



Happy New Year

Another Successful Turkey Trax Autorama

The 3rd Annual Turkey Trax Autorama was hosted by the Forney Economic Development Corporation on Sunday, November 7, 2010. 186 vehicles were entered the event. The weather was perfect and attendance was awesome with approximately 1,000 people. This event benefitted the New Life Food Pantry.



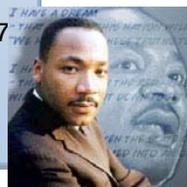
Blackboard
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Reverse 9-1-1: The City of Forney has a reverse 9-1-1 system called Blackboard Connect. This system allows the City to communicate with the citizens of Forney in an efficient manner in the event of an emergency. The City of Forney uses this system to alert citizens of water outages, gas leaks, bad weather, etc. To help us ensure that we are reaching you during an emergency, please go to www.cityofforney.org on the home page, then go to Get Connected and follow the link at Sign Up Now!

Martin Luther King Day

At the White House Rose Garden on November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor King. Observed for the first time on January 20, 1986, it is called Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Following President George H. W. Bush's 1992 proclamation, the holiday is observed on the third Monday of January each year, near the time of King's birthday. On January 17, 2000, for the first time, Martin Luther King Day was officially observed in all fifty U.S. states.

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2010, in observance of this holiday.



Think, SHOP, Live FORNEY

It's important for everyone to continue Shopping Forney First. Now that the holidays are over and things are slowing down, we still need to keep in mind that 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. Without the sales tax revenue, our property tax rate would have to be increased by 30¢.



Warning Sirens – Testing

The City will be testing its warning sirens on the first Wednesday of every month at Noon.

Low Cost Ways to Keep Warm in Winter

By Marye Audet
Found on Hub Pages on the web

Generally, when you read an article about lowering heating costs you will read about sealing cracks, adding insulation, or perhaps updating your heater. Those are all important ways to lower your energy costs. They are expensive, however, and there are simple things that can be done to achieve the same purpose.

Generations of humans have lived through icy winters without the benefit of a thermostat. Like so many old fashioned skills, people have forgotten how to keep warm in the winter time. There are many strategies for beating the chill of winter. And most of them cost very little.

Dress in Layers

Your first layer should be a lightweight material that doesn't trap perspiration from your skin. It is the wicking layer. Rather than absorbing any sweat that occurs and leaving you feeling chilled and clammy, this layer should wick the moisture away from your skin leaving it dry. Look for items made from silk, wool, or even man-made materials designed specifically as a first layer.

Your second layer is the insulation layer. It is the part that will hold in the heat and hold out the cold. A soft wool sweater or a polar fleece top will trap air between the insulation layer and the wicking layer and help to keep you warm. If you go out, then you will want an outer or shell layer, to protect you from the elements.

Bed warmers

Back in the day the people used to warm sadirons, rocks, and even baked potatoes to put in the bed to warm it. While you might not have a sadiron handy the idea is still a good one.

There is almost nothing worse than getting into a cold bed. Get the heat going before you get there with a hot water bottle or a rice bag that has been heated in the microwave. Just place the warmed item where you feet will go, under the blankets and allow to warm the bed up for about ten minutes.

How to deal with drafts you can't stop:

Try rearranging your furniture to stay warm. If you feel a breeze on you while you sit in your favorite chair, consider rearranging the room to avoid drafts in the locations where you sit regularly.

Ceramic space heaters are very cost effective for heating a small area and cost much less to run than trying to heat your entire home. For safety from accidents, make sure that your heater has a timer on it or remember to unplug it when you leave the room.

Most of us use our ceiling fans only in summer, but try using the ceiling fan when the weather is cold too. Most styles have a reverse switch on them that will push down the warmer air that collects at the ceiling to help you stay warm.

Stay warm by plugging up drafty windows and doors with inexpensive insulation and draft stoppers:

If you have older windows, they might not keep the heat in very well. Plastic sheeting can be affixed over the whole window to provide a layer of insulation without blocking the light. The plastic helps you stay warm by stopping drafts as well as the cold that just seeps through the window pane itself.

If you can see daylight through the edges of your doors that means they leak. You can't cover doors with plastic sheeting, but a storm door will probably pay for itself within a few heating seasons. There are also inexpensive insulation kits for doors that

have foam, magnets or fleece to seal the edges, and weather stripping to put along the bottom.

Draft stoppers for the base of doors and windows can be found in colorful and playful designs. You can also make your own. Sew a fabric tube and fill it loosely with dried beans or popcorn kernels. Want to recycle? Cut the sleeve off an old shirt or fill pantyhose you aren't using anymore.

If you have double hung windows, check each one to ensure it is fully closed on both the top and bottom. They sometimes slide down a little bit during the warmer months and will cause a draft if not closed properly.

Upcoming Special Event March 28, 2011 Forney Community Park

On March 28, 2011, Forney Community Park will be the site of a College Softball Double Header between Hardin-Simmons University and Mississippi College. The first game will be at 2:00 p.m. and the second game will be at 4:00 p.m. This should be a great event and everyone is invited to come watch the games.



Did You Know?

That Forney has a Citizens on Patrol (COPs) Program?

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. COPs meet the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Court Building located at 331 S. FM 548. For more information call Detective Michael Clay at 972-564-7600.

May General Election Information

The first day to file for a place on the ballot for the May 14, 2011, General Election is Monday, February 14, 2011. Offices up for election this year will be the Mayor and Places 2, 4 and 6. More information will be provided in our next newsletter.

Congrats!

Public Works Department Employee Chino Hill passed his Class "C" Distribution Water License test. This license is required by TECQ. Way to go Chino!

Important Dates

December 31 – New Year's Day Holiday
(City offices are closed)

January 4 – City Council Meeting Cancelled

January 17 – Martin Luther King Day
(City offices are closed)

January 18 – City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
(at City Hall – 101 E. Main Street)