

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.



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.

Forney's Independence Day Celebration will take place on Saturday, July 2, 2011, at Forney Community Park Soccer Complex. Come join us in celebrating our freedom and liberties.



Getting to Know The Forney Arts Council

Responding to requests of the community concerning an organization that would promote and protect the arts and art education, the Forney Economic Development Corporation began the process to establish the Forney Arts Council last summer. Dr. William Collins came in August 2010 as a consultant, and soon thereafter a 14 member board of directors came forward to get it started. It is made up of local community leaders, artists, teachers, administrators, professionals, business people, and government officials. An advisory council was established that included Mayor Darren Rozell, Fisd Superintendent Dr. Darrell Brown, school board members, local business owners, members of the Dallas Symphony, Dallas Opera, Dallas Theater Center, SMU, and many other outstanding organizations from all over the metroplex. They have partnered with many of the organizations in Forney and several organizations around the state including the Texas Commission on the Arts. Membership has grown quickly and continues to grow. The FAC has already produced two art shows and one concert. Many more events are in the planning stages. Enrollment is taking place now for summer art and music camps. Adult art classes will be offered starting in September. Their soon to be renovated headquarters is located in the Historic Downtown District and should be ready for use in September 2011. For more information about the FAC and the summer art and music camps, visit their website at www.forneyartscouncil.org, or call 972-567-6689. You can also check them out on Facebook.

2011 Citizen Survey

Thank you for your time and effort in participating in the 2011 Citizen Survey. We received a 29% response, which is great. A short synopsis of the outcome of the survey will be in next month's newsletter and the full report will be online sometime this month. The City Council and City Staff take your opinions seriously -- this newsletter is an example of a response to your concerns and opinions voiced in prior citizen surveys.



Thanks go to our troops at home and around the world (retired and active) who have ensured that we retain our freedom and liberties.

Thank You!!

Forney Parks & Recreation Trail of Treats – Sponsors Needed!!

Already underway is the planning and preparation for Trail of Treats 2011, which will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Last year's inaugural event had approximately 4,000 people in attendance and we are expecting even more this year. At this year's event we plan to:

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| Have the "candy stations" around the soccer fields | Have games for the kids in the middle of the soccer complex to relieve congestion |
| Have a scary element at a different part of the park that will help attract teenagers | Have a costume contest |
| RADIO DISNEY will be there to spice up the night with entertainment and giveaways | Food will also be offered for sale: We are planning on BBQ, CiCi's Pizza, and Dippin Dots, along with the Forney Youth Soccer Concession Stand |

We had 24 Candy Stations last year and would like to have 50 or more Stations this year. Like last year, we are asking that Candy Stations hand out candy to the trick or treaters along with any information about your business/organization that you would like to share. Candy Stations will need to bring their own tables and chairs (if needed) and quiet/non-stinky generators for power and decorations, if you are feeling in the spirit. We only ask that you not sell anything or ask for donations since this is a free event (except food).

We need your help to make this another fantastic community event. Please contact Dodie VanSchuyver as soon as possible if you would like to be a sponsor and provide one of the following:

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| Candy Station | Candy Donation |
| Host a Game | Sponsor the event with a Monetary Donation |
| Volunteer with any part of the event | Sponsor a Game |

Dodie can be reached at 972-564-7326, or by email at dvanschuyver@cityofforney.org.

Please Conserve our Water!

The City needs your help in conserving our water supply – and you can start by adhering to the water conservation regulations. The loss of Lake Texoma as a water supplier due to an influx of Zebra Mussels, and the early forecast of a possible drought this summer, could result in mandatory water conservation for residents and businesses.

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.

WelcometoForney.com
A Community Calendar

 Find us on
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We have to ask - "Why?"

Why is abbreviation such a long word?

Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

Why do we drive on parkways, and park on driveways?

Why is that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's called cargo?

Future City of Forney and CWD Green Carnival Recycling Events

8:30 a.m. to Noon @ Forney Community Park
241 South FM 548

Saturday, August 6, 2011

Saturday, November 5, 2011

The following will be collected: Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics, Automotive Tires, Household Metal Appliances, Cardboard, Document Shredding, and Eye Glasses. For more information call 972-564-7390.

Please Do Your Part to Help Keep the Unwanted Pet Population Down

The most important action you can take is to have your dog or cat spayed or neutered. Please don't wait until it has a litter of unwanted puppies or kittens – do it now. There are programs available to help defray the cost. One of those programs is the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project (KCAAP) in Crandall, which recently was awarded a large grant for this purpose. Their telephone number is 972-472-3500. An appointment is necessary for surgery, but they have walk-in shot clinics during the week and one Saturday a month.



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Meet Your City Council Members

Darren Rozell, Mayor
James Hatley, Mayor Pro Tem

Council Members:
David Holler Brian Haughey
Robbie Powers
Andy Parker Mary Penn

Important Dates

Council Meetings
101 E. Main Street, Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 7pm
Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 7pm

City offices will be closed on
Monday, July 4, 2011