



## Happy New Year

### Highlights – Public Works Department

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of the city streets, water & sewer system, and drainage within the City of Forney. The Public Works Department also is responsible for setting-up and dismantling for all city-wide events. Needless to say, our guys stay very busy and do a great job.

All of Forney's treated water is purchased from North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) which is obtained from surface water out of Lake Lavon. As Forney's wastewater is collected it is discharged to the NTMWD Sewer Treatment Plant located in Mesquite, Texas, by gravity flow and sewer pump stations throughout the system.

### DRINKING WATER IN THE CITY OF FORNEY MEETS OR EXCEEDS ALL FEDERAL (EPA) DRINKING WATER REQUIREMENTS.



**WATER SOURCES:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animal or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

**Where do we get our drinking water?** Our drinking water is obtained from SURFACE water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: LAVON LAKE. The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Susceptibility for all drinking water systems that own their sources. This report describes the susceptibility and types of contaminants that may come into contact with the drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The system(s) from which we purchase our water received the assessment report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us at (469) 649-0719.

Mike Shook, Karen Sanders, David Lacy, Kyran Hayes  
 Shane Carney, BJ Putnam, R'Chino Hill

Chad Cunningham, John Daniels, Michael Davis  
 Steve Kennemer, Chuck Klein, Jerry Black  
 Joshua Rickman and Jacob Barkham

The Sewer Department is responsible for the repair and maintenance of 65.90 miles of sewer lines within the sewer collection system. Services performed by the department include:

- Sewer Main Repair
- Sewer Service Line Repair
- Sewer Main Stoppages
- Sewer Service Line Stoppages
- Manhole Repair



The Street Department performs maintenance on 66.50 miles of streets within the city limits of Forney. Services performed by the department include:

- Tree Trimming (city right-of-ways)
- Cleaning of City Streets
- Clearing Right-of-Way
- Mowing Right-of-Way
- Street maintenance and repair
- Sign maintenance and repair

## Check Us Out!

**NEW!! [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) NEW!!**

With the growing use of the internet, the City's website must provide up-to-date information that is attractive in a format with easy access and usability. The prior website was approximately 5 years old with a dated appearance and limitations on the city's ability to keep information current and to expand service delivery.

The city recently implemented a new design for our website that is built on the latest technology, is faster and easier for citizens to find needed information and is easy to maintain and update in-house.

With more and more people relying on websites as their first source of information and to handle routine business activities, the objective of the new website is to enhance our ability to meet the growing requirements and expectations of citizens for service delivery and to operate more efficiently.

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## Think, SHOP, Live FORNEY

Forney's quality of life and local economy rely on where our residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety, facilities, projects, programs and services. Shopping locally keeps businesses here, providing jobs, and benefiting community schools and non-profits. If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local. Grab dinner in Forney on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and your community. Sales tax offsets property tax. Think, SHOP, Live FORNEY!

### Why Shop Local?

Shopping locally retains and creates new jobs in Forney.

When purchases are made locally and sales tax is applied, the City of Forney receives 2% of the taxable sale. [1.5% to City -- .5% to EDC]

Purchases made outside of Forney generate no sales tax revenue to benefit the Forney community.

Sales tax is a primary funding source for essential city services, such as Police, Community Enhancement, Animal Services, Parks and support programs like road maintenance, traffic congestion relief projects, and flood control.

Shopping locally benefits community schools and non-profits.

### Did you know?

27% of the revenue for the City is derived from sales tax.



### KUDOS

To our Finance Director Cara Stafford and Budget Analyst Charity Van Kirk on being awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for our 2008 Budget.

## Recognition

City staff works hard to be as knowledgeable as possible about their jobs in order to perform at the highest level in assisting our citizens. We want to take this time to acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of our Fire Department employees. This past year the following persons have obtained one or more certificates/certifications:

**Certificates and/or classes from the Texas Dept. of State Health Services or emergency medical training:** Russell Bannister, Dusty Polk, Chuck Tedder, Jacob Barkham, Kevin Dodd, Randy Cannaday, James Barkham, Mark Elliott.

**Certificates and/or training from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, National Fire Academy, Texas A & M Fire School, N.F.P.A., and other fire and rescue agencies:** Dusty Polk, Matt Barnes, James Barkham, Ryan Elder, Russell Bannister, David Lawson, Jesse Wood, Steve Chenault, Brian Leathers, Kevin Clark, Kevin Dodd, Dennis Rollins, Phillip Pyle, David Ray, Bradley Lewis, Rick Townsend, Kaci Byford.

Great job guys! Thank you for your dedication to your job and the citizens of Forney.

## Important Dates

**January 1** – New Year's Day  
(City offices are closed)

**January 5** – City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

**January 18** – Martin Luther King Day  
(City offices are closed)

**January 19** – City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.