



# News and Views

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March 13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins -- Spring Forward  
Don't Forget to Change all Your Clocks



## Your New Trash Service

Last month we started a new solid waste and recycling service with Community Waste Disposal (CWD). Everyone in the City now has their trash and recycling picked up on Wednesdays, along with any brush or bulk they might have, which cannot exceed 4 cubic yards (approximately the same size as two full size couches). Anything over 4 cubic yards will be tagged and will be picked up on the next trash day. Please remember to place your trash bags, brush/bulk, recycling and containers outside by 7:00 a.m. CWD recycles #1-5 and #7 plastics, aluminum, steel and tin containers/cans, glass bottles and containers, newspapers, cardboard and mixed paper including "junk mail."

If your trash and or recycling are not collected, please call 972-392-9300, option #2 by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday for same week pick-up. All calls for missed collection after 10:00 a.m. will be picked the following week.



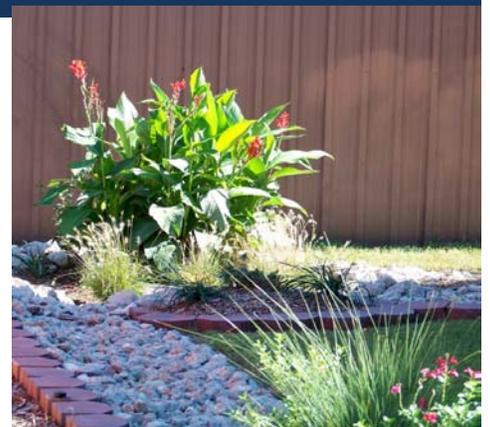
## Texas SmartScape®

DO YOU SmartScape®? The City of Forney is encouraging residents to promote water conservation, pollution prevention, composting and waste reduction principles of Texas SmartScape through a regional coordination effort known as "Texas SmartScape®." Texas SmartScape® is an interactive how-to-guide that teaches concepts of landscaping with native and adaptive plants. SmartScaping goes beyond basic xeriscaping principles to provide design, care, and plant search tools that are "smart" for the North Central and West Texas regions. Texas SmartScape plants require less water and little to no fertilizer and pesticides to thrive in the Texas heat, thereby conserving water, keeping harmful chemicals out of our environment, and helping protect our water resources. Please join the City by clicking the Texas SmartScape link below. <http://www.txsmartscape.com/> or Contact Karen Sanders, Water Education Specialist for the Public Works Department, at 972-564-7340 or [publicworks@cityofforney.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofforney.org).

Gardening is said to be one of the best exercises for maintaining healthy bones.

## Leadership Forney

The City, School, Chamber of Commerce and the EDC have formed Leadership Forney. The inaugural class held its first meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011, and will graduate in December 2011. Each session will focus on a different entity, i.e., City, School, Chamber or EDC, to help facilitate the understanding of how each entity is governed and its processes. In addition to learning about the various entities, this is a wonderful opportunity for building lasting friendships and networking opportunities. Participation in Leadership Forney is by application and the class is full for this year. Watch for applications next fall for the 2012 class.



Public Works Stormwater Garden  
402 N Bois d' arc Forney, Texas

## In Case You Didn't Know

Caleb Hanie, the third string quarterback who almost put the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl this year, is a Forney High School Alum.



# Fix a Leak Week

March 14-20, 2011

## City of Forney Promotes EPA's "Fix a Leak Week"

As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ongoing We're for Water campaign, this year's Fix a Leak Week encourages Americans to help put a stop to the more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted from household leaks each year by asking consumers to check, twist, and replace March 14-20, 2011.

To help save water for future generations, City of Forney is asking consumers to:

- **Check for leaks.** Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, and fixture connections. Also check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank and seeing if it appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.
- **Twist and tighten pipe connections.** To save more water without a noticeable difference in flow, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator.
- **Replace the fixture if necessary.** Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently tested and certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

In many cases, fixture replacement parts pay for themselves quickly and can be installed by handy do-it-yourselfers, or contact Community Development office at 972-564-7300 ext 1181 for your favorite registered plumbing professional. WaterSense also partners with certified landscape professionals who can check irrigation systems for leaks. Visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) to find WaterSense labeled products or an irrigation partner in your area.

City Hall will have a display with resources available for you to take home. Stop by and see us or go to [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org), download EPA's "Fix a Leak Week" information from the Public Works Department web page or contact Karen Sanders, Public Works Water Education Specialist at 972-564-7340 or [ksanders@cityofforney.org](mailto:ksanders@cityofforney.org).

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. For more information on WaterSense, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

Mark your calendar! The **FORNEY FIT FEST** is coming to Main Street in Downtown Forney on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Beginning at 8:30am with a 5K RACE and 1 mile FUN-RUN, the festival includes activities, demonstrations, vendors, entertainment and food until 3:00pm for the whole FAMILY! Come experience everything there is to know about living environmentally, physically, mentally and spiritually FIT - in FORNEY! For more information contact Karen at [publicworks@cityofforney.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofforney.org) or visit [www.forneytexasedc.org](http://www.forneytexasedc.org).

## City Boards and Commissions

*We need your applications!*

The City is accepting applications for a place on one of our boards or commissions. The application can be found on our website at [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) or you can contact the City Secretary by email at [dbrooks@cityofforney.org](mailto:dbrooks@cityofforney.org) or by phone at 972-564-7302 to request an application. **Please note** that while we cannot guarantee appointment to a board or commission, all applications will be given consideration. All applications are kept on file for at least 2 years. Board and Commission applications are usually made in June.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CITY SURVEY  
COMING SOON TO A  
MAIL BOX NEAR YOU!**



The City of Forney will be conducting its second annual citizen survey in April. Your response is very important to us, so please watch for the survey.

### 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.

### City Council Meetings

101 E. Main Street – 7:00 p.m.  
[Downtown Forney]

March 1, 2011

March 15, 2011

Think  
SHOP  
Live  
FORNEY



### Landscape and Garden Series Workshops

**Texas SmartScape® Workshop** (Waterwise Native and Adaptive Plants for our area) March 19, 2011 9 am – 12 pm

**Talking Trees Workshop** (Pruning, Selection, & Health)  
April 16, 2011 9 am – 12 pm

**Landscape Maintenance Workshop** (Cost Effective Practices for Lawn Maintenance & Gardening) May 21, 2011 9 am – 12 pm

**Water Wise Landscape Workshop** (Basic Irrigation, Irrigation Self Audit, Scheduling Controller, & Rain Catchment practices) June 18, 2011 9 am - 12 pm

All Classes will be located at: Forney's Central Fire Station, 104 E Aimee, Forney, Texas 75126

**Cost:** \$FREE to Forney Residents -- \$5 per Workshop for County Residents

Reservations: Karen Sanders, City of Forney Public Works  
[publicworks@cityofforney.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofforney.org); 972-564-7340 [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org)

**OOPS: Susan Lucci is NOT Phyllis Diller's daughter!**