



# News and Views

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## From the Mayor

The April 3rd tornado, while traumatic and devastating to many, brought out the best in our community. The City Council and I are certainly thankful that there was no loss of life. We are also very proud of our first responders, trained volunteers, and everyone in this community who helped and will be continuing to help in the months ahead.

I spoke with many people in the media in the days that followed the tornado. Almost all of them expressed to me that Forney is an exceptional community. They had never seen so many people come together so quickly, to get so much done, in such a short period of time, and with such a positive attitude. They could not find a negative story in Forney no matter how hard they tried.

Well, our secret is out! We have known for years who we are and how great our community is. Now that fact is known across the Metroplex, our state, and nation. The tornado did not break us; in fact, it made us stronger. I am encouraged and excited about the opportunities that are going to be coming to us in the future.

## Way to Go!!

The Forney EDC was awarded the Economic Excellence Award from the Texas Economic Development Council. Only 23 EDC's in the state were given this award. This is the fourth year that our EDC has earned the award.

## Downtown Redevelopment News

WELCOME TO NEW DOWNTOWN  
FORNEY NEIGHBORS

Eric L. Davis Engineering  
and  
Farm Bureau

The façade of 211 S. Bois D'Arc, the white store front with the green awning in the photos, is also being remodeled this summer.



**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](http://www.cityofforney.org) on the home page, then go to Get Connected and follow the link at Sign Up Now!

If you are unable to get online, you can call 972-564-7600 and ask to speak with Sabrina Dickerson, the Communications Supervisor, and she will get you signed up.

Rebuilding due to the tornado is still underway. If you need help, or wish to donate money or items contact [forney.recovers.org](http://forney.recovers.org).

## Congratulations!

Chris Metz has been named as the Director of Public Works. Chris acted as the Interim Public Works Director for eleven months prior to his appointment.



Farmer Bureau

211 S. Bois D'Arc



## FORNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY



The Forney Fire Department will be hosting a Citizen's Fire Academy later this year. The eight-week program will give citizens an inside view of the Fire Department and allow them to experience what the firefighters do during the 24-hour tour of duty. Participants will experience several hands-on fire fighting techniques including handling a fire hose, operating the fire trucks and riding along with firefighters on actual emergency calls. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Fire Marshall John Holcomb at 972-564-7368, for more information.

City of Forney and CWD are having a



Saturday, June 16, 2012  
Saturday, September 22, 2012

8:30AM to noon

Forney Community Park  
241 South FM 548

The following items will be collected:



Questions? Please call 972-564-7390



## Independence Day Celebration

The City of Forney **Independence Day Celebration** will be held on **Saturday, June 30, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Forney Community Park.** There will be games, activities and attractions for the kids, live entertainment, food and fireworks!! This is a free family event, except for food and drinks.



## Kudos

### STAR EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Chris Metz, Public Works Department  
Craig Verner, IT Department

You make us proud. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the City.

New commercial development is underway at the northwest corner of US 80 and FM 548. Overall we see Forney and the surrounding areas continuing to grow. We hope you have had the opportunity to visit the new businesses in town and will continue to support Forney by shopping in Forney.

### Spellman Amphitheater Continuing Construction



**Amphitheater Stage Area**  
This area is being expanded to make the stage wider and taller.

Decorative Trellis that will be around the outside of the seating area by the main entrance.



### Spellman Amphitheater Commemorative Brick Project

Good News! For those of you who missed purchasing a commemorative brick the first time, the bricks are going back on sale. For more information, please visit the Parks page on our website, or contact Dodie Witt at 972-564-7326.

## 2012 City Council Meetings

Times are subject to change – Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance on our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org)

1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month Start Time 6:00 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>June 5</b>	<b>June 19</b>
July 10 (date change)	July 24 (date change)
August 7	August 21
September 4	September 18
October 2	October 16
November 6	November 20
December 4	December 18

## Roadway Updates

The construction of the bridge over Highway 80 and the railroad tracks is underway. This project is known as the Gateway Project and is a joint public and private project. This roadway will eventually lead to the development currently known as Meadowridge Farms. TxDOT is managing this project. Please contact the Kaufman County Area Office, if you have any questions regarding this project.

The road project at US 80 and FM 548 is substantially complete and the FM 741 project will be completed soon. The City is managing these projects. Call 972-564-7301 if you have any questions regarding these projects.

As always, information about City projects can be found on our website and on our Facebook page.



PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO CONSERVE WATER.