



# News and Views

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## From the Mayor

### What is Leadership Forney?

Even though it has only been around for a few years, you might have heard of Leadership Forney. The third year's class recently graduated, and worked together on a class project to raise awareness of the Forney Food Pantry and make several substantial improvements to their building. The first part of this week, I took a short trip to Austin with a few of the recent graduates. We had dinner with Senator Deuell, visited with several state agencies which impact Forney, and toured the Texas State Cemetery and State Archives.

The idea of Leadership Forney came about in 2010. For several months prior, leaders from Forney ISD, City of Forney, Forney EDC, and Chamber had been meeting periodically to be more aware of each other and what was going on in our organizations. The ISD originally brought up the idea of Leadership Forney ISD. The City staff had been considering something similar, so we all began discussing something that would encompass our entire community.

From the beginning, our intent was to provide a forum where information could be shared AND questions could be answered. We all agreed that for Leadership Forney to be successful, it would have to be an open forum, where information flowed both ways. It would also have to provide opportunities for networking, because we would be bringing together people from all across our community. We hoped the end result would be people who had much more information about many aspects of Forney, and as they went about in their "circle" of family and friends, they would be able to share what they had learned.

I believe I speak for all when I say that in just a few short years, Leadership Forney has proven to be a very successful program, and paid dividends. The past two years, we have included a leadership book study, with real-world, practical application. A few recent graduates now serve on some city boards, and several were, or currently are, School Board and City Council members. Classes have been made up of reporters, business owners, community leaders, ministers, and retirees. Some students have been in Forney for less than 2 years, and a few have been lifetime residents.

Inside the city limits or not, it doesn't matter; all are welcome. If you are a part of our Forney community, and want to learn more, contact Kayla Bryson, at [kbryson@cityofforney.org](mailto:kbryson@cityofforney.org), or [972-564-7377](tel:972-564-7377).

## Downtown Corner

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays Downtown Forney



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month the Forney Arts Council hosts a free event for the entire family. Shop unique artisan vendors, experience the rhythm of drum circle, and enjoy an acoustic jam session with live music. Located in Historic Downtown Forney, this is an event you do not want to miss. For more information on the Forney Arts Council, visit

their website at [www.forneyarts.org](http://www.forneyarts.org).

## Downtown Business Association

Find out more at  
[www.fdba-tx.com](http://www.fdba-tx.com)



## Coming soon to Downtown!

Brent Nakad will be opening **Earth's Bounty**, a farmers market store, at **114 E. Main Street**. Mr. Nakad plans to sell superior quality fruits, vegetables, cheeses and dairy products focusing on locally grown and organic products when available. The store will also sell other specialty items such as gourmet sauces, jams, salsas, packaged meats and pastas, emphasizing Made in Texas products. The store should be opening in late May. Local area farmers are welcome to call Mr. Nakad at [303-910-6114](tel:303-910-6114) to visit with him about selling your locally grown produce.

## Ellen West Memorial Library

The Ellen West Memorial Library, which is located at the Forney High School complex, has a new address.

Ellen Brooks West Memorial Library  
800 College Ave  
Forney, TX 75126

Please note it did not move -- it just has a new address.

## City Council Meetings

City Hall, Council Chambers  
101 E. Main Street

Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Events and Things to Do

For more information on our events, please visit our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) or our Facebook page.

### THE SPLASH PAD OPENS

Community Park  
Memorial Day Weekend  
May 23-26, 2014

### FORNEY LIBERTY FEST

May 23-25, 2014



### MAIN STREET 5K

May 24, 2014 -- 8:30 a.m.  
Location: Community Park



### MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26, 2014

#### City offices are closed

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

### MOVIES IN THE PARK – THE AVENGERS

June 6, 2014 -- 8:30 p.m.  
Location: Community Park -- Spellman Amphitheater

### X-TREME GREEN EVENT

Saturday, June 7, 2014  
From 8:30 a.m. to Noon  
Location: Community Park



### MOVIES IN THE PARK – WRECK-IT RALPH

June 13, 2014 -- 8:30 p.m.  
Location: Community Park -- Spellman Amphitheater

### MOVIES IN THE PARK -- THE GOONIES

June 20, 2014 -- 8:30 p.m.  
Location: Community Park -- Spellman Amphitheater

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

June 28, 2014  
From 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Location: Community Park -- Spellman Amphitheater

### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY

Friday, July 4, 2014  
City Offices are closed

### LABOR DAY

Monday, September 1, 2014  
City Offices are closed

Meals on Wheels  
Volunteers Wanted  
Call 972-564-7348

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## Mosquito Spraying

The City of Forney will be spraying through the month of September for mosquitoes between the hours of 8:30 pm and 6:00 am. – wind and weather permitting. The water soluble spray that will be used to fog for mosquitoes will not harm animals under normal conditions. Residents will not want their pets and open windows in the path of the fog machine due to residue and mild odor. Updates will be available at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) and on Facebook. Please take the following precautions:

- Bring in pet dishes or cover them.
- Cover ornamental ponds and birdbaths.
- Bring your pets inside for the night.
- Do not go outside during spray time.
- Keep windows and doors closed during spraying.
- If you have health problems, such as asthma, take special precautions as directed by your doctor, if necessary.

### Tips To Help With Mosquito Control

1. **Drain the water.** Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding.
2. **Avoid going out during dusk and dawn.** Mosquitoes are active during these times. They are especially active for two hours after sunset.
3. **Protect your home.** Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
4. **Wear a good repellent that has DEET in it.** Apply according to directions.

### April through June Spraying Schedule -- Locations

Wednesday April 9, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Monday April 21, 2014 North of Hwy 80  
Tuesday April 22, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Wednesday April 23, 2014 South of Hwy 80  
Wednesday May 7, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Monday May 19, 2014 North of Hwy 80  
Tuesday May 20, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Wednesday May 21, 2014 South of Hwy 80  
Wednesday June 4, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Monday June 23, 2014 North of Hwy 80  
Tuesday June 24, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Wednesday June 25, 2014 South of Hwy 80

### July through September Spraying Schedule – Locations

Wednesday July 9, 2014\*\* Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Monday July 28, 2014 North of Hwy 80  
Tuesday July 29, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Wednesday July 30, 2014 South of Hwy 80  
Wednesday August 6, 2014\*\* Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Monday August 25, 2014 North of Hwy 80  
Tuesday August 26, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Wednesday August 27, 2014 South of Hwy 80  
Wednesday Sept. 10, 2014\*\* Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Monday September 22, 2014 North of Hwy 80  
Tuesday September 23, 2014 Parks, Off Road & Creeks  
Wednesday September 24, 2014 South of Hwy 80

\*\* July 9, August 6, and September 10 are tentative dates

If you have any questions regarding the spraying, contact our Public Works Department at (972) 564-7340.