Making a Difference Award**. Congratulations and a huge thank you goes out to these great employees.

Shelia Miller



Peter Morgan

Leigh Corson



Not Pictured: John Holcomb

Employees given awards for five years of service were:

Chad Baker, Kim Buttram, John Daniels, Pete Delgado, Chino Hill, David Holman, Robert McVey, Tracy Moore, Peter Morgan, Dusty Polk, BJ Putman, Dustin Vandiver, and Carmen Wenzel

Kyran Q Hayes, Sr. received an award for ten years of service.

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

From the Mayor

Downtown Forney ... Make it Yours!

Over the past several months, the future of our downtown has been a hot topic. This most recent focus on our downtown began last May, when a small group of representatives from the City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Economic Development Corporation met to discuss the challenges with re-developing our downtown. This small group met throughout the summer, addressing strengths and weaknesses related to our downtown.

This past fall, a series of three workshops was held with the entire Council, P&Z, and EDC. The first meeting in September focused on sharing the small group's findings with the entire group. The October meeting was an opportunity for City Staff to share what they saw as downtown challenges and opportunities, as well as some financial costs associated with those needs. In November, all three groups met again to discuss short, medium, and long-term projects. Some of those short-term projects are being implemented right now.

I am very encouraged to know that we are no longer just discussing what to do for our downtown; we now have a focused plan, and are actively following it. Downtown redevelopment is not a project that can ever be "completed," but it has to have a beginning – and many people volunteered their time this past summer and fall, to ensure our downtown moves forward.

For our downtown to develop successfully, we will need your input and support. If you have thoughts on what you would like to see in our downtown, improvements that you would like to see made, or you would like to volunteer, please let us know. For those of you on Facebook, there is a Downtown Forney page, or you can send an e-mail to kbuttram@cityofforney.org.

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Information on upcoming General Election

The following council places are up for election this year: **Place 2** [Raymond E. Stephens, Jr.]; **Place 4** [James Hatley]; **Place 6** [Andy Parker]; and **Mayor** [Darren Rozell].

Potential Candidate packets are available for pickup in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Second Floor. The first day to file for place on the ballot is January 30, 2013. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 1, 2013.

If you have not registered to vote, the last day to register to vote in the May 11, 2013, is April 11, 2013.

Blackboard Connect

When presented with a time-sensitive situation, we provide our entire community with reassurance and timely information by communicating with Blackboard Connect. If you have a land line, then it is automatically registered with the Blackboard Connect, because it uses a reverse 9-1-1 phone list. However, you can log into the system and add information such as cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. To do so, go to our website at www.cityofforey.org and at the bottom of the main page click on GET CONNECTED, and then follow the link "SIGN UP NOW." We like to keep this information as current as possible to ensure we have a line of communication with our citizens. If you have any questions in reference to the information entered for your address, please contact the Forney Police Department at 972-564-7611.

Ellen Brooks West Memorial Library

Located on the Forney High School Campus -- 800 FM 741 South
Forney, Texas 75126
Phone: (972) 564-7027
Fax: (972) 564-5616

This is a public library and is a joint venture between the Forney Independent School District and the City of Forney.

Hours of Operation

| School Days | Time | Non-School Days | Time |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------|
| Monday | 8am-7pm | Monday | 4pm-7pm |
| Tuesday | 8am-5pm | Tuesday | 10am-4pm |
| Wednesday | 8am-7pm | Wednesday | 10am-4pm |
| Thursday | 8am-7pm | Thursday | 1pm-7pm |
| Friday | 8am-3:45pm | Friday | Closed |
| Saturday | 10am-2pm | Saturday | 10am-2pm |
| Sunday | Closed | Sunday | Closed |

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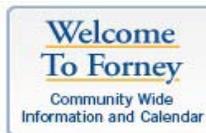
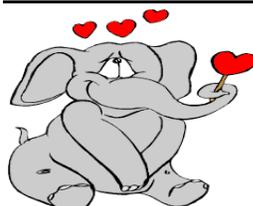
Staying Warm

The cold weather has finally reached us. How do you keep warm when it's cold outside? Some people prefer to curl up in front of the fire with a cup of cocoa. Others like to brave the elements and engage in a bit of physical activity. Whatever you like to do, as winter sets in, it's important that you find ways to keep yourself and your family warm.

All About the Layers

When you're coping with the cold, wearing layers is one of the best ideas to keep warm. Layering your clothes means that the warm air is trapped around your body, keeping you warm. Ideally, if you're headed outside in cold temperatures, you should wear at least three layers, which allow your skin to breathe while absorbing sweat. Wool and silk clothing are good for layering because they naturally allow air to circulate around your body.

Even if you're staying indoors, layering your clothes is a good way to keep warm without running up the heater. Rather than simply wearing a bulky sweater, wear a tank-top, a T-shirt and a light sweater. If you get too warm, you can take off one or more of the layers.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Remember To Conserve Water

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

2013 City Council Meetings

Times are subject to change – Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance on our website at www.cityofforey.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 |
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| 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 |