

Fourth of July – Independence Day

The Declaration of Independence, unanimously declared by the thirteen United States of America, was adopted by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. The task of getting the document signed began on August 2, 1776. Congress made sure that all states would have access to an authenticated copy of the Declaration by ordering a special printing of multiple copies on January 18, 1777.

The first celebrations occurred shortly after the declaration in various locales along the Eastern Seaboard. Much of the tradition inherent in the way we celebrate today was evident almost from the beginning. Sound, spectacle, and sentiment played an important role in that tradition.

Forney's Independence Day Celebration will take place on July 3, 2010 at Forney Community Park Soccer Complex. Come join us in celebrating our freedom and liberties.



National Anthem: Star Spangle Banner
 by Francis Scott Key

Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

FEMA Floodplain Maps are Changing

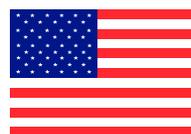
The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has undertaken an initiative to modernize the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps nationwide. As part of the map modernization initiative, preliminary copies of the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report for Kaufman County, Texas, and the City of Forney have been received. These maps are available for viewing at the Public Works office at 402 N. Bois d'Arc. In the near future (30-45 days) a notice will be published in the local newspaper (Forney Messenger) indicating that a 90 day appeal/protest/comment period will begin. The appeal/protest/comment period will allow all citizens within the City of Forney and Kaufman County to appeal the base flood elevations as established on the preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) dated January 11, 2010. Once all appeals, protests, and/or comments are resolved, the base flood elevations will be determined final and the community will have a period of six months before the maps will become effective. If you have any questions please contact Mike Shook at 972-564-7300 ext. 1141.

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[Fats, Oil & Grease]

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality recommends the following helpful hints to prevent grease buildups from blocking sewer lines that could overflow into streets and storm drains:

- Put used oil and grease in covered containers
- Put food scraps in trash cans and dispose of properly – avoid using the garbage disposal
- Remove excess oil and grease from dishes and pans by allowing them to cool first and then skimming, scraping or wiping off the excessive grease
- Cover the sink drain with a catch basket and empty in trash can



REMEMBER TO CONSERVE WATER

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

Citizens can water their property twice a week on any day, but **not** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Meet Your City Council Members

Darren Rozell, Mayor and James Hatley, Mayor Pro Tem
 and Council Members

David Holler Brian Haughey Robbie Powers Andy Parker Mary Penn



Officer Holman (l), Officer Sprague (r)

Blackboard connect



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 go to Get Connected and follow the link at Sign Up Now!

We know the construction at US80 & FM548 is difficult, but it will be worth it in the end. Below are a couple of concept drawings of how the roadway will look after construction. Thank you for your patience and remember to keep shopping in Forney.

On Wednesday, April 21, 2010, two Forney Police Officers were recognized for their part in responding to a possible armed robbery. During the National Crime Victim's Rights breakfast, Kaufman County DA Rick Harrison told of the brave acts of Officer David Holman and Officer Jeff Sprague as they located and gave pursuit to four possible armed suspects from a location if Forney to the area of the 500 block of Everglade in Dallas. Officers Holman and Sprague, without any additional backup, continued the case on foot after the occupants of the vehicle they were in pursuit of stopped and the suspects bailed out and ran. Three out of the four suspects were apprehended by Officers Holman and Sprague and the fourth was located at a later time. Both Officers were presented plaques by Healing Hearts Ministry for their outstanding service.

Forney Police Department wishes to thank Officer Holman and Officer Sprague for a good job with their quick actions and response times. If anyone has experienced or witnessed any similar type of incident or has any information concerning any crimes, please contact the Criminal Investigations Division at the Forney Police Department at 972-564-7600.



East Texas Medical Services Donates AED's to City

T. C. Howard, Area Supervisor, East Texas Medical Services, presented three (3) AED's (Automatic Electronic Defibulator) to Mayor Darren Rozell and Fire Chief Rick Townsend at the May 18, 2010, City Council Meeting. (LtoR: T.C. Howard, Fire Chief Rick Townsend, and Mayor Darren Rozell)



Upcoming Events

August 21, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. The City of Forney and Next Era Energy will be showing "Finding Nemo" on Soccer Field #7 at the Forney Community Park Soccer Complex. Popcorn and Drinks will be provided by Next Era Energy.

Important Dates

July 3rd – Celebration at Community Park

Council Meetings

Tuesday, July 6, 2010, 7pm

Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 7pm

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010



Kaufman County Leadership Class forms Kaufman County Crime Stoppers Forney City Manager Arrested

A fund raiser to help fund the newly formed Kaufman County Crime Stoppers included arresting prominent area business leaders. City Manager Brian Brooks was arrested at City Hall. Bail for Brooks was set at \$500.00. We are glad to say that Brooks was able to raise bail and is now back at work.

Area wide approximately \$20,000 was raised for this organization. One of the first tips to Crime Stoppers resulted in the arrest of two suspects for a burglary at a fire station located in Kaufman County. Crime Stoppers Hotline is 877-TIPSKCC (847-7522) or visit their website at www.kaufmancountycrimestoppers.org.