



News and Views

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Fourth of July – Independence Day

Forney's celebration is scheduled for June 30, 2012, at Community Park, starting at 6:00 p.m.



City offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2012.

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!!

Please Conserve our Water!

Although we have been able to return to Stage 2 Regulations, the City still needs your help in conserving our water supply. The loss of Lake Texoma as a water supplier due to an influx of Zebra Mussels, and the early forecast of a hotter than normal summer, could result in mandatory water conservation for residents and businesses.

Planning Underway for Forney Parks & Recreation Trail of Treats

Already underway is the planning and preparation for Trail of Treats 2012, which will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We need your help to make this another fantastic community event. Please contact Dodie Witt as soon as possible if you would like to be a sponsor. Dodie can be reached at 972-564-7326, or by email at dwitt@cityofforney.org.

"Get a Clue...At the Library!"

Come Join the Summer Clue at the Ellen Brooks West Memorial Library of Forney (Forney's Public Library) June 4 – July 21. There will be:

Reading Club for Children 3 to 12 Years of Age!
Special Children's Programs! FREE!
Weekly Prizes & Drawings!

For more information, please visit the library at 800 FM 741 (F.H.S. campus); call the library at 972-564-7027; or visit the library's website at www.forneyisd.net.



Summer Library Hours (May 31-August 25)

Mondays & Thursdays - 12 noon to 7 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*(The library will be closed Monday, July 2, 2012,
through Friday, July 6, 2012)*

Common Code Compliance Issues

Illegal

- ✚ Fireworks
- ✚ Discharging a Firearm
- ✚ Outdoor Burning
- ✚ Parking Within 30 Feet of a Stop Sign
- ✚ Parking Within 15 Feet of a Fire Hydrant
- ✚ Standing Water

Legal with Restrictions

Real Estate Signs - Temporary real estate directional off-site signs are allowed on private property only with written permission from the property owner filed at the Community Development Office, weekend homebuilder directional signs are not permitted within the City of Forney city limits. Homebuilders (building within the city limits) may purchase blades on the kiosk directional signs by contacting Baker Clear View Operating, LLC at 817-737-4472.

Garage Sales - Personal property / garage sales are limited to 3 sales during any 12 month period. One sign in the owner's front yard and 2 other signs (off-site) are allowed on private property (between the house and the sidewalk or fence), with owner's permission. Signs are not to exceed 2 square feet in size, must be placed at least 4 feet from street curb line, are to be posted no longer than 72 hours, and picked up. No signs are allowed on any utility pole, tree, fence, or structure, or to be placed on any public road right-of-way (street corners).

Junk Vehicles - A junked vehicle is defined as any vehicle on the premises for 30 days that is visible from a public roadway, inoperative, dismantled, not currently registered or inspected. 10 days are allowed for compliance after notification. Covering a junk vehicle with a tarp will no longer suffice!

Health & Fire Safety Violations

High Grass and Weeds - A health or fire safety violation may exist by allowing tall grass, brush and/or weeds over 8 inches high in the yard or easement (behind fences) and up to curb line or paved portion of any public or private street right-of-way.

Junk in the Yard - Trash, rubbish, discarded furniture, household appliances or objectionable, unsightly and unsanitary matter are subject to citation.

Standing Water - Standing water is a mosquito infestation hazard. Property owners are responsible for preventing and/or eliminating standing water, ponding, and puddling.

Trash Containers - Trash and recyclable containers may be placed at the curb the day before trash pickup is expected but must be removed not later than one day after collection.

Property Maintenance

Fences - Should be maintained in good condition without leaning or missing parts.

Construction Permits - Construction permits are required for any addition to property or grounds including decks, porches, fences, driveways, sidewalks, spas, swimming pools and storage buildings.

Parking - Vehicles, trailers, boats, motor homes and recreational vehicles, that are not traffic hazards, are allowed to be legally parked on a public roadway for 48 consecutive hours. After 48 hours, this property is considered to be abandoned and may be impounded. No such equipment shall be used for living, sleeping or similar purpose while in a residential area. Occupancy and connection to utilities is prohibited, except in a designated recreational vehicle park.

Street Addresses – Street addresses must be displayed on a building or house and visible to the front.

Overhanging Limbs - Overhanging tree limbs and shrubs must be maintained to at least 12 feet clearance above streets and 8 feet above sidewalks. Property owners are responsible for damage to vehicles caused by low limbs. Trees and shrubs must be maintained to allow at least 25 feet visibility from intersections and stop signs.



Another CWD X-TREME Green Event is planned for Saturday, September 22, 2012. Watch our website and Facebook page for additional information.

Ball Field Reservations
For Wednesdays & Sundays Only

You may reserve Fields 1 through 11 at Mulberry Park or the baseball/softball fields at Claybon Elementary, Crosby Elementary, Criswell Elementary or Forney High School (field by the parking lot). Ball field reservations begin on Monday mornings at 8am by email only. You may email Monday at 8am for a reservation for the following Wednesday evening OR a Sunday specified time slot. Emails sent before 8am will not be processed. Specified time slots for Sunday are 1pm to 3pm or 3pm to 5pm or 5pm to 7pm. Reservations are for one week at a time. Reservations are for one time slot per team per week.

NOTE: Ball field lights are done in 2 hour blocks. They are \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Residents must present a copy of their park pass at time of payment. Payment is due NO LATER THAN 4:30pm on Wednesday for Wednesday reservations and NO LATER THAN 4:30pm on Friday for Sunday reservations. If your light payment is not received by Wednesday or Sunday by 4:30pm, your lights will NOT be turned on. Payment address is 241 South FM 548 in the Spellman Parks Building in Forney Community Park. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

APPLICATIONS WANTED

The Forney City Council will soon be making appointments to its board and commissions. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please complete and send an application to Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary. The mailing address is P.O. Box 826, Forney, Texas 75126. Feel free to use this application or go to the City's website (www.cityofforney.org) and print an application from there. You can find it on the City Secretary's page.

**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON CITY OF FORNEY
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission appointed by the City Council, please complete this application and return it to the City Secretary, City of Forney, P. O. Box 826, 101 E. Main, Forney, Texas 75126. **Please PRINT clearly.** Your application will be held for consideration by the Council as appointments are required.

Qualifications for Appointment: The City has established certain qualifications that must be met by all members of any board or commission. In addition to any special qualification for a particular board or commission, you must:

- Have been a resident of Forney (in the city limits) for at least six (6) months prior to the date of appointment.
- Be a qualified voter of the City of Forney at the time of appointment.
- Not be an adversary party to pending litigation against the City of Forney except for eminent domain proceedings. Claims against the City not in litigation do not serve as a disqualification but will be brought to the attention of the City Council.
- Not be in arrears in City taxes, water service charges, or other obligations owed to the City of Forney.

CHECK ONE <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	NAME: X	HOME TELEPHONE # ()
	ADDRESS: X	WORK TELEPHONE # ()
	CITY, STATE, ZIP X	MOBILE TELEPHONE # ()
E-MAIL ADDRESS: X		

Please check the appropriate box for the boards or commissions on which you are willing to serve – see the back of this application for a description of each board or commission.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Adoption Center/Shelter Advisory Board | <input type="checkbox"/> North Texas Municipal Water District Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Standards Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Zoning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Review Board [HOZ] | <input type="checkbox"/> TIF Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kaufman County Appraisal District Board | |

EDUCATION

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF

Have you ever served on a board or commission in the City of Forney or any other city?

Yes No If yes, please describe: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

2012 City Council Meetings
Times are subject to change – Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance on our website at www.cityofforney.org

1 st Tuesday of the Month Start Time 6:00 p.m.	3 rd Tuesday of the Month Start Time 7:00 p.m.
January 3	January 17
February 7	February 21
March 6	March 20
April 3	April 17
May 1	May 15
June 5	June 19
July 3 – To be cancelled	July 17
August 7	August 21
September 4	September 18
October 2	October 16
November 6	November 20
December 4	December 18