

## City Takes Delivery Of New Fire Engine

A little over a year ago, the City ordered a new fire engine. Here are a few pictures of the engine just out of production. We still have to put decals on it and a few other items, but it will soon be in service here in Forney.



Additionally, the City received a Light & Air Vehicle in February from the City of Mesquite, our mutual aid partner. Rescue 1 will be used to provide lighting, electricity and rescue equipment to emergency scenes. Rescue 1 will also be available for mutual aid responses to neighboring communities.



### Fun Fact

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

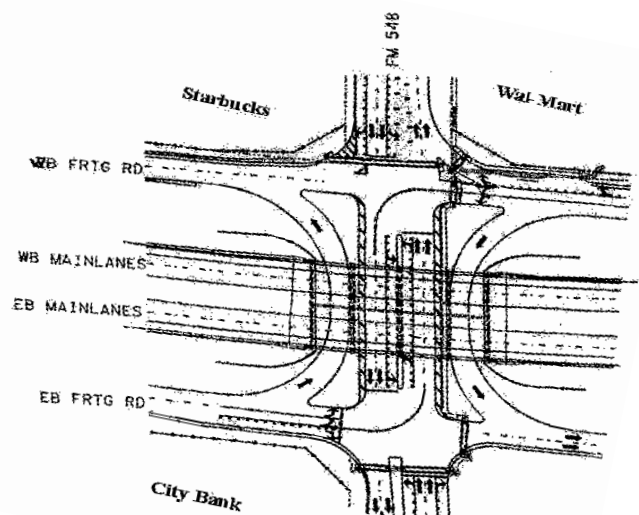
## Road Construction Information

[From our website @ [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org)]

**The current Hwy 80/FM 548 road construction project lane closures & detours are listed below. Please watch our website for future information as it becomes available to us from the contractor. Please note that one north bound and one south bound lane of FM 548 will remain open throughout the closure.**

**South of Hwy 80:** Effective Friday, March 11, 2010, the right lane of the east bound Hwy 80 frontage road from approximately ½ mile east of FM 740 to FM 548 will be closed. The southbound shoulder on FM 548 from the Hwy 80 exit ramp to FM 688/Broad St. and the Westbound Main lane on FM 688 from FM 548 to the CVS driveway will be closed. East bound traffic on FM 688 will be moved over to the shoulder and West bound traffic will be on the East bound lane. The lanes will remain closed throughout Phase 1 Step 1 of the construction.

**North of Hwy 80:** The right lane of the west bound Hwy 80 frontage road from ½ mile west of FM 217 to ¾ miles west of FM 548 at Hwy 80 will be closed. The right lane on FM 548 from Hwy 80 going north to the Murphy Oil/Wal-Mart driveway will be closed. The right lane on FM 548 from the Starbucks driveway to Hwy 80 going south will also be closed. These lanes will remain closed throughout Phase 1 Step 1 of the construction



**Shopping Forney First is vital to the financial health of the City. Please bear with us during the construction at US80/FM548 and continue shopping Forney. It DOES make a difference.**

## NTMWD Wetland Tour & John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center



Mayor, Council and Staff enjoyed an afternoon touring the NTMWD Wetland Project & John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center. The tour began with a short presentation at the Justice Center with a history on NTMWD and an overview of the Wetland Project. The group then boarded a bus to the Wetland site between Crandall and Seagoville. The group visited the Diversion Pump Station & Structure, viewed various wetland cells on both sides of Hwy 175, drove to the southern portion of the project where the John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center is located, which will be opening in early Summer, and ended the tour at the Conveyance Pump Station, Pipeline & Outfall Structure. During the visit they were able to see various types of wildlife that have populated the wetland area. If you would like more information on the NTMWD Wetland Project & John Bunker Sands Wetlands

Center there is a link on the City of Forney's Website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org). Thanks go to Karen Sanders in our Public Works Department for taking these photos during the tour.

### 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.**

### Recycling Roundup – Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Community Park – 9 am to Noon

For Forney citizens only. Please bring a water bill with you as proof of residency. Items being collected include: (1) Electronic Items such as monitors, TV's, computers, stereos, VCR's, household copiers, hard drives, CD-ROMS and batteries. Batteries in electronic items must be removed prior to collection; (2) Cardboard – broken down and flattened; (3) Paper – shredding will be done on site; and (4) Eyeglasses and sunglasses in any condition, both frames and lenses.

### Upcoming Sporting Events at Community Park

**July 10, 2010 -- Quickfoot Small Sided Soccer Tournament.** Ages 5 years to Adult. For more info go to [www.quickfoot.com](http://www.quickfoot.com) or call 469-728-7700.

Win your division to qualify for the **Quickfoot Tournament of Champions** to be held at Community Park on **July 24, 2010**. Teams from four different states will compete for the trophy.

To join the City's Facebook, go to our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) and click on the Facebook button. We'd love to add you as a friend.

It's Baseball Season! Do you know the average life span of a major league baseball?

The answer appears somewhere in this newsletter.

We are accepting applications for our Boards and Commissions. The application can be found on our website on the City Secretary's page or you can contact Dorothy Brooks, City Secretary, at 972-564-7302 to request an application. The applications will be kept on file for a period of two (2) years. Please note, that while we cannot guarantee appointment to a board or commission, all applications will be given consideration.

### July 4th Celebration

Once again the City is preparing for the annual Independence Day celebration. This year the event will be held at the Community Park Soccer Complex on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and will include various activities including music and ending with the fireworks show.

All vendors **MUST** pre-register and if you plan on selling food, you **MUST** have a food permit. Contact Dodie VanSchuyver at 972-564-7326 for more information.

### Important Dates

**Saturday, June 5, 2010 – Kid Quest**  
Noon to 4:00 p.m. – Downtown Forney

**Saturday, June 5, 2010**  
Recycling Roundup  
Electronics – Cardboard – Paper – Eyeglasses  
9:00 a.m. to Noon – Community Park

**Sunday, June 13, 2010 – Father's Day Picnic**  
Banana Pudding Party  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 at Community Park

**Council Meetings – City Hall**  
Tuesday, June 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 16, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

### Why Shop Local?

Shopping locally retains and creates new jobs in Forney.	Shopping locally benefits community schools and non-profits.
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 for programs like road maintenance, traffic congestion relief projects, and flood control.
When purchases are made locally and sales tax is applied, the City of Forney receives 2% of the taxable sales.	

**Shop Local – It Makes a Difference. Without the sales tax revenue, our property tax rate would have to be increased by 30¢.**